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NOBODY WINS ELECTION

French Hopes Of Stable Gov't Dashed By Results

PARIS (AP)—France's hopes of establishing a stable government have been dashed by an election that nobody really won.

Balloting Sunday by a record number of Frenchmen only strengthened one extremist party, established a new one, and left no single party strong enough to rule alone.

Unofficial returns Thursday night from all of France and some overseas precincts showed:

1. An impressive gain of 82 seats in the National Assembly for the Communists, the largest single French party.
2. A startling success—49 seats—for the anti-tax, avowedly obstructionist followers of Pierre Poujade.
3. An assembly majority again split between left and right.

French party labels which do not fit with any of the other groups.

PER CENT VOTE RED

The interior ministry issued to the press official figures on the percentage of popular votes for the main parties, excluding the Paris region, however, and the Moselle department. They showed:

Communists 25 per cent, down 0.9 per cent; Socialists 15.5, up 0.6; Radical Socialists and Republican Left 12.8, up 1.6; MRP 11.3, down 1.5; Independent - Peasants 13.9, up 1.6; Poujade 11.1 (unrepresented in 1951).

From all sides came varying estimates of the strength of the biggest blocs. There was little argument about the 147 seats for the Communists or the 49 for the Poujadists. But trouble started in trying to make a breakdown of the strength of the "Republican Front" led by Mendes-France and the right-of-centre grouping which had been supporting Faure.

The best estimates that could be made gave the Faure group 190 to 200 seats and 125 to 150 for the Republican Front, which includes the 88 socialists as the biggest party.

Returns covering 38 of the 50 seats disputed in overseas areas were announced Tuesday night. The results: Communists and Allies 8, Socialists 3, Radical Socialists 1, Independent Republicans (Gaulists) 5, Independents 5, Union of Democratic and Socialist Resistant 5, Rally of Republican Left 8, overseas Independents 8. Here again, party labels are sometimes meaningless because overseas deputies often run under local party names.

Four deputies were elected Sunday under party labels which do not fit with any of the other groups.

CAN'T STAND ALONE

Confronted by the Communists and the Poujadists, neither the right-of-centre party alliance led by Faure nor the left-of-centre group of parties under Mendes-France is strong enough to take over the new government alone.

But the bitterness engendered by Faure's dissolution of the old National Assembly and the heated charges and counter-charges of the campaign may make co-operation among the moderates impossible

West Germany Will Purchase Canadian Apples

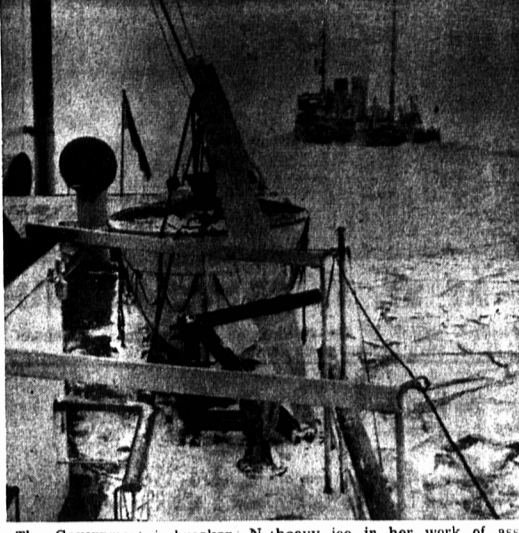
OTTAWA (CP)—The German embassy announced Tuesday that the West German government has granted import permits for the purchase of some 200,000 boxes of Canadian apples valued at about \$600,000.

An embassy announcement said the apples will be bought by German traders from Canadian fruit companies. The orders would call for both Nova Scotia and British Columbia apples.

This is the first time since 1938 that Canadian apples have been sold in the German market. In that year exports were valued at \$433,000 compared with an average value of \$221,000 between 1934 and 1938.

West Germany is importing Canadian apples due to a poor crop in 1955.

Canada's 1955 crop is estimated at more than 18,500,000 bushels, compared with 14,000,000 the previous year. Bumper crops were produced by Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia and Nova Scotia. The surplus in Nova Scotia is approximately 2,000,000 bushels.



The Government icebreaker N. McLean is shown charging through shipping.

Last Freighter Cleared With Aid Of Icebreaker

The final chapter of the icebound shipping in Charlottetown harbour was written yesterday, when the government icebreaker N. B. MacLean released the freighter Mexico from her berth at the Railway wharf.

The N. B. MacLean slipped her moorings at six a.m. and made several cuts in the harbour ice. The Mexico slipped out into the stream about seven fifty.

By seven thirty the ships were passing Battery Point and making steady progress; by mid afternoon they had reached Wood Islands. At this point the MacLean reported steady progress and that the ice pressure had eased considerably as compared to her inward trip Monday. The vessels expected to reach open water early this forenoon.

Behind the scenes of all this movement of shipping during the past trying weeks, Mr. E. K. MacNitt, Department of Transport Marine Agent, and Major D. P. Tierney and their staffs have worked endless hours. They have had to deal with radio, telegraph and telephone messages by the dozen. It is often inconceivable at times the amount of work the shore staffs become involved in when conditions such as these. It is realized locally that a large amount of the success in the movement of shipping during the past two or three weeks, has been due to the untiring efforts and planning of Mr. MacNitt and his staff.

Curious, Find \$37,910 in Box

PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP)—Two curious shop clerks sawed the padlock off a metal box Saturday and found \$37,910 in bank notes.

The box, apparently lying for years almost unobserved in the basement of a silk shop, was uncovered while Derek Holme, 21 and Jack Freeman, 17, were cleaning.

Police said the small fortune comprises bills in denominations of \$100, \$50, 20, and \$10, all issued in 1937.

The youths and Robert A. Grafstein, proprietor of the Uptown Silk Shop, are claiming the money. Holme said he first noticed the box three years ago.

"Thought to be a carpenter's tool chest, it was thrown on a shelf and forgotten.

Curiosity proved too strong when Holme and Freeman rediscovered the box Saturday. "We were so shocked we threw the box back on the shelf," they said.

Police, who are seeking the owners, said the notes may have been cached when the building was used as a restaurant. The notes are valid currency.

Still Under Consideration

OTTAWA, (CP)—The cabinet Tuesday discussed a federal tax-sharing formula to replace tax rental pacts with the provinces but apparently could reach no firm decision on immediate acceptance of the scheme.

Prime Minister St. Laurent, who earlier disclosed to reporters that the formula was to be discussed at the session, later announced that another cabinet meeting will take place Thursday morning. Parliament opens next Tuesday.

He made no disclosures as to what took place at the 2 1/2-hour meeting but some of his colleagues later said the formula had not been scrapped. It still was under consideration.

It is understood that some aspects of the formula would make it more acceptable to the provinces than the original federal suggestions put forward at the October federal-provincial conference of premiers. But the revisions would mean increased costs to the federal treasury.

allow deductions of 10 per cent of the federal levy on personal income; 8 1/2 per cent on corporation income; and 50 per cent of succession duties in provinces which accept the formula.

Equalization payments would bring provincial per capita income to the average of the two highest provinces—British Columbia and Ontario. Adjustments would be made so that revenues of no province would be less than those obtained under the rental pacts.

Israel Refuses To Keep Ships Away From Syria

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—Israel turned down Tuesday a United Nations suggestion that she keep her police boats well out into the Sea of Galilee to avoid alarming nearby Syrian batteries.

Israeli delegate Mordecai R. Kidron stated his country's position in a letter to the UN Security Council. The council has been discussing the raid Israel carried out Dec. 11 on Syrian posts just northeast of the Israeli-controlled sea.

Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada, the UN Palestine trustee chief, in a Dec. 26 report to the council said the raid cost 56 Syrian and six Israeli lives. He said it followed Syrian shelling of an Israeli police boat the day before and suggested that Israel keep such boats away from the shoreline, which is only about 32 feet from the Syrian line. Burns declared:

"The Israeli right to send police boats to patrol anywhere in Lake Tiberias (the Sea of Galilee) would in no way be impaired by a new gentlemen's agreement to keep them at a certain distance from shore."

is of importance to Israel and where they have been challenged by Syria. He added:

"Israel is determined to ensure that her rights shall remain inviolable and unrestricted."

Burns suggested, with the police-boat restrictions as part of a "gentlemen's agreement" whereby Israel also would let Syrians cross the 32-foot-wide shore strip to get water. Syria would let Syrians apply for Israeli permits to fish in the sea and the two sides would extend the armistice agreement.

"Little will be achieved by discarding provisions of the armistice agreement only because they have been repeatedly violated by Syria," he said. "Such a course will only lead to further encroachments."

FIRED ON BOATS

He accused Syria of firing on Israeli fishing boats as well as their police escorts and of unprovoked obstruction of Israeli economic development. This he said "necessitated action by the Israeli forces on Dec. 11, 1955, to silence the batteries responsible."

The 11-nation council has held two meetings to discuss Syria's complaint about the raid. Burns reported called the far a "deliberate violation" of the armistice agreement. He said Syria also had broken the agreement by shelling the police boat.

Syrian delegate Ahmed Shukairy told reporters he would file a request that the council hold another meeting soon to act on his proposals. These include Israel's expulsion from the UN, economic penalties against her and a decision that she should pay Syria damages. The council will act on the request only if one of its members asks that it do so.

61 Deaths In Fires, Accidents Over Holiday

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada swung into 1956 with the blackest New Year's holiday in her history claiming 61 lives in accidents and fires throughout the country.

Traffic mishaps caused 30 deaths and fires 14. A Canadian Press count from 6 p.m. Friday to midnight Monday shows every province but Saskatchewan contributed to the New Year's record accidental death toll.

Ontario led with 19 deaths. Quebec had 15; British Columbia 11; Manitoba eight; Newfoundland, Alberta and Nova Scotia two each and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island one each.

The carnage on Canadian highways prompted the Canadian highway safety conference to announce a new 36-point action program aimed at cutting into what it called the ever-mounting accident rate.

The mark exceeded last New Year's record 35, of which traffic accidents claimed nine lives and fires nine more.

Winters Asks More Money For Trans Canada Highway

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal Works Minister Winters, in a year-end Trans-Canada highway progress report issued Tuesday, promised the provinces federal co-operation in an all-out operation to complete the highway within the next four years.

"Every possible effort would be made to co-operate with the provincial governments in concentrating construction on gap closing and paving operations along the highway in order to accelerate the completion of this important project," Mr. Winters said.

WILL ASK BOOST

He said he will ask Parliament to boost the federal maximum for the 4,580-mile highway project to \$250,000,000 from \$150,000,000. This would permit the federal government to bear 90 per cent of construction costs of up to 10 per cent of the highway mileage in each province where gap-closing operations were necessary. Cost of other mileage will continue to be split 50-50 with the provinces.

"Rapid acceptance by the motor-owning public," he said, "indicates that the Trans-Canada Highway is a useful, large and permanent contribution to Canada's future."

With the proposed new agreement between the provinces and the federal government to close the gaps and provide a paved road coast-to-coast, the minister said, "we shall be pressing strongly for its completion."

The boost in the federal maximum outlay to \$250,000,000 under the highway agreement with the provinces results from a conference in Ottawa in November.

OTTAWA FISH MOST

At that conference the federal government agreed to pay 90 per cent of the cost of building 100 miles of the outstanding mileage in each province providing the provinces maintained their outlays on the project and completed a "good" highway by March, 1951.

Mr. Winters reports that up to Dec. 31 a total of 2,583 miles or 63 per cent of the 4,580-mile route has been paved but only 30 per cent or 1,315 miles to Trans-Canada Highway standards. These standards called for a 22- to 24-foot roadway with 10-foot shoulders on each side.

Ford Factories Set New Record

DETROIT (AP)—Ford Motor Co. reported Tuesday its factories built a record-smashing 2,614,559 cars and trucks last year.

The total, which compares with 1,990,020 vehicles in 1954, included 1,764,524 Ford cars; 373,898 trucks; 434,911 Mercury cars; 39,995 Lincoln and 1,231 Continental cars.

The previous single year's record for Ford was 2,019,000 cars and trucks built in 1928. The Mercury total also was a record, topping the 1950 mark of 334,081 cars. It truck total upset the previous record of 355,453 units assembled in 1929.

EXPIRE NEXT YEAR

Under the rental agreements which expire in March 1957, the provinces rent out their direct tax fields—personal and corporation income and succession taxes—in return for annual federal payments. All provinces except Quebec have signed agreements.

The new formula would have the provinces return to the direct tax field with the federal administration allowing certain deductions from federal levies to prevent a measure of double-taxation. At the same time it would make equalization payments to the less wealthy provinces to spread Canada's wealth more evenly across the country.

The central government tentatively proposed last October to revise the federal allowable tax deductions, perhaps by a larger deduction in corporation income. This would widen the tax field for the provinces.

2. Increase equalization payments perhaps by basing them on the income of Ontario alone rather than the average of B.C. and Ontario. Ontario has the highest per capita income of all provinces.

Apparently the cabinet has yet to reach a firm conclusion as to which of the two revisions to accept. It is almost sure to accept one, but not both.

Kinkora Takes Status As An Incorporated Village

Kinkora moved into the ranks of Incorporated Villages by vote of the citizens of that area on Thursday last. The new status of the village was made official yesterday with the signing of the necessary authority following the submission of the ballot figures by Sheriff Gordon.

The Commissioners named by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to carry on until the general election of village Commissioners on the first Tuesday in February are: Fred Coody, Salinus Johnson and Desmond Roberts. The Commissioner will probably appoint a Secretary at their first meeting.

Freighter En Route To Souris Damaged

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S. (CP)—The 500-ton freighter Fergus made port here Tuesday at reduced speed with damaged steering gear.

The Fergus, bound for Souris, P. E. I., to load potatoes, ran into trouble off Cape North, Monday night. She will be repaired here.

Commenting on the official recognition of Kinkora as an incorporated village under the Act of Incorporation, Mr. P. A. Murnaghan, Deputy Minister of Industry and Natural Resources said that with the inclusion of Kinkora in the group, the number of incorporated villages now totalled 14 with a population exceeding eight thousand. All these citizens now have a status which enables them to speak with authority when approaching the Government in addition to having acquired certain statutory financial benefits under the Act.

The Association of Village Commissioners, composed of representatives from each of the incorporated villages, meets several times a year under their president J.E. Arsenault, Spring Park, when matters of common interest are discussed and views exchanged.

The immediate responsibility for the routine working of the Incorporated Village Act is assigned to Town Planning, who advises that several other villages are through their leading citizens, making diligent enquiries into the operations of the act of incorporation with a view to seeking acceptance.

Will Defend Rights

Kidron, in his letter, said this suggestion "seems to be based on the thesis that Israel's rights exist on paper but not on the water of the lake, where their protection

National Heart Meeting In Ottawa On January 16

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's biggest killer—heart disease—will get the third-degree treatment from a group of experts meeting here Jan. 16 in a national heart conference.

The conference, called by Health Minister Martin at the request of the Canadian Heart Association and the Canadian Medical Association, will group about 30 specialists with officials of federal and provincial health departments.

Cardiovascular diseases, the group name for all types of illnesses associated with the heart and blood stream, kill more people each year in Canada than any other disease.

Coming Events

Card party Hampshire Hall, January 6.

Let 66 Hall dance Wednesday night, January 4.

Kinkora Wednesday evening, bingo, cash prizes and jackpot. Come!

Card party at Winslow Station Hall, Wednesday, 8.30. New Tournament beginning.

Auction and dance Wednesday, Jan. 4, Vernon Hall in aid of Cherry Valley Hockey team.

Dance West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rolfe McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service 9:30 to 12:30.

Concert will be held in Mt. Stewart Hall Friday night, Jan. 5, 7:30 o'clock.

Crapaud rink tonight, Belvedere vs. Crapaud. Game time 8:30 sharp. Skate after.

Will be doing custom grinding Thursday, January 5th instead of Friday. P. L. Morris, Shoe-Gain Feed Service, Kinkora.

Hockey at North River rink tonight. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Milton Hornets. League game. Game time 8:30. Skate after.

Attention Farmers in Elmira, East Baltic, North Lake, East Point and surrounding districts. Gordon Robertson will be loaning bags at Elmira every Monday beginning Jan. 8 until further notice. Kenneth Deane Ltd.

Begin Ocean Voyage In 25-Ft. Motor Sailing Boat

FRINTON - ON - SEA, England (Reuters)—Two Royal Marine officers paddled a 25-foot motor sailing boat out of a local creek into the North Sea Tuesday on the first leg of a transatlantic voyage.

Maj. Ian Manor and his mate, Maj. Gordon Sillars, hope to dock their boat in New York harbor by June, proving that ocean voyages by small craft are feasible and cheap. They estimate the total cost of fuel for the trip at about 7 pounds.

Their sloop Buttercup, with a streamlined canopy over its deck, looks like a masted submarine. She was launched in 1936 and specially re-built last autumn for the 8,500-mile voyage.

Manor retained the sloop's keel with two stubby fins jutting out from each side of the hull so that one fin is vertical on either tack. Buttercup also has a radical steering apparatus, automatically controlled by a wind vane.

The boat headed north along the English coast to Harwich, where it will be cleared by Customs. Major and Sillars will set course today for Le Havre, France, their first foreign port-of-call.

TO TOUR FRANCE

They plan to navigate the inland waterways of France, stopping at Paris, Dijon and Lyons. From Majorca and Gibraltar the sloop will sail 700 miles into the Atlantic, stopping at the Canaries. The big hop will be to Barbados, then to the Florida coast of the United States and on to New York.

Buttercup carries only 30 gallons of diesel fuel, according to Manor, enough to keep her moving between favorable winds in the Atlantic.

Manitoba Plans Salk Program

WINNIPEG (CP)—Manitoba's 1956 Salk vaccination program will begin as soon as supplies of the polio vaccine are received from Connaught Laboratories in Toronto, Dr. M. R. Elliott, deputy minister of health, said Tuesday.

Supplies had been expected in January but none has yet been received.

Dr. Elliott said about 110,000 school children will receive two shots of the vaccine and about 50,000, who got two shots last year, will receive an additional one in 1956.



RUSSIAN EMBASSY FIRE AT OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Fire which started on Embassy in Ottawa, seen ablaze; loss estimated at \$250,000. No one killed; four of the Russian envoys, destroyed the building with one was reported injured. (CP Photo)



TORONTO, (CP)—Temperatures issued by the public weather office:

	Min	Max
Dawson	44b	20b
Vancouver	35	36
Victoria	37	41
Edmonton	3b	5
Calgary	4	35
Regina	13b	11
Winnipeg	2b	3b
Toronto	32	36
Ottawa	4	21
Montreal	4	21
Quebec	12b	20
Fredericton	0	30
Saint John	0	30
Moncton	0b	27
Halifax	0	30
Charlottetown	1b	22
Sydney	11	20
Yarmouth	4	32
St. John's	6	28

Comney Denies Rift Reports

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Minister Comney Tuesday denied that there is any rift between himself and Lt.-Gen. Howard Graham over public statements made by the chief of the general staff.

Mr. Comney, who returned to be capital by air Tuesday from a European vacation following the NATO council meeting in Paris early last month, was asked by reporters on his arrival for comment on a news report which said he had taken exception to statements made by the general at a press conference here Dec. 5.

Gen. Graham said then that the army will recommend to the government within six months a plan for creation of its own air force. The report quoted informants as saying this was considered a matter of government policy and publicly had not been decided.

Mr. Comney said he has great admiration for Gen. Graham and was surprised as anyone to read the report.

TO TALK OF FISH

OTTAWA (CP)—The deeper scientific problems of Canada's fisheries are under discussion here by continuing committees of fisheries scientists as a warm-up for the Fisheries Research Board's annual meeting starting today. The committee on biological investigations met Tuesday following discussions by the committee on fresh water fisheries research.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8:05 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later at Elmira every Monday beginning Jan. 8 until further notice. Sun rises at 7:51 a.m. and sets at 4:44 a.m.