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Two Votes Save French Gov't From Collapse In Growing Military Crisis

PARIS, (CP)—Two votes in the National Assembly saved France from a government collapse Thursday night in the face of a growing military crisis in Indo-China.

Exports of Wheat And Flour Increase

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canada's exports of wheat and flour, which had been lagging earlier in the year, rose in March to 18,800,000 bushels, a gain of 2,000,000 bushels from 16,800,000 shipped in March last year, the bureau of statistics reported Thursday.

Coming Events

- L.O.B.A. rummage sale in Boyne Hall, Saturday, 15th at 6.30.
••Bingo party Tracadie Hall, Friday, May 14, 8:30 p.m.
••Fanningbrook School Dance, Tuesday, May 18th.
••Dance in Millview Hall, every Friday.
••Dance in Bear River South School, Monday night, May 17th.
••Cake Sale, Simpsons—Sears, May 15th, 2 p.m. Clyde L. O. B. A.
••See Harrington Play "Uncle Josh Perkins" in Covehead Hall, Friday, May 14th. Sale of Luncheon.
••Gordon Lodge opening Dance, May 14th. Dancing from 8.15 to 11. Music by the Weatherbe's trio.
••Card party every Friday, St. Peter's Legion Hall. Dance Saturday.
••Cross Roads Women's Institute Pantry Sale, Fennell & Chandler's, Saturday, May 15th, 2.00 p.m.
••Unloading car Egg Shooks and Trays today and Saturday, at off car prices. Island Co-op Service.
••Bingo, North Rustico, Friday, 8 p.m. Jackpot \$80.00. Admission 35 cents.
••Dance Morell Hall Monday night. Modern, old time. Burns Orchestra.
••Dance, St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall, Friday. Chaisson's Orchestra.
••Show, Morell Hall, Friday only. "Fair Winds to Java." This is an outstanding picture. Don't miss it.
••All taxes due Iris School District must be paid by May 25th. By order of Trustees.
••All interested in Marshfield Hall, attend meeting Friday night at 8.30.
••Lobsters — Fresh south side Lobsters daily at Edison's General Store, Vernon Bridge.
••Crockinole party at Protestant Orphanage Friday, May 14th, 8 p.m. In aid of Mt. Herbert United Church.
••Come to Covehead Road variety concert in York Hall Monday, May 17th. Sponsored by York Evening Auxiliary.
••All taxes due Elmwood School District not paid by May 25th will be handed in for collection. By order Trustees.
••The "Uncle Josh Perkins" Play will be adjudicated in Harrington Hall, Monday, May 17th. Dance after.
••Women's Institute sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Parent, New Glasgow Hall, May 18th, 8 p.m. Lecture, British Agriculture, Rivers, Scotland.
••Indian River Players will present their play for adjudication in King George Hall, Kensington, Tuesday, May 18. Curtain 8.30.
••Come to the Cake Sale by the Ladies of Harrington Presbyterian Church at Moore & McLeod's, Saturday, May 15th, 2.30.
••Crapaud hall, Tuesday, May 18th, Summerside Trinity Y. P.U. present two, 1 act plays in aid of Crapaud W.M.S.
••All Taxes due Mt. Albion School District not paid by May 25th will be handed in for collection without further notice. By order of Trustees.
••Kelly's Cross Play, "The Meddlesome Maid", Crapaud Hall, Monday, May 17th, at 8.30. Sale of candy. Admission 50c and 35c dance after.
••See "This Gathering Storm" in the Mayfair Theatre, Murray River, 3 p.m., and "Mr. Texas" in the Rollaway Club, Charlottetown at 8.30 p.m. Sunday the 16. Two outstanding Christian films.
••Unloading now, car of cement. Lowest prices on our complete stock of Asphalt Shingles, all weights and colors. Will supply experienced carpenters if required. R. L. Dickie, New Glasgow.

the fall of the Indo-China fortress of Dien Bien Phu. The vote was one of the closest in French parliamentary history. Defeat would have ended his 10-month administration and left France leaderless with the Geneva conference in full swing and the Communist-led Vietminh rebels tightening their drive in Indo-China after capture of Dien Bien Phu last Friday.

APPEALS TO PRIDE

Laniel appealed directly to French pride and patriotism to gain Thursday's victory. "A cabinet crisis now would inevitably help the spirit of capitulation at Geneva," he said during a determined hour-long speech. The closeness of the vote left Laniel's prestige and position sharply reduced. Only a few hours before the crucial balloting two members of his cabinet resigned. Pierre Ferri, minister for posts, telegraph and telegraph, and Henri Uver, secretary of state for the budget, quit after a majority of their party members said they intended to vote against Laniel. (Continued on Page 2 col. 5)

Delegation From City Waits Upon Provincial Gov't

Further efforts are being made by the City to add to the beauty of the area in the vicinity of Government Pond. Yesterday a delegation from the City Council met with the Executive Council to request aid from the Provincial Government.

The proposed project is to have the roadway on the west side of the Pond, running from the Park Roadway to Brighton Road, hard sealed to alleviate the summer mud and spring mud nuisance. In addition the city would like to have the large field between the Pond and the P. E. I. Hospital landscaped and seeded with grass rather than be permitted to grow wild as at present. Members of the delegation were Councillors Edwin C. Johnstone, chairman of the Finance Committee; George R. Keefe, chairman of the Public Property Committee; and A. Walkhead, chairman of the Market Committee; and one of the members stated that they found the Council very receptive and that Premier A. W. Matheson gave them every consideration. They left the meeting feeling that the Government will endeavour to improve conditions and make that area as attractive as the Victoria Park section.

Suez Canal To Be Widened, Deepened

PARIS, (AP)—Directors of the Suez Canal Company have approved a \$5,750,000 program for widening and deepening the vital waterway between the Mediterranean and Red Sea. A company spokesman said Thursday. The action will be subject to the approval of a general meeting of the company shareholders June 1.

Navy Reluctantly Abandons Search For Missing Avenger Plane Off Yarmouth

HALIFAX, (CP)—The navy reluctantly abandoned the search for a missing Avenger aircraft Thursday and concluded the four men aboard were killed when the plane crashed into the Atlantic off eastern Nova Scotia. Naval headquarters here said in a statement that the hunt for a single-engine aircraft was "one of the most exhaustive sea and air searches ever carried out in this area."

The Avenger vanished May 6, on the nine-hour flight from Bermuda to the 31st Support Air Group's home base at Summerside, P. E. I. The navy said warships which covered 15,000 square miles of the Atlantic from Nova Scotia to Cape Cod found one of the Avenger's landing wheels and a glove. Those were the only clues to the fate of the RCN anti-submarine plane.

SHIPS RECALLED

The victims: Sub. Lt. James D. Holden, 27, of Minnedosa, Man. Sub. Lt. Robert H. Jones, 24, of Regina. Sub. Lt. John A. MacLeod, 22, of Ripley, Ont. Petty Officer John E. White, of Summerside.

The Avenger was last seen about 4 p. m. last Thursday about 70 miles off Yarmouth, N. S. The sea was rough at the time and winds were about 25 miles an hour. The RCN said 13 Canadian warships, two U. S. Navy vessels and a U. S. Coast Guard craft took part in the search at its height. They were joined at intervals by Canadian and American planes but generally poor flying weather during the week minimized their usefulness. The navy said its warships have

Million Dollar Wood Islands Ferry Among Projects Listed By Chevrier

OTTAWA, (CP)—A \$10,000,000 shipbuilding program and a \$10,000,000 airport spending program for this fiscal year were outlined to the Commons Thursday by Transport Minister Chevrier.

Leading off debate on his annual budget, Mr. Chevrier reviewed a wide range of projects, practically all of which have been previously announced from time to time. In ship construction, he said it is intended to spend \$10,000,000 in the fiscal year ending next March 31 in a continuing program on these jobs:

A \$5,500,000 ferry to run between North Sydney, N. S., and Port Aux Basques, Nfld., to be operated by the CNR. A \$5,000,000 ferry being built jointly with the Nova Scotia government and to operate between Yarmouth, N. S., and Bar Harbor, Me. It would be ready for operation in early 1955.

A \$1,000,000 ferry to operate between Wood Islands, P. E. I., and Caribou, N. S.

Four lighthouse supply, pilotage tender and buoy vessels for service at Goose Bay, Labrador (\$80,000); Quebec (\$1,100,000); Saint John, N. B. (\$1,912,000), and Victoria (\$1,250,000).

In a report on construction and maintenance Mr. Chevrier said, increased emphasis is being placed on new terminal buildings. Major expenditures would be made at Gander airport, Nfld.; a civilian terminal building was proposed.

The late Mr. Mahler was employed in the shipyards of Saint John and had come to the Island a week ago to visit his mother Mrs. Margaret Mahler who is postmistress at Rocky Point. He was married in Saint John and had two children. A brother, Warren lives at Rocky Point. Identification of the body was made by Mr. John Flynn, 126 King Street, City.

A top coat belonging to the deceased had been found on the ferry boat earlier in the week and it was for this reason that dragging was carried out near the wharf. Friends of the late Mr. (Continued on Page 2 col. 6)

will operate Drummond Mine. OTTAWA, (CP)—Mines Minister Prudham announced Thursday an arrangement is being worked out to have operations resume at the closed Drummond colliery at Westville, N. S., and go on for five months.

The mine was closed recently because the Canadian National Railways found its fuel below standard and refused to accept it. Under the arrangement announced to the Commons by Mr. Prudham, the part of the CNR's Quebec market previously supplied by Drummond would be taken over by the nearby Acadia mine, which produces a better fuel. Drummond would make over Acadia's local market to the extent of 30,000 tons.

The Nova Scotia government would help subsidize the Drummond operation, apart from the \$4-a-ton maximum freight subvention from the federal treasury.

Bank of England Cuts Interest Rates On Loans. LONDON, (AP)—The Bank of England Thursday reduced its interest rates on loans from 3 1/2 to three per cent—a move expected to make borrowing easier and to act as a spur to business expansion. It was the second slash in the bank rate in just under eight months, the rate having been cut from four to 3 1/2 per cent last Sept. 17.

Observers say the new move shows the government's continued high confidence in Britain's present financial state. All other financial institutions in the Commonwealth and many outside it are expected to follow the lead of the nationalized Bank of England, clearing house of all money transactions in the sterling bloc.

As a result of the cut, the British industrialist or small borrower will have to pay less interest on the money he borrows. All money deals in Britain are ultimately pegged to the bank rate—the figure charged by the central bank on the loans it makes to other financial institutions.

Since manufacturers will be able to sell their products at lower prices, the change can mean cheaper goods both at home and in the export markets.

Truckers Protest Railway Rates. MONTREAL, (CP)—Camille Archambault, director of the Quebec Automobile Transport Association, said Thursday the Canadian trucking associations hope to appear before the board of transport commissioner soon to protest freight rate reductions by railways.

Mr. Archambault, who is also a spokesman for the associations, predicted "a ruinous price war between truckers and railway" if something is not done immediately. The new freight rates were posted by the railways May 3.

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Body Recovered At Ferry Wharf

The body of John Mahler, of Rocky Point, was found in the water at the Ferry Wharf yesterday afternoon at 3.35, after he had been reported missing since last Monday.

Mr. Wallace MacDonald who was conducting dragging operations in the area came upon the body with grappling hooks just aft of the ferry.

Rotterdam Rebuilding Makes Good Progress. ROTTERDAM, The Netherlands (Reuters)—Five hundred of the 2,600 business premises destroyed by German bombs in 1940 blitz on Rotterdam have been rebuilt, it was announced Thursday. The premises are larger than the old ones, however, so in reality about half of the devastated area now is rebuilt, the announcement said.

See Firebug In N. B. Community. MONCTON, (CP)—The New Brunswick fire marshal's department teamed with the R C M P Thursday to investigate a series of fires believed to have been set by an arsonist plaguing the nearby farm community of Lutes Mountain.

The joint inquiry is being conducted by RCMP subdivisional inspector John A. Stevenson and deputy provincial fire marshal E. J. Sturgeon.

Five fires spaced evenly over the last 15 days have caused losses in farm buildings, livestock and farm equipment of \$100,000. The latest outbreak Thursday morning destroyed a large barn owned by farmer John Leaman. Police first entered the picture following the fourth fire Monday.

The fires all have started in barns within three days of one another.

Canada Exasperated By So. Korea's Tactics At Geneva

(By Alan Harvey, Canadian Press Staff Writer) GENEVA, (CP)—Canada intervened forcefully Thursday in a 16-nation debate on Korea which showed that many smaller countries are exasperated at what apparently are delaying tactics by South Korea.

The speaker was External Affairs Minister Pearson. He took the floor at a family gathering of the United Nations countries which fought in Korea and made a direct plea to South Korea to agree to the more reasonable proposals for reunification of the peninsula.

In effect, he is understood to have told the meeting that since the Communist plan for Korea is completely unacceptable, it is up to the non-Communist side to make its own position plain and reasonable so that if a deadlock results world opinion will know where the blame lies.

Pearson then left the meeting and boarded an RCAF plane for London where he made a second speech in the afternoon—this time on atomic energy.

South Korea's Stand. South Korea at Geneva insists among other things that elections should be held only in North Korea, that Chinese troops should be withdrawn first from North Korea and that the North Koreans be disarmed. Its stand has been more or less supported by the Americans.

The bright spot on Korea, the Canadian delegation feels, was the speech to Thursday's plenary session of the Geneva conference by Foreign Secretary Eden of Britain outlining a five-point plan. This is said to reflect Canada's position.

Split In West On Southeast Asian Alliance

By ALAN HARVEY, Canadian Press Staff Writer. GENEVA, (CP)—A serious difference of view still exists within the alliance of free nations on the new Asian policy now being formulated by the United States, diplomatic sources said Thursday.

Although the "shock stage" in British-American relations has foreseen dangers potentially as temporarily eased, some observers great in long-term American plans to create a new line of resistance against communism in Southeast Asia.

This time the divergence between the United States on one hand and the British and Commonwealth countries on the other is, briefly, that the Americans want to get things moving as quickly as possible.

British and Commonwealth opinion prefers a more cautious approach—above all one that will not antagonize neutral Asian opinion.

American strategists feel that a strong stand now will frighten Communist China away from any further adventures in Asia. (Continued on Page 2 col. 6)

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Department Stores Increase Sales. OTTAWA, (CP)—Department stores increased their sales in the first quarter of the year compared with the corresponding period last year.

The bureau of statistics reported Thursday that sales rose slightly to \$209,170,000 from \$207,531,000. Higher sales in British Columbia, Quebec and Ontario outweighed declines elsewhere.

Quebec sales rose to \$37,557,000 from \$37,270,000. In the Atlantic Provinces, sales dipped more than four per cent to \$14,221,000 from \$14,826,000.

FAVORABLE PRICE RECEIVED FOR NEW \$1,300,000 PROVINCIAL BOND ISSUE

The strong financial position of the Province was reflected yesterday when the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. W. E. Darby, announced the sale of a new 1959 Provincial Bond Issue of \$1,300,000, 3 1/2 per cent, to Credit Interprovincial Limited, of Montreal, at 98.09. Another bid received was for 98.06. Both compare favorably with the recent Federal bond issue which sold at 99.00.

The Montreal buyers were the highest bidders as the issue was sold by tender, closing at noon yesterday. The cost to the Province will be approximately 3.41 per cent. Hon. Mr. Darby expressed his satisfaction at the favorable price obtained and took it as an indication of the soundness of the Province's financial standing.

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Lumber Workers Union In Quebec

QUEBEC, (CP)—The Canadian and Catholic Confederation of Labor announced Thursday formation of a union for lumber workers in Quebec province.

In a prepared statement the Quebec Catholic labor group said the new union will be called "Le Syndicat Professionnel des Travailleurs Spécialises en Foret"—the professional syndicate of specialized forest workers.

Organizers of the union who are to recruit members among Quebec forest workers are Rene Harnegies, chief CCL organizer of the Quebec province woodcutters association.

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The discussion ranged over forestry, the tourist industry and the administration of the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Mr. Green said the chief emphasis of the federal forestry act is on protection of forests. Forest fires were the main problem, especially in British Columbia, but the federal government gave the provinces no assistance in this regard.

Mr. Lesage said the amount was reduced because the New Brunswick crown company, Forest Protection Ltd., has decided to spray a smaller area this year.

Last year's spraying of more than 1,800,000 acres was one of the largest operations of its kind ever attempted in the world. This year only 1,000,000 acres would be sprayed. The number of aircraft used would be reduced to 50 from 77.

The federal government paid one-third of the cost, with the rest divided between the New Brunswick government and the private companies which had helped form Forest Protection Ltd.

Mr. Lesage said there has been no request for assistance from Quebec, which also is fighting an outbreak of spruce budworm in the eastern part of the province.

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