

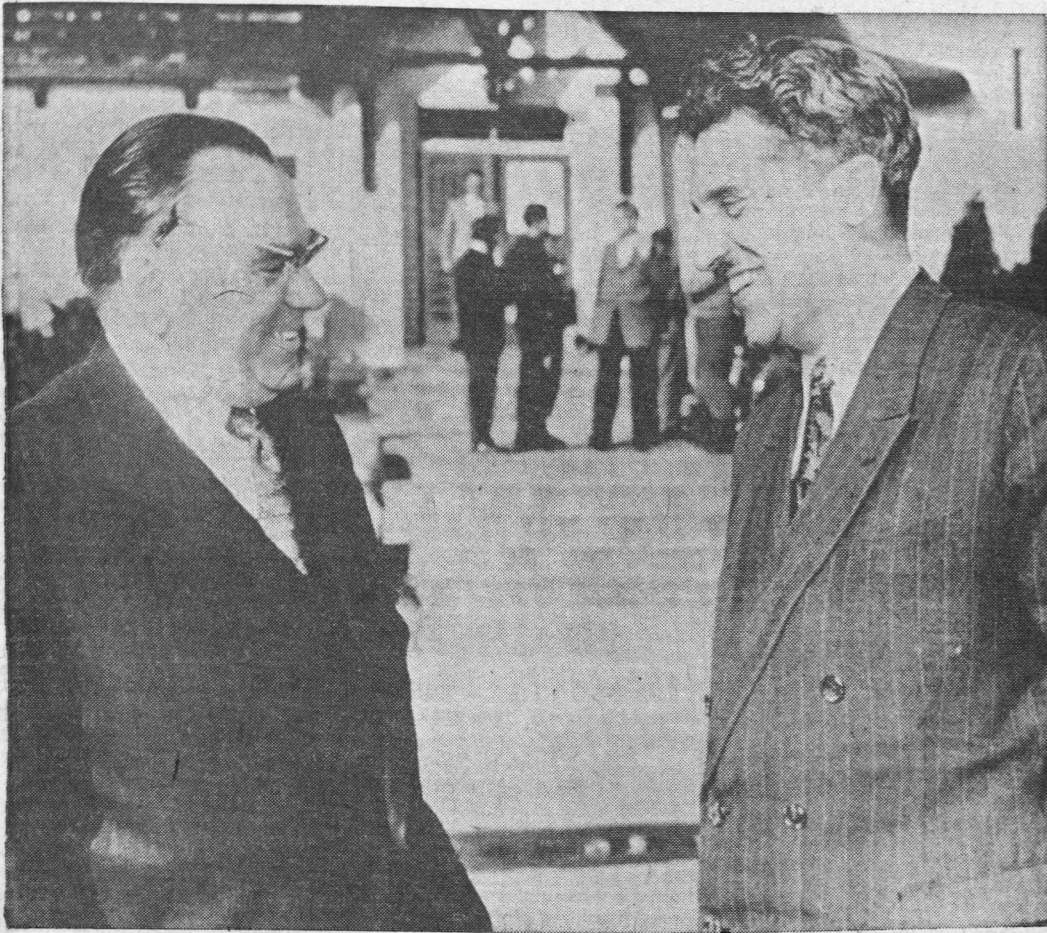
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## ATTEND NUCLEAR CONFERENCE

LAC BEAUPORT, Que. — Alexander Topchiev, left, trades smiles with Alexander Kusun outside the inn at this Laurentian resort where they are attending the Pugwash conference. Both are members of the Russian Academy of Science. Nuclear experts from 10 countries are attending the meeting given by Cyrus Eaton, Canadian-born Cleveland industrialist.

## MORE FOR QUEBEC

# Biggest Cabinet Seen Possible

OTTAWA (CP) — "Embarrass me," he said. And embarrassment he did. Consequently, Canada may be before long have its biggest cabinet in history. During the election campaign, Prime Minister Diefenbaker asked Quebec voters to "embarrass" him with the number of cabinet-calibre Progressive Conservatives they sent to Parliament. Quebec responded, upping Conservative representation in the Commons to 50 from nine. Mr. Diefenbaker likely will shuffle his cabinet in the near future to give Quebec greater Privy Council representation and also to carry out some other changes.

ALREADY BIG Cabinets in recent years have had 21 members. Even during the Second World War, when there were navy and air ministers as well as a defence minister, the number did not exceed 20. There are already 22 members in Mr. Diefenbaker's cabinet, including two ministers without portfolio and Senator John T. Haig, government leader in the Senate.

There are still four cabinet vacancies if Mr. Diefenbaker chooses to use them—immigration, defence production, associate defence minister and president of the Privy Council. Justice Minister Davie Fulton now is acting immigration minister, Works Minister Howard Green acting defence production minister.

There is speculation that Tom Bell, member for Saint John-Albert, N.B., will get the immigration post, that defence production will go to a Quebec member and that W. J. Browne of Newfoundland, minister without portfolio, will become president of the Privy Council.

MAY REPLACE HAIG Senator Haig, 80, may be replaced as government leader in the Senate. Among those who

have been mooted for this post are J. M. Macdonnell of Toronto Greenwood, minister without portfolio, and Senators William Brunt of Hanover, Ont., and Gustave Monette of Montreal. Their ages are 3, 35 and 70, respectively. However, the only factor concerning cabinet changes which seems sure is that Quebec will get more representatives, perhaps another two or three. It now has three—Mines Minister Paul Comtois, Postmaster-General William Hamilton and Solicitor-General Leon Balcer—compared to Ontario's seven.

Among new Quebec MPs mentioned as possible additions to the cabinet are Yvon Tasse, Quebec East, former chairman of the Greater Quebec Trade and Industrial Development Bureau, and Charles Campeau, Montreal St. Jacques, former director of Montreal's urban planning department; Noel Dorion, Bellechasse, prominent criminal lawyer, and Pierre Sevigny, Longueuil, formerly the Conservative party's chief organizer in Quebec province.

IMPORTANT POST British Columbia has three representatives in the cabinet, Saskatchewan two, including the prime minister, and the other six provinces one each.

Mr. Diefenbaker in the election campaign placed heavy emphasis on northern development and it appears the northern affairs portfolio, now held by Saskatchewan's Alvin Hamilton, will become one of the most important in the cabinet.

There have been rumors that External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith and Health Minister J. Waldo Monteith may be among those involved in a cabinet reshuffle.

WAGNER FESTIVAL The first Richard Wagner musical festival at Bayreuth was organized in 1876 by Wagner and King Louis of Bavaria.

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# 11 Die At Rail Crossing

SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP) — Four adults and seven children on an Easter Sunday car trip in a near-blizzard were killed Sunday night in a level-crossing collision with a CPR diesel commuter train.

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# Ripple Rock Wiped Out In Mighty Blast On Saturday

## Will Seek Abolition Of City Water Commission

The continued existence of the three-man Commission that has supervised the construction, operation and maintenance of Charlottetown's sewers and water supply for the past 70 years now rests with the Legislature of the Province. Despite strong disapproval voiced by Councillor J. Arthur Gormley, decision to seek legislation permitting abolition of this civic body was approved at a special meeting of the Council held Saturday afternoon. All municipal representatives were present with the exception of Councillor Earle C. Baker. Entitled "An Act to Amend the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act" the Bill which the Legislature will be asked to consider seeks: (1) that all powers and authority presently vested in the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply for the City of Charlottetown by the Charlottetown Waterworks Act of 1937 and the subsequent Charlottetown Sewerage Act of 1938, with amendments thereto, be transferred to and vested in the City Council; and (2) that all provisions respecting the election of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply as set forth in these Acts be repealed. Though the functions of the present Commission would terminate automatically following passage of this legislation their services may still be retained by the City in another capacity. The possibility that they may be asked to remain as an "Advisory Board" was indicated in a suggestion advanced by Councillor A. J. Haslam towards the close of the debate. Present members of the Commission are: Ernest E. Clawson, and Wilfred L. MacKenna, each of whom were returned to office in last February's civic elections. In its present form the proposed legislation differs sharply from the Bill originally placed before the Council. Read by Mayor Edwin C. Johnstone, the original draft sought no diminution or revision in the existing authority of the Commissioners. It asked only that the Council be given the right to appoint the members of the Commission and the authority to fix the term of office of each. In moving the amendment (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

## Was Wrecker Of Ships For The Past 100 Years

CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. (CP) — Ripple Rock, wrecker of ships for 100 years, was wiped off the navigation charts Saturday in a mighty blast that took just nine seconds. Destruction of the West Coast's worst underwater shipping menace climaxed a 2½-year federal works department job that cost \$3,100,000. Shipwrecks on the rock have taken more than 100 lives since 1875. Preliminary hydrographic soundings following the blast disclosed that a minimum 47-foot-deep channel had been opened through Seymour Narrows. That was seven feet more than the explosion of the charge of 1,375 tons of nitramex 2H—man's biggest non-atomic blast—was expected to blow from the underwater spires nine and 20 feet below the surface. An observation post on Vancouver Island, about 7,000 feet from the actual blast centre. DETONATES CHARGE On Maud Island, only 2,400 feet from the blast centre, Dr. Victor Dolmage, consulting engineer, pressed the button to send an electric charge sizzling along the prima cord. A split-second pause followed, then an earth tremor was felt. A huge water bubble, 500-feet wide, was the first visual indication of the blast. A towering column of grey water, dark rock, mud, and brown gasses shot through it a fraction later. The sound first heard in the bunkers was a dull rumble. It was quickly replaced with a shuddering roar that was drowned out by a harsh, crackling report. BILLOWING CLOUD A billowing cloud of smoke and gases swirled from within the centre of the blast and completely filled the half-mile-wide Seymour Narrows gap between Vancouver and Maud Islands. Scientists took all sorts of calibrations with delicate instruments. The blast was photographed by scores of cameras. Seismographic instruments planted as far away as the Saskatchewan border listened for the earth tremor. Officials said results of the various scientific tests won't be known until an evaluation of them is made. This may take weeks.

## Busy Session Faces House During The Next Two Weeks

A busy two-week period faces members of the Legislature when the House re-convenes tomorrow afternoon at 2:30, following Easter recess. Most of the time to date has been taken up with the debate in reply to the Speech from the Throne. The Budget will be brought down by Provincial Treasurer, B. Earle MacDonald tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The Premier said before adjournment that closing could take place next week. Daylight Saving Time which has been the subject of some bitter debate in recent years will again be brought to the fore, as indicated in a petition from the Charlottetown City Council to have daylight time put into effect between June 15 to September 15. POWER TRANSFER Another petition from the City of Charlottetown will ask that all power now vested in the Commissioners of Sewers and Water be transferred to the City Council. Two important resolutions are on the order paper and will no doubt be given early preference when the House meets. They are the resolution of Health Minister M. L. Bonnell asking for greater Federal sharing in the Hospital Insurance plan and the resolution of Harvey L. Douglas asking that potatoes become a designated commodity under the Farm Price Support Act. HOSPITAL INSURANCE The Island Government is committed to participate in the national Hospital Insurance plan of the Federal Government, according to an announcement made by Premier Matheson on his return from Ottawa, April 16, 1957. Legislation dealing with this matter will have to be enacted before the plan goes into effect on January 1, 1959 which is the tentative date set for Island participation. Financing of the plan will be the greatest cause for concern in the Island Legislature. Some members on both sides of the House have proposed a sales tax to pay for the scheme. MASSEY ON HOLIDAY PORT HOPE, Ont. (CP) — Governor-General Massey arrived here Friday from Ottawa to spend the Easter holiday with members of his family at Batterwood House, the Massey residence near this town 60 miles east of Toronto.

# Armed Services Vote Gives Liberals Another Seat

OTTAWA, (CP) — The armed services have shifted party standings in the Commons by one seat, in favor of the Liberals. Results of the service vote issued Saturday restored Ontario's Renfrew North constituency to Liberal James M. Forgie, who has held it since 1953. In last Monday's Federal election, Mr. Forgie had been defeated by a margin of only 65 votes by Progressive Conservative Stanley J. Hunt in a two-way fight. But Mr. Forgie polled 431 service votes to Mr. Hunt's 435 for a final over-all majority of 203. With the service vote result added to the civilian poll, the Commons standing now is: Progressive Conservatives 208; Liberals 49; CCF 8. Results of the military polling were issued by chief electoral officer Nelson Castonguay. The interval between Monday's civilian vote and announcement of the service balloting was to allow time for the service results to reach here from Canadian bases outside the country. Mr. Hunt said later at Pembroke, Ont., that he believes the Canada Elections Act should be changed so that non-resident servicemen do not hold the "balance of power" in ridings where military camps are located. But he said he will not ask for a recount nor contest the provincial seat he gave up to try his luck in Federal politics. He had represented Renfrew North in the Ontario Legislature continuously since 1943. Prime Minister Diefenbaker had little comment on the outcome of the service vote before he left here Saturday for a week's vacation in Bermuda. But he was pleased "at the increase in our favor." PRICE SUPPORT PLEDGE Immediately before his departure, Mr. Diefenbaker disclosed that Agriculture Minister Harkness will announce the first price support under the new Agricultural Prices Stabilization Act covering four products. Other support prices will be announced after his return. Following the first post-election cabinet meeting Thursday, Mr. Diefenbaker said Thursday May 8 is a likely date for Parliament to meet, provided all the formalities are completed by then. The Liberals continued to enjoy the heaviest number of service votes this election as they did last June but their lead was cut down. There were 130,555 eligible service voters at various points outside Canada and in the north. A total of 85,838 ballots, or 65.7 per cent of the eligible total, were counted. BALLOTS REJECTED There were 1,517 rejected ballots, including an estimated 100 or so classified as rejects when a French airline strike prevented votes of Canadian servicemen in London, England, by the a. m. deadline April 1. Last year 73,245 service votes were cast from an eligible 131,578. The Liberals this year received 57.2 per cent of the vote, the Conservatives 36.4, CCF four, Social Credit two and others less than one per cent. In last June's election, the Liberals had 64.6 per cent compared with the Conservatives' 24.3. From the civilian vote, the Conservatives received 53 per cent of last Monday's votes. The Liberals polled 34, the CCF 10 and Social Credit two. The official vote count in most ridings will begin today, now that the service balloting is in.

## Plane Explodes Over Airport

MIDLAND, Mich. (AP) — State police said a commercial airliner blew up over nearby Tri-City Airport Sunday night and fell to the ground in flames. There was no immediate report of how many persons were aboard the plane or to what airline it belonged. Capital Airlines in Washington said it had a report that one of its planes with 44 persons aboard had crashed on landing at the Tri-City Airport. The plane was bound for Saginaw. That city, Midland and Bay City Mich., are served by the one field. Capital had no other details immediately.

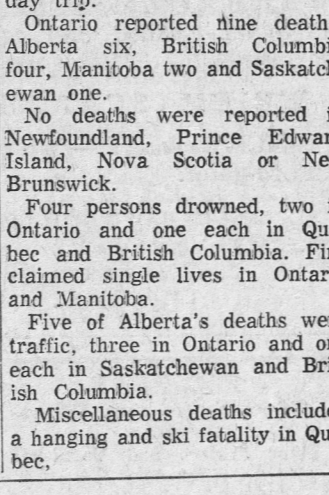
## How The Armed Services Vote Went In P. E. Island

The Armed Services vote on Prince Edward Island failed to change the results of last Monday's election in the three counties. Results of the vote were announced Saturday. Prince County and Kings County gave their Liberal candidates a majority with J. Watson MacNaught in Prince County getting the highest spread polling 306 votes, compared to 198 for Orville H. Phillips, the Conservative candidate. Cyrus F. Gallant, running for the C. C. F. party, received 4 votes. In Kings County, Liberal T. J. Kicham received 113 votes while

## Holiday Accident Toll Mounts

At least 42 Canadians perished during the three-day Easter holiday, 11 in a car-train collision at Sherbrooke, Que., late Sunday. A Canadian Press survey from 6 p.m. local time Thursday until midnight Sunday showed that 29 persons died in traffic mishaps. Quebec reported the highest number of fatalities, 20, with 17 on the highways. Four adults and seven children were killed in the level-crossing accident, all in a car returning from an Easter Sunday trip. Ontario reported nine deaths, Alberta six, British Columbia four, Manitoba two and Saskatchewan one. No deaths were reported in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia or New Brunswick. Four persons drowned, two in Ontario, and one each in Quebec and British Columbia. Fire claimed single lives in Ontario and Manitoba. Five of Alberta's deaths were traffic, three in Ontario and one each in Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Miscellaneous deaths included a hanging and ski fatality in Quebec.

## Excited Eskimo



OTTAWA — Minnie Oadia just one first. She is believed to be the first Eskimo girl to place in such a contest. Minnie, 21, translator-interpreter in the northern affairs department, is from Old Factory in northern Quebec on the southeast coast of James Bay (CP Wirephoto)

# Christians Throughout The World Flock To Services

LONDON (CP) — Christians throughout the world flocked to Easter services Sunday in reverent salute to the Day of Resurrection. In Jerusalem, in Rome, in every great metropolis on down to the tiniest hamlet around the globe, churches received the faithful, eager to receive once again the eternal message of hope for mankind in the joyous story of the risen Christ. In Britain, it was a "stay-at-home" Easter as blustery winds—and snow—swept most of the country, making it the coldest Easter holiday in 50 years. A meteorological office spokesman said it was the coldest Easter Sunday in London this century. The maximum temperature during the day was 44 degrees. In Czechoslovakia, where Easter was the coldest in many years, peasant women donned colorful national costumes to sell Easter eggs on street corners. In Vienna, church services were held early to let thousands of holidaymakers out in time for the traditional Austrian blessing of the Easter loaves. In the United States an example of devotion despite adverse weather took place at the Cathedral of the Pines, Ridge, N.H., where about 6,000 persons attended Easter services despite recent heavy snows. In California, beset by heavy rains and flooding, 10,000 worshippers turned up at the Hollywood Bowl and 3,000 others at the Rose Bowl. In New York City, the traditional Fifth Avenue parade was practically abandoned because of rain. The thousands of churchgoers emerging from their places of worship, met a steady down-pour.

# High Tides Cause Floods In Some Areas Of N. S.

HALIFAX (CP) — The highest tides of the year rolled around the world during the weekend. On Canada's eastern seaboard they flooded coastal areas, washed out railroad lines and highways and drove some families from their homes. Damage not yet estimated is expected to run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Bay of Fundy coast in Nova Scotia was hardest hit. At Windsor, 45 miles northwest of Halifax, saltwater flowed down the main street. Dozens of basements were flooded. Lines of the Dominion Atlantic Railway were washed out in three places. A coastal highway near Halifax was blocked by water. Families at Parrsboro, N.S., had to leave their homes. Hundreds of sightseers went to vantage points in the Bay of Fundy area to watch the twice-daily phenomenon. Crowds were on the streets of Windsor at 2 a.m. Sunday to see the water rise to record heights. The abnormal tides began Wednesday, reached their peak Saturday and Sunday and are expected to taper off today. CAUSED BY MOON They are caused by the combined gravitational pull of moon and sun, which is greatest at times of the new and full moons, boosted this time by the moon's nearness to the earth. When the moon was full at 11:45 p.m. AST Thursday it was 221,800 miles from the earth, the closest it will be this year. Bay of Fundy tides, said even normally to be the highest in the world, ran far above normal and broke restraining dikes. All along the coast the water rose from one to three feet higher than usual. At Saint John, N.B., the tide reached 29.1 feet above mean sea level at 12:47 a.m. AST Sunday. At Burncoat Head, N.S., in the headwaters of the bay, the figure was 56 feet. DIKE BREAKS A 50-foot section of dike near Wolfville, N.S., broke under the strain early Saturday. The rushing waters washed out a section of the Dominion Atlantic Railway. Train service was reduced there later in the day but two larger washouts at Brooklyn and South Maitland, N.S., stopped all traffic between Windsor and Truro. At South Maitland 200 feet of track was washed out. The tide covered Windsor's Water Street early Sunday and flowed through stores between the harbor and the street. Workmen removed oil-burning furnaces from basements to save them from the flood. Portable pumps were brought in to pump out scores of flooded buildings. Wharves at many Fundy ports, including Hall's Harbor, Kinport and Port Williams, N.S., were covered with water. Some waterfront parking areas in Halifax were flooded. MAIL CUT OFF At Seaford, 20 miles east of Halifax, storm surfs lifted by the tide overflowed a coastal road, cutting off mail service and preventing school buses from yettling through. The road was reopened Saturday after being closed for three days. The sea overflowed a waterfront street at Parrsboro, N.S., several families had to abandon their homes when water covered the floors. Dikes broke along the Cornwallis and Annapolis Rivers in the Annapolis Valley. Saltwater played havoc with fertile farm land.