

# TLC LAYS DOWN LONG SERIES OF DEMANDS ON GOVERNMENTS

## Committee Decides On Relief Needed By Victims Of Forest Fires In N. S.

By GERALD FREEMAN  
LIVERPOOL, N.S. (CP)—A committee of hardworking neighbors is trying to help people like Henry Myra and his wife.

The committee met here Monday to compile a report on damage caused in south-central Nova Scotia last week by ravaging forest fires. The toll of fishing boats and gear, homes and farmyards is expected to reach \$250,000.

Merrill Rawding, former minister of highways, will present the committee's plea for assistance to the Nova Scotia cabinet today. Henry Myra is 79 years old. His wife is 73.

Like dozens of their neighbors the Myras were burned out of their home by a forest fire the weekend of May 21.

lawyers and Mersey Paper Company workers have neglected their job to help the committee.

**START CAMPAIGN**

It's expected the damage assessment will hit \$250,000. That would represent nearly \$100 from everybody in Liverpool.

The committee plans to raise as much as it can in a campaign starting June 7. For the rest it depends on government aid. Already donations have started and Mayor R. H. Lockward Monday waved a check for \$100 from a Shelburne, N.S. firm.

The emphasis is on speed, because 14 fishermen lost their boats and others their nets at the start of the fishing season.

The committee's aim is to help the people rehabilitate themselves. Immediate relief is being carried out by the Salvation Army, Red Cross and the welfare sub-committee headed by Salvation Army Lieutenant Jim Tackaberry.

## Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Monday  
John Diefenbaker (PC—Prince Albert) said PFRA has become patronage for retired, rejected or resigned politicians.

CCF Leader Goldwell said PFRA is becoming "more and more a political machine directed by Agriculture Minister Gardiner."

Mr. Gardiner replied it is no disgrace to hire men for PFRA who have served their country in Parliament.

The Commons voted 94 to 44 for second reading of a bill empowering Mr. Gardiner to award PFRA contracts up to \$15,000 without prior cabinet approval.

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Prime Minister St. Laurent said he is not yet able to say when the Canada council on cultural development will be established.

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The Commons will consider government business. The Senate will sit.

By John LeBlanc, Canadian Press Staff Writer  
WINDSOR, Ont., (CP)—The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada Monday laid down a long series of demands on governments but avoided a convention debate on health insurance in the presence of Health Minister Martin.

Meeting in Mr. Martin's home town and with the minister addressing the annual convention, the 750 delegates first received a resolution calling for a national health plan organized by the federal government and then deferred action on it.

The minister himself told the convention it is his view that the initiative on health insurance should come from "the people and the governments of the various provinces."

**WIDE FIELD**

Meanwhile, the convention roved through a wide field of resolutions including these that were adopted:

1. It feels that governments and employers are adopting a "get tough" policy towards workers and goes on record as "unalterably opposed to a compulsory 'no strike' policy."

2. There should be national and provincial bodies charged with responsibility for the control of large-scale projects such as cross-country natural gas pipeline and a second trans-Canada highway.

3. The federal government should get started immediately on the South Saskatchewan river irrigation and power project, on which it has been in negotiations with the Saskatchewan government for several years.

4. The federal government should be pressed for immediate adoption of a cross-Canada pipeline as a publicly-owned enterprise exclusively financed in Canada and built by Canadian labor.

5. There should be no sub-letting of contracts let out by the federal government.

6. The aircraft industry should be developed under auspices of the federal government to stimulate employment.

7. Canadian materials should be used as far as possible in the construction of the St. Lawrence seaway, on which Canada and the United States are spending jointly about \$900,000,000.

8. The federal government should try to prevent the U.S. from putting embargoes on Canadian fish products going to that country. It should extend "further assistance" in getting new export markets for fish.

9. The government should limit or suspend temporarily imports that seriously affect Canadian industry when they are brought in at cut prices.

10. There should be a national fuel policy that would utilize coal, oil, atomic energy and other fuels "for the greatest advantage of Canada."

11. The federal government should make available to the provinces large grants for the training of handicapped persons.

**SUPPLY SERUM**

12. It also should supply cancer-treating cobalt bombs to health centers throughout the country and should supply polio serum for schoolchildren of the appropriate age to be treated. The TLC evidently meant Salk vaccine.

13. The federal government

should conduct an investigation into the price of medicine. It appeared that a "good percentage" of prescriptions sold by druggists were at an "extremely high profit."

On the health insurance question, the resolution brought before the delegates declared that Canada lags behind many countries not as wealthy as this one and that the enactment of a comprehensive contributory plan by the federal government is overdue. It should be undertaken "not in the future but during the life of the present government."

## Ford Executive Ponders Unique Union Challenge

DETROIT (AP)—Top Ford Motor Company executives huddled Monday night to consider a unique union challenge to let Ford employees decide who's right in a dispute that threatens a strike of the big auto firm later this week.

The CIO United Auto Workers made the challenge Monday at an emergency bargaining session aimed at heading off the threatening walkout.

The union proposed that Ford's 140,000 employees in the U.S. be polled by secret ballot on whether they prefer to stick with the UAW guaranteed annual wage demand or accept Ford's counterproposal of a "partnership in prosperity" plan.

The result would be binding on both parties to negotiate for whichever idea the employees choose.

**DARING GAMBLE**

The surprise union move was regarded by some as a daring presidential gamble by UAW president Walter P. Reuther. A solid vote for the guaranteed wage would be a boost for his leadership. A vote for Ford's plan could be interpreted as a no-confidence vote for the union leadership.



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Fredericton	46	—
Moncton	47	—
Saint John	48	—
Halifax	51	64
Charlottetown	47	63
Sydney	40	57
Yarmouth	51	59
St. Johns	53	58

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion weather office here says continued unsettled weather is forecast for today as the boundary line separating warm and cool air continues to lie across the central Maritimes, and a weak disturbance west of the district moves eastward.

Regional forecasts:

Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, eastern N.B. counties, lower St. John river valley: Cloudy with a few showers; not much change in temperature; light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 50 and 60, Moncton 46 and 58, Fredericton 46 and 62, Saint John 48 and 60.

Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy with a few showers; continuing cool; light easterly winds. Low-high at Edmundston 46 and 58, Campbellton 44 and 50.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 6:36 a. m. and 7:28 p. m.; at Rustico at 2:06 a. m. and 2:07 p. m. Summerside tide fifteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 4:30 a. m. and sets at 7:51 p. m.

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Eastern division loadings rose to 32,894 cars from 47,098 cars while western division loadings increased to 28,611 cars from 22,682 cars last year.

Commodities carried in larger volume included grain 7,577 (5,104 a year earlier); iron ore 3,764 (776); sand, gravel and crushed stone 4,591 (3,117); and miscellaneous earload commodities 5,510 (4,876).

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Production during the first four months of this year totalled 3,232,413 tons, compared with 3,064,978 in the first quarter of 1954. Exports in April advanced to 215,004 tons from 178,507 in April last year, the association reported Saturday.

The Canadian Press erroneously reported the April export figure as being the production figure for April.

**INSURANCE CLAIMS DROP**

OTTAWA (CP)—Initial and renewal claims for unemployment insurance benefits dropped in Canada during April to 154,260 from 243,344 in March and 158,411 in the corresponding month last year, the bureau of statistics reported Monday.

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By HOWARD WHITEN  
LONDON (Reuters)—Thousands of worried holidaymakers were stranded far from their homes Monday night by the two-day, rail strike which threatens to dislocate industry today when the country returns to work.

The strike on the state-owned lines in Britain's first country-wide rail stoppage since 1926. Combined with a damaging dock strike in six major ports, it has plunged the country into the worst labor tieup in a generation.

The strike, by 70,000 locomotive engineers and firemen, caused Britons who went to seaside resorts for the long weekend to scurry around in search of makeshift transport.

For today, when 250,000 persons normally would commute by rail to London, the railways said only 30 of the 500 needed trains would be available.

The strike already has hit the tourist industry. Travel agencies in Edinburgh, Scotland, were experiencing "pandemonium" trying to readjust travel arrangements for Americans and other overseas visitors. Others were leaving Britain as fast as possible.

**WILL HOLD OUT**

The union on strike says it is capable of holding out for three months, in the face of warnings by Prime Minister Eden that the strike can cause widespread unemployment and endanger Britain's economy.

The emergency committee of cabinet ministers, who are organizing communications and emergency supplies of coal and basic foods, were to meet late Monday. Army trucks were carrying mail. One newspaper, The Evening News, says a state of emergency may be declared if there is no break in the strike. This decision would be made by a cabinet meeting in the next 24 hours, the newspaper says.

There was no encouraging development Monday in the eight-day strike by 20,000 dockers. This stoppage, which has halted work on more than 120 vessels in six major ports, results from an intersession struggle involving recognition in bargaining proceedings for the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union.

## 2,100 ACRES BURNED

OTTAWA (CP)—Forest fires burned 2,100 acres of timber during April, the National Research Council said Monday in its monthly report on forest fire losses in Canada. There were 140 fires compared with a long-term average of 184 for April.

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Members Of Maritime Hospital Association Executive  
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## Rehabilitation of Marshlands

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal grants for rehabilitation of marshlands in the Maritime provinces have amounted to \$7,492,252 since March 31, 1949.

A return tabled Monday in the Commons for J. R. Kirk (L—Antigonish—Guysborough) said Nova Scotia received \$4,602,793. New Brunswick \$2,461,059 and Prince Edward Island \$29,410. No grants were made to Newfoundland.

The grants are paid to the provincial governments under the Maritime Marshlands Rehabilitation Act.

## Coming Events

- "Dance, Fortune Hall, every Tuesday night.
- "Dance, Cozy Hall, Georgetown, Wednesday, June 1st.
- "See Bedeque Players in Windsor Road Hall June 2.
- "Regular Dance at Gordon Lodge every Friday night.
- "Dance in St. Andrew's Hall, Mt. Stewart, every Wednesday.
- "Regular Dances, Crapaud Rink Wednesday nights. Starting June 1st.
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- "Dance Lorne Valley Hall, Tuesday, May 31/ Webster's Orchestra.
- "Fiddlers Concert, Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall, cancelled until later date.
- "Reserve July 6th for Picnic, Immaculate Conception Parish, Wellington.
- "Regular Dance, Stanley Bridge every Tuesday. Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra.
- "Dance postponed, St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall until following Tuesday.
- "Benefit dance for Orwell fire victims, Millville Hall, Wednesday, June 1st.
- "Reserve Wednesday evening, June 8 for Kinkora play in Hunter River hall. Auspices C.W.L.
- "Cornwall Players present "The Irish Millionaire" in Lot 65 Hall, Thursday, June 2nd. Dance after.
- "Gala Opening Traveler's Rest Country Club, Thursday, Dancing to Jackie Doyle's Jamboree Band.
- "Come to the opening of Sea Shell Inn at Victoria, Wednesday, June 1st. Fresh lobster served daily.
- "Notice—The lunch room at Edison's General Store, Vernon Bridge is now open for business. Fresh lobsters served.
- "Dance Cardigan Hall Wednesday, June 1st. Webster's Orchestra. Auspices Cardigan Fire fighting Department.
- "Read a lullaby—Frederick Young People's Variety Concert in Kingston Hall, Friday, June 3rd. In aid of Mission Band.
- "Old time fiddling and step dancing, Bonshaw Inn, Friday, June 3. All entries to Stephen Toole, Bonshaw.
- "Commencing June 1st we will close on Wednesday afternoons until further notice, D. R. Cummings, E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.
- "See Cornwall Players present "The Irish Millionaire" in Hunter River Masonic Hall, Tuesday, May 31, sponsored by Hazelgrove Women's Institute.
- "See MacDowell will be hauling cream to Wiltshire Factory on Tuesdays and Fridays, will take back butter on Tuesdays only and feed on Fridays only.

## Heavy Schedule Ahead For Hospital Ass'n Conference

For the second time in as many months, Mayor J. D. Stewart will have the honour of welcoming one of Canada's women Mayors when he brings greetings to the 13th annual meeting of the Maritime Hospital Association convening for the next four days in this city. Meeting concurrently with the Hospital Association will be the Maritime Hospital Aids Association and the Maritime Hospital Exhibitors Association.

Her Worship Mrs. Gladys Porter of Kentville, N.S., secretary of the M.H.A., although she arrived in Charlottetown yesterday minus her baggage through an error in shipment, was in good humour when she attended an executive meeting at Prince of Wales College last night. She is looking on the bright side, hoping that the luggage will reach her by the first plane today. Mrs. Porter is following in the footsteps of Mayor Charlotte Whitton who honoured this city with a Centennial visit last month.

A heavy schedule is ahead of the delegates until the convention breaks up at noon Friday. After the official welcome today, there will be an hour for visiting the hospital exhibits which includes everything in surgical and hospital equipment as well as hospital supplies. Sectional meetings will feature the balance of the morning and until 4.30 in the afternoon. A pleasant interlude will be enjoyed by the delegates when at 5:00 p.m. they will be guests of the senior and Junior Ladies' Aids of the Prince Edward Island and Charlottetown Hospitals.

Outstanding speakers will be featured at the various sessions, including Dr. Gordon E. Wride, principal medical officer, National Health Grants Ottawa and Dr. Douglas Plerty, executive director, Canadian Hospital Association, Toronto. The president of the Maritime Hospital Association, Mr. R. W. Skeat of Moncton will preside at all general meetings.

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