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CHALLENGES GOVERNMENT TO CALL IMMEDIATE ELECTION

World's Top Meat Market Opened To Canada

P.E.I. Govt. Makes \$1,000 Interim Grant For Flood Relief

All across Canada people and governments have swung into action to aid the flood-stricken residents of England and the Low Countries. As a gesture the Government of Prince Edward Island yesterday made an interim gift of \$1,000. It was announced by Premier J. Walter Jones who is heading the campaign for funds in this province.

At the present time gifts of clothing are not wanted as the need for it, though great, can be better supplied by officials who know the exact requirements. For this reason money only is being accepted. It has already been stated that the Canadian dollar will buy much more in many of the other countries.

Premier Jones in emphasizing the seriousness of the plight of the people of Holland said that there were 50,000 homeless as a result of the floods which inundated 350,000 acres of cultivated soil. It was estimated that the 143,000 homes in the area at least 10,000 had been completely destroyed.

Farmers of this Province can appreciate the extent of the damage done when the livestock losses are considered. The people of Holland lost 25,000 cattle, 20,000 pigs, 3,000 sheep, 1,500 horses and over 100,000 fowl. At the same time the farmers of the Netherlands are faced with a terrific problem in the loss of all their farm implements and machinery. From a list prepared by officials of that country it is apparent that farmers there will require everything from spades to combines, pruning shears to milking machines. Among food commodities required are 50,000 metric tons of wheat, 65,000 tons of feed grains and 100,000 tons of unrefined sugar.

A large quantity of gypsum will also be needed to desalinate the flooded land before it can be brought back into production. At the same time one of the great needs is for stables and cattle barns.

Premier Jones said that anyone wishing to aid in the work being done could leave a contribution at any bank as they have all agreed to handle this work and forward what is received to national headquarters.

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Gaps For Rivers

Gaps would be left between Voorne-Putten and the Hook of Holland and between Walcheren and the mainland to permit waters of the Rhine, Scheldt and other rivers to reach the sea and to give shipping free access to the rivers and canals.

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Coming Events

Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.

Year-Long American Embargo Ends

OTTAWA, (CP)—The United States, with a stroke of the pen, removed Canada's biggest economic headache Monday.

Exra Benson, U. S. agriculture secretary, signed a formal order in Washington, ending the year-long American embargo against Canadian livestock and meats and opening the door to the world's biggest meat market.

Reciprocity, Canada lifted import restrictions of her own, tinier market, but still maintained bans against American live hogs and raw pork because of health reasons.

Thus, the last chapter was written on the economic turbulence that followed the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in South Saskatchewan. The disease was officially announced Feb. 25, 1952, and stamped out Aug. 19, 1952.

Tells Opposition They May Name Mail Couriers

OTTAWA, (CP)—A Liberal member has told supporters of opposition groups in the Commons that they are welcome to appoint all the rural mail carriers in his constituency.

George Cruickshank, representative for the British Columbia constituency of Fraser Valley, said Monday that he would like to see made out of appointments of mail carriers.

"If a member appoints one man to the job he wins the votes of that family but loses the votes of 15 others who want the job," said Mr. Cruickshank.

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Explosion And Fire Cause Heavy Loss In Power Plant

By H. L. Jones
Canadian Press Staff Writer
PITZROY HARBOR, Ont., (CP)—An explosion and fire Monday disrupted the big, 220,000-horsepower Chats Falls hydro-electric power plant, leaving part of the \$20,000,000 development a smoking ruin of twisted girders, tumbled walls and smashed generators.

Staggering Loss

Officials blamed a technical fault in an oil circuit-breaker and said sabotage is not suspected. They declined to estimate damage but said it will be "staggering". Unofficial estimates ranged as high as \$5,000,000. No one was injured.

S. Luney, Ottawa area manager for the Ontario hydro-electric commission, said loss of the plant's 220,000 horsepower which ordinarily goes into a "power pool" feeding Southern Ontario, is a "big loss" but won't mean a power shortage. Steam plants will be worked harder to make up the difference.

Three of the plant's turbo-generators were buried under heaps of rubble. Another was believed damaged. The others are not working.

Ceiling on Imports

There was one other development Monday. A few hours after Mr. Benson signed the embargo-lifting order, President Eisenhower reimposed a ceiling on imports of (Continued on Page 5 Col. 6)

Two Russian Embassy Staff Members Shot At Rangoon

RANGOON, (AP)—Two members of the Russian embassy staff were shot and seriously wounded by a Burmese sentry early Monday when they entered a restricted Army area.

The incident turned a new spotlight on this Far Eastern section where Burma is nervously trying to get along with neighboring Red China, and with her Western friends. But there was official silence on all sides.

The Russians are Constantin Anikine, 36, embassy first secretary, and Dr. Barbizo, 33, also attached to the embassy.

Refused To Halt

They drove in an embassy automobile into the military area on the eastern side of Rangoon, well after midnight, police authorities said. The sentry three times ordered them to halt. Then he fired a burst from an automatic rifle.

Barbizo suffered wounds in his face, neck and right arm. Anikine was shot in the abdomen.

At a hospital a stocky Russian embassy official took up guard in the corridor to their special ward. He refused to let reporters speak to the wounded men and declined to answer questions himself.

Official Silence

At the Russian embassy second secretary Nicolai Statskevich refused to discuss the incident. To all questions, he replied: "Ask the Burmese police and foreign office."

The foreign office and police would give no further details. No official report has yet been received from the Russians, foreign office attaches said.

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Prominent S'side Business Man Passes

The late Mr. Baker

—The death occurred at the Prince County Hospital yesterday morning of Mr. Donald Baker, one of Summerside's most prominent business men, in his 67th year.

Death came after an illness of short duration and news of his passing came as a distinct shock to friends and business associates not only in Summerside but from every part of the province.

The late Mr. Baker was a man who held the esteem of people in all walks of life and of all creeds as well. His liberality to those in need and his ready assistance to those requiring aid was a by-word in the community.

Few were the local projects with which he was not connected.

R.C.A.F. Group Sailing For Europe This Week

OTTAWA, (CP)—Some 96 R.C.A.F. officers and airmen will sail from Halifax this week aboard the liner Scythia for duty with R.C.A.F. units overseas, air force headquarters announced Monday.

Most of the personnel are ground crew technicians who will begin preparations for the arrival of pilots and aircraft comprising Canada's No. 3 fighter wing to be stationed at Zweibrucken, Germany, who are scheduled to leave Canada this month.

Turkey Announces Record Budget

ANKARA, Turkey, (AP)—The Turkish Parliament has approved a record yearly budget of 2,127,000,000 lira, about \$760,000,000 with 40 per cent going for defence spending. United States and United Kingdom defence expenditures here to more than 1,800,000,000 lira, \$648,000,000.

Entertainer Chokes On Egg

POTTSVILLE, Pa., (AP)—A part-time entertainer choked to death attempting to prove he could hold four unshelled eggs in his mouth.

Deputy Coroner Ryland Lord, listing the death of Hobart Heckman, 59, as accidental, gave this verdict of what happened:

Heckman was in a restaurant Saturday night when someone challenged his claim that he could place four eggs in his mouth without cracking the shells.

Four hardboiled eggs, unshelled, were obtained and Heckman popped them into his mouth. He choked when one of the eggs slipped into his throat.

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C.C.F. Says Go To People With Budget Issue

OTTAWA, (CP)—Ross Thatcher, outspoken CCF member for Moose Jaw, challenged the federal government Monday to fight an immediate election on its 1953-54 budget.

Speaking during continued debate on the budget, Mr. Thatcher said the Canadian people is "angry and restless" under "oppressive" taxation.

"When tax relief is needed," he said, "the government continues on its greatest spending spree in history."

Too Long In Office

"The government has been too long in office. It is encumbered by deadwood and hangs on. Waste and extravagance have reached scandalous proportions."

The government should resign, not next August or October, but now.

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Vishinsky Blasts U. S. Govt. And Far East Policy

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., (AP)—Andrei Vishinsky lashed at the U.S. Republican party and its Asian policies Monday with the charge that it is not pursuing a policy for the strengthening of peace but rather the reverse. He said the Eisenhower administration wants to use the Asians as "cannon fodder."

The Soviet foreign minister told the U.N. political committee that the only way to end the Korean conflict is to accept the Communist terms for an armistice. U.S. delegate Henry Cabot Lodge promptly rejected Vishinsky's proposal.

Canadian Jet Airliner Crashes In Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan, (AP)—A Comet jet airliner owned by Canadian Pacific Airlines crashed on takeoff at Karachi airport early Tuesday, killing 11 persons. The crash occurred at 3:30 a.m.

A crew of five and six passengers were aboard the plane. The plane left London Monday on its way to Sydney, Australia, to start trans-Pacific flights to Canada.

The five Canadian crew members were: C. N. Tentland, C. Sawle, P. D. Roy, J. R. Cooke, J. A. Smith.

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Claims Inequalities In Mail Courier Contracts

OTTAWA, March 2 (Special)—An appeal to Postmaster-General Cote to rectify inequalities in the present scale of rural mail contracts in Queen's County was made in the Commons today by W. Chester S. McLure, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's.

Mr. McLure was concerned with the proposal in the Post Office Act amendments to give the Postmaster-General the right to settle all contracts for less than \$1,000. He felt that before deciding on the \$1,000 ceiling, the Postmaster-General would have to take borderline mail contracts into consideration.

In Queen's County, Mr. McLure said, there are a number which should be stepped up beyond the \$1,000 figure.

At present, he noted, some 75 or 80 of the 106 rural mail contracts in Queen's are below the \$1,000 mark.

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Answers Charges

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Dawson	86	6
Victoria	34	42
Edmonton	12	30
Calgary	1	26
Regina	6	16
Winnipeg	2	22
Toronto	8	22
Ottawa	1b	18
Montreal	2	17
Quebec	2b	20
Saint John	8	25
Monoton	7	27
Halifax	3	32
Charlottetown	15	24
Sydney	20	31
Yarmouth	14	23
St. John's, Nfld.	25	

HALIFAX, (CP)—The weather will remain clear and cold in the Maritimes Tuesday, the Weather Office says.

Regional forecasts:
Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness with light snowfalls; Little temperature change, light northerly winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 15 and 25.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:20 A.M. and 12:36 P.M. High tide on the North Shore at 7:16 A.M. and 7