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WELCOMED IN LEBANON

Turbulent Emir Magid Arslan, cabinet member in Lebanon's pro-western government, smiled as he welcomed New Zealand's Lt. Col. Maurice Brown at his home in Khalde, Lebanon, Thursday. Brown was one of five UN officers who arrived in Lebanon from Israel to begin setting up machinery to supervise Lebanon's border with Syria. This was in accordance with resolution from the UN Security Council. Man in center is unidentified. (AP Wirephoto)

Lebanon Calls For U.N. Troops To Guard Borders

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon's embattled government decided Tuesday to call for United Nations troops to guard its borders as new fighting broke out in Beirut, shattering two days of calm. Health Minister Albert Mokheiber, liaison officer between the government and the UN watchdog team in Lebanon, said the government needs enough troops to seal off the Syrian border and the Mediterranean coast from infiltrators. The government charges that arms and men from President Nasser's United Arab Republic are slipping into Lebanon to help the rebel war against the pro-Western regime of President Camille Chamoun. Presumably the Lebanese request for troops will be made to UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld when he arrives here today. Chamoun's government apparently has abandoned its belief that UN observer teams will act as a deterrent to the U.A.R. It now wants a UN force similar to that policing the frontier between the Egyptian-run Gaza Strip and Israel.

Parents Overjoyed As Son Is Returned Safe

OTTAWA (CP)—Reunited here with his overjoyed parents three days after being kidnapped, 2½-year-old Joel Reitman of Montreal headed with them for home in a Quebec Provincial Police cruiser at 7 p.m. Tuesday night. Just 1½ hours after Cyril Reitman, 29, and his 25-year-old wife, Dorothy, had hugged their only child with unshed tears they sped homeward to reassure the youngster's worried grandfather that Joel really is in good shape. A telephone call from the home of Lawrence Slover, Ottawa relative in whose residence the reunion was effected, had been unable to persuade wealthy Sam Reitman that Joel was fine. Grand-dad wanted to see him, and soon. The cruiser, with escort, was due in Montreal about 9:30 p.m. The boy disappeared from his home Saturday along with his nursemaid, Gretta Goede, 46, who is still missing. A ransom note left behind demanded \$10,000 for the safe return of the child and said the maid also was taken by the kidnappers. Following instructions in the note, the parents left the ransom money Monday at a downtown Montreal bus terminal. It was untouched. Police, meanwhile, stepped up efforts to trace a blonde woman appearing to be between 35 and 40, who turned the boy over to an Ottawa taxi driver and his wife Monday. When the police cruiser that drove the Reitmans to Ottawa reached the Slovers' home at 5:45 p.m., the boy's father had dashed on ahead of his wife to clasp the child in his arms. Mrs. Reitman, crowded by reporters and photographers, hugged her son seconds later when she finally made her way into the Slovers' living-room.

Drapeau Attempts To Nullify Sale Of Quebec Gas System

MONTREAL (CP) — The provincial electricity board Tuesday asked to nullify the sale of the gas distributing system of the Quebec Hydro to the Quebec National Gas Corporation. The demand was made by Jean Drapeau, former mayor of Montreal and now head of the Civic Action League, at the opening of hearings on application by the corporation for approval of a sale for natural gas. Mr. Drapeau, acting as counsel for the CAL which backed him in a majority vote, also asked that an "inquiry in the fullest sense of the word" be made into the financial structure of the corporation and of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd. The two requests were contained in a written submission to the board and there was no immediate comment on them.

France Takes Step To Cure Big Headache In Tunisia

PARIS (Reuters) — The two-week-old government of Premier Charles de Gaulle Tuesday took a step forward in curing one of its major diplomatic headaches. It was announced in Tunisia Tuesday night that France has agreed to withdraw all its armed troops from Tunisia with the exception of the air and naval base at Bizerte. Under the agreement, French troops outside Bizerte — numbering about 7,000 men — will be withdrawn in four months. A Tunisian army blockade against these troops will be lifted immediately. France and Tunisia have been blockaded in their camps since French bombers raided a Tunisian village last February in an attack claimed to be directed against Algerian nationalist rebels. Diplomatic relations between France and Tunisia were all but broken off as a result of the attack and Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba demanded complete withdrawal of French forces.

TAX CUTS TISSUE-THIN

Spending, Deficit Soar To Peacetime Records

At Least 14 Die In Collapse Of \$16 Million Bridge In B.C.

VANCOUVER (CP) — At least 14 workmen were killed late Tuesday afternoon in the collapse of two sections of a new \$16,000,000 bridge across Burrard Inlet here. The city coroner's office said 14 bodies were recovered and the search was continuing. Twelve men were taken to Vancouver General Hospital with injuries and at least another seven to North Vancouver Hospital. Only seven of the dead had been identified. Construction officials and police were busy preparing a list of those on the bridge at the time to help in the search for bodies. "It's all up in the air, but it's terrible," said staff inspector James I. Mundie. Workmen atop the bridge and on a lower framework under the unfinished span were hurled into the water or crushed by tons of falling steel. Witnesses said 10 bodies were taken from the water. Skindivers plunged 40 feet under the surface in search of other bodies while large and small craft milled about among the wreckage, pulling injured and dead from the water. North Vancouver General Hospital was put on emergency basis to handle the injured. Ambulances swarmed across an old bridge that the new span, called the Second Narrows Bridge, was designed to replace. The bridge was to connect Vancouver with suburbs on the north shore. THUNDEROUS ROAR Witnesses heard a "thunderous roar" and saw one section tumble. The cement piling holding up another section was pulled away and the other section, also collapsed. The bridge's two miles of six-lane roadway under construction for more than two years had almost been completed. Between 25 and 40 men were understood to have been working on the two portions that collapsed. A giant crane hoisting steel framework from a lower separate platform to the bridge, some 210 feet high at its highest point, toppled into the water. Injured men, some with broken limbs and crushed bodies, were seen thrashing in the water before being picked up. One worker, Don Mitchell, said he rode the first section down. He described it as "happening so quickly that there was little sensation of fear." John Wolf suffered burned hands when he slid 60 feet down a rope in a vain effort to help a friend. GATE BRIDGE, THE longest suspension bridge in the Commonwealth. At the peak of construction of the new bridge, some 300 men were employed by the bridge contractors. HAZARDOUS LOCATION At the start of construction engineers stressed that the location at the narrows was particularly hazardous for control of caissons and floating equipment. The bridge, designed for six-lane highway traffic, is five miles east of downtown Vancouver. Two hundred feet high at the over-water spans, the structure, including approaches, was to be almost two miles long. Attorney-General Robert Bonner announced the appointment of Chief Justice Sherwood Lett of the B.C. Supreme Court to inquire into the tragedy.



HON. MR. FLEMING

Highlights Of Budget

OTTAWA (CP)— Highlights of Finance Minister Fleming's budget speech: No change in personal or corporation income tax rates. Budget deficit for 1958 - \$9 peacetime record of \$648,000,000 compared with \$39,400,000 last year. Minor tax cuts total \$8,000,000 for remainder of current year, \$26,000,000 in full year. Peacetime record expenditures of \$5,300,000,000 and revenues falling to \$4,652,000,000 forecast. Government to borrow an estimated \$1,400,000,000 in new money this year to cover budget deficit and federal loans. Tax-deductible medical expenses to include prescription medicines, spectacles, diagnosis, effective immediately. No changes in tax on automobiles, tobacco products, liquor, radio and TV sets. Tax deductibility of charitable gifts by corporations doubled to maximum 10 per cent of income, effective Jan. 1, 1958. Once-in-a-lifetime gift tax exemption on real estate transfers of up to \$10,000 between husband and wife, or farmer and child, effective this year. Canadian tourists abroad allowed to bring back after July 1 duty-free purchases of up to \$300 a year, lumping in one trip present allowance of \$100 every four months. Tax deductibility provided for husband paying for support of wife or dependent children under court order. Emergency gold mining assistance boosted by 25 per cent to about \$12,000,000 annually, starting with 1958. Excise tax of 20 per cent on advertising in special Canadian editions of non-Canadian periodicals repealed, effective immediately. Period for claiming tax refunds extended to four from two years from end of taxation year. Tariffs on imports of wool cloth from Britain boosted from present 50 cents a pound to 55 and 60, effective immediately. Government to tighten anti-dumping laws sharply. Tariffs revised upwards and downwards on basic iron and steel, pipes and tubes, zinc and other products. Municipalities given \$5,000,000 annual relief from 10-per-cent sales tax on some purchases, effective immediately. Additional farm and building materials exempted from sales tax, effective immediately. Interest on tax overpayments increased to three from two per cent, effective 1958 tax year.

Seeks Balance Slump, Inflation

OTTAWA (CP)—Tissue-thin tax shaving and record peacetime spending aimed against the recession marked Finance Minister Fleming's first full budget Thursday night. No basic changes in tax rates were made as the minister presented the Commons with a forecast \$648,000,000 deficit for the current fiscal year—also a peacetime high—and spread around a multitude of minor tax relief items. The cuts added up to \$8,000,000 for the remainder of the year that started April 1 and to \$26,000,000 for a full year. They followed \$178,000,000-a-year reductions effected by the Progressive Conservative government last December. There were no tax increases of significance. There were no changes in the taxes on such major items as automobiles, tobacco products, liquor, radios and TV sets. Personal and corporation income taxes—the big breadwinners—remained essentially intact. NEW DEDUCTIONS In the income tax field, Mr. Fleming granted tax deductibility for amounts paid by a husband for the support of a wife or dependent children under a court order. Interest on tax overpayments was increased to three per cent from two, starting with the 1958 tax year. The period for claiming tax refunds was extended to four years from two, effective now and the period dating from the end of a taxation year. Corporations were granted tax deductibility up to a maximum 10 per cent of income—instead of the present five—effective Jan. 1, 1958 on charitable gifts. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Man Wanted In P.E.I. Gov't Funds Case Is Arrested

TORONTO (CP)—Louis Frederick McMurrer, 36, former Prince Edward Island civil servant and one of the RCMP's most-wanted men, was arrested Monday night in Huntsville, Ont., where he had been working with a construction company. McMurrer disappeared from Charlottetown more than a year ago. He was charged with absconding with about \$15,000 in provincial government funds and a government-owned automobile. Inspector W. G. Fraser, chief of the RCMP Criminal Investigation Branch here, said RCMP from P.E.I. were due in Toronto Tuesday night to take McMurrer back. His activities since his disappearance May 1957 have not yet been traced. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE McMurrer was employed in Charlottetown as manager of the duplicating branch of the department of the provincial secretary. Inspector Fraser said McMurrer was charged with falsifying invoices and orders for supplies to fictitious firms. It was also alleged he picked up and cashed cheques issued by the provincial treasury and refused to deliver property. Ontario Provincial Police traced McMurrer and notified the RCMP in Toronto. He was brought to Toronto to await an escort back to the island. He was added to the "most-wanted" list last February. Inspector E.L. Martin, Officer Commanding "L" Division of the R.C.M.P. said last night that he had dispatched Sergeant Donald S. Davis and Constable W.J.R. MacDonald of the Charlottetown Detachment to pick up the prisoner. They left Charlottetown on a regular MCA flight yesterday and are expected back in a couple of days.



L. F. McMURRER

British Government Delays Disclosing Plan For Cyprus

LONDON (CP) — The British government Tuesday postponed disclosure of its plan for the political future of Cyprus until Thursday at the request of Paul-Henri Spaak, Atlantic pact secretary-general. Macmillan explained to a silent House of Commons that he took the step to give Britain's allies in NATO time "to see what help they can give in the work of conciliation." Labor Leader Hugh Gaitskill accepted the delay. The prime minister did not specify the exact form of NATO's conciliation, saying merely: "It would be wiser to leave that task for the moment to those nations willing to undertake it."

10,000 N.S. Coal Miners Are Hit By Work Cutback

MONTREAL (CP)—The Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation announced Tuesday that it has been forced by market conditions to reduce its work schedule for the next several months. The production cutbacks will affect about 10,000 Nova Scotia miners. Sufficient markets have not been found for Dosco's surplus production. A company spokesman said that the 1,400,000 tons of coal now stored above ground in Nova Scotia is by far the largest stockpile in Dosco's history. "The management has attempted every possible remedy, including search for export markets, intensive sales efforts in all parts of Eastern Canada, and a continuing study into new uses for coal. Full employment has been maintained in all pits for a considerable period despite exceedingly large banks in the hope that increased sales could be made. "Unfortunately this has not proven possible and it is now necessary that operations be curtailed. Plans are being worked out designed to cause the least hardship to the colliery workers, and employees will be advised in the next few days how the various operations will be affected. "It is regretted that the collieries will probably have to be on short time for the next several months but normal operations will be resumed as soon as possible."

Opposition Financial Critic Pins On Label "Sick Budget"

OTTAWA (CP)—William Bendickson, opposition financial critic, Tuesday night pinned the label "sick budget" on Finance Minister Fleming's first formal budget. The minister, he said after Mr. Fleming completed his budget speech in the Commons, "offered very little anti-inflationary medicine for a sick budget." He said Mr. Fleming had introduced some harmony—a blue lily, a blue carnation and blue clothing. "We certainly have a blue budget," Mr. Bendickson said. "We have more than a blue budget, we have a sick budget." The Liberal financial critic, former parliamentary assistant for finance, said Mr. Fleming had broken new records in his budget: in the size of the deficit—\$648,000,000; a new peak in peacetime spending. But there was one record, Mr. Fleming had not broken. The only thing that had not been changed was the Conservative record of not introducing a budget with a surplus since 1913. Tax deductibility provided for husband paying for support of wife or dependent children under court order. Emergency gold mining assistance boosted by 25 per cent to about \$12,000,000 annually, starting with 1958. Excise tax of 20 per cent on advertising in special Canadian editions of non-Canadian periodicals repealed, effective immediately. Period for claiming tax refunds extended to four from two years from end of taxation year. Tariffs on imports of wool cloth from Britain boosted from present 50 cents a pound to 55 and 60, effective immediately. Government to tighten anti-dumping laws sharply. Tariffs revised upwards and downwards on basic iron and steel, pipes and tubes, zinc and other products. Municipalities given \$5,000,000 annual relief from 10-per-cent sales tax on some purchases, effective immediately. Additional farm and building materials exempted from sales tax, effective immediately. Interest on tax overpayments increased to three from two per cent, effective 1958 tax year.

Manitoba Premier Ponders Next Move Following Vote

WINNIPEG (CP)—Premier D. L. Campbell Tuesday was studying the situation created by Monday's election in which the Progressive Conservative party won 26 of the legislature's 57 seats, not enough to form a majority government. The Liberal-Progressive Premier told reporters after meeting five members of his cabinet that the study would take all day. He gave no indication when an announcement about his plans would be made. His party won 19 seats. The CCF more than doubles its representation of five seats in the last House with 11 seats and there was one independent. Progressive Conservative Leader Duff Roblin was expected to become premier. UP TO CAMPBELL However, the first move was up to Premier Campbell and the opposition chiefs indicated that they knew no more about his plans than anyone else. CCF Leader Lloyd Stinson said: "I suppose the usual thing is for the man with the largest group to be called upon to form a government. In that case the premier would have to resign but he does not have to make that decision." Mr. Campbell could continue in power until his government was defeated in a vote in the legislature. Mr. Roblin said that operation of a minority government would mean "some tricky infield fighting." None of the party leaders indicated any desire to form a coalition with another group. Final Canadian Press standing compared with the standing after the last election: 1958 1959 Prog.-Cons. 26 12 Lib.-Prog. 19 32 CCF 11 5 Social Credit 9 2 Independent 1 4 Ind.-Cons. 0 1 Lab.-P. 0 1 Total 57 57 The result left Liberal government intact in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island. It brought the Conservatives back from 2 years in the political wilderness in Manitoba in the first test of political strength among the major parties since the March 2 federal election.

CRIPPLED GIRL HERO

MONTREAL (CP)—Gillian Salmon, 7, her right leg paralyzed by polio, saved her three-year-old brother Anthony from drowning in a swimming pool at nearby St. Hubert Monday. The girl threw her brother a life preserver when he tumbled in and jumped after it, pulling him to safety.