

### Malan Seeking Control of Three Protectorates

CAPETOWN, May 25 — (AP) — Prime Minister Daniel Malan of South Africa announced his government will press a demand that Britain turn over to it three African protectorates—a move that may touch off another major row in this race-conscious country.

Malan said in a policy statement to the senate that he will ask support in next year's general elections for a formal petition to Brit-

ain's Privy Council calling for the incorporation of Basutoland, Swaziland and Bechuanaland into the territory of the Union of South Africa.

The three protectorates, all bordering or surrounded by the Union of South Africa, total 292,430 square miles and have a population of about 1,042,000.

Malan claims that Britain promised 42 years ago—at the birth of the South African Union—to turn over the territories to it.

The attitude of successive Labor and Conservative governments in London is that Britain pledged not to change the status of the three territories without first consulting the native inhabitants.

Negros of the three territories are against joining up with South

Africa, fearing this country's strict race laws.

**BARNESLEY, England** —(CP)— When a young couple advertised for a baby-sitter in this Yorkshire city they added that "television and transport home" would be provided. They received 250 applicants which took them four days to examine.

**LONDON** —(CP)— ment officials used metal ingots weighing 88 tons to demolish a foot-bridge leading to the south bank site of last year's Festival of Britain. The slender-looking bridge had been designed to carry a top load of about 38 tons.

### Island Odds And Ends

The vitality of horse-racing in this Province has always been maintained to a great extent by the country race tracks. While tracks like Covehead, St. Peter's, and others stay in business, the fabric of the game should remain strong hereabouts. It is good to know that these old-fashioned ovals have again advertised summer meets. These Wednesday afternoon cards staged in a rural setting have always been popular with Island people, and are a good build-up for the annual exhibition meet in August.

Very welcome too is the announcement that the town of Summerside is exercising its long-held option of holding races on Dominion Day. It has been traditional that the progressive western capital play hosts to horse-owners and horse-lovers on this anniversary, and it is a date looked forward to by many people.

For those whose work routine is confining, and who enjoy a change of scenery the car-ride to Summerside, or to some rural track is almost as enjoyable as the racing. They see the best as it is best and return home with fresh impressions of its productive beauty. New surroundings, a little excitement, and the comradre of trackside under Island summer skies, provides the right mixture for a mental and physical cocktail.

For some years now, buses and trucks have been taking over a share of the transportation business in this Province. It was inevitable that they should do so, since our small compact Island, well covered with highways, lends itself admirably to motor driven vehicles. This is true of the summer months only and not in winter.

There is nothing new therefore in the C. N. R. proposal to provide a truck and bus service, except that the Government-owned railway will organize the traffic, and on a more ambitious scale than formerly. With the resources Mr. Donald Gordon has at his disposal, and the know-how derived from handling continent-wide transportation problems, the C. N. R. should be able to do a good job of modernizing Island freight and passenger movements.

Those opposed to the C. N. R. proposals see the danger of monopoly in the scheme, but it is hard to follow this line of reasoning. Hundreds of farmers and many private companies do their own trucking at present and will doubtless continue to do so, whether the C. N. R. proposal is adopted or discarded.

Strikes? Labor stoppages on the C. N. do not occur very frequently. The most recent one, which occurred about two years ago was the first in many years. It can't be guaranteed that a strike won't occur sometime, since Canada is a signatory to the United Charter, which sets forth fundamental human rights. One of these is the right of labor to organize. Like the medical association, the manufacturers' association and many other groups, the railroaders are organized to protect their common welfare.

When Daylight Saving was up for discussion in this Province, a majority of people seemed against the idea of putting the clock ahead, and no great harm was done in arriving at this decision. The transportation question is another matter altogether. In the opinion of many people, the rejection of the C. N. R. plan would mean stopping the clock—temporarily. Temporarily because the people of the Island have long complained about our small-paced inconvenient passenger and freight service. They will hardly continue indefinitely to refuse an offer to speed things up to modern standards.

"Bill" McLellan, known to many trout fishermen as "the man in charge of boats" at Whitlock's Pond, is back at the pond, recovering, after an operation in the King's County Hospital, Montague. Bill will be back on the job in about two weeks. An attack of hiccups after the operation bothered him a few days after the operation. Bill claims to have cured the attack by smoking a pipe of very strong tobacco for an hour. A new medical discovery?

The company which tendered successfully on the reconstruction of Charlottetown streets, is understood to be securing a site on Mt. Edward Road for the erection of its asphalt plant. The plant to be used is said to be the one now located on the Georgetown highway near Roseneath Station. Members of the street committee of the City Council believe this plant will be dismantled and moved to the Mt. Edward Road location in the next few weeks.

Just by way of variety two young English farm laborers are expected to arrive in the Province this week. They will replace two Dutch immigrants, whose placement on Island farms has been arranged. These will be the first farm laborers from the British Isles to come this way in a considerable period.

Georgetown is sharing in the general spring bustle. Two lobster factories are in operation giving employment to many of the town's residents. Both canneries, one under the management of Mr. Wm. Martell, and the other by Mr. C. H. Llewellyn, are having a very good season. Fishermen sailing out of Georgetown have the advantage of a well-protected, easily entered natural harbor, a much appreciated asset earlier in the month when north winds made fishing—particularly on the north side of the Province—a hazardous job. Pleasantly situated as it is Georgetown is more a port of call for many tourists, now that the paved highway has been extended to the eastern town. It should have many more visitors in days to come, with an enticing piece of smooth asphalt replacing the six miles of secondary roadway, which formerly faced car drivers headed in that direction.

There is less construction work

under way in Charlottetown than was the case in 1951. It would be very timely if the new Federal building was in process of building at this time. Strangely enough very few construction tradesmen or laborers are out of work, and good laborers are not easily obtainable at the present time. At the National Employment Office applications for employment on file have melted away. Some college students, who have just ended the college term, and a small number of older workers make up a small total of the unemployed men.

There is a pronounced shortage of female help, particularly of girls for restaurant workers. Good stenographers are also in demand and not at all plentiful. Practically all of the student graduates from the Commerce Department of Prince of Wales College have been quickly picked up by business houses.

### New Allied Truce Negotiator Takes Over

**MUNSAN, Korea, May 25** —(Friday)—(AP) — Maj.-Gen. William Harrison, Jr., took over today as top man of the Allied Armistice team, a serene soldier who says of Communist negotiators: "Let 'em rant and rave."

Negotiations resume at 11 a.m. (10 p.m. EDT Thursday).

Harrison succeeded Vice-Admiral C. Turner Joy, who gave the Communists a party verbal volley Thursday and a tremendous scare.

After Joy finished his remarks, he stalked from the truce tent at Panmunom. Harrison and the Harrison walked over and handed other Allied negotiators stood up in his credentials.

### Diefenbaker May Seek Eastern Seat

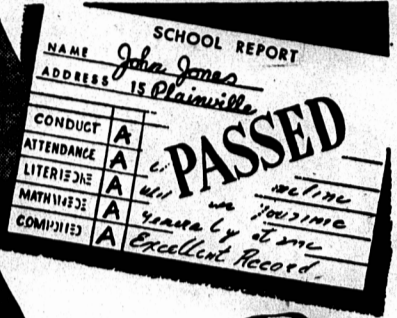
**REGINA, May 25** —(CP)— The Leader-Post says in a newspaper story today that reports are circulating that John Diefenbaker, Progressive Conservative member of parliament for Lake Centre, may contest an Eastern Canada riding in the next federal election.

The paper says several factors support reports that Saskatchewan's only Progressive Conservative member may seek an Eastern seat. It says one factor is the possible merging of the Moose Jaw City and Lake Centre federal constituencies. Another is the possibility of Mr. Diefenbaker's seeking an Eastern seat to give him a better chance at acquiring national leadership of the party.

The Leader-Post says Mr. Diefenbaker's recent speeches in Eastern Canada in connection with the May 26 by-elections "might be partially aimed at making him better known in the East".

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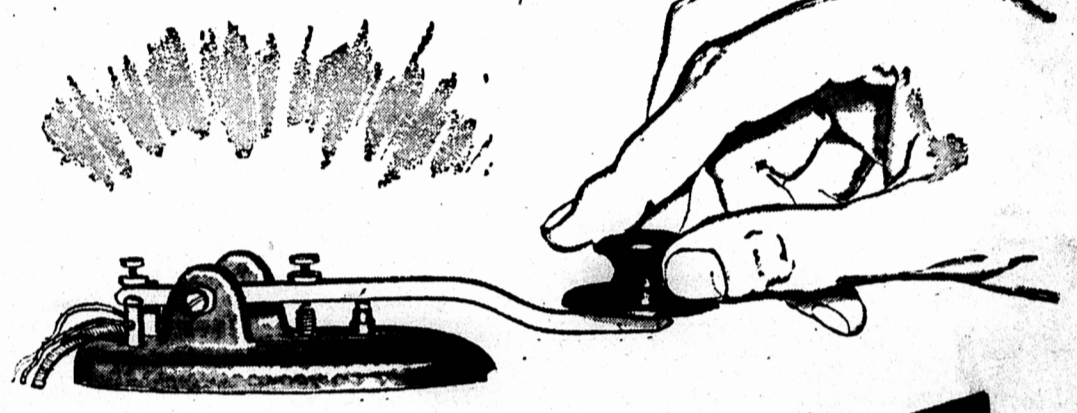
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