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## FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE ON DISEASE PROMISED

### 100 Dead, 200 Injured In Brazilian Train Wreck

**Snow, Bitter Cold Heaps Misery On Quake Victims; Not A Major Disaster**

By John Randolph

TOKYO, March 5—(Wednesday)—Snow and bitter cold heaped misery on homeless thousands in Northern Japan Tuesday night and early today in the wake of one of the heaviest earthquakes of the century.

A terrifying pattern of tidal waves, collapsing homes, derailed trains, great earth cracks, and swamped fishing villages, it appeared the death toll would be amazingly light.

The latest official U. S. army estimate of dead stood at 11. Twenty dead and 170 injured were reported by Japanese police.

The almost complete collapse of communications in the hardest-hit areas some 550 miles north of Tokyo delayed an accurate count of casualties.

However, the area is relatively lightly-populated, citizens are wise to the ways of earthquakes. And a warning service spread the tidal wave alarm. Most Japanese along the coast took to their heels at the first violent shock Tuesday morning.

Waves 10 feet high still were sweeping in this morning along the southeast coast of Hokkaido at 15-minute intervals.

Five Trains Derailed

Five railroad trains were reported derailed and one overturned on track knocked out of alignment by the heaving earth. All were freight trains. Nine road and rail bridges were wrecked.

Initial reports estimated 1,300 homes destroyed or badly damaged.

A coal mine partly collapsed near the port city of Kushiro, on Southeast Hokkaido, with a population of 68,000.

Eleven fires broke out in Kushiro. Fourteen villages were inundated and fishing craft swept to sea.

However, an army spokesman for the Japan logistical command disaster centre at Sapporo, capital of Hokkaido, said the quake "is apparently not a major disaster."

It did not approach the disastrous 1923 Tokyo earthquake which cost 150,000 casualties. Tokyo itself was not hit.

Restoration of electric power, telephone and rail communications was not expected on any large scale for 12 to 24 hours.

### Worst Disaster In History Of Country

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 4—(CP)—A freak train wreck on a bridge over the flooded Pavuna River killed 100 persons and injured about 200 today.

As two electric trains approached at 50 miles an hour from opposite ends of the bridge, three wooden coaches of one train derailed, swinging across the tracks of the other and were sheared into kindling wood.

It was the worst train disaster in Brazil's history.

Men, women and children perished in the collision, which occurred near Anchieta, 20 miles from here. Some of the dead were swept away in the swirling river. Others were strewn about the wreckage, or dangled from the shattered bridge.

One of the survivors, a former soldier, said the disaster scene reminded him of a battlefield in Italy during the Second World War.

Describes Accident

The toll was announced by the government-owned Central Do Brazil Railway. A spokesman for the line gave this account:

A wooden coach train left the Brazilian capital at 9:30 a. m., bound for Juiz de Fora, in the state of Minas Geras 100 miles north of Rio de Janeiro.

Seventeen minutes later a crowded commuter train left Nova Iguaçu, 36 miles from the capital.

The two trains thundered onto the Pavuna River bridge at the same time. As they neared each other at the centre of the bridge, three cars of the coach train jumped the track.

The commuter plowed through the sides of the wooden cars.

Joao Santos, a laborer bound for work aboard the commuter, said: "It was like opening a sardine can. I saw bodies being decapitated and others horribly mutilated."

Several bodies, pierced by big wooden splinters, fell into the river.

The Rev. Basilio Tavares, a Roman Catholic priest from Anchieta, administered last rites to about 50 of the victims.

Brazil's last big train wreck occurred Dec. 17. A passenger train derailed near Piquet, about 1,500 miles north of this city, killing 36 persons.

### Living Costs Dropped Slightly In January

OTTAWA, March 4—(CP)—Living costs dropped during January for the second time in three months.

The decrease—seven-tenths of a point—was the biggest monthly point decline in nine years.

Overbalanced by lower prices for some food items as well as home furnishings and clothing, the cost-of-living index on Feb. 1 declined to 190.8 from its peak of 191.5 on Jan. 2, the Bureau of Statistics reported today. The index is based on 1935-39 prices equalling 100.

Last November, for the first time in 23 months, the index showed signs of weakening but the drop was only a tiny one-tenth of a point—the smallest the index can register. It slipped to 191.1 on Dec. 1 from 191.2 on Nov. 1. During December it rose by two-fifths of a point to a new high of 191.5.

Bureau officials said the decline reported today was the biggest point drop since December, 1944, when the index fell 1.7 points to 117.1 from 118.8.

The biggest point increase in the index was a hefty 4.5 points recorded during February, 1951, when the price barometer climbed to 179.7 from 172.5.

During last January prices declined for eggs, beef, pork, lard, shortening, men's woollen apparel, wool blankets and soap.

These outweighed price costs for butter, cheese, fresh fruits and vegetables, laundry and telephone rates, as well as health costs, barbers' fees and electricity and coke in some centres.

The Bureau estimated that from August, 1939, to February, 1952, the index has climbed by 89.3 per cent.

While some retail prices appeared to be on the wane, the Bureau also noted further weakening in wholesale prices.

The index for 30 industrial material wholesale prices declined by 9.7 points to 289.6 for the week of Feb. 22 from 279.3 for the week of Jan. 25.

Prices declined for steers, hogs, oats, raw rubber, raw cotton, raw wool, beef hides, white lead, zinc and copper. Since February, 1951, the index fell 33.8 points or 11.1 per cent.

Farm products also were lower. Wool, livestock and eggs in Eastern Canada declined, along with barley and potatoes, pushing the farm products index down to 247.0—a 13.5-point drop from 260.5. The wholesale index also is based on 1935-39 prices equalling 100.

### Gardiner Says Will Be Called Soon As Possible

OTTAWA, March 4—(CP)—Agriculture Minister Gardiner announced tonight that a Federal-Provincial conference will be called at the "earliest possible" date to discuss ways to deal with problems involving the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in South Saskatchewan.

He told the Commons the conference will be called as soon as he is in a position to prove to Provincial Agriculture Ministers that Federal-Government steps to prevent the spread of the disease are effective.

He spoke after John Diefenbaker (PC-Lake Centre) said the Provinces should be brought together at the earliest possible moment so they could agree on a common course of action which could be carried out as a Federal policy.

Every effort, said Mr. Diefenbaker, must be made to prevent the balkanization of Canada as a result of the outbreak. He had no criticism of various provinces for banning imports of meat and livestock from Saskatchewan and Alberta. Somebody had to act and they had simply acted at least partly to protect themselves against the delays by the federal authorities.

Elements of Disaster

But a continuation of the embargo by the Provinces contained the elements of national disaster.

The discussion occurred at the Commons, setting aside its regular business for the second successive day, dealt with legislation to compensate farmers for livestock, buildings, grain or equipment destroyed to stem the dreaded outbreak.

Mr. Diefenbaker gave notice of two amendments. One would make it clear that farmers are to receive the "economic value" of their animals at the time of the outbreak. The other would make it clear that the compensation would be in addition to that already provided for in the Contagious Diseases Act.

Mr. Gardiner said the amendments could be considered at a later stage.

As for a Federal-Provincial conference, "naturally we will be doing as much of that as possible and as soon as possible."

He had stated last night that he was going to Saskatchewan Friday. (Continued on Page 5 Col. 1)

### Extension Of Island Dragger Operations Likely This Year

It is reported unofficially that sometime in April, an island-owned dragger will scout the waters north of Cape Breton, and adjacent to the Magdalen Islands in an effort to locate the early spring schooling grounds of haddock, cod, and other marketable fish. The dragger may also carry equipment with which to fish the tasty and highly commercial Rose fish, or sea perch which is always a good seller on the American market.

The areas which will be explored are beyond the reach or range of small near-shore fishing craft, and have not been seriously investigated in many years.

Any worthwhile discoveries will be highly advantageous to the growing fleet of Island draggers, which will total five this spring and possibly eight in late summer. All of the Island owned draggers will once more be based at Souris, where considerable development and extension is being made to the fish handling facilities of the Eastern Fisheries, and the Eastern Cold Storage. Eastern Fisheries is once more—as it did last year—enlarging and improving its fish-processing building located on the Company's Wharf. Up town Eastern Cold Storage space is being greatly enlarged to keep step with the expected increase in fish landings, because of the upswing in the number of modern draggers.

The enterprising Eastern Fisheries Company of Souris which brought expert fish handlers to the Province last year from Gloucester, to instruct its employees

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Will He Grasp Power? If Gen. Charles De Gaulle's right-wing party should step into the breach left by the resignation of Premier Edgar Faure's five-week-old government, NATO supporters fear that De Gaulle, above, would do his utmost to oppose not only Western German rearmament but also the creation of a European union. Faure's was the 16th French government since World War II.

### U. S. Invites Probe On Germ War Charges

WASHINGTON, March 4—(AP)—State Secretary Dean Acheson today challenged the Communists to submit to impartial investigation of their charges that United Nations forces are waging germ warfare in Korea.

In a statement Acheson denounced the charges as "nonsense" and "entirely false." He added:

"When similar charges were fabricated in the past, we made it clear that we would welcome an impartial investigation by an international agency such as the International Committee of the Red Cross."

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### Totalitarian Menace Stressed In Robertson Memorial Lecture

The menace of Communism in the field of education was emphasized in a striking address delivered at Prince of Wales College last night by Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, President of Acadia University. Dr. Kirkconnell's address was the third in the annual series of Samuel N. Robertson Memorial Lectures and was heard by a large and appreciative audience. Taking for his theme "Totalitarian Education," the speaker cited chapter after chapter from Communist authorities for his statements.

Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College, welcomed the guests who included His Honor Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse, Premier J. Walter Jones, and Mrs. Robertson, widow of the late Dr. Robertson in whose honor the lecture series was instituted. Mayor J. D. Stewart, who was unable to be present, was represented by City Councillor George Keefe.

Dr. MacKinnon paid warm tribute to the late Dr. Robertson, portraying him as a great Canadian whom all remember with pride and gratitude, a great teacher who not only inspired his own students, but who left a rich heritage for future generations. He said there were teachers "who are an abiding influence and presence in the minds of those whom they taught. These do rare and lasting service to their time and generation, and their works live after them. That is our tribute to Dr. Robertson."

He said that the late Dr. Robertson was one of this Province's greatest educationalists. A graduate of Prince of Wales College and Dalhousie University, he had faithfully served Prince of Wales as its principal for 36 years.

Following Dr. MacKinnon's remarks (Continued on Page 8 Col. 3)

### Cattle Prices In Maritimes Decline; Hogs Hold Firm

MONCTON, N.B., March 4—(CP)—Cattle prices in the Maritimes have dropped from \$1.50 to \$2 per hundredweight during the last week, Federal Department of Agriculture officials said here today.

Hog prices remained unchanged at floor level of \$26 per 100 pounds for grade A and sows are down \$3 to \$14 for No. 1 grade.

Officials said no quotes on hogs and sows were being given in Charlottetown but that cattle prices there had also dropped.

Inspected slaughter of hogs varied greatly because of two violent storms. There were 1,571 hogs listed for the week ending Feb. 23 and 6,214 for the week ending March 1.

The average would be about normal for this time of year.

A steady drop is noticed in the retail field. Dealers are asking \$75 a pound for pork loin roast, compared to 69 cents when the hoof and mouth outbreak in Saskatchewan was discovered.

Fort loan chops were tagged at 61 cents, compared to 73 in mid-February.

Sirloin today sold for \$1.10 a pound, a drop of 10 cents from last week.

### Coming Events

- \*\*Seeds! Send for Free Catalog. Arthur Vesey, York.
- \*\*Show in Morell Hall on Friday only at 8 P. M.
- \*\*Federation of Agriculture Meetings planned for this week are cancelled until further notice.
- \*\*Kinkora Hall, reserve Monday, March 17th for play in Kinkora Hall "Fisherman's Luck."
- \*\*Junior hockey, Stanley Bridge rink tonight. St. Anne's vs. Cavendish.
- \*\*For Snapshots that will not fade, mail your Films and Negatives to Garnham Photo Studios, Charlottetown.
- \*\*Swift Canadian Co. Ltd., will be loading hogs at all regular points from Charlottetown to Summerside Thursday, till train time.
- \*\*Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., at Hunter River all day Thursday, March 6th. Borden Bagnall.
- \*\*Gordon Matheson will be loading hogs for Swift Canadian Co. Ltd., at Hunter River on Thursday till train time.
- \*\*Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., at Murray River all day Thursday, March 6th. Roland McPherson and Carl Graham.
- \*\*Loading Hogs for Canada Packers Ltd. on Thursday, March 6th, at Fredericton until 11 A. M. and Coiville until 12 noon. Leslie McDowell.
- \*\*Will be loading hogs at the following points each Thursday: Elmer Wigmore, Bradalbane, until 11:30 A.M. Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, until noon. Summerside until 1:30 P. M. and Kennington until 3:00 P. M. MacEwer and Casey.
- \*\*Victoria rink tonight, school hockey, Tryon vs. Victoria-Crapaud and Victoria Sea Gulls vs. Crapaud. Heartbreakers League, Thursday night, first game of finals in South Queen's League. Tryon Arrows vs. Appin Road Bulldogs. Skate after. Friday night, Kelly's Cross Road Skates vs. Green Road Meteors. Skates after.

### Bandits Get \$24,000 From Toronto Bank

TORONTO, March 4—(CP)—Three bandits wearing windbreakers today stole upwards of \$24,000 from a West-End branch of the Bank of Montreal. All three were armed. One was reported to have carried a sawed-off shotgun.

Some 40 persons were in the bank at College Street and Manning Avenue when the bandits entered. One of them, described as "dapper," scar-faced—moustached—covered the customers and staff while the other two leaped the counter and emptied the money into shopping bags.

The robbery took five minutes. It was cut short by a jangling telephone and the men escaped in a stolen car, found abandoned later.

Today's robbery, the second holdup of a Bank of Montreal here in 11 days, was the 12th in greater Toronto in 14 months.

Feb. 22 three youths robbed a suburban bank of more than \$50,000. Police have recovered part of that loot, arrested two suspects and are looking for a third.

### Gold Production

OTTAWA, March 4—(CP)—Canadian production of gold during 1951 totalled 4,304,249 fine ounces, declining two per cent from the preceding year's figure of 4,441,277 fine ounces, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

Production by provinces with figures for 1951 in brackets: Ontario 2,460,000 (2,481,110) fine ounces; Quebec 1,097,017 (1,094,643); Manitoba and Saskatchewan 274,408 (271,509); British Columbia 264,767 (266,490); Northwest Territories 214,028 (200,688), and the Yukon 77,505 (83,339).

### Co-operative Union Of Canada Holds Meeting

OTTAWA, March 4—(CP)—Co-operative groups in the Co-operative Union of Canada did a business of \$555,000,000 in the year ended last July 31, the national body was told today at its annual convention.

Organizations represented at the convention—called the Canadian Co-operative Congress—do about half the total co-operative business in Canada.

A report said volume of business for the year under review compared with \$559,007,000 the year before. The drop was largely attributed to reduced prices for low-quality Western grain, marketed heavily through the co-operative wheat pools.

J. E. O'Meara, Federal Agriculture Department economist, reported that in the last few years there had been a drop in

### Ford Producing Jet Plane Wings

WINDSOR, Ont., March 4—(CP)—Ford of Canada is now producing wings for jet airplanes, Rhys Sale president, said today. He said his company has undertaken a sub-contract for Canadair Limited, Montreal, under which it will produce 576 wing assemblies for the Lockheed T-33A Shooting Star, a trainer version of the Shooting Star jet fighter.

### Political Crony Of O'Dwyer Gets Term

NEW YORK, March 4—(AP)—James J. Moran, political crony of former Mayor William O'Dwyer, was sentenced today to 12 to 18 months in prison as the mastermind of a \$500,000-a-year shakedown racket.

Former first deputy fire commissioner in New York, he was accused of leading a ring of firemen who extorted fees from fuel oil equipment companies seeking permits for installations. He was convicted of extortion and conspiracy.

SLOUGH, England—(CP)—Volunteers will act as "guinea pigs" in tests at this Buckinghamshire town to determine whether the man who eats most also works hardest. The volunteers will be fed different amounts and have all their activities recorded.

### No Progress At Truce Talks

MUNSAN, March 5—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Communist truce negotiations insisted Tuesday that 50,000 missing South Korean prisoners "do not exist" but Red propaganda loudspeakers on the front lines contradicted them.

Between artillery barrages, Red loudspeakers boasted that captured South Korean troops are fighting against the United Nations and blared this invitation to other republican troops: "Come to us."

The U.N. commander again demanded the Communists supply data on the missing 50,000 South Korean troops and include them in any prisoner exchange.

Negotiators scheduled more talks in Panmunjom today at 11 a. m. (9 p. m. EST Tuesday) on the major stumbling blocks.

No progress was made Tuesday. The Reds refused to give up insistence on Russia as a neutral truce inspector.

The Allies were equally firm in insisting on voluntary repatriation of war prisoners and said they would not send back to the Reds any prisoners who did not wish to go.

### U.K. Labor Members Back Attlee And Spurn Bevan

LONDON, March 4—(Reuters)—A showdown over Labor Party defence policy today gave Clement Attlee a three-to-one victory over leftwinger Aneurin Bevan at a caucus of the Labor members of parliament.

The swing to Attlee—a shock to Bevanites who were sure Bevan was beginning to overshadow the former premier—came during a Labor Party debate on what its attitude should be toward the Conservative Government's rearmament program.

Labor members of parliament had a clear choice between Attlee, and official party policy, and Bevan. They chose Attlee's course, directed toward co-operation on issues vital to Britain's security.

The meeting was held to decide on the party's line for a major defence debate in the Commons tomorrow.

Attlee's proposal was to support the government, but to present a motion expressing doubts that the Conservatives can implement the defence program "adequately."

The Bevanites tried to persuade the party to demand cuts in rearmament spending on the grounds that the proposed expenditures would worsen Britain's touch-and-go economy.

A vote on the Attlee motion is expected in the Commons tomorrow night.

Bevan's First Attempt

It was the Bevan group's first trial of strength with Attlee and the former premier had been defeated by him and his supporters would have been in a tight spot.

They drew the original £470,000,000 arms program while in power and the Bevan amendment would have imposed complete condemnation of the party's own policy.

Politicians considered it unlikely Bevan and his men now would put their separate amendment forward in tomorrow's debate.

For more than a year the Bevan group has argued fiercely against Attlee's leadership. Until today, however, differences on tactics and policy always were settled without voting.

Bevan himself did not take part in the argument. His chief lieutenants, Harold Wilson and R.H.S. Crossman, urged stronger opposition to rearmament on the grounds that it was incompatible with maintaining the social services.

### Record Budget Brought Down In B.C. Legislature

VICTORIA, B. C., March 4—(CP)—A record budget of \$142,000,000 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1952, was \$118,000,000 plus \$38,500,000 for capital expenditures. Premier Johnson said that instead of \$118,000,000 revenue for the fiscal year ending this month now is anticipated at \$132,000,000 and expenditures at \$127,000,000, leaving an anticipated surplus of \$5,000,000.

The budget estimated that the government will pour \$9,500,000 into the hospital insurance service, over and above what the service takes in from compulsory premiums (\$42 for a family, \$30 for a single person).

Mr. Johnson said the estimated deficit for the service in 1952-53 will be \$4,666,990.

### Bulletin

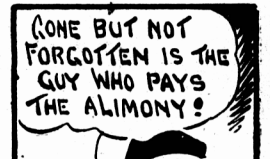
SEOUL, March 5—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Allied Sabre jet pilots pounced on a flight of 70 MiGs crossing the Yalu River today and the Fifth Air Force said they shot down five in a wild 30-minute battle.

### Anthony Eden Is Recovering

LONDON, March 4—(Reuters)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, suffering from influenza and laryngitis, was reported today to be making progress. He hopes to resume full duties within a few days.

### BIG PROJECT

Australia is spending £700,000 on construction of a great airport at Cocos Island in the Indian Ocean.



HALIFAX, March 4—(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office here valid until midnight Wednesday.

Synopsis:

Skies were cloudy over the Maritimes during the night, and there was some freezing drizzle as moist air flowed in from the east.

A disturbance causing rain in New England is moving eastward. Rain will spread into the Southern Maritimes Wednesday, while a light snowfall is expected in the northern regions.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Overcast, intermittent drizzle and rain beginning in the afternoon. Milder. Southeast winds 15. Low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 25 and 35.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 6:19 A. M. and 4:18 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 1:51 A. M. and 11:52 A. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 6:46 A. M. and sets at 6:05 P. M.

### MCA AIR SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 5:30 A.M.; 11:20 A.M.; 4:50 P.M. Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:25 A.M.; 1:35 P.M.; 6:55 P.M. Leave Charlottetown for New Glasgow - Halifax 7:40 A.M. New Glasgow - Halifax 1:50 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax Arrive Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:00 A.M. from New Glasgow 4:35 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

### BORDEN - CAPE TORMENTINA FERRY SERVICE

Daily (including Sunday)

Leave Borden	Leave C. T.
8:10 A.M.	10:35 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	2:40 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	6:00 P.M.
7:30 P.M.	9:00 P.M.