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Commission In Advisory Capacity

Sanatorium Brought Under Health Dept. Authority

The Sanatorium Commission will exist only in advisory capacity after the first of April. This was agreed upon in a bill given second reading in the Legislature yesterday. The bill entitled the Sanatorium Act was introduced by Hon. M. L. Bonnell, Minister of Health.

Mr. Bonell explained that the act was entirely new and was being enacted for the purpose of bringing the Sanatorium directly under the Department of Health. He felt that this was necessary since the Government was contributing about $250,000 annually for the upkeep of the institution and since it was the people's money they had a right to know where the money was going.

Another reason given by the Minister for the change in administration was to bring the "San" into line as far as other institutions under the Department were concerned. He said wages and classification of positions were entirely different in the Sanatorium to those of such institutions as Falconwood or the Infirmary.

UNDER CONSIDERATION

Premier Matheson said the matter of having the Sanatorium under the Department had been in the minds of Government officials for a number of years. He expressed the hope that the Commission would see fit to stay on. "Their experience is invaluable and would prove to be very helpful to the Minister," he said.

The Premier paid high tribute to Colonel G. E. Full the Chairman of the Commission. "He has done an excellent job and we are deeply grateful to public minded citizens such as Colonel Full who have acted without pay to render this community service."

He also spoke highly of Judge C. St. Clair Trainor who as a member of the Commission has given much of his time on behalf of the institution. Thanks were extended to two more inactive members, Dr. J. A. MacPhee, Summerside and L. B. MacMillan, Charlottetown.

"We are asking the Board to remain," said the Premier "but the Department must have more control."

The Act provides that all property real and personal, hitherto donated to the Sanatorium Board whether by will or deed shall be vested in the Government as represented by the Minister of Health.

R. R. Bell: - "The Government is expropriating the property".

Premier: - "That's right."

Morley M. Bell: "Is it not right that notice of property which is about to be expropriated must be appear ten weeks previously in the Royal Gazette."

Premier: "This Legislature set up the original Board giving them authority and this Legislature can change that authority. I do not think anyone is being prejudiced by the expropriation and I don't think any notice in this case is necessary."

R. R. Bell: "Is there any trouble with the Board? Have they been notified that the change is going to be made -- if not they are in for a big surprise."

Premier: "It will be no surprise to anyone; this has been talked of for the past five years."

Dr. L. G. Dewar (P.C.), Second Prince wanted to know what effect the Act would have on the orthopedic centre.

Dr. Bonnell said the orthopedic centre was in the Sanatorium Building and would therefore come under the jurisdiction of the Department.

Hillsboro River Will Have Another Bridge, No Causeway

"The design of the Hillsboro bridge has been begun by the Department" was stated by Hon. George MacKay, Minister of Highways in reply to a question on the order paper of the Legislature by Leo Rossiter (P. C.), Second Kings.

The reply went on to state that the Government had asked that the existing structure be replaced by a causeway under the Trans-Canada agreement but recent information is to the effect that a bridge will be built.

In reply to another question by Mr. Rossiter as to whether the bridge had been examined within the last twelve months by qualified engineers to determine its safety, the Minister stated, to the best of his knowledge the Hillsboro bridge is still the property of the Government of Canada.

Coming Events

Variety concert in Vernon Hall Monday, March 19.

St. Patricks Dance, Legion Hall, Cardigan March 17.

St. Patrick's Concert, Monday, March 19th, in Morell Hall.

Horse races Stanley Bridge Monday, March 19, at 2 o'clock.

Don't miss concert Lot 65 Hall tonight sponsored by C. W. L. Sale of pies.

Crokinole party Springvale School, Monday night March 19. Game time 8.30.

Reserve April 11th for Hunter River one act play and variety concert.

Crapaud rink tonight, Charlottetown Abbies vs. Cape Traverse, 8 p.m. sharp. Skate after.

Come to variety concert, Kinkora hall, Saturday, March 17. Guest speaker. Admission 25 and 35.

Dance, West Royalty Hall, Wednesday. Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen service 9.30 to 12.30.

Horse racing on Vernon speedway, Saturday, March 17 at 2 o'clock. All interested be on time.

Grand bingo St. Andrew's Hall, Mt. Stewart, Monday March 19th 8 p.m. 20 games. Jackpot $50.00. Door prize.

Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday "Take Me To Town." Technicolor Drama starring Anne Sheridan and Sterling Hayden.

Variety concert in Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall on Tuesday, March 20, at 8:30 Sponsored by the Ladies Aid of Mt. Stewart United Church.

Annual meeting of New Glasgow Dairying Co. Ltd. will be held in New Glasgow Hall on Wednesday, March 21 at 2 p.m. Patrons requested to attend.

Souris Rink Saturday, March 17, fourth game Intermediate "C" finals, Summerside Eagles vs. Morell. If necessary overtime will be played to decide winner.

Reserve Tuesday, March 20 at 8.15 p.m. for free entertainment at Cornwall Hall sponsored by Roland Hyde, Master Feed dealer. Music, movies and lunch by W.I.

Hockey at North River Rink tonight, Covehead Redwings vs. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs, first game in semi finals. Game time 8:30. Skate after.

Buying pigs Monday at Fredericton, Tuesday 9 a.m. Brookfield, 10 Milton, 11 Railway Wharf 1 pm. York, 2 Bedford, 2.30 Tracadie, 3 Mt. Stewart, 4.30 Pownal, 5 Vernon River. Paying $18 a pair for good pigs over 30 lbs each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

Unloading car bulk 3 CW oats Tuesday and Wednesday, March 20 and 21. Grain markets advancing sharply. Suggest you get your requirements at once. P. L. Morris, Shur-Gain Feed Service. 12 Lower Queen St.

Attention, Kinkora and vicinity. starting today, Morris' entire balance of dry goods clearing at half price. There's underwear, sweaters, hosiery, shirts, yarn, handkerchiefs, gloves, overalls, jeans, yard goods, in fact nearly everything for everyone in the family. All other stock drastically reduced, including paint, footwear, etc. It must be sold—come and get it.

Appeals Allowed For 17 Fishermen, Canners Convicted

In the 21 appeals on convictions of possessing "short" lobsters the full bench of the Supreme Court yesterday allowed 17, all fishermen, at the same time affirming the conviction of four lobster packers.

The cases originally came before Magistrate R. S. Hinton in Summerside. When the appeals came before Mr. Justice G. J. Tweedy he referred them to the full Court which heard argument July 21 and 22, 1955. Mr. J. O. C. Campbell, Q. C. represented all the defendants in the consolidated appeals and Mr. D. L. Stewart, Q. C. acted for the Crown.

Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell and Mr. Justice G. J. Tweedy gave reasons for judgment and Mr. Justice M. R. MacGuigan concurred with the Chief Justice.

The ruling apparently holds that the Lobster Fishery Regulations are inoperative so far as certain Island waters are concerned. The cases involved fishing in the vicinity of Judes Point. It has been found that the Regulations did not define effectively the area in which it is illegal to take short lobsters. Neither by statute nor regulation has there been established a three-mile or any territorial limit for fisheries purposes.

Charlottetown Included In Building Vote

OTTAWA (CP)—Outlays for harbor improvements at three scattered points across the country were proposed by the works department in supplementary estimates for the current fiscal year tabled in the Commons Friday.

The department asked approval of $72,000 in harbor improvements at Port Aux Basques, Nfld., $16,500 for a wharf at Indian Cove, Que., and $25,000 for a wharf at Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic coast of the Northwest Territories.

The Commons, however, will be asked to vote only $1 for each of the projects since unspent money for other works will be redirected to them.

The department also asked for $4,125,000 in additional amounts towards construction of public buildings in three cities: $275,000 in Charlottetown, $3,200,000 in Winnipeg and $650,000 for the new Vancouver post office.

The Right Of Non-Residents To Vote Discussed In House

The right of non-residents to vote in a civic election was the subject of considerable discussion when an act to amend the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act was introduced in the Legislature by Hon. B. Earle MacDonald. The bill was still in Committee when the House adjourned for the weekend.

Other clauses in the amendment include the changing of the closing time in civic election from five to six p.m.; the regulating of taxi licenses and the closing hours of hairdresser and barber shops.

Mr. MacDonald explained that there is quite a number of non-residents earning their living in the City who are paying a $25 Educational tax. There was some confusion at the last civic election when one member of a family because he gave the address of his place of employment was allowed to vote while another member of the same family was denied the privilege because he or she had given their home address outside the city.

Mr. MacDonald said the City Council had asked for this legislation and he thought they were perfectly justified in doing so. "If a person is taxed $25 by the the City they have a right to vote for or against the Council."

Mr. F. A. Large (Liberal), First Queens asked the promoter of the bill if he would consider an amendment which would allow non-resident property owners a vote.

Mr. MacDonald said that at one time he was of the same opinion as Mr. Large regarding the right of non-resident property owners to vote. But after it was pointed out to him that a number of out-of-towners could own enough property to influence the vote, he was less enthusiastic along these lines.

He agreed that such a situation might be a far fetched outlook on the matter however he could foresee the possibility of it happening.

Mr. MacDonald suggested to Mr. Large that he get in touch with the Mayor and Council to determine whether they wanted such legislation passed and if they did he would agree to the amendment.

OPPOSED LAST BILL

Hon. Eugene Cullen recalled that during the last two sessions of the House he had opposed the imposing of an educational tax on non-residents who did not even have the privilege of sending their children to the schools on which they were paying taxes.

"This amendment is even more ridiculous than the last one. Instead of improving the electoral act we are adding to its confusion," he said. "There are a great many paying educational taxes from outside the City who could control the vote."

Mr. MacDonald said there was not the danger in giving the franchise to educational tax payers that there would be in giving it to property owners. The property owner on the one hand would have no other interest than the revenue he derived from his estate while the others would have to pay the tax in any event and could have no ulterior motive in trying to control City affairs.

DON'T INTERFERE

Morley M. Bell pointed out that the corporation had asked for one thing and one thing only. "I don't think it is up to us to interfere. Give them what they want," he said.

Dr. L. G. Dewar said the amendment tended to muddy up the waters of electoral reform. He could not see that it was right for a person living in one locality to have a vote outside the area in which he was entitled to vote.

The amendment will be given further consideration at a later date, when the other clauses will also be taken up.

Widespread Observance Of Today's Anniversary

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The records show about 1,500,000 Canadians are of Irish descent, but there'll probably be more than that wearing a sprig of the ould shamrock and a green tie on Saturday, St. Patrick's Day.

Television screens have been tinted green and radio programs have been jammed with Irish ballads all week, but Saturday is really the day for the Irish, when they'll be joined by others in celebrating the feast day of the missionary who became Ireland's patron saint.

The parties and dances Saturday night are mere trimmings following religious observances by the faithful, honoring the man who won converts by the thousands and established more than 300 churches. Actually March 17 marks the presumed anniversary of his death in 461 AD. Legend has it that the actual date was either March 8 or 9, and that a wise Irish priest combined the two dates to get March 17.

FAMED FIGURE

It's many centuries since anyone quibbled over the date, although scholars here and there are still debating the validity of many legends surrounding the life of St. Patrick. There is some evidence that he was buried at Down Cathedral, at Sault in County Down, from where the BBC annually broadcasts a service on March 17.

St. Patrick was probably born in England in 389 AD, and was educated as a Christian. But he was captured by Irish raiders and sold into slavery. In his youth in Ireland he became deeply religious, and went to France and Britain to extend his religious education.

On returning to Ireland about 432 AD St. Patrick preached his first sermon on the spot where Down Cathedral was later erected. Near Downpatrick are the ruins of Saul Abbey, said to have been founded by St. Patrick himself.

Modern observances in Ireland—and in many places around the world where Irish gather—are a lot quieter than the old days, when many a head was broken with a shillelagh. Time has mellowed the ancient revelries.

Ireland itself is still divided between north and south, and there are more people of Irish descent abroad than there are on the Emerald Isle. But March 17 remains the one day in the year when all are one in the memory of the saint.

SMART POET

Omar Khayyam, the 11th - century Persian poet, was renowned throughout the east as mathematician.

Winds, Snow Hit Eastern U. S. Seaboard

NEW YORK (AP)—A late winter blizzard rode on gale winds into the storm - weary northeast Friday, just four days before spring's arrival.

In some areas it was the season's worst snowstorm. Up to 12 inches fell on New England.

Transportation was snarled on land, sea and in the air. Many of the high-speed parkways that lace the northeast were blocked or so slippery that traffic crawled. Hundreds of cars were temporarily marooned.

At least four deaths were attributed to the storm.

A New Haven, Conn., couple were killed when their car skidded and overturned on the New Jersey turnpike. In Meriden, Conn., a man died of a heart attack while straining to drive his car through the worst storm of the winter. A Seymour, Conn., mailman also died of a heart attack while putting chains on his car.

Six inches to a foot of snow were in store for some areas before rising temperatures were to bring rain.

In New York harbor, departure of the big French liner Ile de France -- with Prince Rainier of Monaco aboard — was delayed three hours and 13 minutes. The slushy snow fouled the ship's radar.

Off Long Island's eastern tip, a gasoline-laden tanker, Sylvia, sent an S O S. Wallowing in a gale, she was in danger of being beached. Ten-foot seas were battering the 174-foot ship. She had 13 persons aboard.

Highways were dangerously icy or slushy from Pennsylvania to Massachusetts.

Limited visibility at Idlewild airport in New York caused delays of up to an hour in arrivals and depatures. LaGuardia cancelled 80 flights.

BLIZZARD HITS NY

New York City got two inches of snow in the storm's first few hours.

Upstate New York was warned of up to a foot of snow in some areas.

Maine shivered through its coldest March 16 on record and braced meanwhile for three to eight inches of snow. The state also had the coldest spot in the nation with Greenville's report of 21 below.

The stormy eastern weather, which extended southward to the gulf as rain, forced postponement of Friday's horse racing program at Lincoln Downs, R.I. and washed out the second round of play in the annual North-South women's golf tournament at Pinehurst, N.C.

Tanker Is Adrift Off Long Island

NEW YORK (AP)—Its rudder gone, a storm - lashed tanker pitched and rolled toward Long Island's south shore Friday night. Coast guard vessels raced against time in an effort to save her.

The latest radio message from the 174-foot tanker, the Sylvia, came shortly before 9 p.m. AST, saying she was within 2½ miles of being beached and still being hurled relentlessly landward.

Six hours earlier, the tanker had been four miles offshore. She is loaded with gasoline and has 13 crew members aboard.

Two coast guard cutters, the Tamora from New York and the Owasco from New London, Conn., were battling 60-mile-an - hour winds and wild seas to reach the stricken vessel.

But there was no estimate of how soon they would get there—or whether it would be in time.

"We're hoping," a coast guard spokesman said. "But they're bucking some mighty rough weather. We can't tell until they get farther out how much it's going to slow them down."

WIND IS MASTER

The tanker, unable to control its direction, was whipped violently back and forth in the waves and wind. By using its engines intermittently, however, it was able to delay the shore-ward drift.

"Using engine to work off-shore as ship swings permit," the radio message said.

Heavy Gale, Snow In Area

Freighter With 30 Aboard Aground And Breaking Up

Wins Scholarship

Mr. J. Leo McGinn, student in Senior Arts at St. Dunstan's College, is this year's winner of The Christ the King Cultural Foundation Scholarship at St. Dunstan's College. These Scholarships have been granted to twenty Universities and Colleges across Canada, and are awarded for excellence in the field of social studies and history.

Mr. McGinn is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McGinn of Emyvale.

Charge Screen Of Silence

British Expel 30 Persons From Nicosia Murder Zone

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—British authorities expelled 30 householders and shopkeepers from a terrorist "murder zone" in downtown Nicosia Friday.

Field Marshal Sir John Harding, the governor issued the order as collective punishment for a screen of silence shielding a bloody challenge to British rule by pro-Greek gunmen.

Six British soldiers and a police sergeant have been killed within the zone, all by bullets in the back, since last October. Throughout the colony, 18 British servicemen have died.

The banishment order came after Martin Clements, British commissioner for Nicosia, summoned 75 residents to an outdoor inquiry court in a search for information on the killings.

IN DANGER ZONE

Ten families were instructed to leave and shutters went down on 20 shops. All their quarters overlooked places where shootings have occurred. The expelled were told to find their own lodgings elsewhere until the area is made safe. A parachute trooper explained it was thought these persons could have seen the shootings, but decided not to help authorities solve them.

The "murder zone" is a thickly-populated, rectangular piece of land covering about 80,000 square yards in the heart of the island's capital. The last victim was a British police sergeant, shot in the back Wednesday.

Parachute troopers had found five bombs in a locked carpenter's shop there and a sack full of gunpowder in the tiny Maikhairos church. A British officer said the priest in charge of the church had been arrested. Combing of the area also uncovered a large number of pamphlets urging further violence.

MARTIAL LAW ON PORT

Elsewhere, martial law was clamped on Limassol, the island's biggest port of entry. Under a new curfew, everyone was ordered off the streets until further notice.

Authorities planned a big sweep for the rebel ringleaders they believe have filtered into the town's 20,000 population.

Defiant Cypriots continued their general strike in protest against the arrest and deportation of Archbishop Makarios, the Greek Orthodox leader of the island's union-with-Greece movement. They ignored an appeal by the Communist-dominated Federation of Labor to return to work.

The Red call for an end to the strike, which started five days ago, appeared calculated to embarrass the Makarios following. The archbishop, now exiled on the Seychelles island in the Indian ocean, has always refused to cooperate with Communists in the union-with-Greece movement.

BEAVERS DELAY FLIGHT

WINNIPEG (CP) — A Scandinavian Airlines plane was delayed at Stevenson field for more than an hour Friday while three rare Scandinavian beavers gave attendants the run-around. The beavers, part of a shipment of 13 going to Los Angeles from Copenhagen, gnawed their way out of their metal crates and a veterinarian was called to round them up in the plane's cargo compartment.

Fluoridation Supported By The Department of Health

"As in all measures designed to improve the health of the people, the Government supports the policy of fluoridation of municipal water supplies" was stated in a reply of Hon. M. L. Bonnell, Minister of Health to a question on the order paper in the Legislature yesterday.

"Our Divisions of Dental Public Health and Sanitary Engineering are willing to assist any municipality contemplating the fluoridation of its water supply both in the planning of the project and through supervision of its operation."

Dr. L. G. Dewar had asked what the policy of the Government was regarding fluoridation of municipal water supplies and if any assistance was contemplated to municipalities regarding the instituting the service. He also wanted to know what form such assistance would take.

Easter Beef Sale Realizes Good Prices For Fine Stock

The annual Easter Beef Show and Sale which concluded yesterday was in the opinion of Mr. L.W. Roper, Federal Livestock Field Man, and ring-master for the occasion one of the most successful held to date. The grade of cattle was much higher, closer culled with very few in the tail end grades. In comparison with present day markets the prices obtained was much greater than other years. It is considered that stockmen received excellent returns for their labors. Prompted by the enthusiastic encouragement of the auctioneer, Claude Craswell, bidding was very spirited throughout the afternoon.

The Grand Champion steer of Thursday's show commanded the highest price by a fair margin. This steer owned by Thomas and Miller Sanderson, North River, with a shrunk weight of 1,032 pounds was purchased by Canada Packers Ltd., for 81½ cents per pound.

Next to this came the Reserve Grand Champion owned by youthful Beverly Jewell, weight 893 pounds, 65 cents, and was purchased by P.L. Morris.

The Champion Angus, owned by Leigh MacEachern, Tea Hill, weight 758, by T. Eaton Co. Ltd for 33 cents, Reserve Champion Hereford, owned by Fulton Sanderson, York Point, weight 888, by the Co-operative Union, Charlottetown for 35 cents. Reserve Champion Shorthorn, owned by Dan Jewell, North River, weight 1,051, by Swift Canadian Co. Ltd., for 30 cents. Reserve Champion Angus, owned by Robert Craswell, Hampshire, weight 1,051, by T. Eaton Co. Ltd. for 27 cents and the Reserve Champion Calf Club steer, owned by Robert Sanderson, York Point weight 869, by T. Eaton Co. Ltd. for 27 cents.

For the remainder of the eighty-three steers prices ranged from 21 to 30 cents.

Report Riots In Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — American officials said Friday night they have unconfirmed reports that a number of persons were killed in rioting in Russia nine days ago.

The state department declined to comment.

It was understood the department was checking these reports which officials emphasized were so far unconfirmed.

They said the deaths are reported to have resulted in rioting in Stalin's native republic of Georgia in protest against Kremlin efforts to downgrade Stalin in Communists' memories.

The number of dead is unknown, officials said, and Soviet armed forces as well as police were reported to have been called into action.

Coast Guard Hampered By High Seas

SCITUATE, Mass. (AP) — The 441-foot Italian freighter Etrusco with some 30 men aboard was breaking up and capsizing on its port side Friday night after running aground in a raging blizzard.

The captain of the 7,000-ton vessel radioed for assistance for his crew.

The coast guard lifeboat station at Scituate was encountering great difficulty in trying to get the men off.

Townspeople of Scituate raced to the shore to help the coast guard battling heavy seas, blinding snow and howling winds in a try to rescue the crew.

The vessel was less than 300 yards off shore and being blown toward the rocky coast. It had a hole in its port side and the hull was crumpling fast.

The coast guard was unable to send out small motor vessels available because of the raging seas. Visibility was near zero because of the snow.

The rescuers were attempting to shoot breeches buoys to the struggling men.

Lights on the foundering ship were visible only on brief occasions.

The ship went aground at 9:27 p.m. AST and began breaking up less than two hours later.

The coast guard cutter Coos Bay was at the scene, near Cedar point lighthouse, just north of Scituate harbor. Scituate is about 20 miles south of Boston.

The Etrusco radioed she was carrying grain.

Ferry Deficit Is $1,24,639

OTTAWA (CP)—The Prince Edward Island car ferry, operated by the CNR from Borden, P.E.I., to Tormentine, N.B., ran up a $1,624,639 deficit during 1955, it was reported Friday.

Supplementary estimates for the current fiscal year, tabled in the Commons, asked for a vote of $71,639 in addition to $1,553,000 granted last year to cover the deficit.

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures issued by the public weather office:

	(Night)	(Day)
Vancouver	36	50
Edmonton	36	44
Regina	25	35
Winnipeg	11	27
Toronto	20	20
Ottawa	7	14
Montreal	6	16
Fredericton	8b	21
Saint John	3	20
Moncton	2b	18
Halifax	12	22
Charlottetown	8	17
Sydney	9	21
Yarmouth	13	24
St. John's	8	19

HALIFAX (CP)—Snow spread into western Nova Scotia and southern New Brunswick Friday night. The weather office here says the storm is moving rapidly northeastward and will cross the Maritimes today.

Strong winds will cause severe drifting. Somewhat milder air will come into the southern regions and the snow will change to rain. Colder air will push in behind the storm bringing clearing weather. On Sunday there are likely to be snowflurries.

Prince Edward Island, eastern N.B. counties: Heavy snow ending about noon, clearing about sunset; considerable drifting; milder; northeast winds 25. Low-high at Charlottetown and Moncton 10 and 32. Sunday: Variable cloudiness.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:59 a.m. and 1:36 p.m on Sunday at 2:46 a.m. and 2:11 p.m. Summerside tides eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 6:22 a.m. and sets at 6:22 p.m. Rises Sunday at 6:20 a.m. and sets at 6:23 p.m.

Crimes Are Mentioned

Bitter Attack On Stalin

BONN, West Germany (Reuters)—A bitter attack on Stalin, accusing him of responsibility for massacre and torture during his 30 years as Russia's leader, has been made by Nikita Khrushchev, reports from reliable Communist sources reaching here Friday said. These reports said the attack charged Stalin with crimes never before mentioned in the Soviet.

It came in a 3½-hour speech by the Soviet Communist party leader to the security session of the recent party congress on Feb. 25, he day before the congress ended.

During the session, which is reported to have gone on until 4 a. m., Khrushchev is said to have painted a vivid picture to the delegates of the regime of "suspicion fear and terror," through which Stalin ruled, especially in his last years.

Even other top leaders were subject to this regime, including Khrushchev himself.

IGNORED WARNINGS

He is reported to have held Stalin responsible for Soviet failure in the early stages of the Second World War both by ignoring warnings by Britain's Sir Winston Churchill and by "weakening" the country's morale and economy in the great pre-war purges.

These reports said the decision to throw open the terrible secrets of the Stalin era was reached because it was felt to be the only way of breaking the magic of the "Stalin cult" which has gripped Soviet citizens for 30 years.

In his speech, Khrushchev was reported to have declared that Stalin decimated the Communist party by purges, especially in the years 1936-38. Five thousand of Russia's best officers were "murdered" during the blood baths which followed the secret trial of Marshal Tukhachevsky on treason charges in 1937.

Stalin "seriously weakened" the country's economic structure by his actions on the eve of the war and by the purges which resulted in the "massacre" of innocent people. Under Stalin, purge victims, including children, were tortured.

WIPED OUT NKVD CHIEF

In 1936, when Stalin and Andrei Zhdanov, another top leader who died in 1948, were vacationing in the Crimea, Stalin sent a telegram addressed to Vyacheslav Molotov, now foreign minister, Georgi Malenkov, who succeeded Stalin as prime minister after his death in March 1953, and other leaders.

This telegram said Stalin and Zhdanov had decided that Henry Yagoda, chief of the NKVD which controlled the security police, should be replaced by Yezhov.

Shortly afterwards, Yezhov took over the NKVD from Yagoda, who was executed, and carried through the following purges.

But two years later he himself was purged.

A coded telegram followed from Stalin shortly afterwards ordering that the "opposition" should be "physically annihilated."

Thus began the great purges, Khruschev is reported to have declared.

Khrushchev is also reported to have said there was suspicion that Stalin was implicated in the assassination of Sergei Kirov, the Leningrad party chief of 1934 which was followed by his own series of purges.

Sergeo Ordjonikidze, a fellow Georgian and close friend of Stalin who died during the same period, was given the choice of being murdered or committing suicide, he said. He committed suicide and was given a state funeral.

Nikolai Voznesensky, the economic planner, also was shot without trial and without even the knowledge of his colleagues of the politburo. (He disappeared from public view in 1949).

SHOT AFTER CONGRESS

About three-quarters of the delegates to the 17th party congress, many of whom spoke against Stalin were shot soon after the congress.

After Lenin's death, Stalin insulted and threatened his widow, Krupskaya. He told her that if she continued to speak against him in public he would issue a declaration that she had never been Lenin's wife and put someone else in her place.

Before the German attack on Russia in 1941, everyone knew war was coming except Stalin, who refused to believe it because he was linked by a friendship treaty with Hitler, these reports quote Khrushchev as saying.

He ignored the warnings of Churchill and Sir Stafford Cripps, who was British ambassador in Moscow, and even of Col. Perebeshchik, the Soviet military attache in Berlin, who knew and informed Moscow of the exact date of the coming German attack.

When the attack came, his first order to troops was not to fire back in reply. Such was his faith in Hitler that he informed the Red Army that the attack was nothing but "indiscipline" on the part of certain Hitler units. He said Soviet border troops were quite capable of dealing with the situation.

Cabinet Okays Arms Shipment To Israel

OTTAWA (CP) — Cabinet approval for shipment of $268,000 in military supplies to Israel was announced Friday by Prime Minister St. Laurent—first Canadian arms shipment to that country this year.

He informed the Commons that the cabinet, in a session Thursday which approved three export permits for the supplies, also considered two other Israeli applications for arms. Decisions on the latter was deferred.

Mr. St. Laurent said applications for the three permits "were considered in the light of the tensions now existing in the Middle East."

SEES IMPROVEMENT

It had been felt that although basic tensions remained, there had been an easing in the last few days of "apprehensions" which existed when British General Sir John Glubb was removed from control of Jordan's famed Arab Legion and when there had been some clashes on the Sea of Galilee.

Biggest part of the newly-approved shipments is $136,000 worth of spare parts for Sherman tanks —unshipped balanced of a 1954 sale of $565,000 in tank parts without breech blocks or arms.

He said the other two export permits are for 1,754 rounds of 25-pounder field artillery ammunition and $1,200 worth of electronic equipment for converting wireless sets from direct to alternating current.