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BIG THREE HAVE "PRICE" FOR PEACE TALKS WITH CHINA

Reds Take Strong Security Measures In East Germany

By DANIEL DE LUOIE
BERLIN, (AP)—East Germany, a political bomb with a sputtering fuse, was wrapped up by Communist secret police Sunday in the strongest security measures since the 1953 revolt.
Anti-Red underground sources estimated 300 to 500 Russian some workers have been jailed in the last week for heckling Communist rallies, or otherwise speaking out against the Molotov plan for Germany.
Police chief Ernst Wollweber's army of secret agents stayed on full alert Sunday in five East German provinces. But with most factories idle, no new incidents between Communist party agitators and unconverted workers were reported.
The 300,000-man Soviet occupation army, which crushed the June 17 uprising with armored force, has not been diverted to riot squad positions as yet.
It is known authoritatively that Soviet divisions are going about their routine winter activities.

Temper High
The tempers of 18,000,000 East Germans are again running high against Communist rule. The Communists themselves provoked this public anger by attempting to stage a show of mass support last week for the Soviet plan for all Germany presented by Russia's Vyacheslav Molotov at the Berlin conference.

British Firm Puts Out Diesels In Automobiles

LONDON, (AP)—The Standard Motor Co. announced Saturday Britain's first diesel-engine passenger automobile—a six-seater which will travel 45 miles on a gallon of fuel oil.
The diesel engine will be fitted as an alternative power unit on Standard's four Vanguard models, the company said.
At \$1,942 (\$2,917.60), the car will cost more, but will save the 20,000-mile-a-year motorist \$125 (\$320) in fuel bills, Standard claimed.
The diesel engine was developed as a tractor power unit but adapted for private cars in view of the success of low-cost diesel cars on the Continent. It has two draw-backs: It is noisier than a gasoline engine and it cuts the top speed of the Vanguard from 70 to 62 mph, but Standard said it is backing it for a winner in view of its low running cost.

Coming Events

- *Bingo and dance in Vernon River Hall Tuesday, Feb. 9.
- *Reserve Feb. 19th for Carnival in North River rink.
- *Crockinole Party in Pownal Hall, Tuesday, February 9th, 8 p. m. Auspices Pownal Y. P. U.
- *Come to the Card Party at East Royalty School, February 10th.
- *New Haven Jamboree will be presented in Kingston Hall, Tuesday night, February 9th.
- *Dance in Fort Augustus hall Wednesday, Feb. 10th. Burke's Orchestra.
- *Joe races at Stanley next Thursday. If not fine, will be held Saturday.
- *Buying daily young pigs, paying \$2.00 pair over twenty-five pounds. Willard Prowse, Brackley.
- *Hockey at North River rink tonight. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Glasgow Road Maple Leafs. First game in semi-finals. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- *Come to the Valentine Social in Freetown Hall, Tuesday evening, February 9th, at eight o'clock. Sale of lunches.
- *Special meeting Boyne L. O. M. Tuesday, February 9th at 8 p. m. Blue Degree. Members please attend.
- *Postponed annual meeting Crapaud-Victoria Board of Trade will be held Monday, Feb. 8th at 8 p. m.
- *Card Party and Dance at Sandy's, Wednesday, February 10th. Sponsored by Dunstaffnage W. I.
- *Winners of Trophies, that are competed for annually at South Shore Musical Festival, send same immediately to Mrs. Charles Roberts, North Tryon.

Participated In Colorful Ceremony On Saturday



Provincial Boy Scouts receiving "Queen Scout" certificates in colorful ceremony at Government House on Saturday afternoon. Back row—left to right—Robert Hyndman, Ernest Peake, Alan MacKenzie, Ross Davison, George Kells, His Honor Lieut. Governor Prowse, Anthony Coles, Donald MacArthur, John Lavers, Donald MacDonald, Donald Coles. Middle row—Rodney Ives, Charles Hickey, Noel Palmer, William Henry, Fred Hyndman, Kenneth MacKenzie, William Reid, Jr., Thomas Davies, Ivan Duvor, John Massey, Blair MacDonald, Edwin Henthorn. Front row—Reagh Clark, Maurice Clark, John MacLean, Derek Dew. Barter's Film Lab.

Boy Scouts Receive Coveted Certificates From Governor

Twenty-six Provincial Boy Scouts, who over a long period of time have studied and practiced the various phases of Scouting, received the coveted certificate and designation "Queen's Scout" at the hand of their Patron, Hon. T. W. L. Prowse, Lieutenant Governor, at Government House on Saturday afternoon.
Smiling Scouts, pleased parents, Scout Masters, Provincial and civic officials and the personal aides of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, in Naval, Army, Air Force and Scout uniforms respectively, added color and animation to a memorable occasion in the lives of the Scouts and their mentors.
As each Scout's name was called by Lieut. Col. A. W. Rogers, E. D., he stepped forward with military precision and saluted smartly. The congratulatory handshake and friendly smile which accompanied the presentation was reflected in the pleased expression and "thank you" of the boys.
Governor's Address
Following the presentations, Lieutenant Governor Prowse in addressing the Scouts said: "Not many months ago an investiture was held here at Government House for the R. C. M. P., an organization with a reputation for smartness, efficiency and dependability.
"Today I am proud to welcome the Boy Scouts, who are recognized throughout the world as boys who are 'Prepared', who are efficient, and who can be relied upon in an emergency. From the time a boy wears his first Scout uniform he must assume this responsibility in a boys' brotherhood of the outdoors, for fun, and as a sound preparation for a useful, healthy and happy life.
"When at last a boy gains the high honour of wearing a golden crown on his left sleeve, it is emblematic of the top grade and honour in Scout training, for he has passed certain test of proficiency, qualifying him for the 'Queen's service' in times of national emergency, and he has assumed the obligation always to 'Be Prepared' for such service.
"This highest award in Scouting was originated by King Edward VII on the day he knighted the founder of the Boy Scout Movement, Lord Baden-Powell of Gil-



Coronation Medal presentation to Mr. F. A. Driscoll, Provincial Commissioner Boy Scouts Association by His Honour Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse. Right background Brigadier W. W. Reid, left Lieut. Col. A. W. Rogers. Barter's Film Lab.

Canada's Prime Minister Is Welcomed To France

By William Stewart
PARIS, (CP)—Prime Minister ST. LAURENT arrived by plane from London Sunday for an official visit to Paris, second stop on his goodwill round-the-world tour. He was greeted by French Premier Joseph Laniel at Orly airport.
The Canadian Prime Minister stood bareheaded in a whirl of snowflakes while a French military band played the Canadian and French National Anthems. He then inspected a blue-uniformed guard of honor of French security forces.
In a short statement, he told of the "profound and sincere emotion" he felt on arriving in "the country of our ancestors."
Role Of French
Recalling the role French settlers played in the development of Canada, he said:
"Two centuries ago our ancestors made great sacrifices to open up a new land and made the nation mistress of her own destinies. Now it is one of their descendants who has become prime minister."
The prime minister is accompanied on his tour by his son Jean-Paul and his daughter, Mrs. Hugh O'Donnell. They were welcomed also by Canadian Ambassador Jean Desy, Maurice Schumann, French secretary of state for foreign affairs, and Dana Wilgress, Canadian permanent representative on the North Atlantic Council.
During his 2 1/2 day stay in Paris, Prime Minister St. Laurent will call on President Rene Coty and Premier Laniel. He will deliver a national radio address and confer with officials of the French foreign ministry and permanent representative of NATO.

5,000 Families Homeless In Mexican 'Quake'

MEXICO CITY, (AP)—Planes Sunday were flying out the injured and homeless from four Mexican towns in a 50-mile-wide coffee-producing area hit hard by a catastrophic earthquake Friday. The area is in Chiapas state 60 miles from the Guatemalan border.
The number of homeless was estimated at 5,000 families. The town of Yajalon, population 5,000 was destroyed, officials said. Four persons were killed in that town. Officials said they had only fragmentary reports from the remote section and they were unable to give an accurate list of fatalities. But travellers who visited the area said the toll would be heavy.

British Drink 19 Gallons Beer Annually

LONDON, (AP)—Britons drank 899,000,000 gallons of beer in 1953—the equivalent of about 19 gallons per person. The Brewers' Society, in making this report Sunday, said consumption last year was about the same as in 1952. Old timers averaged 32 gallons a year half a century ago.
HALIFAX, (CP)—Ralph C. W. Parsons of Middle Sackville, N.S., was charged with manslaughter Saturday in connection with the highway death on the same day of 18-year-old Elmore Little of nearby Bedford.

Secret Meeting To Be Held In Berlin Today

By Arthur Gavshan
BERLIN, (AP)—High officials reported Sunday night the Western powers have set a price for negotiating an Indo-Chinese peace with Red China: The Peiping regime must co-operate first in a Korean settlement or else stop arming the revolutionary armies of Ho Chi Minh. And the West wants action—not promises.
The British, French and American foreign ministers are expected to make this plan to Russia's Vyacheslav Molotov today in the course of the first secret session of the Big Four conference.
Foreign Secretary Eden, State Secretary Dulles and Foreign Minister Bidault were also reported determined to:
1. Fix a deadline for their vain discussions on a German settlement—unless Russia is prepared to modify her demands.
2. Rebuff a Molotov effort to win immediate international recognition for the government of Mao Tse-Tung. The Russian statesman sought such recognition by proposing that Red China be brought
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Landed Fish Values Total \$2,814,000 For PEI In '53

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—(Special)—Value of fish and shellfish landings in Prince Edward Island in 1953 was \$2,814,000, exactly a quarter of a million dollars more than the value of the annual catch for 1952. Figures on the landings of species and their value were issued today in the monthly review of Canadian Fisheries, published by the Department of Trade and Commerce.
Lobster and oysters were the two principal factors in boosting last year's catch substantially above that of the previous year. The 1953 lobster landings, while lower in volume than those of 1952, were valued at \$2,047,000 as compared with \$1,890,000 for the prior 12 months. Oyster prices were also up, the total 1953 catch bringing \$137,000 as compared with \$114,000. Another factor in the higher value of the catch in Island waters for 1953 was haddock whose value jumped to \$104,000 from the 1952 figure of \$54,000.
Poorer catches last year were made of cod, hake, clams and quahaugs.

Fifth Generation In Legal Profession



Mr. James Simpson Palmer (above) the fifth generation of his family to enter law, was admitted to the Alberta Bar in a brief ceremony conducted before Mr. Justice W. A. MacDonald at the Calgary court house Wednesday afternoon.
A native of Charlottetown, P.E.I., Mr. Palmer is the son of His Honour Judge Harold L. Palmer, Judge in Admiralty and Probate in Charlottetown. The preceding four generations of Palmers have been members of the Bar in P.E.I.
He received his early education at West Kent School followed by attendance at King's Collegiate School, Windsor, N.S., and Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown.
Mr. Palmer received his formal education at McGill University where he studied for his bachelor of arts. He received his bachelor of laws degree in 1952 at the Dalhousie law school.
During the past year he was associated with Petrie and Petrie in Calgary. Mr. Palmer will continue his association with the firm. He was presented to Mr. Justice MacDonald by J. D. Petrie.

Slight Improvement Noted In Condition Of The Pope

Record High Temperatures In Western Canada

EDMONTON, (CP)—Record high temperatures were set in western Canada Sunday as warm air from the Pacific created a "little spring."
The weather office said there are no indications when the warm spell, warmest since records were first kept in 1880, will end.
Temperatures 30 to 40 degrees above normal were set from the Pacific coast to Winnipeg, a welcome change after the 16-day severe cold spell last month.
Record highs for Feb. 7 were set at Prince George 55 above zero, Edmonton 56, Calgary 61, Lethbridge 66, Medicine Hat 64, and Saskatoon 42.
Vancouver reported 57 above which equalled the previous Feb. 7 high reached in 1945.

United Church In Ontario Burned

CHARLETON PLACE, Ont. (CP)—The Memorial Park United Church here was gutted Saturday by a fire believed to have started in the basement. Only the walls and front tower were left standing. There was no immediate estimate of the loss.
The 65-year-old building, serving a congregation of more than 1,000, was insured for \$80,000. Charlton Place is 25 miles southwest of Ottawa.
Pains Disappear
Sunday's statement by his physician is taken to mean that these pains have almost disappeared. The hicups ended five days ago, and bulletins have noted "slight improvement" in the Pope's condition during the past two days.
It was authoritatively reported that the Pope has so far refused to allow specialists of stomach and nervous disorders to be called in for consultation, preferring to be treated only by his personal physician and by the Swiss specialist, Dr. Paul Nelhans, originator of a treatment which he calls "cellular therapy."
Concern for the Pope's condition is being expressed in thousands of telephone calls, letters, telegrams and cables from abroad, flooding in to the Vatican. Catholic churches in Canada and other countries held special prayers Sunday for the Pope.

EARL RECOVERING

LONDON, (Reuters)—The Earl of Athlone, 78, great-uncle of Queen Elizabeth and former governor-general of Canada, was reported "progressing well" Sunday following an attack of influenza.



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	20	57
Edmonton	22	53
Calgary	20	51
Regina	20	41
Winnipeg	21	38
Toronto	15	35
Ottawa	4	24
Montreal	11	19
Saint John	21	25
Moncton	20	25
Halifax	29	33
Charlottetown	25	27
Sydney	30	34

Helicopter Makes Mercy Flight

HALIFAX, (CP)—A seriously ill lightkeeper on Anticosti Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence was flown to hospital at Oshagan, N. B., Sunday by an ROAF helicopter.
Paul Albert Ferguson radioed early last week from his lonely tower at Pointe Sud that he was desperately in need of medical treatment.
Bad weather delayed the mercy flight.
It was believed here that Ferguson's brother, Jean Maurice of Gaspé, Que., has taken up the lonely vigil on Pointe Sud.

Killed In Freak Shooting Accident

SYDNEY MINES, N. S.—(CP)—Fifteen-year-old John LeBlanc died in his brother's arms Sunday after a freak shooting accident.
LeBlanc, his brother Derrick and John MacKinnon, both 16, were shooting tin cans with a .22-caliber rifle on the harbor shore.
LeBlanc tired of the target practise, walked up an embankment and was hit in the back by a ricocheting bullet.
It was not known immediately who fired the bullet or whether an inquest would be held.

Kremlin Shakes Up Party In Two More Republics

LONDON, (AP)—The Kremlin Sunday shook up the Communist party in two more Soviet republics—Moldavia and Kazakh. There also was a shift in the governing hierarchy in Lithuania.
The changes in command, disclosed in Soviet radio broadcasts heard here, appeared at first glance to herald the launching of a major reshuffle of party bosses on the home front.

This would be in line with recent widespread changes in Russian diplomatic assignments abroad.
One diplomatic source here expressed the belief that Premier Malenkov is securing his position by putting trusted lieutenants in key spots.
Shakeup announced Sunday in other sweeping purges in three other Soviet republics—Georgia, Azerbaijan and the Ukraine.

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion Public Weather Office here says snow in western Quebec is heading for the Maritimes and will probably hit the northernmost districts Monday. There will be snowflurries over the rest of the Maritimes.
Regional forecasts:
Prince Edward Island: Cloudy with a few clear intervals and a few snowflurries; little temperature change; westerly winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 15 and 30.
New Brunswick: Cloudy with snowflurries; not much temperature change; westerly winds 15. Low-high at Moncton and Fredericton 10 and 30, Saint John 10 and 32, Edmundston and Campbellton five and 30.
High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:54 a. m. and 2:10 p. m. Sun rises today at 7:24 a. m. and sets at 5:31 p. m.