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Huge Legislative Plans Outlined To Parliament

Improvement In Island Spud Shipments

A definite improvement in the weights and grades of Island potatoes is indicated in replies from receivers to a questionnaire sent out by the Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board in late December.

The board chairman, William MacLennan said he was pleased with the replies he received but urged producers and dealers to continue their efforts in this direction so that complaints will be a thing of the past.

In a prepared statement issued following the regular monthly meeting of the Marketing Board Mr. MacLennan said:

"Due to circumstances which can hardly be explained, or perhaps it would be better not to even attempt an explanation, the grade and weights of our potatoes shipped out of this province in the month of November, left much to be desired. This matter was brought to the attention of the Potato Marketing Board and the shippers, as our potatoes were not as popular on the market as we would wish them to be.

Early in December however when some facts concerning this problem were accumulated, the Potato Marketing Board considered it a part of their responsibilities to attempt corrective measures, but were uncertain at the time as to the ways and means of dealing with the matter.

All are part of a 12-vessel convoy which broke from Montreal early Wednesday after having been locked in the ice there for a month. The English freighter Beaverford dislaid the Trois-Rivieres stop-over Wednesday night and steamed on alone downriver.

Freighters Load Cargo At Quebec

QUEBEC (CP)—Three freighters completed the second leg of their sprint to freedom from Montreal's ice-bound harbor early this afternoon when they arrived here after an uneventful run from Trois-Rivieres, 70 miles upriver.

Six others are en route from Trois-Rivieres and were expected to reach Quebec Thursday night. Two other freighters, the Apple-dore and the Olga County, remained in Trois-Rivieres to load cargo and may continue down today.

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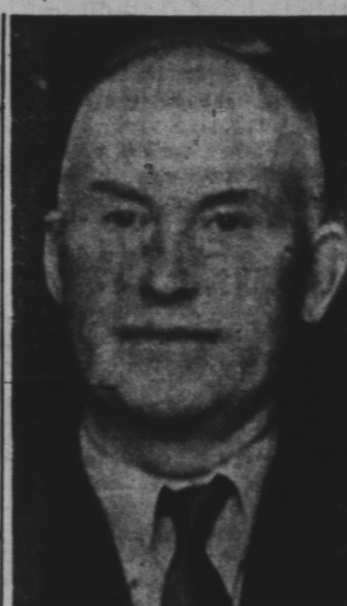
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Freight Rate Inequalities To Be Eased, Speech Says

OTTAWA (CP)—Plans for a huge array of federal legislation, including new national development projects, more money for housing and highways, crop insurance and extended credit facilities for farmers and exporters, were unveiled today in the traditional speech from the throne.

The throne speech, outlining government plans for the second session of the 24th Parliament, said federal tax concessions to the provinces will be continued for another year. Discrimination involved in the recent 17-per-cent freight rate increase would be eased and steps taken quickly to set up a national energy board to regulate gas and oil industries as recommended by the Borden energy commission.

The indications in the throne speech, perhaps the last to be delivered by Governor-General Massey who plans to retire next September, were that there will be heavy government expenditures in the next fiscal year starting April 1.

But the throne speech also indicated the government was aware of the dangers of inflation. It said the administration realized that as the economy recovered there will be increasing need for care to preserve the stability and purchasing power of our currency.

The 2,000-word speech, read amid the pomp and ceremony attendant upon the opening of the new session, contained something for almost everyone. There were indications the government planned to tighten up anti-combine legislation and laws dealing with distribution of obscene literature.

ADOPT BRITISH SYSTEM

The old-style parliamentary assistants—MPs giving as aides to cabinet ministers at an additional \$4,000 a year—would be replaced by proposed Parliament secretaries, along British lines. No parliamentary assistants were named in the last session.

The government plans to initiate a contributory medical insurance plan for its employees and to help war-veteran farmers take "greater advantage of modern agricultural practices."

The Unemployment Insurance Act will be changed, probably extending benefits and contributions to higher-income brackets. And Parliament will be asked to approve federal payments to cover half the payroll costs of special municipal winter projects already under way to ease unemployment.

BOOST COLOMBO AID

In the international field, the government plans to increase its financial contributions to the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in line with proposals made at the multi-country New Delhi conference last fall. And the federal Colombo Plan contribution to aid South and Southeast Asia will be boosted to \$50,000,000 a year from the previous \$35,000,000.

AMID THIS, THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO MAINTAIN THE "EFFECTIVE POWER" OF CANADA'S DEFENCES.

There was no mention of the controversial Arrow jet interceptor. The government has stated previously it will decide by March 31 whether to order it into production or scrap it.

But the throne speech emphasized the government is negotiating with the United States to enable Canadian industry to share in production of equipment ordered by the U.S. "for joint defence purposes."

On rocket achievements in outer space, the government said it is convinced "international agreement must be reached without delay to ensure that outer space is used only for peaceful purposes with full co-operation among all nations."

QUEEN'S VISIT

The speech touched on the forthcoming Canadian visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. The royal couple would take part in ceremonies opening the St. Lawrence Seaway next June and would make a cross-country tour, visiting also the Yukon and the Northwest Territories. This would be the Queen's first visit to Canada's north. Prince Philip has been there before.

The most "pressing need" was an "enduring peace." The Canadian government "deplored" Russian moves in Berlin. Freedom of West Berlin had to be assured "pending agreement on the as- (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)

Public Works Projects For P. E. I. Announced

OTTAWA (Special)—Two public works projects involving thousands of dollars of federal government spending in Prince Edward Island were announced Thursday by the provinces' MP's.

One of the projects calls for construction of a 40-foot harbour tug, to service Dredge 14. The other is for warehouse improvements in Charlottetown.

The announcement regarding the harbour tug was made in a joint statement by Fisheries Minister, J. Angus MacLean, now in Jamaica with a Canadian trade mission; Heath Macquarrie, junior MP for Queens; John A. Macdonald, MP for Kings, and Orville Phillips, MP for Prince.

Tenders for the tug have now been called and will be received by the government up to Feb. 11th.

The announcement about warehouse improvements was made in a joint statement from Mr. Macquarrie and Mr. MacLean. Tenders for this project also have been called and will be received up to Feb. 4th.

Contracts will be let soon after tenders close, with work expected to get underway this spring.

Chrysler Strike Set Next Week

WINDSOR (CP)—Members of Local 444 of the United Auto Workers Union (UAW) voted Thursday night to strike at 3 p.m. EST next Tuesday against Chrysler Corporation of Canada.

Jerry Hartford, UAW publicity director, announced the vote after the membership meeting of Chrysler workers.

The local, which bargains for 3,500 Chrysler workers in Windsor and 800 at the Chatham plant, said talks with the company have failed to produce a suitable offer. There was no immediate prospect of new negotiations.

Student Nurses Threaten Strike

VANCOUVER (CP)—Punishment of a student nurse caught sneaking in a car has led to threat of a strike of 500 student nurses at Vancouver General Hospital.

After two mass meetings the students said Thursday they will strike if not given some say in future disciplinary action. They want representation on all hospital bodies controlling their work and conduct.

Hospital officials said the "case of the kissing nurse" has been seized on by elements within the student body who want the changes. They said the girl herself had not objected to the punishment of two week's suspension from studies.

MINER FATALLY INJURED

SYDNEY MINES, (CP)—Clarence Boyd, 28, of North Sydney died in hospital here Thursday night a few hours after he was caught in a fall of stone in Princess Colliery.

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Enactment of a bill of rights—introduced at the last session—will be proposed again.

Reserve Naval Division Takes Over New Quarters

Charlottetown's new naval barracks, located on the former Paoli Wharf, was officially handed over to the local reserve naval division during ceremonies completed last evening.

In the three-way transaction, Commodore Edward W. Finch-Noyes, C.D., R.C.N., of Hamilton, represented the Commanding Officer of Naval Divisions, Commander J. O. T. Lee, C.D., R.C.N., of Charlottetown, represented the department of national defence, Commander J. N. Kenny, C.D., R.C.N.(R.), commander of H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte, accepted the keys on behalf of the local division.

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Three Senators Are Appointed

OTTAWA (CP)—Three new senators from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland were named Thursday by Prime Minister Diefenbaker, strengthening the minority Progressive Conservative representation in the 102-seat upper chamber to 19.

Among the three is a former member of Parliament, John G. Higgins, 67-year-old lawyer of St. John's, Nfld., who represented St. John's East in the Commons from 1949 to 1951. He is a former Opposition leader in the Newfoundland legislature.



SENATOR HIGGINS

The others are John Alexander Buchanan, 71, Edmonton engineer, and John Hnatyshyn, 50, Ukrainian-born lawyer in Saskatoon.

The appointments, on the opening day of the new session of Parliament, reduce the number of vacancies in the upper chamber to six. There are three vacancies in the Quebec representation, two from Nova Scotia and one from New Brunswick.

With the 19 Progressive Conservative Senators there are 74 Liberals, two independents and one Independent-Liberal.

The last Senate appointment was that of Senator Lionel Choquette of Ottawa Feb. 3, 1958. Senator Buchanan, head of a construction and engineering firm that bears his name, was born at Comber, Ont., and moved to Edmonton in 1910.

Senator Hnatyshyn, came to Canada as a child with his family and grew up at Canora, Sask. He has practised law in Saskatoon since 1932.

Senator Higgins, one of the mainstays of the Progressive Conservative party in Newfoundland, has practised law in St. John's since 1913 and has been vice-president for Newfoundland on the executive of the Canadian Bar Association. He was a Rhodes Scholar and is a member of the bar of both Newfoundland and England.

Castro Bitter At Criticisms; Lashes Out At United States

By STANFORD BRADSHAW HAVANA (AP)—Fidel Castro warned Thursday that if the United States ever attempted to intervene in the executions of convicted Batista war criminals "there would be 200,000 dead in the streets of Havana."

He made the statement in a speech before the Havana Rotary Club. Earlier at an informal gathering as he emerged from his headquarters in the Havana Hilton Hotel on his way to the club meeting Castro said if U.S. Marines were sent to Cuba "200,000 Gringos will die."

Gringo is a term used by some Latin-Americans, often in a derogatory sense, for U.S. citizens. About 12,000 live in Cuba. Castro referred to the marines, without elaboration, at the close of a bitter diatribe before a crowd of 60 to 70 persons who surrounded him in the Hilton hotel lobby.

His threat, presumably was prompted by statements of some U.S. congressmen that the state department should act to halt the executions which have followed the fall of Fulgencio Batista's dictatorship.

(In Washington, the state department held Thursday to a policy of non-intervention in the face of congressional demands for U.S. action to stop the wide-scale executions in Cuba.

"We are not going to intervene in what is essentially Cuba's affairs," Assistant Secretary of State Roy Rubottom said. (While he ruled out any intervention, Rubottom said that did not exclude "constructive influence" which could be applied through normal diplomatic means.)

The reported toll of the firing squads rose Thursday almost to the 200 mark. "We are trying those who killed 20, 30 or 40 persons," Castro said, "and they ask us to be humane!" Castro's criticisms of the U.S. were echoed in Santiago by his brother Raul, commander of revolutionary forces in Oriente province.

Canadian Jet Crashes In Fla., Pilot Injured

KEY WEST, Fla. (CP)—A Royal Canadian Navy Banshee jet fighter crashed into a mangrove swamp Wednesday while trying to land. The pilot was slightly injured.

U.S. Navy officials Thursday identified the pilot as Sub-Lt. J. J. Verneau. Hospital officials said his condition is satisfactory. Verneau was bringing a single-seat fighter in for a landing at the Boca Chica naval air station when the motor quit. The plane did not have enough altitude to glide to the runway and pancaked into the swamp.

It was one of eight jets from the 870th Naval Fighter Squadron, based at the Shearwater naval air station, N.S., arriving at Boca Chica for five weeks training.

SPEECH HIGHLIGHTS

OTTAWA (CP)—Highlights of the speech from the throne read at the opening of Parliament Thursday:

New projects for national development will be placed before Parliament.

The government will propose establishment of a national energy board to ensure the best use of energy resources within federal jurisdiction.

Action will be proposed to alleviate "discriminatory" effects of the recent 17-per-cent rail freight rate increase.

The government will ask extension for one year of the increase in the provincial share of personal income tax revenue given last year.

Study of financial relations between the federal and provincial governments will be continued.

Increased federal expenditure on the Trans-Canada Highway will be recommended.

A special Commons committee will be set up to review broadcasting policy and operations.

Legislation will be introduced to institute farm crop insurance in conjunction with any provinces that want it.

Parliament will be asked to review and revise farm credit legislation to make it more effective.

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N.S. Lobster Prices Soar As Ice Blockades Harbors

By IAN DONALDSON Canadian Press Staff Writer HALIFAX (CP)—Inshore fighting along Nova Scotia's south shore has brought to a near-standstill by the worst harbor ice conditions in a decade.

Prolonged cold spells since mid-December have blockaded dozens of small fishing ports. Icebreakers have been called on to clear larger harbors more than a month earlier than normal.

The freeze-up has crippled the lobster industry in some areas and prices have risen to a record 85 cents a pound.

The LaHave River in Lunenburg County, main artery to the sea for several fishing communities, is frozen solid. A transport department official here said Thursday icebreakers have given up their battle to clear it.

Russia Still Seeking Summit Meeting, Mikoyan Declares

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—Anastas I. Mikoyan Thursday said Russia still wants a summit conference on world problems and that the West cannot sidestep one forever.

The Soviet deputy premier, who will see State Secretary Dulles again in Washington Friday, expressed interest in Dulles' statement that free elections are not the only way to reunify Germany.

But he complained that Dulles "did not come up with the constructive alternative" to the Soviet plan for confederation of East and West Germany by mutual agreement, before or after a peace treaty.

De Gaulle Offers Algerians 'Deal'

PARIS (AP)—President de Gaulle Thursday pledged a political solution for Algeria by way of universal suffrage, but only after peace returns to that troubled territory.

Prime Minister Michel Debre amplified de Gaulle's statement, denying published reports that secret negotiations for a cease-fire have begun. He declared that de Gaulle's offer of 1958 to the Algerian Nationalists to come in and talk things over is still open, and that no other overture is contemplated.

Both addressed their words to the new National Assembly, called into special session to hear the government's plans for France's Fifth Republic.

Through this forum they were obviously trying to persuade the Nationalists that de Gaulle's standing cease-fire offer is the best settlement they can expect.

OUTLOOK POOR

A fisheries department spokesman said it was too early to estimate the weather's effect on fish landings, but said "things don't look very promising."

Fisherman Vernon Conrad of Lunenburg said ice in country