

# Sharp Rise In January Federal Tax Collections

OTTAWA (CP)—A sharp rise in January federal tax collections produced a budgetary surplus of \$175,199,000 in the month and boosted the surplus for the first 10 months of the fiscal year to \$336,320,000.

The 10-month figure was three times the comparable figure of \$179,507,000 for the April-January period in the 1955-56 fiscal year. It tends to strengthen speculation that the government will complete the current fiscal year ending March 13 with a surplus of perhaps more than \$300,000,000.

The government's financial position was outlined in the regular monthly treasury statement issued Friday by Finance Minister Harris.

Government officials said it is likely there will be no further monthly reports before Mr. Harris brings down his budget, likely towards the end of next month. There has been speculation that he will present the budget either March 19 or 26.

The 10-month surplus of \$336,320,000 will be reduced in February and March because bills tend to pile up toward the end of the

fiscal year. The surplus may be in January, but tax collections led reduced still further by the gov- the race. Revenues rose to \$523- ernment applying the \$100,000,000, an increase of \$74,880,000 cost of the Canada Council to this over the previous year, boosting year's accounts. the 10-month total by \$627,800,000.

However, even with these ex- to \$4,162,833,000.

penditures it appears likely Mr. Government expenditures Harris will complete the year in January rose by \$23,000,000 with a surplus some three times \$346,095,000 and in the 10-month as large as his initial forecast of \$271,000,000 to \$3,626- \$113,000,000. Some of the surplus \$13,000,000. Defence spending totalled is expected to be used to reduce \$142,000,000, a rise of \$12,000,000 the national debt which now is boosting the April-January figure about \$11,000,000, to \$1,373,481,000, an increase of Revenues and expenditures rose about \$50,000,000.

## Book On French Intellectuals Is Translated Into English

By ALAN HARVEY  
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LONDON (CP)—When the most dazzling woman intellectual in Europe writes a book about what is probably the most tightly knit group of intellectuals in the world, the long-hairs of the Left Bank in Paris are likely to raise something more than the usual jaded eyebrow.

They did, anyway, then Simone de Beauvoir produced her 700-page novel, *The Mandarins*.

Published in France in 1954 and now issued in English translation, it is essentially a portrait—none too flattering at times—of the post-war French intellectual. Critics agree it is a difficult, but important, book.

**REMOTE FROM REALITY**

There is a story, but the interest lies less in complicated character relationship than in the clear-cut picture of the St. Germain des Pres set, a rarefied group supposed to radiate the pure light of reason but often surprisingly infective and remote from reality.

Simone de Beauvoir is well-suited to dissect this exclusive, cohesive, sometimes exasperating society. A close associate of playwright Jean-Paul Sartre — some lightly call her "la grande sarteuse" — she is the high priestess of Sartre's dreary doctrine of existentialism, that vague word of the post-liberation sidewalk cafes.

She knows the serious writers and thinkers — Raymond Aron, Louis A. Albert Camus, Francois Mauriac, Pierre Herve, Claude Bourdet, Sartre — and her novel portrays most of them in one disguise or another.

**LOST PRESTIGE**

French intellectuals gained a reputation for courage and incisiveness in the wartime resistance but have since lost prestige.

Unable to detach themselves entirely from a fascination with com-

munist, with its strong appeal to their revolutionary sense, but equally unable to spearhead the non-Communist left or come to terms with the right, they floundered in a political limbo. They are more ineffectual than intellectual.

British critics emphasize the point. Richard Lister in *The Evening Standard* says ordinary men may well be contemptuous of the heavy thinkers:

**ALL THEORY**

"They theorize endlessly without ever taking responsibility. They wear themselves out deciding what ought to be done, without the risk of having to do it. They talk a heap about the working class, but they never even meet them..."

Paul Johnson, who was acquainted with many of the French intellectuals as Paris correspondent of *The New Statesman* and *Nation*, writes of the group's "passionate preoccupation" with the ephemeral. They are so intent on the latest idea that they never return to the classics.

Politically, Simone de Beauvoir offers no solution. In an oft-quoted phrase, she admits "la gauche a perdu sa chaleur et la droite n'a rien appris" — the left has lost its fervor and the right has learned nothing.

**DEAN OF RABBIS DIES**

WINNIPEG (CP)—Funeral service was held Monday for Rabbi Chaim Svi Herson, 66, dean of Winnipeg rabbis and deputy chief rabbi of the Winnipeg Rabbinical Council. Rabbi Herson died at his home Saturday night.

**SOPRANO STAR**

EDINBURGH (CP)—Soprano Maria Meneghini-Callar, who has been singing Bellini's "Norma" at Covent Garden opera house, will appear at the Edinburgh Festival this year in another Bellini opera, "La Sonnambula."



CHARLOTTETOWN STREET FLOODED

Heavy rain and comparatively mild weather started the Island's large amount of snow to melt yesterday, causing torrents of water to flow in field, river and road. The water, held by high snow cutting soon formed large ponds in

the hollows of many roads and a draw-back in many places to traffic. Due to water holes being plugged with snow and ice within the city, many Charlottetown streets became almost impassable. In the above photo, the

Guardian staff photographer catches a bit of the effects of the flood in his shot of vehicles pushing their way through a large street pond in front of Imperial Oil Ltd. on Grafton Street East. (Guardian Photo)

## Irish Election Again Has Coalition Question To Fore

By DONAGH MACDONAGH

DUBLIN (Reuters)—The question of whether Ireland should be run by a coalition or single party government today is turning into one of the main issues in the general election campaign.

Other issues to be decided by the voters March 5 are the question of economic policy and party tactics in relation to the recent raids on Northern Irish police and military posts by units of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

The question of a coalition government has been a prominent issue in each of the three general elections since 1948. But the question is of exceptional interest this time because of efforts to bring the two main opposing parties together in a unit.

These two parties—Fianna Fail, led by veteran former revolution-

ary Eamonn de Valera, and Fine Gael, led by Prime Minister John Costello—have their origins in the old Sinn Fein party which negotiated the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921. Sinn Fein split over the treaty terms and civil war followed, with de Valera leading the opposition.

**PERSONALITIES DIFFER**

The treaty is no longer an issue in Irish politics but the division it caused has persisted down to the present day in the form of the two parties. The differences between these parties are differences in personalities rather than differences in policies.

During the last few weeks, some members of the Fine Gael party have tried to bring about a merger between them. While Fine Gael has officially ignored the merger moves, party speakers have been advocating the formation of a

"national" government, composed of all parties which, they claim, could deal more effectively, with the nation's economic problems.

This idea has been turned down by de Valera, who declares that any kind of coalition government is "weak."

The present government is a coalition of Fine Gael, Labor and the Farmers party. Originally, it included the Republican party whose defection from the coalition led to the election.

The main plank in Costello's argument is that while Ireland's balance of payments showed a deficit in 1955, this now has been reduced greatly and the deficit may disappear altogether by the end of the financial year.

Fianna Fail's main criticism of the government's economic policy is based on the view that its measures to reduce the balance of payments deficit result in large-scale unemployment and increased emigration. Unemployment, according to the latest figures, is about 100,000 out of a population of less than a quarter million.

## C Squadron Gets Instruction On Need For Civil Defence

"C" Squadron, 17 Recce Regiment under command of Major Lorne Monckley at their regular training on Tuesday evening in the Summerside Armouries were given instruction by means of visual education on the need of civil defence.

The film "Operation Ivy" depicted the preparations which took place prior and subsequent to the detonation of the first hydrogen bomb in 1952 by the combined United States Forces, the army, the navy and the air force. The film, which was taken in part from a hitherto secret film prepared by the American Civil Defense depicted the awesome spectacle of the greatest known explosion man has ever seen.

This film was followed by one which showed the effects of an atomic bomb on troops in the field and of the precautions which can be taken to avoid death by blast or shock or by radiation fall out.

Major Monckley told his men that the possibilities of an atomic attack in this part of the country were rare but he also warned that everyone should be familiar with the effects of an atomic attack and of the precautions to be taken to ensure maximum safety even in the fringe areas. He said that as their training progressed they would receive further and more detailed instructions in methods of avoiding fatal results from atomic warfare.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride, a colorful panoramic view of the famous precision drill of the Mounties was shown as the concluding film.

Major Monckley expressed his thanks to Mr. Albre Arsenault for operating the picture during the evening.

**FORMER CAPITAL**  
Kyoto, 330 miles from Tokyo, was the capital of Japan from the eighth century until 1868.

## Ont. To Expand Provincial Police

TORONTO (CP)—The government proposes to expand the Ontario Provincial Police force to increase salaries, Attorney-General Roberts said Wednesday.

The brief reference to the subject was made in a speech to the legislature on highway safety. Speaking of efforts made by the OPP in enforcing traffic laws, Mr. Roberts said: "I am happy to say that we expect authority will be given by this House for a further substantial increase in the number and in the remuneration of our provincial police force."

**SPY SENTENCED**  
ANKARA (AP)—A military court Tuesday sentenced a former Nazi Army captain to death on charges of spying for Soviet Russia but then reduced sentence to life in prison. Trial of the German, identified as Herbert Diefer, alias W. L. Herbrecht, was held in camera.

## Seed Grain Is Frost Damaged

CHICOUTIMI, Que. (CP)—The probability that a considerable amount of seed grain in this northwestern farming area of Quebec was damaged by cold and frost last fall is worrying farmers in the Saguenay area.

The agricultural products department laboratory in Montreal has reported that a sample of oats taken from the Normandin district, north of Lac St. Jean, attained only six- to 50-per-cent germination, considerably below that normally needed to produce good crops.

An unusually cold summer in the area, was followed by frost early in September. Agriculturists say seed crops over the whole region may have been damaged too much to be used for sowing this spring. Most extensive damage was believed to be in the northwest section of the Lac St. Jean region. Weather in the southeast was less severe.

Farmers have been advised to send samples of seed crops from all sections of their land to their county agriculture office for tests. It was emphasized that this was the only way insufficient germination could be discovered before planting.

If tests prove damage to have been widespread, farmers say they will need outside help to ensure a good crop this year.

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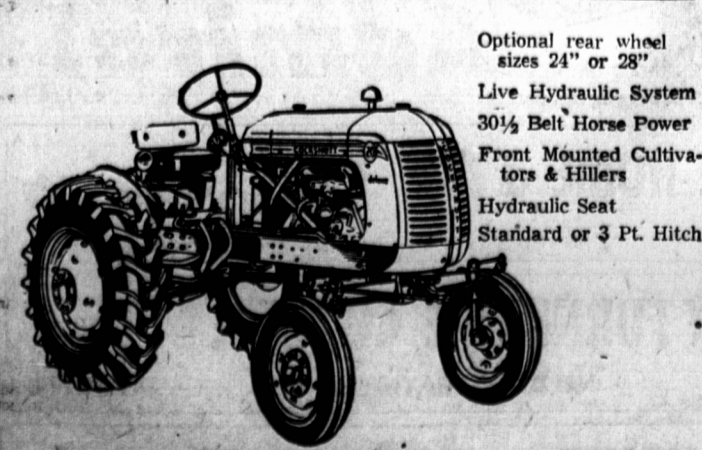
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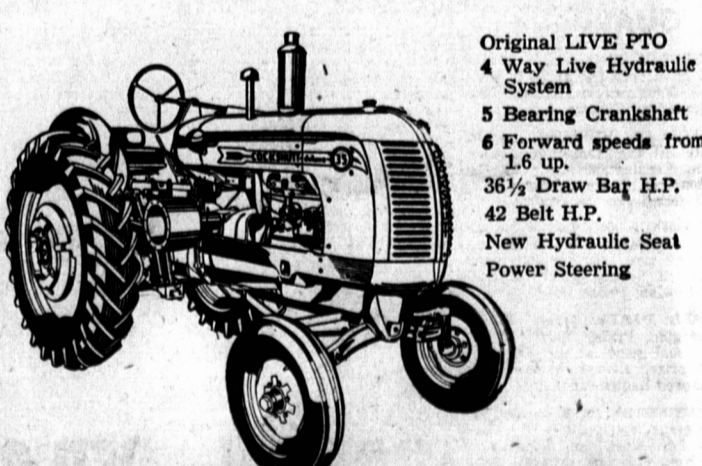
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