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North Shore Protests Re RCAF Gunnery Range Raised In Parliament

OTTAWA, April 26—(Special)—Every precaution will be taken by the R.C.A.F. to choose a bombing and gunnery range on the north coast of Prince Edward Island which will interfere with the fishing industry as little as possible.

This assurance was given in the House of Commons today by J. Watson MacNaught, parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister Mayhew in reply to a question asked by W. Chester S. McLure, Progressive Conservative member for Queen's.

The two P. E. I. members locked horns over the term "junior." In answering Mr. McLure's question, Mr. MacNaught referred to him as the junior member for Queen's. Nettled by the reference, Mr. McLure said the fishermen on the north coast of the Province should be notified of the area of the bombing range by the "junior official" of the department before the opening of the season.

Hansard, official record of the House of Commons, deleted Mr. McLure's reference to the "junior official," since Mr. Speaker rose to call order. The phrase was spoken, amid cries of "order" from Liberal benches.

Mr. McLure said he has received many telegrams and letters from Rustico and other sections protesting against the establishment of a bombing and gunnery range in the centre of the fishing-grounds. "This restricted area, as reported, planned will result in a great loss to all fishermen on the North Shore," he said.

Fisheries Minister Mayhew said he had not seen correspondence on the subject but that his parliamentary assistant, (Mr. MacNaught), was prepared to answer the question. Mr. MacNaught told the Commons:

"In reply to the junior member for Queen's, Mr. Speaker, I would

May Open Highways For Motor Traffic Up To 12,000 Pounds

With a view to facilitating transportation for fishermen, it is reported that the Government may give immediate consideration to opening the highways for traffic of motor vehicles up to 12,000 lbs. total weight of vehicle and load.

Since the closing of the highways on March 23, all motor vehicle traffic over 5,000 lbs. has been prohibited.

say that such protests have been received by the department from time to time.

"Negotiations have been conducted between the Department of National Defence and the Department of Fisheries with a view to selecting a site for a bombing range along the North Shore of Prince Edward Island, but no definite decision has yet been made.

Departmental officials said today that a bombing range suitable for R.C.A.F. purposes must be within 30 miles of the Summerside air base. Since such a range may not be established in Northumberland Strait on account of navigation regulations, it must be located on the north coast of the Province.

Mr. Lester Douglas, Liberal member for Queen's, has been active in urging protection of the fishermen's interests, as well as Messrs. MacNaught and McLure.

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U. S. Adds Big Slice To Defence Funds

Attlee's Gov't. Survives Three Close Votes

LONDON, April 26—(CP)—Britain's Labor Government won three close votes today, and thus will fight another day.

With its life at stake, it survived two parliamentary divisions by the identical margin of five votes. Almost simultaneously, it was announced winner in a by-election in Dunbartonshire West, Scotland.

This time the verdict was by 293 votes—after a recount.

Victory in Dunbarton raises the Government's voting majority to 311, a majority of eight over the combined Opposition. Every vote probably will be vital in divisions expected during the next few weeks on the finance bill.

Today's divisions in the House of Commons, in either of which a Government defeat almost certainly would have forced a new general election, went to Labor by identical figures—304 to 299—amid scenes of unusual animation in a standing-room-only chamber.

The Opposition was attacking two proposals in the 1950-51 budget. One doubles the gasoline tax from nine pence (12 cents) to 18 pence, a gallon. The other places a 33-1-3 per cent purchase tax on trucks.

The government went into the division lobbies today with a paper voting strength of 310. Of the six who did not vote, four were reported to be absent because of his wife's illness and the sixth "paired" his vote—that is agreed with a Conservative that both would abstain.

Premier Non-Committal On New Highway Route

Beyond verifying the bare official description of the Trans-Canada highway route as given in Tuesday's issue of The Guardian, Premier J. Walter Jones, who returned last night from Ottawa, said he had no information to re-lease at the present time.

The official report stated the route would be from Wood Islands through Millview to the eastern boundary of Charlottetown, again from the north boundary of the city through Cornwall, Bonshaw and Tryon to Borden.

Even this outline, the Premier intimated, was not necessarily final as the Government could divert the route at any point in the course of the programme.

Yesterday's Ottawa despatch intimated that the route from Wood Islands would be via the Selkirk Road and not along the Shore Road. This was not in the agreement at all, Premier Jones said.

He took the same attitude with regard to the location of the route in the vicinity of Charlottetown. "We will come through Charlottetown if we can't but if we can't we will divert it," he stated. The ques-

tion of cost would be a major consideration.

A new Hillsboro bridge would cost in the vicinity of \$4,000,000, and a Brighton bridge would cost "nearly as much," Premier Jones said.

"A great deal of survey work has to be done before these details can be determined," he said. "Isn't it enough for the people to know that they are getting a Trans-Canada Highway from Borden to Tormentine, by the shortest practicable route? Why should they want to know whether it passes through somebody's farm or not? I don't think the newspapers should cater to their curiosity. Let them wait and see."

The Premier took the stand that divulging of further information would only be "playing into the hands of speculators." Asked when the information would be forthcoming, he said he didn't know. That would depend upon the progress of the survey.

Asked whether he was satisfied with the agreement, he retorted: "I signed it, didn't I?"

Defence Chiefs Declare Cold War Is Warmer

WASHINGTON, April 26—(AP)—Notified by defence chiefs that the cold war has grown more serious, Congress leaders moved swiftly today to add \$350,000,000 to United States defence funds and extend the Draft Act.

First, the House of Representatives appropriations committee at an emergency session voted the additional \$350,000,000 for air and naval defences on recommendation of Defence Secretary Louis Johnson and the joint chiefs of staff.

Several hours later, chairman Carl Vinson (Dem. Ga.) of the House armed services committee reversed his previous stand and came out for a two-year extension of the Selective Service Act. Vinson said he changed his mind because of "present world conditions."

Prospects for congressional approval of the new defence funds appear much brighter than for extending the draft.

Representative Joseph Martin of Massachusetts, House Republican leader, told reporters he would go along with the appropriations committee. He said that while Republicans have been demanding economy, the advice of the joint chiefs should be followed.

While the administration has asked for extension of the draft law expiring in June, there have been no draft calls since January, 1949, and opposition has built up against continuance of the act.

Vinson said his committee will open hearings Tuesday on the matter, with Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, as the first witness.

Decrease May Be Passed Along To The Consumer



ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 26—(CP)—Prospects are bright in all of Newfoundland's three basic industries, Premier Joseph Smallwood (above) told the Legislature today as he brought down the budget.

The outlook in the fisheries, pulp and paper and mining industries was much better than it was a year ago, he said.

An agricultural official, amplifying this remark, said it would mean a loss to the Government of about \$1,300,000 on the amount of butter the government now has in storage. The butter was bought at about 58 cents a pound, for sale at 60 1-2 cents.

This is in addition to any possible loss suffered by dealers who had bought Government butter at the old price of 60 1-2 cents a pound and who have not been able to move the stocks by the end of April. Mr. Gardiner already has announced that the Government will absorb this loss as well.

The new selling price for butter will be 53 cents a pound on deliveries in Ontario and Quebec. In Halifax it may be about one cent higher and in Vancouver about three-quarters of a cent lower.

The wholesale market will be maintained at 53 cents a pound on the basis of delivery at Saint John, N. B., Halifax, Montreal and Toronto. The price will be 52 1-2

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Barn Destroyed By Fire At Kinkora

A disastrous fire, reportedly originating from a bonfire completely destroyed a large barn at Kinkora yesterday afternoon, owned by Mr. John Farmer.

The blaze was discovered about two o'clock and residents of the community hurried to the scene and with the aid of former A.R.P. pumps endeavored to control the fire. It had, however, gained too much headway and within a short time the building was a mass of flames.

Twenty-two head of cattle were in the barn at the time and all were saved except one calf. Several pieces of farm machinery however were destroyed, including a tractor, plow, cultivator and hay mower, as well as a large quantity of hay and grain.

The barn was on the old homestead property of Michael Farmer and the house is rented and occupied by Mrs. A. McMahon.

Only a light wind was blowing at the time and away from the residence and St. Malachi's Church, which was only one hundred yards away. Had the wind been stronger and in the opposite direction, residents say that the Church would have been doomed.

It could not be learned last evening what the estimated loss would be but it is understood that it was fairly well covered by insurance.

No Immediate Drop In Retail Price of Butter

RETAILERS here said tonight no immediate change in the price of butter to consumers is contemplated, following the Ottawa announcement of a five-cent reduction in the minimum price.

The Federal Government's wholesale price is cut from 58 to 53 cents in the west, effective May 1. Spokesmen for two large chain stores said it is possible the price May 1, will come down from the present 62-63 cents to 57 cents a pound or even less.

Winnipeg Flood Threats Eased

WINNIPEG, April 26—(CP)—The Red River's flood threat eased today at Winnipeg but experts predict the risk may grow again in a few days.

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A. J. Taunton, deputy city engineer at Winnipeg, said the peak river level for the year may have been reached here.

Believe Dog Returns Home 1900 Miles

DEKALB, Ill., April 26—(AP)—"Tiny," a dirty and hungry collie, bounced into the front yard of his home yesterday, almost 10 months after he had been given up for lost in Nova Scotia.

The dog apparently had walked the 1,900 miles back to Dekalb, his owner, Dr. and Mrs. Edward B. Glenn said.

Mrs. Glenn took the dog with her when she drove to Nova Scotia last June. When she arrived there June 16, the dog became frightened and ran away. He was given up for lost.

SERIOUSLY BURNED

FLORENCEVILLE, N.B., April 26—(CP)—Severely burned when he mistook naphtha gas for kerosene to help start a stove fire at his Greenfield home, Marvin Lunn, 14, was in serious condition tonight in hospital at Bath.

His father heard the boy screaming and wrapped him in blankets to extinguish the flames.

Blame Furnace Gas For Four Deaths In Montreal

MONTREAL, April 26—(CP)—Death toll rose to four tonight in the asphyxiation of seven members of a family in their East-End Montreal home today.

Dead are Guy, 14, Mariette, 8, Bernard, 5 and Norman, 3, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bernier.

The other sons—Jacques, 16, and Gerard, 13, are in serious condition in hospital while their 42-year-old mother was reported "resting comfortably" in another hospital.

Mrs. Bernier and her six children were overcome by coal gas fumes escaping from a defective furnace. The father, a night am-

balance driver, found them unconscious when he returned home from work this morning.

He found the door still locked and after smelling gas, ran for help. With the aid of a neighbor he broke open the door and discovered his family unconscious in bed.

Police, ambulances and four pulp motor squads were called to the scene and the four oldest children, but the two younger boys already were dead.

Guy and his sister, Mariette, died tonight within five minutes of each other.

Three Thousand Students Besiege N. Y. City Hall

NEW YORK, April 26—(AP)—Three thousand students, many of them girls, besieged the City Hall today in an angry protest against teachers' wages and cancelled out-of-classes activities.

Demanding pay increases for their high school teachers, the screaming teen-agers smashed a 30-foot section of City Hall park railing in trying to storm the hall and lay their grievances before Mayor William O'Dwyer. The Mayor was not at his office at the time.

More than 100 patrolmen, augmented by mounted police, blocked their march on the mayor's office. Barricades of benches were thrown up at exits to confine the demonstration to the park.

Several students, thrown to the ground by the surge of their milling schoolmates, suffered cuts and bruises. There were no arrests.

The demonstration began at 10 A.M. but it was not until nearly five hours later that the area was cleared of all the jeering students.

One police official termed the event,

Plan U. K. Automobile Show In Canada

TORONTO, April 26—(CP)—Sir William Kotes, British automobile magnate, said today a United Kingdom auto show will be held in Canada in 1951.

He arrived from New York to look the situation over and decide where the show will be held. Sir William predicted in an interview that Canadian-built jet cars will be travelling on the Trans-Canada Highway in 10 years.

Another prediction was that Canada would in that time be producing United-Kingdom styled cars for export.

Coming Events

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Kinley Re-elected Mayor of Halifax

HALIFAX, April 26—(CP)—Gordon S. Kinley, operator of a drug store chain who campaigned on a platform of dignity and accomplishment, today was re-elected Mayor of Halifax for a second one-year term.

His only opponent, former-Mayor Jack Lloyd, conceded defeat before the counting was complete. The final vote was Kinley 6,940, Lloyd 3,591.

Five of the 12 aldermanic seats also were contested today.

In Ward Five, former Police Chief George Fox won out over two other candidates, including veteran Alderman John A. Walker. James C. Wood trailed in the three-way race.

In Ward One W. B. Moriarity retained his seat, defeating Andrew Mathews.

Claim World Record For Quebec Holstein

VERCHERES, Que., April 26—(CP)—A purebred Holstein cow with the registered name of Sprucehaven Farm Triumph was believed today to have established a world record for butter-fat production.

Her owner, H. I. Guilbert, proprietor of Sprucehaven Farm in this St. Lawrence River town 20 miles east of Montreal, said Triumph produced 1,365 pounds of butter-fat from 31,878 pounds of milk.

Newfoundland became a Province March 31 last year.

Incidentally, taxes were announced but the budget speech reminded members that the House already had approved a social security assessment to be levied on retail sales. This tax would come into effect during the late summer or early autumn.

The government expected it would yield \$1,250,000 before the end of the fiscal year.

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The optimistic forecasts made today the most hopeful day the Red River valley has seen since the spring run-off began in earnest a couple of weeks ago.

But most engineers agreed the flood risk still is serious.

Heavy Snowfall In Great Britain

LONDON, April 26—(AP)—Britain's heaviest April snowfall in 31 years snarled train services and put thousands of telephones out of order today.

The winter-in-spring weather also swept over Western Europe.

Southeast Britain recorded snowfalls ranging up to 12 inches. Some trees and telephone poles snapped under the weight of wet snow, blocking railways and roads.

Railway signal systems in the south-eastern flickered out and officials said there was no hope of restoring normal service tonight.

Rain fell at times during the day. Hall and torrential rain was reported from the Sheffield area.

Freezing temperatures gripped France and high winds swept over the countryside. It rained heavily in Belgium, but temperatures rose to about 40 degrees. Copenhagen had cold but sunny weather.

Holdup Suspects Arrested

WASHINGTON, April 26—(AP)—Police today arrested seven men in a round-up of hold-up suspects and found a uniform of the Brinks Armored Car Service where three men were taken in to custody.

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TORONTO, April 26—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria 41, 51; Edmonton 32, 49; Regina 25, 40; Winnipeg 22, 30; Toronto 42, 54; Ottawa 37, 59; Montreal 43, 51; Quebec 39, 45; Saint John 33, 48; Moncton 27, 58; Halifax 36, 56; Charlottetown 30, 46; Sydney 34, 46; Yarmouth 34, 47; St. John's 31, 42.

HALIFAX, April 26—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis:
Light rain was falling tonight in the Southwestern Maritimes and skies were overcast over most of the inland regions, but Cape Breton and the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence were clear.