

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN MAKES STATEMENT RE SCHOOL FINANCING

The following statement has been released for publication by Dr. R. G. Lea, chairman of the City School Board:

"During the past few days much comment has been aroused in the City on the subject of increasing civic taxation. The recent discussions in the City Council, and in the Provincial Legislature pertaining to the Education Tax, and the arrival of tax notices, listing for the first time the new Business Occupancy Tax, has focused sharp attention upon the subject of civic taxation. Because of the circumstance of both taxes being in the forefront of public attention at the same time, many taxpayers have concluded that increased School Board expenditures are solely responsible for all the increase in taxation. In particular, the cost of erection of the new High School and the projected

rental of a second High School to be erected by the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation are thought by many to be the factors necessitating both these additional sources of revenue.

"That this assumption is not correct is shown by a comparison of the City accounts for 1953 and 1954:

City Budget	School Board Budget	% of Taxes
1953—\$791,000.00	\$180,000.00	22.7
1954—\$855,000.00	\$185,000.00	21.6

"The increase in the School Board budget includes revenue derived from the Business Occupancy Tax, it is apparent that revenue from this source is being used for general civic expenditures in which the increase in the School Board budget is not reflected.

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Plans Under Way To Inaugurate M. C. A. Service To Newfoundland

Prorogation Of Legislature

His Honor, Lieut.-Governor T. W. L. Prowse prorogued the Provincial Legislature at noon Saturday after having given Royal Assent to fifty-four bills.

His Honor was accompanied by his aides, Captain J. J. Connolly, V.R.D., Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Rogers, E.D., and Wing Commander A. G. MacMillan.

The Guard of Honor was from the P. E. Island Regiment and was under the command of Captain Gerald Foster. The Band was under command of Major Reginald Mahar with Bandmaster Roy Muford in charge of the musical selections.

A salute was fired at Victoria Park by two gun crews, the 204th Battery from Montserrat, and the 114th from Charlottetown. They were under command of Major C. H. Kydd, M.C.

Plans are underway at present for the inauguration of Maritime Central Airways new service from Goose Bay, Labrador to Gander and St. John's in Newfoundland. It is expected that arrangements for ticketing, traffic procedures, cargo facilities, etc., will be completed by the middle of April. The inaugural date has been set for April 21st.

The new DC 3 service, which will connect with MCA's scheduled flights between Moncton and Goose Bay, will provide an important economic link between the Labrador Peninsula and Newfoundland.

Many of the larger companies participating in the development and expansion of Labrador have their executive and purchasing offices in the Newfoundland capital, and there has already been a considerable volume of traffic in equipment, personnel and supplies to the northern peninsula from St. John's and Gander over the past two years.

Maritime Central Airways will operate the flights on a twice weekly basis, leaving Moncton on Tuesdays and Fridays and returning on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Fares of \$50 one way to Gander and \$60 one way to St. John's have been set, and a goods rate of 16 cents per pound will apply on all express and cargo shipments.

Maritime Central Airways, in opening up the rich areas of north-eastern Canada to regular air transportation are looking toward the future, which, they say, will see large scale cargo movements of Maritime Products such as sea foods, fresh fruits and dairy products to the vast areas of Labrador and the North. The expansion to Newfoundland will bring to a total of 12, the bases served by Maritime Central Airways.

N. S. Premier Enters Hospital

HALIFAX, (CP) — Premier Angus L. Macdonald entered hospital Saturday for a rest and check-up.

He will be absent from the legislature for the remainder of the current session.

Mr. Macdonald brought a severe cold with him from a visit to the United Kingdom last fall, and never fully shook it. And the premier has had a strenuous session in the House, where he is also highways minister.

Mass Surrender Terms To Mau Mau Dropped; New Offensive Launched

By RONALD BATCHELOR
NAIROBI, Kenya, (Reuters) — The government has dropped its offer of mass surrender terms to the Mau Mau and launched a new all-out offensive against the terrorists. It was announced Sunday.

Gen. Sir George Erskine, commander-in-chief of British forces in East Africa, disclosed that Mau Mau leaders who attended surrender talks last month were later arrested as traitors by their own followers. Some are believed to have been executed.

The British surrender plan broke down after a battle on the edge of Mount Kenya forest last week.

Shots were exchanged as about 1,600 terrorists gathered with the apparent intention of surrender, a government statement said Sunday.

They disappeared in the battle. Among 25 terrorists killed by security forces were two Africans believed to have attended a surrender meeting March 30.

See Govt. Trap

"There is little doubt that the majority of terrorists now are convinced that the whole surrender project was a government trap designed to bring them out together so that they could be slaughtered," the statement said.

Attempts will be made to convince the terrorists otherwise and that the battle occurred because a gang led by self-styled "General Gatumuki", captured in the fight, came out of the forest into a reserve. This was against the surrender instructions.

The government said convincing the terrorists of its good intentions will be a long process and no (Continued on Page 2 col. 6)

Coming Events

- **Card party Dunstaffnage school tonight.
- **Dance Fort Augustus Hall, Wednesday, April 21. Burke's Orchestra.
- **Crotinole competition finals for Rural Youth Organisation to be held at Vocational School on April 18th at 7:30 p.m.
- **The Shur-Gain Amateur Cavalcade, Freeborn Hall, Monday, April 19th, at 8 p.m., sponsored by South Freeborn Home & School.
- **Come to Summerfield hall Wednesday, April 14. See Kennington Y.P.U. play "Granberry Dorners" sponsored by W. I.
- **It's the talk of the country. What is? 18% Shur-Gain Pig Booster. My sales have increased 100% in two months. Get some for your pigs today. Cheap at double the price. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.
- **We have told you that there is none better at any price. Every bag is the same. That is Shur-Gain 20% Chick Starter. Convince yourself by trying it for chicks this year. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.

U. S. SENATE INVESTIGATORS CLAIM FIFTH COLUMN OPERATING IN U. N.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Senate investigators said Saturday night a Communist "fifth column", with some United States citizens in its ranks, is operating within the United Nations secretariat.

"There are strong indications," they reported, "that this 'fifth column' also includes citizens of other non-Communist countries."

A unanimous report of the nine-member Senate internal security sub-committee urged President Eisenhower to instruct the American delegation at the UN "to press for thorough review of the entire UN personnel from non-Communist countries."

Coupled with this would be instructions with delegations from such countries for the purpose of eliminating all personnel from their countries who are members of the Communist International or subject to its discipline.

Dulles Begins Tour; French Worried Over Indo-China

U. S. Official Seeks Support For United Front

LONDON, (Reuters) — John Foster Dulles flew into London Sunday on a whirlwind trip to try to win Britain and France over to his plan for a "united front" in the Indo-China war.

The U. S. state secretary went into conference with Foreign Secretary Eden a few hours after his plane arrived from Washington.

During his two days in London, Dulles also will confer with Prime Minister Churchill. On Tuesday he will fly to Paris.

At London airport, Dulles said his London visit has two meanings:

"First, we believe that the situation in Indo-China is a danger to both our countries, as well as others.

"And, secondly, whenever there is a common danger, we like to talk together in the great intimacy which there is between our countries."

Warning To China

Dulles' proposals include a strong Big Three warning to Communist China against further intervention in France's war against the Communist-led Vietminh rebels in Indo-China.

He wants the West to issue this warning before the Geneva conference on Indo-China and Korea, which will open in 15 days, with Russia and Communist China participating.

Both Britain and France agree in principle with this suggestion. But they are against issuing such a warning before the Geneva talks on the grounds that it might prejudice the already slender chance of a negotiated truce with the Communists in Indo-China.

Belgian Gov't Defeated In Sunday Election

BRUSSELS, Belgium, (Reuters) — The Socialist Christian (Catholic) party of Premier Jean van Houtte early today conceded defeat in the fourth post-war Belgian general election.

Ludovic Moyersoen, Catholic interior minister, said the party had lost its slim majority in Parliament and had dropped 10 per cent of the country's total votes as compared with the last election.

He said the Socialists and Liberals had gained, but the Communists had lost about 30 per cent of their following.

Observers here expect negotiations will begin today to decide what coalition will rule—whether the Socialists will have for allies the Liberals, the Catholics, or both.

Whatever the combination, Paul-Henri Spaak, Socialist former premier and outstanding advocate of European unification, is considered certain to become foreign minister, and possibly prime minister, too.

Commons Will Begin Debate On Budget Today

OTTAWA, (CP) — The Commons annual study of government budget policies starts Monday.

Speakers for the three opposition parties will lead off the budget debate with criticisms of Finance Minister Abbott's budget speech of last Tuesday.

J. M. Macdonnell, Progressive Conservative financial critic, CCF leader Coldwell and Social Credit leader Low are expected to be the first speakers in a debate which usually lasts for several weeks.

Opposition Leader Drew will speak later.

Mr. Macdonnell and Mr. Coldwell likely will propose want-of-confidence motions in the government.

Chief lines of opposition criticism are expected to be the amount of tax relief offered by the government and the need for action to meet the problem of record post-war unemployment.

Mother Dies In Vain Effort To Save Son

OTTAWA, (CP) — Mrs. Noble Mayhew, 37, died Friday from burns received in a vain attempt to save the life of her 16-year-old son, Grant.

She tried to smother flames on her son's clothing but her own clothes caught fire. The youth was starting a fire in the Mayhew farm home at nearby Vars.

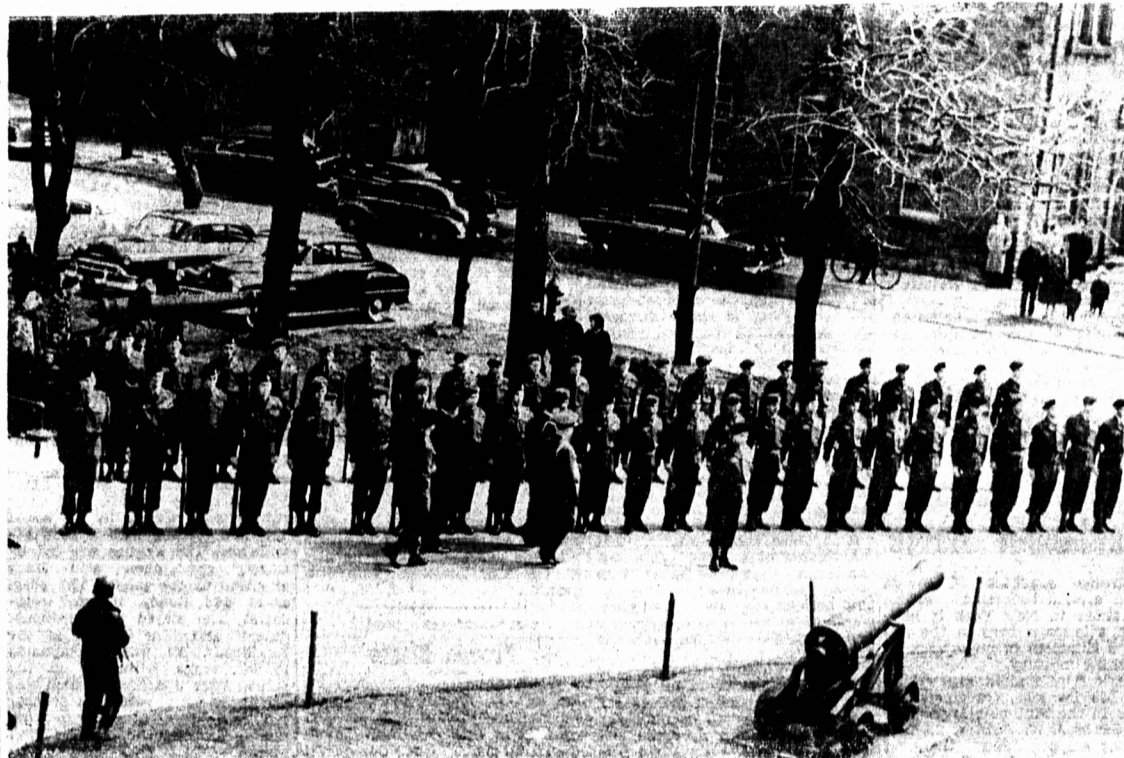
Reparations Plan

TOKYO, (AP) — Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida Sunday approved a plan for paying \$400,000,000 in cash, goods and services over a 20-year period to Second World War reparations to the Philippines. The Philippines have demanded more than \$1,000,000,000 in reparations.

LOSES NO TIME

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., (AP) — Charles Diddie, 28, walked into a sporting goods store Saturday, purchased a .22-calibre rifle and a box of cartridges, walked out the door and shot himself fatally.

Lieutenant Governor Inspects Guard Of Honor



Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse reviews the Guard of Honor at the closing of the Provincial Legislature at noon Saturday. The guard was from the P. E. Island Regiment. His Honor was accompanied by his aides, Capt. J. J. Connolly, V.R.D.; Lt.-Col. A. W. Rogers, E.D., and Wing Cmdr. A. G. MacMillan.

Pravda Blasts U. S. On China Policy

Centenarian Applies For Marriage License

LOUISVILLE, Ky., (AP) — John L. Beard, who says he will celebrate his 100th birthday Thursday, applied for a marriage license Saturday.

His bride-to-be is Mrs. Mertie L. Welch, 69. Both live at the same rooming house.

Four years ago, Beard appeared before Mayor Charles Farnsley and complained he had been laid off his job as a garbage tipper.

"I can toss a garbage can as high and wide as anyone in the department," he asserted. Beard got his job back.

New Waterford, N.S., Man Held As Police Probe Fatal Stabbing of Wife Saturday

NEW WATERFORD, N.S., (CP) — Lloyd Johnston, 55, was remanded to jail Saturday for a week on an intoxication charge while police investigated the death by stabbing of his wife.

Mrs. Margaret Johnston, 55, died about 90 minutes after being admitted to hospital with stab wounds early Saturday.

Cpl. William Coombs of the RCMP told Stipendiary Magistrate Michael J. Hinchey that Johnston had been drunk in his home before his wife was stabbed. Cpl. Coombs said the Crown objected to bail.

Neighbors of the Johnstons called town police at 3:20 a.m. Saturday. When two constables arrived they found the dying woman in a chair in the kitchen, a doctor and a priest at her side.

She was given emergency treatment in the house, then taken to hospital.

A post-mortem disclosed the wound started just below the left shoulder blade. The sharp instrument went through the lung and pricked the lining of the heart.

An inquest has been set for April 28.

\$1,000,000 Hangar Fire In Alberta

PENHOLD, Alta., (CP) — Damage estimated at \$1,000,000 was caused Saturday night when fire destroyed a large wooden hangar housing several training planes at the RCAF's flying training school here, 100 miles south of Edmonton.

A board of inquiry was set up to determine cause of the hour-long fire.

No one was injured but all the planes in the building were destroyed. An air force spokesman said the ruins indicated there were about 10 aircraft—all Harvard trainers—in the building.

Yugoslavia, Turkey Sign Trade Agreement

BELGRADE, (Reuters) — Yugoslavia and Turkey signed a \$160,000,000 trade agreement here Saturday.

It provides for the exchange of goods worth \$80,000,000 each way between the two countries from April 1, 1954, to March 31, 1955. This contrasts with a \$2,000,000 total trade between them in 1947, the year their trade relations were restored, and \$13,000,000 in 1952.

The two countries were linked last year in the tripartite Balkan member.

"Death-Run" Tests Begin On Comet Jets In Effort To Learn Cause of Crashes

NAPLES, (Reuters) — Three naked and two clothed bodies from a British Comet jetliner crash arrived here Saturday night aboard the British aircraft carrier Eagle. The bodies showed no signs of burns.

Found floating in plane debris and oil slick 17 miles off the Italian coast near Stromboli island, the bodies were studied for clues to the cause of the crash Thursday night. The Comet, third to crash without explanation in 10 months, was on its way from Rome to Cairo with 21 persons aboard.

Of the five retrieved bodies, three were men and two women. One was industrialist Ray L. Wilkinson of Salem, Mass., one of three Americans aboard the ill-starred plane.

Injuries to the five bodies were almost identical to those of victims of a Comet which plunged into the Mediterranean off Elba island, also after leaving Rome, Jan. 10 with 35 persons aboard.

Paris Reports Show Anxiety For End Of War

PARIS, (AP) — The French cabinet looked Sunday with misgivings on the forthcoming visit of U. S. State Secretary Dulles whose request for a united front against communism in Southeast Asia is worrying French leaders.

The French want only one thing out of the forthcoming Geneva conference which Dulles has come to Europe to talk about. They want the Indo-China war ended, even though it may not be ended at the conference in a way wholly to the liking of the Americans.

The war is so unpopular in France that it is hard to conceive of a cabinet strong enough to survive a Western decision at Geneva to continue the war. The Dulles visit is looked upon by certain French officials as forcing them to make a hard decision in advance of the conference when they don't want to make it at all. One choice is to risk American displeasure by insisting on a compromise settlement of the Indo-China war. The other is to join Dulles in a hard policy, even if it means continuing the war another year or two.

The French press is almost unanimous in believing that a hard declaration by the three Western powers in advance of Geneva would hurt the chances of an agreement that would end the Indo-China war.

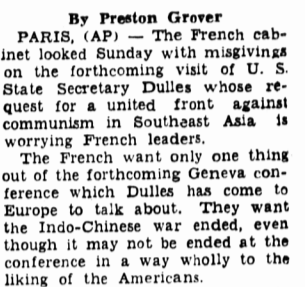
Just Chicken Feed

ZANESVILLE, Ohio, (AP) — The sum of \$340 is just chicken feed to Wesley Bryan, a miller of South Zanesville.

He dropped his billfold into a feed grinder at his mill recently—accidentally of course.

Bryan gathered up a sackful of the expensive mixture and mailed it to Washington for redemption after being told the government tries to redeem torn or charred money.

These Hard Boiled Chaps Are Usually Half Baked



TORONTO, (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	3	39
Vancouver	35	54
Victoria	40	58
Edmonton	31	54
Calgary	24	54
Regina	24	54
Halifax	41	54
Winnipeg	22	45
Toronto	47	64
Ottawa	41	58
Montreal	44	58
Quebec	38	44
Saint John	33	43
Moncton	32	46
Halifax	41	46
Charlottetown	31	45
Sydney	30	45
Yarmouth	33	45
St. John's	26	46

Must Be Destroyed

Pravda quoted the Christian Science Monitor for the view that "there are influential people in the state department and the Pentagon in whose opinion the Communist Chinese regime must sooner or later be destroyed."

Pravda, answering a recent statement by State Secretary John Foster Dulles, said it was not China, but the United States which was actively participating in "the aggression against Indo-China."

The paper added: "The United States is sending planes, guns, tanks, shells, napalm. The United States is sending its pilots there who are taking part in military operations on the frontiers of Indo-China."

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Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John river valley: intermittent rain clearing during the morning; mild; northwest winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 40 and 50, Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John 40 and 55.

Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: sunny, with a few cloudy intervals; mild; northwest winds 15. Low-high at Edmundston and Campbellton 35 and 45.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 6:45 a.m. and 6:02 p.m.

Summer tide 18 minutes later.

Sun rises today at 5:34 a.m. and sets at 6:45 p.m.