

# MAY 21st to 27th HIGHWAY and TRAFFIC SAFETY WEEK

Endorsed by HON. J. W. ARSENAULT,  
Provincial Secretary.

## Safety Letter Contest: (Open To Any Resident Of P. E. I.)

Write a letter outlining your thoughts regarding driving conditions in Prince Edward Island, and your suggestions for improvement, or steps that you think should be taken to correct conditions.

Letters not to exceed 250 words. Mail or bring your letters to the Manager, Prince Edward Theatre not later than Tuesday, May 23rd. Letters must be signed and become the property of the contest sponsors. Prize winning letters will be published in both Charlottetown papers.

**FIRST PRIZE \$15.00**

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Second Best Letter—Month Theatre Pass. 3rd, 4th, and 5th Best Letters—One Week Pass—Courtesy Charlottetown Theatres.

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FOR SAFETY'S SAKE SEE

## "Gentleman Jekyll and Driver Hyde"

The Special Movie Featurette on Traffic Safety at the PRINCE EDWARD and CAPITOL THEATRES during SAFETY WEEK.

## Recalls Invasion Of France, Low Countries In 1940

By J. M. ROBERTS, Jr. (Associated Press New Analyst) With the anti-Communist Foreign Ministers of the West meeting in London in an effort to cement their co-operation, it is just as well to remember what lack of co-operation did to Western Europe 10 years ago.

On May 10, 1940, the phony war in Europe was turned into blitzkrieg. The German armies swept into Holland and Belgium, and within a few weeks were in Paris and on the Channel, looking down the throat of a Britain bereft of both allies and arms by the sudden turn of events.

The reason was lack of co-operation between Holland, Belgium and the land powers. Holland chose to stand alone in an effort to keep her record clear as a neutral, and there were indications that Belgium agreed. The Hague probably figured that Anglo-French support would not change the outcome for Holland anyway. Whether it would have seems debatable. But if the Germans had met British or French forces in the Low Countries, preparations at the Maginot Line might have told a different story later on.

Holland knew for at least five days what the Germans were up to. The Associated Press reported it two days before the Germans struck. It seems likely that British and French authorities knew, too, since Dutch information about the intentions of German forces moving in the Ruhr was extremely complete. On the Saturday before the strike, the Dutch appointed their ambassador in Washington as minister plenipotentiary for all Dutch interests throughout the world. This obviously anticipated Holland's occupation. But the section was not made public.

The Dutch even knew at which border points the Germans would strike first. The movements of German troops around Dusseldorf made the timing fairly easy to compute.

When the German plan really became known I don't know, but this shows it was at least five days before the blow which actually fell around midnight Thursday, North American time. To the minds of those who were in the world from Washington the Dutch must have had even more time.

The damage done by their failure to invite Anglo-French support is hard to estimate, since the French were committed to their fortifications and the British line behind Belgium and Holland was extremely thin.

But the point is that Holland stood alone, and Holland fell with a suddenness that shocked the world. That's something for the Allied diplomats to remember now as they seek to compromise the individual problems which stand between the Western countries and full co-operation.

## French Proposal Batters European Outlook, Is Claim

PARIS, May 15 — (AP) — France's proposal to put her own coal and steel under a joint management with West Germany's has changed the political and economic picture in Europe radically — and evidently for the better.

West Germany's Chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, pledged in a political speech at Dortmund Saturday that the Germans will cooperate "with all our strength and as fast as possible." He said French and German technicians will meet soon to discuss technical details of the proposal.

It has eased the disputes between France and West Germany over the Saar coal basin. For both West Germany and France, it offers mutual aid in solving unemployment and reconstruction problems.

If the plan works as France hopes, both West Germany and France will be seeking a larger share of world markets, aided by lower prices. France hopes Britain and other countries will come into the program.

Reuters News Agency said unofficial talks with Russian representatives have taken place in Paris on the French coal-steel pooling plan. It was learned that the Russian reaction was not flatly hostile.

(The authors of the plan estimate the united coal resources for a European pool at 514,000,000 tons, against 440,000,000 for the United States and 260,000,000 tons for Russia.)

(The European figure includes 72,000,000 from Poland and 17,000,000 tons from Czechoslovakia, both countries behind the Iron Curtain.)

The French government feels it made a business man's approach to unification of Europe, where the political approach had bogged down.

Foreign Minister Robert Schuman first made known the proposal at a press conference last Tuesday.

## With a 100 "Vipers" And All And All

LILLE, France, May 14 — (Reuters) — Fakir Merindah Burmah, who has been fasting here since May 4 in a glass coffin with 100 vipers, said Saturday that he will bring in two pythons June 4 to step up public interest in his self-imposed ordeal.

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## New Government Bond-Selling Drive Launched

OTTAWA, May 15 — (Monday) — Finance Minister Abbott today launched a \$745,000,000 government bond-selling drive, to finance the biggest refunding operation ever undertaken in government history.

Required to pay off debts accumulated before and during the second World War, the refunding operation will make available to the general public two varieties of investments—one a long-term issue, the other short—at rates slightly lower than those the government has paid in previous years.

Available in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000, the long-term bond issue will run for 18 years at 2-3/4 per cent interest, maturing June 15, 1968.

This variety will be callable on or after June 15, 1967, and are being offered at the rate of \$95 for a \$1,000 bond, yielding about 2.79 per cent until maturity.

The short-term issue, available in denominations of from \$1,000 to \$100,000, will run for 1-2 years, at a two-per-cent interest rate, maturing Dec. 15, 1954. Prices at 99.80 per cent, the short-term issue will not be callable before maturity.

Both issues are backed by the resources of the country. Entire proceeds of the new loan will be used to retire two outstanding issues bearing the interest rate of three per cent. One is the \$85,000,000 bond issue of 1935 called for redemption on June 1, and the other is the \$60,000,000 first victory loan bonds called for payment June 15.

Primary distributors for the bonds will be some 350 investment dealers across the country who have assured complete coverage of the country by appointing more than 8,200 sub-agents in various localities to accept orders.

## BIG SEAL CATCH

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. — (CP) — The sealer Newfoundland returned here recently with a tally-out of 17,387 seal pelts. Gross weight was more than 363 tons, valued at \$38,283.89. Crew members' shares amounted to about \$250.

## Mueller's Arrest Signals New Purge

By Brack Curry  
FRANKFURT, Germany, May 15 — (AP) — The Communist East German Government solved the mystery of the disappearance of Kurt Mueller, long the No. 2 Communist in West Germany, by announcing Saturday that he has been arrested.

High American officials expressed belief the arrest signaled a sweeping new purge of " Titoists" in the West German Party. They said they had information that 31,000 members of the party have deserted or been expelled since June, 1946, cutting the roll to 185,000.

Soon after the Berlin press printed the announcement of the arrest, Hannover police disclosed that a girl friend of Mueller has been missing two days. Hannover Police director, Paul Brunke, said

he is investigating the disappearance of the girl, Hedwig Fischer, an employee of the Communist Party headquarters in that city.

Social Democratic Party officials in Frankfurt said they believe Mueller, 47, was kidnaped and spirited into the eastern zone. A spokesman for the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party in Berlin declared, however, Mueller went to that city to plead his case with east zone leaders and was arrested Friday night after a conference with a Communist deputy chancellor, Walter Ulbricht.

The announcement said he was charged with being an "agent for a foreign power" and committing "other crimes."

German officials at Bonn said Mueller's fall from grace may have resulted from a secret meeting of Communist leaders reported held in Dusseldorf April 10.

German press reports of that meeting said some Communist leaders demanded that the party pursue a policy in the interest of the German people, rather than of Russia.

## NAPOLEON and UNCLE ELBY

by Clifford McBride  
"NAPOLEON, THIS IS THE Dullest Resort I EVER STAYED IN. WHY DON'T YOU GO OVER AND GET YOURSELF PETTED BY THAT PRETTY GIRL? THEN I'LL STEP OVER AND CLAIM YOU!"



## Committee Hears C.C.L. Old Age Pensions Proposal

OTTAWA, May 13 — (CP) — The Canadian Congress of Labor's proposal for a basic \$50-a-month pension at 65 drew a flood of questions at meeting of the Old Age Security Joint Committee.

The committee is composed of members of the Senate and Commons.

The members wanted to know where the Government was going to get the estimated \$600,000,000 to foot the bill.

1. A basic pension of \$50 a month for every Canadian at 65.

2. Establishment of a contributory pension scheme with graduated contributions and benefits, to supplement the basic pension.

3. Assistance, subject to a means test, for those unable to build up adequate pension rights.

4. Increase in the basic pension by a productivity bonus of two-per-cent annually on a cumulative basis.

Jean Lesage (L — Montmagny — L'Islet), committee chairman, said a \$50-a-month pension would mean some 65-year-old couples would be drawing more money than they had ever earned in their working life.

"I think it would be a great credit to the Canadian people and Government if we could lift these people out of the morass they have been in," replied Pat Conroy, C.C.L. secretary-treasurer, who appeared before the committee as witness.

To raise the estimated \$600,000,000 the C.C.L. brief suggested putting taxes back on corporation incomes; an increase in personal income tax and a lowering of the exemption.

Mr. Conroy estimated "vigorous and unfavorable" reaction was probable from those in the higher income brackets.

However, average taxpayers agreed with the Government that "if we're going to give a decent pension to the aged people we must be prepared to pay for it."

## BODY IN WATER—MAIN

LILLOOET, B.C. — (CP) — A workman made a grisly discovery here while digging a water main. His find: a human skeleton with an indentation on the back of the skull. The skeleton was turned over to provincial police, who rushed it to Victoria for scientific examination.

## QUICKIES



"Hm-m-m! I must have forgotten those waders I got with a Guardian Want Ad!"

## U. S. To Oust Czech Diplomats

WASHINGTON, May 15 — (CP) — The United States Saturday ordered a wholesale ouster of Czech diplomats from the U. S. and charged that Czechoslovakia's Communist-dominated government is unable to control its own foreign policy.

The American counterstroke, following a Czech ejection of about 40 U. S. diplomats last week, will send an estimated 22 out of the 23 Czech representatives home— "within a reasonable time."

The Prague Government was ordered to close its consulates in Pittsburgh and Cleveland, leaving only the Washington embassy and the New York consulate, which will operate at a reduced level.

Furthermore, the state department declared in a coldly angry statement "this government is examining the situation not only with respect to the present but also for the future—a clear hint of possible further moves against the Czechs."

The action was announced by the State Department as the latest in a series of clashes with the Eastern European state which, in its pre-Communist days, was closely tied to the United States in friendship and trade.

Previously the United States had closed the Czech consulate at Chicago after the Czech Government had cracked down on the United States information service offices at Prague and Bratislava and forced the recall of Joseph C. Kolarek, American Press attache.

The Czech Government made the usual charges of spy activities on the part of the United States, which hotly denied them.

The offices of the British Information Service and the British Council in Prague closed Saturday following orders from the Czech Government. The Czechs accused Britain of using them and the BBC for activities hostile to Czechoslovakia.

## Foreign-Born Scientists Are Dismissed

OTTAWA, May 15 — (CP) — An official of the National Research Council indicated that one or two foreign-born scientists have left the Government's scientific organization within the last two years for security reasons.

However, he later said that scientists at the big Chalk River atomic energy project were not involved. The Council's jurisdiction includes the atomic project as well as activities in radar, supersonic and other vital research, much of it connected with military endeavor.

In testifying before the Commons committee on the N. R. C., F. T. Rosser, N. R. C. director of

administration, was asked by John Gibson (Ind-Comox-Alberta) if any N. R. C. employees have been let go in the last two years for security reasons.

Mr. Rosser replied: "The correct answer to that is yes." The correct answer to that is yes.

However, Mr. Rosser said "The record will show that they resigned—you ask if security was a reason. It may have been a reason in one or two cases."

Howard Green, (PC—Vancouver-Quadra) asked if N. R. C. employees have to go through a screening process. Mr. Rosser said they do.

Then he added, "I would like to say to my knowledge no Canadian scientist has been discharged for security reasons."

The N. R. C. had more than 3,000 employees of whom only 700 are actually scientists.

## SECOND CHANCE

The First Offenders Act, 1987, was passed in Britain to permit the conditional release of criminal first offenders in certain cases.

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