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## U. S. TO PULL 50 WARSHIPS OUT OF ACTIVE SERVICE

### Five Provinces Question Rates Equalization

### Butler Wants Independence From U. S. Economic Aid

Sydney, Australia, (Reuters) — Richard A. Butler, British chancellor of the exchequer, called Wednesday for a "declaration of independence" from United States economic aid.

Using a program of economic self-sufficiency, he told a luncheon audience of 800 here that Britain and Australia must not continue to count on American support.

Instead, the director of Britain's economy boldly predicted a new era of Commonwealth power and prosperity based on a program of economic expansion and development.

"If we develop these resources in every continent, in countries great and small, no one can stand against us," Butler said, speaking of his program for Commonwealth development.

But first, Butler warned: "We have got to stand on our own feet and sign our own declaration of independence."

Butler, head of Britain's delegation to the Commonwealth finance ministers conference here, drew cheers from the audience at a Constitutional Association luncheon.

### Quebec Joins Atlantic Group In Opposition

OTTAWA, (CP) — Canada's five easternmost provinces Wednesday questioned the benefits of freight rate equalization as proposed by the board of transport commissioners.

Governments of the four Atlantic provinces opposed it outright, declaring it would hit at the seaboard economy.

Quebec threw up some doubts; said it looks at the plan with an "open but anxious mind," and asked the board to make a report to parliament before taking definite action.

Chief Commissioner J. D. Kearney later indicated the board will cut under 1951 equalization legislation, "it has been planning to put into effect by next Jan. 1 a new scale equalizing the basic 'class' rates as among different regions."

### Says Communist China Swallowing No. Korea

By Wilmot Hercher  
WASHINGTON, (AP) — State Secretary Dulles told the Senate foreign relations committee Wednesday that Communist China is gobbling up North Korea, "virtually incorporating" it as a Chinese province.

This will make it enormously difficult to reunite Korea peacefully, Dulles said. But he expressed confidence that unification will be achieved eventually, just as he said he believes Germany will be whole again some day.

The secretary appeared before the committee to ask for Senate ratification of a mutual security pact with South Korea. He declared the treaty would discourage Red aggression and help guard peace in the Pacific.

There were indications that ratification would be approved by the committee in short order, particularly since Dulles said it would be "entirely appropriate" for the Senate to emphasize in a statement or interpretive clause that the United States is not bound to back any aggressive moves made by South Korea. Several senators want this made crystal clear.

### Move Is Part Of Reduction In Spending

By ELTON C. JAY  
WASHINGTON, (AP) — The U. S. navy, fitting its fleet to the military new look and to economy, said Wednesday it will pull 50 warships out of service in the next 18 months.

There has been no hint of the size of the navy's proposed new budget, but it is known that the navy has been called on to take a sizable part of proposed reductions in military spending.

First to go into reserve status will be the heavy cruiser Quincy, "the least modern of the navy's active cruisers," the navy said.

The navy did not say what other ships would be laid up. There has been speculation they would include most or all of the four huge 45,000-ton battleships, the Missouri, Iowa, New Jersey and Wisconsin.

The active fleet currently averages about 400 combat ships, including the four battleships, 14 attack-type carriers including three of the 45,000-ton Midway class, eight light cruisers, 19 heavy and light cruisers, 11 carrier escorts, 248 destroyers and destroyer escorts, and 105 submarines.

Since the start of the Korean War, the navy has added 267 combat ships, ranging from carriers to submarines, to the active fleet.

### U. S. Judge Shot To Death While On Courtroom Bench

WARREN, Pa. (AP) — A 26-year-old construction worker, cited for falling behind on support payments to his wife, shot to death the presiding judge of Warren County before the horrified eyes of six courtroom witnesses Wednesday.

State police chased the man, Norman Moon, for six miles before a hail of bullets brought Moon's car to a halt.

Moon shot himself in the throat as officers approached him with drawn guns. He is in serious condition in hospital.

The judge was 51-year-old Judge Allison D. Wade. Two of the five bullets Moon fired struck Judge Wade in the chest. He staggered from the bench towards his chambers, holding his chest and moaning. "He shot me, he shot me," Moon had been brought into court for failing to pay \$30 a week support to his wife as ordered by Judge Wade. The shooting occurred just as Judge Wade called Moon to the bench to explain why he wasn't making payments.

### To Attend Series Of Agricultural Meetings



Mr. Roland MacDonald (above), president of the P. E. Island Federation of Agriculture, leaves today to attend a series of meetings dealing with the various phases of agriculture on a nation-wide basis.

The first meeting to be attended is that of the Maritime Federation of Agriculture which opens in Moncton on Saturday morning. Island delegates to this meeting will include President MacDonald, in addition to Messrs. Lincoln Dewar, secretary-treasurer, Louis O'Connor, Charles Yeo, Allison Proctor and Frank Jardine.

On concluding the sessions at Moncton, most of the delegates will leave there by train on Saturday night for Montreal with a view to arriving in Toronto Sunday evening.

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### Gets Cabinet Post But Not Answerable To Commons

OTTAWA, (CP) — Canada's new solicitor-general is a 62-year-old senator-soldier-lawyer who won't appear in the Commons and won't be directly answerable to that elected body.

He is tall, lean and jovial. Solicitor-General W. Ross Macdonald, who ruled the Commons as speaker for more than three years before his appointment last year as government leader in the Senate.

Prime Minister St. Laurent announced his appointment Wednesday to the active cabinet post to ease the burdens of 59-year-old Ralph O. Campney, who has held the portfolio both of associate defence minister and solicitor-general.

Mr. St. Laurent told the Commons that Mr. Campney asked to be relieved of the latter job to devote all his time to the defence post.

### Mixed Support

During final argument by various counsel in the closing stages of a year-long study on equalization, the board also heard from Manitoba mixed support and rejection of different aspects of a new class rate schedule has experts have worked out. The scale is one of five being considered by the commissioners.

Main proposal of the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and Co-operation was that freight tolls between eastern and western Canada be exempt from equalization. The two bodies would accept the board scale on hauls within each of the eastern and western regions that divide at the lakehead.

Closing submissions of the provincial railways and other interests are expected to conclude today. The board will issue its equalized scale some time later.

For the Maritimes, counsel Frank D. Smith Wednesday held the equalization plan proposed by the commissioners does not go far enough in giving his area protection from rate increases ordered

### Car Ferry Deficit Still Carried Against PEI Acct.

OTTAWA, Jan. 13. — (Special) — Federal government expenditures for Prince Edward Island in the fiscal year 1952-53 were after the order of \$8,300,000, according to figures in the public accounts of Canada, tabled in the Commons on Tuesday by William Bendickson, parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Abbott.

Largest single item of the federal outlay for the province was the payments to the Province under the British North America act and for tax rental concessions.

This payment was \$4,631,060. Second largest item was the Prince Edward Island car ferry deficit which for the year is calculated at \$1,519,769. In third place is the total for improvements for construction and major repairs and improvements on harbor and river works, this totalled \$1,487,445.

Of the latter amount, \$390,537 was spent during the fiscal year on reconstruction of the Souths Railway wharf, \$365,141, on Summerside wharf reconstruction and improvements and \$246,301 on wharf reconstruction at Charlottetown.

In the field of new public buildings, nothing was spent during the year at Charlottetown, but the accounts contain an item of \$14,702 for repairs to the new of the Charlottetown Post Office. This came under "unforeseen" improvements.

Amount spent in the fiscal year on Prince Edward Island National Park included \$23,052 for 6.5 miles of asphalt priming for the Rustico-New London Bay road; \$14,857 for construction of five low-rental tourist cabins; \$4,820 for the shingling of Dalvay house roof and \$3,465 for acquisition of equipment.

Grant for the year to Northumberland Ferries for the Wood Island-Charlottetown ferry is listed at \$148,000.

The Department of Fisheries spent \$15,359 for fish culture work; \$10,286 for the Ellerslie Brook dam, and \$10,520 was paid out for deep sea fisheries work.

The field of agriculture \$78,500 was allotted to the construction of a science service laboratory at Charlottetown. (To date a total of \$201,299 has been spent on this project). An amount of \$5,500 was devoted to office extensions at the Charlottetown driving Park and a grant of \$391 given to Provincial Exhibition Association.

### Naval Rating Killed Hunting

BRIDGEWATER, N. S. (CP) — A 39-year-old naval rating, Arnold Dill of nearby Upper LeHav, became the province's first hunting fatality of 1954 when he was found dead of gunshot wounds near his home Wednesday night.

He was home on leave from Shearwater naval base near Dartmouth, N. S., and went rabbit hunting Wednesday afternoon.

When he failed to return at dark a search was organized and his body was found about 9 p.m. No further details were available.

### Youth Injured As Rifle Explodes

CANSO, N. S. (CP) — Ralph Parker, 17, was recovering in hospital here Wednesday after having a two-inch sliver of steel from his rifle barrel removed from his thigh.

Parker's rifle clogged with snow while he was hunting and exploded when he tried to fire it.

### Montreal Violinist Awarded Medal

LONDON, (CP) — Arthur Davidson, 34-year-old violinist from Montreal, has been awarded a medal by the British Overseas League for "the greatest Canadian contribution to United Kingdom music" in 1953.

The medal, awarded annually to Commonwealth musicians in Britain, was presented to Davidson in London by Princess Marie Louise, granddaughter of Queen Victoria.

Davidson is combining recital work in Britain with the post of concert master of the Hull, Essex and Peterborough Symphony Orchestra.

He studied at the Academie de Musique de Quebec and while there won a bursary which enabled him to continue his studies at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

### Population Tops 15 Million Mark

OTTAWA, (CP) — Canada's population topped the 15,000,000 mark on Dec. 1.

The bureau of statistics Wednesday estimated the exact figure at 15,005,000, a three-month gain of 12,000 from an estimated 14,993,000 on Sept. 1.

The new figure compares with 3,000,000 at Confederation in 1867 and 5,000,000 in 1901.

### U.K. Electricians Strike Spreads

LONDON, (Reuters) — Strikes of British electricians spread to atomic research stations, oil refineries and power plants Wednesday as the Communist-led union's campaign for higher pay gathered force.

Employers reported that 850 men had stopped work at "various sites of national importance" through Britain.

This was more than twice the number who went on strike Tuesday at key industrial building sites. The union plans to order 2,000 men out during the week.

### Costly Kindness

DUNNVILLE, Ont. (CP) — Austin Fortune slowed down his car to avoid hitting a cat on a snow-covered highway. The car skidded into the guardrails, and was damaged to the extent of \$200.

### Charged With Murder Of Wife, Daughter

ROBERVAL, Que. (CP) — Cylien Boivin, 30-year-old laborer from Notre Dame de Lorette, was charged Wednesday with first-degree murder in the slaying of his wife and daughter.

At his preliminary hearing in this northern Quebec town, he was ordered for trial at the next term of the criminal assizes at Roberval.

Boivin was held criminally responsible by a coroner's court jury Tuesday night for the deaths last week-end of Belgian-born Mrs. Bernadette Danielle Boivin, 35, and her daughter, Diane, 2, Mrs. Boivin was found Saturday strangled and beaten in the family home at Notre Dame de Lorette, 20 miles north of here. She was holding the body of Diane, clubbed to death with a wooden block.

### N. B. Legislature To Open Feb. 18

FREDERICTON, (CP) — The second session of New Brunswick's 42nd legislature will be opened Feb. 18, Premier Hugh John Flemming announced Wednesday.

C. Douglas Everett (PC—Charlottetown) will move the address to the throne speech and the second will be Fred Somers (PC—Restigouche).

Last year's opening date of the annual session, which usually lasts about seven weeks, was Feb. 12.

### Helicopters Bring Aid To Austria's Valley Of Death

By RICHARD O'REGAN  
VIENNA, (AP) — Twenty-seven Alpine villagers were found crushed or smothered to death Wednesday under avalanche masses in the hamlet of Avons and hope was all but abandoned for 35 others missing in the snowy depths there.

Forty-four were found injured in Avons and most were brought out to safety during the day.

Rescue workers at Avons came upon the greatest single concentration of tragedy in the spread of wind-blown avalanches that ate death and destruction in three neighboring nations since Sunday.

On the ground, more than 1,000 rescuers began removing the injured from the ruins of seven villages in the valley, the area hardest hit by Alpine snow slides that have killed 106 persons and left 65 missing in Austria, West Germany and Switzerland.

Many children died when snow clogged their nostrils, doctors said. However, one of the victims who survives is a tiny infant dug out after 36 hours under the snow.

Half the valley homes were smashed. Farm houses were wrenched from their foundations and tossed away by the immense power of the slides.

Hundreds Homeless

A late count showed 39 dead there, 61 missing and 51 injured in the avalanches loosed since Monday by a combination of heavy snowfalls and gales. Some died when the roofs of their homes tumbled about their heads, others from suffocation in the dense strawblows. The powder snow avalanches which choke their victims.

The valley catastrophe was only a part of the "white death" that

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### Coming Events

- \*\*Dance in Millville Hall, Friday, January 15th.
- \*\*Crockinole Party in Wheatley River Hall, Friday night.
- \*\*Canadian Legion Kingston Branch, Thursday, Jan. 14, 8.30.
- \*\*Covehead concert, Saturday, Thursday, Jan. 14th, at 8.30 p.m., roads and weather permitting.
- \*\*Show, Morell Hall, Friday, "Take My Little Girl." This is a good picture. A Fox production.
- \*\*Crapaud District, Scarlet Chapter annual meeting will be held in Lorne Lodge, Jan. 14th, at 8 p.m.
- \*\*Coke Sale, Fennell and Chandlers, sponsored by Princeton Road Church, Friday afternoon, January 15th, at 1.30. If not fine, following day.
- \*\*Double header at North River rink Thursday, Jan. 14. North River vs. Winsloe, 7.30 sharp; Hampshire vs. Dunstaffnage 8.45. Skate after.
- \*\*The regular meeting of the Nurses Alumni of the P. E. I. Hospital, School of Nursing, will be held on Friday, January 15th, 1954, at 8 p. m., at the Cuddall Home.
- \*\*Feed Specials for cash: Hofferia Hog Grower, \$3.90; Miracle Hog Grower \$3.65; Miracle Chick Finisher \$3.40; Miracle Chick Grower \$4.35; Miracle Calf Meal Pellets, \$4.95. Ellis Bros. Dial 3223.
- \*\*Due to arrive at Cardigan, our 8th car of vital feeds. Cash prices at car. 16% Hog Grower, \$3.35. 15% Hog Finisher, \$3.25. 17% Mash Ration, \$3.50. 10% Laying Mash, \$4.30. McArthur & McLean Ltd., Bridgetown.

### Million-Dollar Highway Swindle At Ft. William

TORONTO, (CP) — The Toronto Star reported Wednesday that a \$1,000,000 swindle of Fort William branch of the Ontario highways department has been uncovered after a four-month investigation.

There are reports that 10 to 12 arrests, perhaps more, will be made, the Star said.

The paper said the exact amount of the swindle is known but will not be disclosed until charges are filed. Highways Minister Doucet is to make an announcement Friday.

C. L. Dublin, Toronto lawyer, has been named special prosecutor and police will receive orders within a day or so to pick up several government employees, some of them suspended after an inquiry by the

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### Preliminary Big Four Talks Have Broken Down

BERLIN, (Reuters) — Talks between the three Western Commandants of Berlin and a Russian representative which were intended to pave the way for a four-power foreign ministers' conference Jan. 25 have broken down, a Western communiqué said early today.

The communiqué said the talks failed because the delegates could not agree on a site for the ministers' parity or on any other arrangements.

News of the breakdown was announced shortly after Maj.-Gen. Thomas Timbman, the American commandant, Britain's Maj.-Gen. Charles Coleman and France's Gen. de Brigade Pierre Maurice Demiau concluded their fourth discussion with Sergi A. Dengin, Berlin representative of the Soviet high commission. Their main task was to pick a site.

The meeting ended at 1 a.m. Local time after lasting 14 hours. Held in the French headquarters here, it was the longest since they began their talks about a week ago.

Previous meetings were held at the American, British and Soviet headquarters.

A French spokesman said Dengin suggested that the American, Russian, French and British governments should be informed about the progress of the preparatory talks. He said that possibly the foreign ministers could decide on a site themselves.

The Soviet delegate also declared he was not authorized to decide such issues as the number of foreign ministers' meetings to be held in West Berlin and the number to be held in the Eastern zone.

### Montreal Judge Rules No TV Cameras In Court

MONTREAL, (CP) — A Court is not a show, Judge Gerald Almond said Tuesday in halting plans of television representatives to film the arraignment of two men allegedly involved in a huge gem-smuggling ring.

While Judge Almond waited in his chambers for the arraignment, provincial police and court officers reported to the judge.

"I don't like it," he said, ordering the equipment removed from the courtroom of sessions court.

"I have nothing to say against television, but on the other hand court activities aren't shows. I can't activate any other judges. Perhaps some of them won't agree with me."

"With all due respect to the public investigations made in the United States in the presence of photographers, broadcast and television set-ups, I must say for my own part I don't like the same idea becoming the vogue here.

"If a televised report of today's case is allowed, where will the line be drawn?"

Courts in Montreal — and generally throughout Canada so far as is known here — have always stood by a no-picture policy so far as courtrooms themselves are concerned. Camera men have snatched fast shots in corridors, in police cells and police vehicles, but without encouragement of law-enforcement officers.

The suspected diamond smugglers are Jacob Kusmierski, 25, of London, Eng., and Moses Mandel, 25, of Brooklyn, N.Y. They were arrested last week-end, and RCMP reported seizure of about \$200,000 worth of cut diamonds.

SOWING WILD OATS SURE MAKES A FELLOW LOOK SEEDY!

TORONTO, (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	28b	16
Vancouver	32	34
Victoria	36	48
Edmonton	6b	8
Calgary	2	2a
Regina	1b	10
Winnipeg	2b	16
Ottawa	0	24
Montreal	16b	28
Quebec	2b	1
Saint John	7	12
Moncton	8	12
Halifax	19	22
Charlottetown	18	18
Sydney	20	21
Yarmouth	18	21
St. John's	31	31

HALIFAX, (CP) — The Dominion public weather office here says an area of high pressure will cross the district Thursday, followed by moderating temperatures and increasing cloudiness. Temperatures on Friday are likely to rise above the freezing part in the southern Maritimes.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Sunny and cold; northwest winds 20 becoming high at Charlottetown zero and 15.

New Brunswick: Clear becoming overcast by evening; cold, with light winds becoming southwest 15 in afternoon and 15 above, Fredericton 10 below and 15 above, Edmundston and Campbellton 10 below and 15 above.

Bay of Fundy: West winds 15 becoming southwest 15 in afternoon; variable cloudiness becoming overcast by evening; visibility 15 miles; lowering in flurries to two miles cold.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 6.26 a. m. and 5.42 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Low tide today at 7.49 a. m. and 6.14 p. m.