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but what thou liv'st live well, how
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By JACK SMITH
LONDON, March 1 (AP) — Dr. Klaus Fuchs, Jekyll-Hyde wizard of science, whispered "guilty" today and was given the maximum sentence of 14 years in prison for betraying atomic secrets to Soviet Russia. His trial lasted only 90 minutes.

Before he left the prisoner's dock in historic Old Bailey criminal court, the 38-year-old German-born Communist admitted having rattled on Russian agents he dealt with in Britain and the United States — thus presumably touching off a great international spy hunt.

Reuters said that for British and United States security services the public hearing was only an interlude in an all-out drive to break up the Communist spy ring uncovered by the Fuchs episode.

(Both in Britain and in the U. S., secret service investigators are on the hidden trail of the agents who were the go-betweens for Fuchs and the Kremlin, the News Agency added.)

Upraid by Judge
At the hearing, Fuchs was upbraided by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Goddard, for committing "irreparable and incalculable harm both to this land and the United States of America."

The Judge told the prisoner he had fallen to the "depths of self-deception," endangered British and American friendship and "imperilled the right of asylum which this country has hitherto extended to political refugees."

Fuchs said meekly he had given the authorities certain facts "to atone" for his crimes.

His lawyer, Derek Curtis-Bennett, also hinted at a spy hunt, saying the defendant had given the authorities "valuable practical assistance."

Sir Hartley Shawcross, Britain's Attorney General, said Fuchs was "a man of high intelligence and great energy."

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OTTAWA, March 1 — (CP) — Another round of freight-rate increases — third in two years — will go into effect late this month.

Ending the latest phase of the long fight over rail rates, the Board of Transport Commissioners today awarded the railways an increase of 7.4 per cent on most types of traffic, and the railways expected to have it in operation in about three weeks.

Railway officials calculated the boost would yield the carriers around \$28,000,000 a year, amounting to an overall increase of between three and four per cent of their gross revenues.

Final Disposition
The award was given as the "final disposition" of a railway application for a 20-per-cent increase filed in 1948. In a partial settlement last September, the board

had granted an "interim" eight per cent.

Today's judgment, given under instructions from the Supreme Court of Canada for a prompt cleanup of the long-standing case, gave the railways a total of 16 per cent out of the 20 they sought. Because the initial eight-per-cent already was in effect, it added up to 7.4 per cent on current rates.

But many rates will be exempted or will receive only a modified application of the increase.

Charges on coal and coke, increased by eight cents a ton in the September award, will go up another seven cents.

The huge grain traffic of the West will be largely exempt. Carload rates on grain and grain products moving between the Head of the Lakes and the Pacific Coast will not be touched. Most of this

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In the field of fresh fruits and vegetables, including potatoes, in the years 1945 to 1949 inclusive, Canada had imported \$250,000,000 worth of goods from the U. S. while exporting only \$30,000,000 to that country, leaving a favorable balance for the U. S. of \$188,000,000.

The 1947 import restrictions by Canada were only temporary and no longer operated against imports of fresh fruits and vegetables. Canada thus had refused to provide artificial protection for products in this field because of belief in multilateral trade.

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Tremendous possibilities for developing Prince Edward Island trade with Newfoundland, Labrador and other Gulf of St. Lawrence areas in the years to come were pictured in the Legislature yesterday by Premier J. Walter Jones in a speech punctuated with hints that he was anticipating retirement very shortly to the quieter precincts of the Senate chamber.

The Premier spoke for almost two hours in the Draft Address debate, reviewing numerous phases of Government activity and earning the tribute from the Opposition leader, Hon. Dr. MacMillan that this was "the best speech you ever made."

He dealt at some length with the subject of draggers, to which the Opposition leader had expressed his objections Tuesday.

Health Minister A. W. Matheson began a review of his department's work before the House completed its session at 6 o'clock and adjourned until 3 p.m. today.

Labrador Development
Attention had been focused on the part Quebec would play in providing supplies for the Labrador iron ore development, Premier Jones said. But Prince Edward Island was in a better position to become the supplier because it was closer to the Labrador area and was the only nearby province with a surplus of agricultural products.

Prince Edward Island should consider becoming the supplier for seven islands, Que., where Labrador iron ore would come for water shipment to outside points. Charlottetown was nearer to seven islands than any other province.

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The verdict of "death from burns while attempting to escape" was brought in by the jury at the inquest into the death of Mrs. Thomas Keoughan, held yesterday in the City Hall. Mrs. Keoughan died during the fire on February 15th at the Sporting Club.

The jury also brought in the recommendation that a City Fire Marshall be appointed to inspect all public buildings and thus ensure adequate protection against further fires.

Coroner Dr. J. D. MacGulgan opened the inquest by reading Dr. L. H. Shaw's report on the deceased. It stated that the body was severely charred and apparently had been in a prone position, face uppermost, on a burning surface. Death was due to extensive burning.

First witness called was Mr. Angus MacEachern, who appeared in court with her head still bandaged from burns to put it out. When it began to look worse, witnesses started to walk down the corridor which connects the bingo hall with the front entrance, and saw the deceased and another woman standing on a step near the entrance. "Suddenly," she said, "there was a burst of flame and smoke along the ceiling of the corridor, and I saw Mrs. Keoughan and her companion fall to the right. Just at that time all the lights went out and I was sure we were all doomed." Crawling forward on her hands and knees, witness

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MINIMUM and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 29 51; Edmonton 6 19; Winnipeg 7b 6b; Toronto 23 24; Ottawa 11 25; Montreal 13 33; Quebec 9 26; Saint John 9 37; Moncton - 34; Halifax 18 36; Charlottetown 7 34; Sydney 3 -; Yarmouth 18 38; St. John's, Nfld. 16 25.

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High tide today at 9.55 A. M. and 8.51 P. M.
Sun rises at 6.51 A. M. and sets at 6.01 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BOBDEEN — TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAYS
Lv. Borden 8:10 A.M. Lv. Cape Tormentine 2:40 P.M.
SUNDAY SERVICE
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