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DEFENCE APPROPRIATIONS TO BE CUT FIVE PER CENT

Russia Suggests World Arms Conference

Alexander's Defence Speech Raises Parliamentary Rumpus

By Fraser Wighton
LONDON. (Reuters) — Labor members of Parliament Thursday criticized Defence Minister Earl Alexander for outlining what they called a "new policy of defence" at a Conservative club instead of in Parliament.

Alexander told the club Wednesday that the government aims at reducing British military commitments overseas, to enable setting up a mobile strategic reserve at home which could be rushed to any trouble spot on short notice.

Harry Crookshank, Conservative House leader, said Thursday there was nothing new in Alexander's speech—nothing that has not been said by other members of the government.

Says Mistaken
Opposition Leader Clement Attlee retorted that Alexander himself then must have been mistaken when he said he was dealing with a new policy.

Crookshank's reply—"he may have been misreported for all I know"—was greeted with cries of protest from the Socialist Opposition.

In the House of Lords, House Leader Lord Salisbury said Alexander's proposals have been mentioned by Prime Minister Churchill. He suggested that the Opposition was "making a mountain out of a molehill."

The cabinet Thursday discussed defence plans for 1954-55, including the proposed mobile reserve.

The government will outline the plans in an official paper next month.

See Difficulties
The cabinet approves the principle of a mobile reserve, but foresees difficulties in establishing it, due to heavy manpower demands in various parts of the world. Of the country's 860,000 men under arms, four divisions are in Germany alone.

The Government Thursday night rejected charges by an all-party parliamentary committee that the country's civil defence organization against possible atom bomb attack lacks leadership, direction and guidance.

Home Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe told the Commons the government does not accept the committee's criticism, directed at civil defence officials instead of the government, which is "solely responsible."

War Prevention
Fyfe said the government's policy is directed at the prevention of war, not at preparations for war considered imminent or inevitable.

As a result, he said, civil defence, while important, is a secondary consideration. Its main object is to build up the nucleus of an organization which can be expanded rapidly if necessary.

The committee's report, which provoked many questions in the House, complained of lack of drive, delays, poor recruitment and money not used to the best advantage.

Molotov Makes Surprise Move At Berlin Parley

By Daniel De-Luce
BERLIN. (AP)—Russia surprised the western Big Three Thursday with a proposal for a world conference this year, including Red China, to deal with the East-West arms race and atomic weapons control.

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov agreed to sidetrack temporarily his bid for a Big Five conference seating the Chinese Communists in the spring, then offered a resolution embodying the new proposal for a world parley on disarmament.

The resolution was presented while the three western foreign ministers were again demanding that the Berlin conferees go on to the problems of Germany's unification and Austria's independence.

It would pledge all four "to take action within the framework of the United Nations to convene in 1954 a world conference on general reduction of armaments with the participation of both the members of the United Nations and the non-member states."

Phrased as if already adopted the resolution added:

Four has also been reached that the plan of measures for the general reduction of armaments would be linked with a simultaneous solution of the problem of atomic weapons.

Not Debated
There was no debate on the resolution. Introducing it was almost Molotov's last act as chairman of Thursday's fourth session of the Berlin conference.

S'side Man Collapses, Dies After Pushing Car

The sudden death occurred yesterday morning of Mr. Fred J. Gallant, well known and highly respected resident of Summerside, in his 66th year.

The late Mr. Gallant had been in his usual good health up to yesterday morning and had been out doing chores about the barn.

During the storm he had gone to the assistance of a motorist and it is presumed that he suffered a heart attack as a result of pushing the car which had been caught in a snow drift. Noticed lying in the snow behind the car, he was placed in the vehicle and rushed to the Prince County Hospital where

he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The late Mr. Gallant was born in Cape Egmont, and had moved to Summerside a number of years ago where he has since been employed at the P. E. I. Fox Breeders Association during the winter months, and as caretaker of St. Paul's Cemetery during the summer.

He was a faithful member of St. Paul's Church, and a member of

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The \$100,000,000 cut might have provided a slight break for the taxpayer except that the saving probably will be eaten up by other departments whose requirements will be heavier than in the current fiscal year.

The reduction in defence appropriations will not mean any slackening in Canada's defence effort, however. It will merely reflect the fact that stockpiles of many soft goods now are large enough to meet foreseeable needs and that major construction, such as airfields and barracks, is over the hump.

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Appointed To Rank of General

OTTAWA. (CP)—Lt. Gen. Charles Foulkes, (above) permanent chairman of the Canadian chiefs of staff, has been appointed to the rank of general.

Defence Minister Claxton, announcing the appointment, said Gen. Foulkes is the first officer to be given the rank of general in Canada's armed forces in peacetime.

His appointment "reflects the increased importance Canada's armed forces have assumed throughout the free world and especially within the framework of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization," Mr. Claxton said.

A career soldier, Gen. Foulkes was appointed the first full-time chairman of the chiefs of staff committee in February, 1951, and will continue to serve in that post.

The 51-year-old military strategist is the fifth Canadian to hold the rank of general of the Canadian Army. The others: Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, the late Sir Arthur Currie and the late Sir William D. Otter.

Gen. McNaughton now is Canadian chairman of the international joint commission, and Gen. Crerar is retired. Gen. Crerar holds the honorary rank of Canadian aide-de-camp to the Queen.

Gen. Foulkes, who had a brilliant record in Germany and Italy during the Second World War, will continue to act as Canada's military representative to NATO.

This will be in addition to his duties of co-ordinating inter-service operations and strategy.

**To Probe Closing
Of Cotton Plant**

OTTAWA. (CP)—Unemployment hit directly at Labor Minister Gregg Thursday.

The minister left for his New Brunswick riding of York-Sunbury to inquire into the closing of the district's biggest industry, the Canadian Cottons, Ltd., textile plant at Marysville.

The company announced at Montreal Wednesday night the plant is being closed indefinitely because of "difficulties in meeting United States competition under the present tariff system." It has employed 550 persons in the town just outside Fredericton.

**Montreal Police Sure
Two Slashers Operating**

MONTREAL. (CP)—Police said Thursday night two new attacks during the evening rush hour have convinced them that two slashers are at work in the city.

The two attacks, spaced at opposite ends of the city and occurring almost simultaneously, were destroyed by fire at Ommeur, 18 miles west of Peterborough, during the storm. The line was still blocked Thursday.

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A persistent snowstorm driven by winds which at times reached gale proportions brought traffic to an almost complete standstill throughout the Province yesterday.

Approximately seven inches of snow fell and was piled into heavy drifts by a steady 45 m.p.h. per hour wind that at times had gusts reaching 70 miles.

Government snowplows went out in an attempt to keep the paved highways open, but found it a hopeless task as 20 minutes after they passed the roads were closed again. All the plows throughout the Province were called in early and were standing by on an emergency basis until the storm ended.

In this city the two city-owned plows worked all day as they maintained roads to the hospitals, the Sanatorium and the Infirmary. Their main concern, City Clerk James Fullerton said, was to assure movement of ambulances, keep open streets to hospitals and guarantee fire protection for the citizens.

In the latter connection he advised that if the storm persisted through the night a crew of 10 firemen would be kept on duty at the Fire Hall to make sure of having a staff on hand for emergencies. Another important provision the city made was to have a horse-drawn sleigh packed with hose in case the streets should be blocked to motor vehicle traffic.

Trains Delayed
That the mainland was also meeting storm difficulties was apparent in the lateness of the trains there. All were running far behind schedule. The M.V. Abegweit made her regularly scheduled trip leaving Borden at nine o'clock yesterday morning. On the return trip leaving Tormentine at 11 o'clock.

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Figures Tabled In Commons Re Potato Product Imports

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—(Special)—Potatoes, potato products and various products and various starches to the value of nearly \$3,000,000 were imported into Canada last year. This is revealed in a return tabled in the House of Commons today in reply to a series of questions on imports of these commodities asked by J. Angus MacLean, Conservative member for Queen's.

From the return Mr. MacLean hopes to prove that, at least a proportion of the potato products imported into Canada could be manufactured in Canada and in the Maritime potato-growing areas in particular.

Largest single item in the table of imports was potatoes themselves imported into Canada from United States points in the late spring and early summer. Value of the potatoes imported in 1953 was \$2,581,825. Second only to the bulk potatoes was the value of "vegetables pickled or preserved in salt, brine, oil or in any other manner including frozen french-fried potatoes and potato chips." Value

of imports of these edibles is given as \$387,497. Starch and preparations having the quality of starch accounted for imports worth \$385,915, and potato starch and potato flour were imported to the amount of \$166,124.

Quantities and value of this type of import varied slightly in the previous three years.

**Declares Canada's
Textile Industry
Being Crippled**

MONTREAL. (CP)—American Textile imports at "distress prices" are crippling Canada's textile industry, Gerald L. Bruck, president of Bruck Mills Limited charged Thursday in presenting his company's annual report.

Bruck's position, a net loss of \$270,894 for the year ended Oct. 31, 1953, compared with a profit of \$373,539 for 1952, is typical of the industry, Mr. Bruck saluted.

The company's working capital was down slightly from \$2,563,642 to \$2,022,537. "A" shares paid 90 cents (\$1.20 in 1952) and "B" shares paid 45 cents (60 cents in 1952) in dividends.

ARRIVES HOME
LONDON. (Reuters) — Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler arrived here today by air after attending a Commonwealth finance ministers' conference in Sydney, Australia.

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**U. S. Judge Says Women
Juries Not Good As Men**

CHICAGO. (AP)—Circuit Judge Richard B. Austin says all-female juries have brought in some "ridiculous verdicts" and are not as good as all-male juries.

Addressing the Men's Club of the United Protestant Church in suburban Park Forest Wednesday night, Judge Austin said it is the duty of all good male citizens to serve on juries when summoned.

But, he added, "the same urgency does not exist as far as your wife is concerned, when she is summoned for jury duty."

"The average lawyer would prefer an all-male jury to an all-female jury," he declared.

He cited two instances of criminal trials before all-female juries when he was assistant state's attorney during the Second World War. He said they brought in "ridiculous verdicts."

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Express Rams Abandoned Bus

MONCTON. (CP)—The east-bound Scotian Express rammied into an abandoned bus on the nearby Humphrey Mills railway crossing Thursday night, but there were no injuries.

The bus became stuck in heavy, drifting snow while on its regular run between here and suburban Lewisville and Humphreys.

The driver, Arthur LeBlanc told the passengers to travel to their destinations on foot. An hour later the Scotian, two hours late because of the snow, slammed into the bus.

The train was delayed another two hours until arrival of another engine.

Want Allowances For Pension Plans

TORONTO. (CP)—The executive council of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association suggested Thursday that companies be allowed greater tax allowances on money contributed to pension plans for employees.

The council, meeting under the chairmanship of president J. D. Ferguson, Rock Island, Que., said that in view of increases in wages, living costs and pension benefits during the last seven years the tax exemption allowed under a 1946 ruling should now be reviewed.

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kidnapping a currency exchange owner and holding him captive while one of them burglarized the exchange.

"One of the men was caught in the act of burglarizing the exchange," Judge Austin said. "The other was caught holding the currency exchange owner captive."

But the 12 women on the jury brought in a verdict of innocence in about 15 minutes. Why? They said it was because the currency exchange owner testified that someone brought him a soft drink and a hamburger while he was held captive. The women said they thought the state's attorney's office should have found out who brought the drink and hamburger.

"We tried the same brothers again on another charge in the same case. Again an all-female jury brought in a verdict of innocence. They gave the same reason when I asked them."



TORONTO. (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

| | Min. | Max. |
|---------------|------|------|
| Dawson | 54b | — |
| Vancouver | 33 | 44 |
| Victoria | 39 | 45 |
| Edmonton | 19b | 9b |
| Calgary | 19b | 4 |
| Regina | 22b | 5 |
| Winnipeg | 23b | 2 |
| Toronto | 5 | 18 |
| Ottawa | 1 | 10 |
| Montreal | 6 | 12 |
| Quebec | 4 | 11 |
| Saint John | 15 | 17 |
| Moncton | 17 | 19 |
| Halifax | — | 27 |
| Charlottetown | 19 | — |
| Sydney | 24 | — |
| Yarmouth | 24 | 26 |
| St. John's | 18 | 26 |

HALIFAX. (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says the snow over the Maritimes will end Friday, but very cold air will continue to flow in from the north and there will be few snowflurries.

Regional forecasts:
Lower St. John river valley:
Cloudy with a few snowflurries,
clearing in the evening; continuing
cold with north winds 15. Low-high
at Fredericton zero and 18,
Saint John three and 18.

Prince Edward Island, eastern
N. B. counties: Cloudy with snow-
flurries; north winds 25, diminishing
in the evening to north-west
15. Low-high at Charlottetown 15
and 20, Moncton seven and 18.

Upper St. John river valley:
Clear with a few cloudy intervals;
continuing very cold with north
winds 15. Low-high at Edmund-
ton and Campbellton five below
and 10 above.

Bay of Fundy: North winds 25
becoming northwest 15 by evening;
cloudy, with a few snowflurries;
visibility one mile in snow in-
creasing between flurries to 10
miles; very cold.

High tide today at Charlottetown
at 6:13 a. m. and 5:02 p. m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes
later than Charlottetown.
Sun rises today at 7:37 a. m. and
sets at 5:16 p. m.

Britain, Hungary Plan To Resume Trade Talks

LONDON. (Reuters) — Britain has cancelled the scheduled visit of some Royal Navy ships to ports in Spain and Spanish Morocco because of recent "anti-British feeling in Spain," the admiralty announced Thursday.

Ships of the British home fleet were due to visit the ports in February and March.

The admiralty said that the Spanish government had been told that Britain does not consider "that any useful purpose can be served by these visits."

TWO-YEAR SENTENCE

NEWCASTLE, N.B. (CP)—Fredrick Theo. 25, of Manuel Post office, was sentenced Thursday to two years in Dorchester penitentiary after conviction on a charge of assault occasioning bodily harm. His arrest followed the death of Ovilla Robichaud, 19, of Escuminac, after a fight last September.

Brazil Explains Coffee Prices

RIO DE JANEIRO. (AP)—The Brazilian Government Thursday denied any responsibility for the recent sharp rise in coffee prices. It said it was attempting to ensure adequate shipments to consumer markets, especially the United States.

The official statement, issued by Foreign Minister Vincente Rao, replied to what the government called "insinuations" that it had caused the rises by "direct or indirect action."

Brazilian sources have claimed the increases were due to increased world consumption and short supply, resulting from frost damage to many Brazilian trees.

Anglo-Hungarian trade and financial negotiations were broken off by Britain four years ago in protest against the arrest and imprisonment of British businessman Edgar Sanders. All Hungarian imports were also stopped at that time.

Sanders was arrested with American telephone company executive Robert Vogeler on espionage charges. Both were given prison sentences—Vogeler, 15 years and Sanders, 13. But after vigorous protests from the United States and British governments, Hungary first released Vogeler in 1951 and Sanders last August.

Attempts to resume trade and debt talks between Hungary and Britain have been in progress since Sanders was freed. The ban on Hungarian imports was lifted last August.