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PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS WITHOUT PASSING PRICES BILL

Allies Demand Reds Account For 1,000 POWS

Declares 85 Per Cent Of Population Supports Ban On Price-Fixing

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—A Maritime fisherman told the Commons today that he believes 85 per cent of the people of Canada support the government's proposal to ban price-fixing.

Canada has about 14,000,000 citizens. On that basis, about 12,000,000 would be in favor of the legislation to make resale price maintenance illegal.

A. Wesley Stuart (L-Charlotte), member of a special committee which studied the government's proposal, said that under resale price maintenance:

1. The consumer has not the free choice to purchase goods. He has to buy price maintained goods under the "de-luxe" service provided by price-maintenance stores. He has to pay for the service as well as the goods—even though he does not want the service.
2. The retailer is not a free agent. He is, in fact, an agent of the manufacturer, forced to maintain the prices which the manufacturer sets for him.
3. The words "resale price maintenance," Mr. Stuart told the chamber during debate on a sub-amendment arising out of the main legislation, indicate that prices are "maintained"—maintained against the interest of the consumer.
4. He believed that a consumer who wanted to buy goods, without luxurious surroundings of some stores, should be able to do so. Price maintenance does not allow that. Price maintenance means he must pay the price, whether he buys over the telephone and gets delivery service or whether he goes out to shop, seeking lower prices.
5. Mr. Stuart said he did not want to quarrel with those people who wanted to pay for the delivery service, but there should be the free choice for the others to go out to the shops and possibly obtain the same merchandise at a lower price.

Jurors Report Death Due To Natural Causes

Death due to natural causes was the verdict returned last night by a coroner's jury empaneled to inquire into the death of Mrs. Edith Cavell Gallant who died suddenly on December 12. The inquest was held in the court room at City Hall with Coroner Dr. L. E. Prowse presiding. Mr. John Nicholson represented the Crown.

There were nine witnesses called last night with the medical testimony of Dr. Thomas Laidlaw and Dr. Harold Shaw, Provincial Pathologist, practically assuring the verdict as they stated the deceased apparently died from coronary heart disease.

The first witness called was Mr. George Williams, Summerside, father of the deceased. His testimony:

"I heard of dealers unable to get rid of their stocks who had been told to raise their prices."

Mr. Brown attacked the "loss leader" practice—that of selling goods at a loss to attract customers. He said Mr. Stuart in his speech showed he had "no conception" of what was in the MacQuarrie committee report on this point.

Ching Passes Steel Dispute To President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(CP)—Government mediators gave up trying to head off a country-wide steel strike today and dumped the problem in President Truman's lap.

The President now may invoke the Taft-Hartley Labor Act, ask the Wage Stabilization Board to make recommendations or take some other step not apparent at the moment. The strike, of more than 1,000,000 members of the United Steel Workers of America (C.I.O.) is set for New Year's Day.

Cyrus S. Ching, the government's No. 1 labor-management negotiator, told reporters he was sending the case to Truman because all hope of a quick agreement had vanished.

He said the steel workers, headed by C.I.O. president Philip Murray, had not budged from their demand for an 18 1/2 per cent an-hour wage increase (above the present average of just under \$2).

He said too that the steel companies are sticking to their position: their workers are well paid, to raise their wages further could contribute to inflation and the companies would have to have a price increase.

Ching, a native of Prince Edward Island, has been conferring since yesterday with representatives of the union and 10 major steel companies, which together produce 70 per cent of the country's steel.

While production is at a peak, it is still not enough to meet combined defence and civilian needs.

Coming Events

- **Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, December 26th. Orchestra.
- **Victoria Rink, Tuesday, Christmas night. Special skates.
- **For Snapshots that will not fade mail your films and Negatives to Garnham Photo Studios Charlottetown.
- **Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- **Special price on Flour until New Years. Limited quantity. Mt. Herbert Feed Service.
- **Buying live fowl and chicken daily. We weigh and pay at farm. Write or phone collect for pick up service. Smith Bros, Pownal.
- **Buying pigs and feeder cattle Monday at Fredericton. Paying \$20.00 pair for good pigs over 40 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

Left Off List But Held By Enemy Earlier

By SAM SUMMERLIN
MUNSAN, Korea, Dec. 22—(Saturday)—(AP)—Communist truce negotiators were confronted today with a blunt Allied demand that they account for more than 1,000 allied prisoners omitted from the Reds' official list.

While the prisoner exchange question remained marred, possibility of agreement on supervising an armistice in Korea seemed nearer.

Today's session on the issue of truce supervision was slated for 10 a.m. (8 p.m. EST, Friday). The sub-committee on prisoner exchange was to meet an hour later.

Allies Make Concession

"An Allied offer to yield islands off North Korea laid the foundation for a possible compromise on the broad question of supervising an armistice. A U.N. spokesman called it a major concession.

On the issue of prisoners, however, the U.N. was far from satisfied. A stiffly-worded note Friday demanded that the Communists account for more than 1,000 prisoners not named on the list handed to the Allies Tuesday.

The Allied note said the men were named in earlier Communist propaganda broadcasts—mostly in messages to relatives—but did not appear on the roster of prisoners.

The official Red list contained names of 3,198 Americans, 1,219 other U.N. soldiers and 7,142 South Koreans. The Allies gave the Reds a list of 132,472 Chinese and Korean Red prisoners.

Two days after Christmas, the tentative buffer zone drawn across Korea between the warring troops will be wiped out. A new zone must then be plotted reflecting changes in the battlefield at the time an armistice is signed.

Demand Accounting

In the demand for a full accounting of more than 1,000 Americans and other Allied prisoners, the U.N. command insisted on information about tens of thousands of unlisted South Korean soldiers believed prisoners.

The prisoner issue overshadowed the vital work of Allied and Red staff officers wrestling with the problem of how to police a Korean armistice.

TAIPEH, Formosa, Dec. 21

(AP)—Gen. Yolbar Khan, 63, married his secretary today, She, 25, is his 11th wife. The General's 10th wife died last year in Tibet during their flight from China's Sinking Province where Yolbar Khan was governor until the Reds took over.

Gov't Surplus 21 Times Higher Than Forecast

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—Corporation and personal-income-tax collections jumped in November, 1950, boosting the government's budgetary surplus by \$30,000,000 for the month and bringing the eight-month total for the 1951-52 fiscal year to \$634,700,000, a monthly treasury statement disclosed today.

The eight-month surplus was 21 times higher than the \$30,000,000 forecast by Finance Minister Abbott in his budget speech last spring for the fiscal year ending March 31 next. Recently, Mr. Abbott, noting the sharp increase in the surplus, revised his forecast and said it may be about \$250,000,000 or \$300,000,000.

During November, revenues totalled \$308,100,000, an increase of more than \$50,000,000 from the \$251,900,000 in November last year, and bringing total revenues for the eight-month period to \$2,468,000,000—a \$881,000,000-gain from the first eight months of the last fiscal year.

Government spending during the month increased to \$278,000,000 from \$209,200,000 in November, 1950, pushing the eight-month total to \$1,833,251,000 against \$1,381,050,000 in the corresponding period last year.

Most of the increase in spending was stimulated by an expanded rearmament effort.

The big boost in revenues, said the treasury statement, was mainly due to higher corporation and personal-income-tax collections.

Corporation-income-tax collections climbed to \$94,297,000 from \$76,204,000 in November last year, boosting the eight-month total to \$707,071,000 from \$447,778,000.

Personal-income-tax collections increased to \$70,000,000 for the month from \$40,500,000 in November, 1950, boosting the eight-month collections to \$632,000,000 against \$416,000,000 in the corresponding period last year.

Of the total \$1,833,251,000 government spending for the eight months \$667,000,000 went to the defence department and \$1,166,000 to the defence-production department, the armament-purchasing agency for the fighting forces

en waiting for unemployment money are once again becoming a familiar sight.

Generally the pre-Christmas period is boom time in both industries. It is feared the unemployment position will worsen considerably in January.

Main reason for the present decline is the general shortage of money combined with the high cost of clothes and furniture.

Furniture men have a particular complaint following the government's recent clamp-down on bank loans for installment buying. Industrialists and union leaders agree that people began to "stockpile" clothes in 1950, fearing what would happen if the international situation got worse.

As a result they cut down buying this year. Many may make their clothes do next year as well if prices stay high.

Clothing leaders are pressing the government to reduce ceiling prices immediately.

Italy Told All Limits Off Size Of Armed Services

ROME, Dec. 21—(CP)—Ten Western countries, including Britain, France and the United States, formally told Italy today she is free to disregard all 1947 peace treaty limitations on the size and equipment of her army, navy and air force.

The Western Powers took the action despite the certainty of bitter protests from Russia which calls it an "aggressive" move.

The go-ahead paved the way for rearmament of Italy as a major military and naval power in the Mediterranean, protecting the southern flank of the Western alliance against possible aggression.

Eight of the 20 signatory countries sent diplomatic notes to Italy agreeing to the Dec. 8 Italian request for revision of peace treaty terms.

Italy considers the treaty incompatible with her present democratic status and West sees it as a block of Italy's role in Western defence.

Russia and other Communist countries have not yet answered the note and are expected to refuse.

The eight replies came from the U. S., Britain, Greece, New Zealand, Nationalist China, Holland, France, and Belgium.

Two Commonwealth countries, South Africa and Australia, said they associate themselves with British replies.

Canada has reported that while the revision question is under consideration, no statement can be made at present.

Italy pressed for revision, especially of those clauses limiting her to 250,000 troops and security guards, 200 fighter and reconnaissance planes and two battleships and forbidding her atomic weapons, aircraft carriers and submarines.

Hungarian Courts To Try 4 U.S. Airmen

BUDAPEST, Dec. 21—(AP)—Communist ruled Hungary announced tonight it will bring to trial the four U.S. airmen whose plane was forced down in this country by Soviet fighter planes.

In a note to the American legation, the Foreign Ministry said the flyers will be turned over to a Hungarian court "as persons having, with premeditated intention, violated the border of Hungary."

The note did not give a trial date.

The flyers have been identified as Capt. Dave Henderson of Shawnee, Okla.; Capt. John J. Swift of Glen Falls, N. Y.; Sgt. James A. Elam of Kingsland, Ark.; and Tech. Sgt. Jess A. Duff of Spokane, Wash.

Their U. S. Air Force C-47 transport plane is said by American authorities to have become lost on Hungary Nov. 19 while on a flight from a German air force base to Belgrade, Yugoslavia. It was forced down by Soviet fighters stationed in Hungary under the peace treaty.

The Hungarian note said: "The Government of the Hungarian Peoples Republic considers it as fully premeditated intention that an American aircraft violated the Hungarian border with the criminal intention of dropping spies and diversions to the territory of the Hungarian Republic."

American authorities have denied the plane had any other mission than to take mail and supplies to Belgrade. They said the plane was piloted by a tycoon that sends out SOS messages in case a plane is downed—and the parachutes and maps found aboard it were part of the normal equipment carried by all U. S. aircraft.

The U. S. reply to the previous Hungarian notes rejected the charges and demanded the immediate release of the plane and crew.

So far as available records show, this is the first time an American Curtiss plane in Europe has attempted to imprison American military men on such charges.

British Canberra Jet Explodes

QUEENSTON, Md., Dec. 21—(AP)—A British Canberra jet bomber exploded and crashed in flames near here today, killing one of its United States Air Force pilots.

The other pilot parachuted and was not severely hurt.

It was one of the two Canberras that flew the Atlantic in record time this year and was stationed at the Glenn L. Martin plant near Baltimore, where an American modification will be built for the U. S. Air Force.

The crash was near the mouth of the Chester River, across Chesapeake Bay from Baltimore.

The names of the two fliers were withheld.

Maryland state police at Easton said one pilot's parachute failed to open and he was killed. The coast guard reported a fishing boat picked up his body.

The plane was the Canberra flown across the Atlantic last Feb. 24 by an R. A. F. crew for an unofficial record of four hours 37 minutes from Ireland to Gander, Nfld.

A second Canberra was flown across Aug. 31 for an official record of four hours 18 minutes.

Alexanders' Adoption Secret Is Disclosed

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—Flaxen-haired Susan Alexander won't be thinking about it, but today she suddenly became Canada's most famous youngster of the moment.

For pert and blue-eyed Susan was disclosed as the adopted daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Alexander and a member of Canada's vice-regal family for most of her 3-2 years.

In all her three years with her much-spoiled foster parents, she has lived at Rideau Hall, the official vice-regal residence. Yet until today the capital generally had no inkling there was a fourth youngster in the Governor-General's household.

Their Excellencies just didn't announce the new acquisition. The news leaked out when, like any other proud parents, they visited Susan's kindergarten to watch her romp in the Christmas-party fun.

But even after the adoption became known, there was little information available about Susan from Rideau Hall beyond the fact that Viscount and Viscountess Alexander adopted her in England on a visit three years ago. Susan was six months old then. Vice-regal aides did not disclose

No Hint Of Whereabouts Of Stalin On Birthday

LONDON, Dec. 21—(Reuters)—Josef Stalin's 72nd birthday was celebrated today behind the Iron Curtain, but there was no clue in Moscow reports as to the present whereabouts of the Soviet premier.

Last official Soviet report on the movements of the Russian leader was last July when he was said to have attended the annual air parade in Moscow.

Since then he has been quoted as making a statement to Pravda confirming that Russia has made atom bomb tests.

But there has been no indication whether he is in Moscow or on the Black Sea coast, where he has a residence, or some place else. The usual silence has been maintained about the state of his health, subject to spasmodic rumors in the Western press.

The government newspaper Izvestia today gave over its front

100 Trapped In Burning Mine

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., Dec. 21—(AP)—Lieut. Denzil Will of the Illinois State Police reported four bodies were taken out of a blazing coal mine here and that about 100 were reported trapped.

The mine is the Chicago, Wilmington and Franklin Mine No. 2.

A mine spokesman said earlier that a fire was burning deep in the mine and "there may be some men trapped, we don't know."

One Fireman Killed, 18 Injured As Huge London Warehouse Block Burns

LONDON, Dec. 21—(Reuters)—One fireman died and 18 were injured tonight fighting London's biggest blaze since Hitler's blitz.

A huge block of warehouses in the city's jammed commercial district burned to a gutted hulk.

Firemen working in relay shifts fought throughout the night to stop the flames from spreading to important Broad Street railroad terminus.

Ambulances sped to the scene to take to hospital firemen overcome by fumes or injured by falling debris.

By the time the first fire engines arrived the two top floors of the five-story block were belching flames. Soon afterwards the roof crashed in, sending sparks flying over a wide area. A frantic radio call brought 70 fire engines and more than 300 firemen to the scene.

The fire chief ordered all firemen out of the building and surrounding apartment buildings were evacuated.

BELGRADE, Dec. 21—(AP)—Belgrade radio said today Hungary has landed troops on an island in the Mura River which is the boundary between Yugoslavia and Hungary. The island belongs to Yugoslavia and the Hungarian action is a "new provocation", the radio said.

Session Will Resume After Christmas

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—A reluctant House of Commons stalled in efforts to get an early decision on the government's prices legislation, decided today to take a brief Christmas holiday and come back to work Thursday, Dec. 27.

The adjournment became effective at the customary 10 p. m. rising hour tonight.

As the house rose over the holiday with a good-natured flurry of greetings after acrimony of the last few days, the suggestion was heard that the late-year session might stretch to New Year's.

In reply to an Opposition question as to whether the government intended the house to sit beyond Jan. 1, Works Minister Fournier, government floor leader in the commons, said the administration would "cross that bridge when we come to it."

There was no doubt, he said that the strike-ridden prices bill would be the first item on the agenda next Thursday.

For a time there had been much hope that the contentious legislation might pass by tonight and that parliament could prorogue until the 1952 session, but the Progressive Conservatives mounted a relentless, repetitious debate which made this impossible.

Even as the chamber agreed to meet again next week, Progressive Conservative leader George Drew made it clear that his party's campaign against the legislation will continue unless the government agrees "to let it stand until the next regular session of parliament."

Prime Minister St. Laurent said he could "make it quite clear that there is not, nor is there likely to be any intention of the government not to proceed with this bill before parliament prorogues."

No Mention Of Closure

But the Prime Minister made no mention of the possibility that he might invoke the rarely-used rule of closure to bring the prolonged debate to a close. Closure drastically limits debate and sets a specific deadline for action.

Thursday, as the chamber

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News In Brief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—Vice-President Alvin Barkley announced today that Winston Churchill will address a joint session of Congress "about January 17th."

LONDON, Dec. 21—(AP)—A highly placed informant said today the British Government firmly believes an armistice will be reached in Korea, despite the confusion of recent weeks.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(CP)—Temporary Canadian workers and Canadian students studying in the United States are not liable to serve in the United States forces, External Affairs Minister Pearson said in the Commons today.

PANMUNJOM, Korea, Dec. 22—(Saturday)—A Chinese Communist reporter said today the Reds could deliver all Allied prisoners within one week after an armistice was signed.

TOKYO, Dec. 22—(Saturday)—The Canadian destroyer Cayuga and the British frigates Alacrity and White Sands Bay joined forces Friday to fight an artillery duel with enemy shore batteries near Chinnampo on Korea's west coast.

2 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

THERE IS NOBODY LIKE SANTA CLAUS FOR CRACKING OPEN THE POCKET BOOK!

HALIFAX, Dec. 21—(CP)—Official public forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Saturday with an outlook for Sunday.

Synopsis: Today's storm brought rain and gales to the Maritimes, and snow fell in Eastern Quebec. The storm has now moved into Labrador, leaving very mild air and cloudy skies over the district. Temperatures will remain high until Saturday evening, when colder air from the Central States will bring a return of freezing temperatures.

Unsettled weather seems to be in store for the next few days, and the outlook is for cloudy and colder weather Sunday.

Regional Forecasts—Prince Edward Island—Cloudy with a few clear intervals. Fog patches and widely scattered showers ending by evening. Light winds. Low and high Saturday at Charlottetown 26 and 44.

Outlook for Sunday—Cloudy and colder.

High tide today at 4:13 A. M. and 4:45 P. M.
Sun rises today at 7:46 A. M. and sets at 4:34 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

MCA AIR SERVICE

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY
Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 5:30 A.M.; 11:20 A.M.; 4:30 P.M.
Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:25 A.M.; 1:35 P.M.; 6:55 P.M.
Leave Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax 7:40 A.M. New Glasgow 4:50 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax
Arrive Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax 11:00 A.M. from New Glasgow 4:35 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ONLY
9:10 A.M. Arrive Sydney from New Glasgow.
10:25 A.M. Arrive New Glasgow from Sydney.
SUNDAY ONLY
Leave Charlottetown for Moncton 11:20 A.M.
Arrive Charlottetown from Moncton 5:55 P.M.
BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE
Daily (Including Sunday)
Leave Borden 9:10 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 4:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.
Leave C. T. 10:35 A.M. 2:40 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 9:00 P.M.