

NEGOTIATIONS TO AVERT RAILWAY STRIKE BREAK DOWN

Drew Reiterates Demand For Defence Inquiry

Eisenhower Takes Oath; To Work For Peace With Honor

By Douglas B. Cornell
WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 — (AP) — Dwight D. Eisenhower became President of the United States today and, with a prayer on his lips, set for his new administration a goal of peace with honor.

It must be a peace based on strength and unity in the free world, he said, and there must be no appeasement because: "A soldier's pack is not so heavy a burden as a prisoner's chains."

In a ritual as old as the U. S. itself, the smalltown boy from Kansas took the oath that made him the country's 34th chief executive.

Then, in a brief inaugural address from a platform beneath the great grey dome of the Capitol, Eisenhower laid down for "free men everywhere" a challenge to join together against the world menace of Communism.

Bareheaded under a warm winter sun fighting through a haze, Eisenhower slowly repeated after Chief Justice Vinson of the Supreme Court the oath that brought to an end a 20-year era of Democratic rule and embarked the Republicans on what he promised to be their "great crusade."

Republicans followed through with an immense inaugural victory parade. Mile after mile it rolled along Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House.

Happy Day For Republicans

It was a happy day for the Republican Party which so long had wandered in the political wilderness. And the man who made it all possible with a smashing election victory last Nov. 4 took it all in easy stride.

It was 12:31 p.m. EST when the scroll-covered band struck four fifes and Eisenhower stepped up to a lectern and began repeating the oath of office peacefully.

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President Eisenhower

Fur Coat Leads To Death In Fire

MONTREAL, Jan. 20 — (CP) — A child was born dead today to Pierette Gagne, whose 20-year-old husband, Rene, was burned to death in a fire at their home early yesterday.

Mrs. Gagne is in hospital suffering severe burns and in "critical" condition.

When their one-room home burst into flames yesterday the couple left the apartment without injury. Mrs. Gagne, eight months pregnant, decided to return and save her fur coat. Her husband went to help her. When they were inside, the olive, believed to have originally caused the blaze, exploded, pouring burning oil over them.

PARIS, Jan. 20 — (AP) — France announced today she has agreed to take part in four power deputy foreign minister talks in London Jan. 30 on a treaty of independence for Austria. The U. S. issued the invitation. Britain has already announced her acceptance. There has been no reply thus far from the Soviet Union.

Declares Gov't Not Getting At Root of Trouble

OTTAWA, Jan. 20 — (CP) — Government Progressive Conservative leader, today accused the Government of trying to belittle the controversial Currie Report and restated demands for a sweeping inquiry into the whole of Canada's Defence Department.

He said the Currie Report, with its disclosure of "fantastic irregularities" in one branch of the army, was "a symptom of a great disease, not the disease itself." It was beyond the bounds of reason to suggest that only the small army branch involved had broken down.

There was a need to cut to the root of the trouble. But the Government was "applying poultices of one kind or another to the surface irritation." In the month since the report of George S. Currie, Montreal accountant and former deputy defence minister, had been made public, there had been no "apology" and no action by the Government.

He urged the Government to state immediately that it will act on the report and that it will make a full inquiry into the Defence Department by Mr. Currie or someone competent to do the job.

He indicated that his party will support a CCF motion now before members to appoint Mr. Currie to make a board inquiry.

The Opposition leader was joined.

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Minimum Price Levels Cut By Potato Marketing Board

At a meeting of the Potato Marketing Board held yesterday afternoon it was decided to change the existing minimum price levels for potatoes, and accordingly a Board Order will be issued today changing tablestock from \$1.80 and \$1.85 per 75 pounds bulk to \$1.55 and \$1.60. Irish cobbler seed will remain at \$3.25 per hundred pounds while other varieties of seed will be lowered from \$2.85 to \$2.50, all prices to be minimum prices quoted and paid for bulk graded stock at the producers' farm.

The changes were thought necessary because the January storage stocks in the U. S. A. had been higher than anticipated, and if the present estimate is correct, there are some twenty million bushels more than a year ago. However, Marketing Board officials stated last night that there is no good reason for undue alarm or panic. The Canadian market should be able to absorb all available supplies in this country before the end of the shipping season, and there is also the probability of substantial shipments of tablestock going forward to the southern U. S. markets within the next two months.

So far this season potato values have been held at the highest possible level as long as possible. The Potato Marketing Board is endeavouring to keep some supplies moving without permitting a drastic price decline. It is hoped that this price reduction may be of a temporary nature and if seasonal weather conditions develop within the next several weeks, the Canadian potato trade may soon realize the actual facts of the supply position and a firmer market tendency may develop.

Mr. MacDonald, Board Manager, stated last night that the newly established price levels must be maintained, producers should insist on receiving those prices, and if lower values should be offered, the Potato Board should be advised immediately.

Next Move Up to Federal Labor Dept.

MONTREAL, Jan. 20 — (CP) — Negotiations aimed at averting a nation-wide railway strike Feb. 2 ended in disagreement late today with no plans for further management-union meetings.

Officials of both Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen said they had no plans for further negotiations. A spokesman for the union, representing 26,000 operating trainmen, said the Brotherhood has advised the Federal Labor Department in Ottawa that its negotiating committee is holding itself in readiness here for any step the Department may wish to take.

The disagreement arose as to whether the negotiations, resumed today after the union announced Friday it would go on strike Feb. 2 at 6 a. m. local time unless a satisfactory settlement is reached, should be based on the majority or minority reports of a Federal conciliation board.

The union, seeking a 35-per-cent wage boost for its members, wanted to proceed on the majority report, which recommended a 20-per-cent raise in pay.

The railways suggested the negotiations be based on the majority report and its recommendation for a 12-per-cent boost.

The union met separately with the two railroads—in the morning with the CPR and this afternoon.

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Marine Slip Project Meets With Unanimous Indorsation

Strong support in the attempt to obtain a marine slip for this city was voiced last night at a largely attended meeting held in City Hall. The meeting was called by the local union employed at the plant of Bruce Stewart and was presided over by Mr. James Carr, secretary of the union.

After a large number of speakers had been heard a decision was reached to hold another meeting next Tuesday at which every organization in the city will be asked to have two members present. The next gathering will then select a committee to work on the project.

The chairman in his opening remarks noted the great amount of installation work done on a ship which can only be done while it is in drydock in Picotou. Mr. G. M. Dick, United Steelworkers of America, was present and stated there was a vast amount of work which could be secured for this city if the slip becomes a reality. He pointed out that when the boats on which the company here is now working there is nothing more in sight.

If work ceases at the plant it will mean the throwing out of

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Denies Charge



Lt.-Col. E. W. George, Liberal member of Parliament for Westmoreland, says he is "in the clear" on a charge made in the Commons that he drew parliamentary and reserve army pay in 1951 for more days than there are in the calendar. The charge was made by Carl Nickle, Progressive Conservative member for Calgary West. Col. George, who commands the 8th New Brunswick Hussars, a reserve unit, will make a statement in the Commons on Monday.

(CP Photo)

City Rubbish Proves Profitable

TORONTO, Jan. 20 — (CP) — City rubbish is turning out to be a profitable sideline. Street Commissioner Bradley reported today.

Last year, he said, \$42,994 was realized from the sale of corrugated and waste paper, tin cans, metal and leaf mould.

The rubbish is even worth stockpiling. In a report to go before the Works Committee tomorrow, Mr. Bradley says there are 7,600 tons of leaf mould on hand with an estimated value of \$76,000.

His statement is a great future for leaf mould—leaves picked up from city streets and treated for use as a soil conditioner.

Sees Economic Outlook Bright For Canada

HALIFAX, Jan. 20 — (CP) — Canada's economic pulse is beating firmly and the long-range diagnosis is that it will stay healthy, Rhys M. Sale, president of the Ford Motor Company of Canada said here tonight.

In an address prepared for delivery at the annual banquet of the Halifax Board of Trade, Mr. Sale shrugged off fears of an economic setback.

"I do not agree at all with those few businessmen who see a parallel between economic conditions in Canada today with those which prevailed in 1929," he said. "As far as I can see at this moment, there is no hint of a depression or even a serious recession in the picture."

Mr. Sale called for enlargement and diversification of Canadian markets to meet shifting trade patterns, with less dependence on the traditional British and United States outlets.

Import restrictions applied by many countries are of greater significance than tariffs today and "often throttle trade more effectively than any tariff."

Board Of Trade Appoints Economic Survey Committee

An Economic Survey Committee, headed by Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College, has been set up by the Charlottetown Board of Trade, it was announced at the monthly meeting of the Board at the Charlottetown Hotel here last night.

The purpose of the Committee will be to study and bring in recommendations regarding the need here for some form of some permanent economic development body for this Province similar to the Nova Scotia Research Foundation. With Dr. MacKinnon on the committee will be Messrs. E. D. Reid and F. W. Curtis.

In reporting to the members of the Board on the business transacted at the last Council meeting Mr. A. Walther Gaudet, Secretary, also stated that three resolutions had been sent out. Two to the Canadian National Railways and one to the City Council of Charlottetown.

The resolutions to the C.N.R. requested that an early morning crossing, at approximately 6:30, be made by the car ferry Abegweit

Cigarets, Beer for Canadians in Korea

WITH THE FORCES IN KOREA, Jan. 20 — (CP) — Canadian soldiers today received their share of gift cigarettes and beer sent from Canada. The men each got three packages of cigarettes from the \$500,000-shipment sent to Canadian forces in the Far East by the Province of Ontario. They received also a bottle of beer apiece, the gift of Ontario brewers. Each man will be issued a bottle a day for the next five days.

'Flu Outbreak Closes Schools in Florida

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Jan. 20 — (AP) — An outbreak of influenza has forced the closing of all schools here. Dr. H. E. White, county health officer, said the disease which "spread like wildfire over the week-end," is affecting young children in particular. As many as a third of the students in some classes are ill and absent. About 4,000 pupils attend schools here and in the county.

Railways Apply For New Freight Rates Boost

OTTAWA, Jan. 20 — (CP) — The railways made a surprise application today for a new freight rate boost of seven per cent but immediately ran into procedural difficulties before the Board of Transport Commissioners.

The board's chief commissioner, Mr. Justice J. Kearney, and counsel for provincial governments were critical of the way the railways have moved in what now is a triple-barrelled rate case. The chief commissioner asked the railways—unsuccessfully—to withdraw a nine-per-cent rate application filed last July and still pending.

The railways' complicated proceedings before the board, there were these developments:

- The Canadian Pacific Railway completed evidence in an application asking the board to establish a new principle of rate-making in Canada, under which the CPR would be allowed to earn a stated annual yield on its railway investment. In this case, the company says it is entitled to considerably higher earnings but does not specifically ask for a freight-rate boost.
- The railways two hours later filled their new application for a seven-per-cent increase (about \$35,000,000 a year, which is in addition to the earlier nine per cent (about \$45,000,000 a year). The latter is based on the principle of the proposed but still-undecided new system.
- Mr. Justice Kearney urged that the nine-per-cent application be withdrawn, saying it confuses the case. It could, he said, be refilled later if the board's decision on the principle of the CPR's method warrants this.
- John L. O'Brien, senior counsel for the railway association and the CPR, said his clients feel that nine-per-cent request is an integral part of the whole application. He wanted to proceed first with the seven per cent—on Jan. 29—but leave the other in the case.

Predict Potatoes Plentiful, Cheap During Next Year

TORONTO, Jan. 20 — (CP) — Potatoes are likely to be plentiful and cheap during the next year, the potato section of the annual meeting of the Ontario Soil Crop Improvement Association was told today.

J. Edgar Hewitt of Simcoe said that growers are in the habit of going from one season of feast to a season of famine. And, he said, the feast seasons for growers were always feast seasons for consumers.

Last year potatoes were not too plentiful and prices, at least during the early part of the season, were fairly high.

"It is the belief of many and there are indications to the effect that potato production will sharply increase during 1953," Mr. Hewitt said.

D. G. Campbell, statistician of the Agricultural Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, said consumers would probably be inclined to say there weren't enough potatoes produced in Canada, while producers might be inclined to feel too many had been grown.

One of Brodie Twins Dies

CHICAGO, Jan. 20 — (AP) — Roger Lee Brodie, the weaker of the Siamese twins who were separated in a surgical operation Dec. 17, died tonight at 10:45 P.M. CST. Roger Lee, larger of the twins, was deprived of their single superior sagittal sinus, a large blood vessel which drains about 80 per cent of the blood from the brain to the heart.

He had been in a coma since the operation.

His brother, Rodney Dee, who received the critical vein, survives. The twins, born Sept. 16, 1951, were 16 months old last Friday.

Coming Events

- **Auction and Dance, Millview Hall every Friday.
- **Dance in Kelly's Cross School, Friday, January 23rd. Lunch served.
- **Card party, Long River Hall, tonight.
- **Hockey tonight, Stanley Bridge rink, Breadalbane vs. Stanley Bridge. Time 8:30.
- **Try our Purina Finance plan, for feeding your hogs and chicks. Dillon & Spillet.
- **Unloading today and tomorrow, car Albion Egg Oil Treated coal. J. F. Morris, Kinkora.
- **Dance at Mt. Stewart Legion Hall, Thursday, January 22nd. Burke's Orchestra.
- **Meeting at North River rink Wednesday, Jan. 21st, at 7:45 to organize for school hockey.
- **Movies, Freetown Hall, January 22nd. Public discussion about buying Projector.
- **Reserve Saturday, January 31st, for C. W. L. Cake Sale at S. A. McDonald's Store.
- **Card party and dance, Hope River Credit Union Hall, Wednesday, January 21st.
- **Crockinole and cards, Marshfield Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 21st, at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Marshfield W. I.
- **Hockey North River Rink Wednesday, Jan. 21st, Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Cornwall Meteors. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- **Souris Hospital Auxiliary Card Party, St. Mary's Hall, Wednesday, 21st. Bridge, Auction 45 and Cribbage. Admission 50 cents.
- **Pantry Sale, Princetown Road United Church at Fennell and Chandler's, 2:00 o'clock Saturday, January 24th.
- **Unloading car Master Feeds and Concentrates, Wednesday and Thursday, special of the car prices. L. D. McLeod & Son, Albany and Victoria.
- **Don't miss the big Variety Concert at Emerald Hall Friday, January 23rd. One-act plays, monologues, songs, music, dancing. Fun for all. Sponsored by B. I. S.
- **Hockey at North River Rink, Thursday, Jan. 22, Sandy's Ramblers vs. Covehead Road, at 7:30. Dunstaffnage Bombers vs. West Covehead at 9 o'clock. Skate after.

Two Men Arrested In Alien Smuggling Ring

MONTREAL, Jan. 20 — (CP) — Two of six men sought on charges arising from immigration irregularities were arrested today by RCMP. Names of the two were not immediately known.

Warrants were sworn out and signed today by Judge Armand Cloutier of Criminal Court against three former immigration officers two travel agency employees and one former employee of the Labor Department.

They were identified as: Jean Marcel Bourget, Charles M. Ahfossi and Lawrence Sullivan, immigration officers; Pasquale Petrecca and Gustavo D'Errico, travel agency employees; and Armand Theriault of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, administrator of the Labor Department.

The six will be charged on charges of having illegally accepted "gifts" or of having provided "gifts" ranging from \$500 to \$5,951.

D'Errico and Petrecca will face charges of having allegedly given immigration officers large sums of money to obtain certain favors. The former immigration officers will be charged with having accepted the money, contrary to regulations.

It was reported that other arrests will follow.

The signing of the warrants ended a lengthy investigation in Canada and in Italy into a huge Italian black market immigration organization.

Local Man Among 74 Injured In Train Wreck

ST. LOUIS LOOKOUT, Ont., Jan. 20 — (CP) — A speeding passenger train crunched into a broken rail early today and hurtled off the track at the edge of a Northwestern Ontario lake, killing one man and injuring 74 other persons.

Canadian National Railways officials said most of the injuries were minor, but listed 20 treated in hospital here. The dead man was Wasyl Chelak, 59, of Unity, Sask., a section hand travelling as a passenger.

The crack train, the Continental Limited, was pounding along straight track through 30-below-zero weather when it hit the faulty section at 3:10 a.m. EST. near Ghost River, a fur-trading post, 275 miles east of Winnipeg. The train had left Montreal Sunday night for Vancouver.

The locomotive rolled clear but the train's 11 cars lunged crazily from the rails. Dozing and sleeping passengers were pitched from their seats and the cars ended in a zig-zag heap alongside the right-of-way. Two day coaches, the baggage express and mail cars tipped over.

Sapper John B. McInnis, who is reported as having received minor injuries, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John McInnis, 814 Avenue, City. His wife, Mary, has four children, live at 44 Brighton Avenue. Jack was on his way to Chilliwack, B.C., after spending leave with his family. He returned from Germany the first week in December after serving one year there. He is a veteran of the Second World War, in which he served for five years, going all through the war with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders. He returned home in June, 1945, and joined up again in the spring of 1951. His family are anxiously awaiting further news.

From the wreckage dazed and injured passengers crawled into nine inches of snow and the bitter cold of a clear night. Some were displaced persons from wartime Europe.

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Ask 9 Cents Per Pack Cut In Cigaret Prices

OTTAWA, Jan. 20 — (CP) — The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Association today asked Finance Minister Abbott to reduce taxes on cigarettes by nine cents a pack.

A spokesman for the delegation said "We got a very, very sympathetic reception."

Francis Gregory, colorful chairman of the association, said at a press conference that Mr. Abbott had been urged to cut tobacco taxes so that cigarettes could retail at 30 cents for a pack of 20.

The present price in most provinces is about 39 cents. In Quebec and P. E. I. additional provincial taxes bring the price to about 43. Of this, the federal tax is 22 cents a pack, following a three-cent-a-pack reduction in last year's budget.

Mr. Gregory and the Ontario Association have been fighting the federal tobacco taxes for several years. The delegation has made several visits to Mr. Abbott during the last three years.

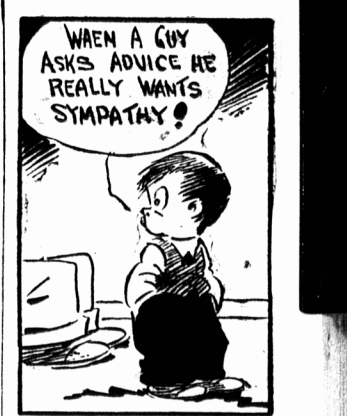
The delegation said that the Government actually got more revenue when it reduced the tax by three cents a pack last year than in the previous year. Cigaret tax revenues totalled \$140,000,000 in the first eight months of the 1952-53 fiscal year, compared with \$128,000,000 for the similar period in the previous year.

But cigarettes still were currently too high. Cheaper American cigarettes were continually being smuggled into Canada, said the association. Canadians were turning more to "roll-your-owns" and employment and profit to the industry was being reduced.

More than that, the growers faced a "serious economic plight." In the sharp reductions in United Kingdom import of Canadian tobacco, prospects for 1953 were "even worse" than they were for 1952.

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When A Guy Asks Advice He Really Wants Sympathy?



Forecasters Issued Tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	16B	5B
Victoria	41	49
Calgary	7	27
Regina	8	33
Winnipeg	15B	14
Toronto	29	36
Ottawa	28	32
Montreal	—	34
Moncton	26	27
Halifax	33	42
Charlottetown	27	29
Sydney	25	36
Yarmouth	30	44
St. John's	31	32

High Tide Today at Charlottetown at 2:47 A.M. and 3:11 P.M.

High tide on the North Shore at 10:02 A.M. and 10:46 P.M.

Sun rises today at 7:45 A.M. and sets at 5:04 P.M.

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Synopsis: Cold air over Quebec is spreading slowly southeastward into the Maritimes. Not much change in weather is indicated for Wednesday but temperatures will be lower in most regions. A disturbance in the Southern States is moving northeastward and is expected to cause snow in Southwestern Nova Scotia late Wednesday evening.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island—Sunny, cloudy over in evening. Cold. Light winds low and high Wednesday at Charlottetown 20 and 28.