



DR. CARL WILLIS of Charlottetown is seen here taking part in competition in this Province. He won the Canadian Championship yesterday in British Columbia.

Island Plowman Takes Championship In B.C.

More Workers, More Jobs Is Ottawa's March Report

OTTAWA (CP)—There were more workers, more jobs, and fewer jobless in March as the booming economy continued to whittle down unemployment across Canada.

During the last few months there has been a noticeable strengthening in employment for both men and women, it said. "The number of employed men increased by 167,000, or 3.6 per cent, over the year. The number of employed women was 133,000, or 6.9 per cent, higher than a year earlier."

As usual, there were wide variations in regional unemployment rates with the Atlantic area showing 10.5 per cent of its labor force out of work and Ontario only 2.9. A year earlier the Atlantic rate was 12.5 and Ontario's 3.1.



FORMER PLAYER Frank Nighbor of Pembroke, Ont., the "Pembroke Peach" when he played with Ottawa Senators in the National Hockey Association, forerunner of the National Hockey League, died in hospital Thursday of cancer. He was 73.

Local Entries First And Fifth

CHILLIWACK, B.C. (CP)—Dr. Carl Willis, 28, of Charlottetown, P.E.I., won the Canadian plowing championships Thursday at this Fraser Valley community 60 miles east of Vancouver.

- 3.4 more than Yvon Belisle of St. Eustache, Que.
- Another P.E.I. entry, Edwin Mills of Bay Fortune, placed fifth with 155.8 points.
- All competitors were allowed three hours on grassland and two hours on stubble using tractor-drawn plows.
- Other results:
- 6. Robert Armstrong, Brantford, Ont., 151;
- 7. Allison Briggs, Plaster Rock, N.B., 149.5;
- 8. Ange-Aime Leduc, St. Clet, Que., 148.5;
- 9. E.R. Demman, High Bluff, Man., 143.2;
- 10. Walley Mars, Saanichton, B.C., 141.8;
- 11. Alfred J. Poole, Kemnay, Man., 135.6;
- 12. Gary Gray, Midland, N.B., 132.8;
- 13. Elmer Nelson, Prince Albert, Sask., 130.6;
- 14. Andy Oranchuk, Prince Albert, Sask., 119.7.

PEKING SHOWS NO ENTHUSIASM

U.S. Policy Towards Red China Seen Broadened By New Offer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The state department, in a further broadening of U.S. policy toward China, said Thursday that qualified mainland Chinese scientists and scholars will be allowed to come to study at American universities.

to visit those universities, and "the Chinese Communists have been advised of this."

INQUIRIES MADE Without identifying the U.S. universities, he said several.

have inquired of the state department in recent weeks about invitations for visits by Chinese scholars and scientists.

As for Nationalist China (Formosa), he said the matter has been discussed with this U.S. ally. He did not give the Nationalist reaction.

And while Washington would prefer that mainland China act according to the principle of exchanging visits, he said the U.S. is not insisting on a one-for-one trade on each visit.

While the U.S. does not recognize the Peking government, it holds periodic ambassadorial talks at Warsaw with China's ambassador there and presumably used this channel to outline its new policy on visits by scientists and scholars.

But generally, U.S. officials say, the Peking representatives have rebuffed various U.S. suggestions unless the United States abandons its support of Nationalist China. This the U.S. refuses to do.

Charlotte Stricken

OTTAWA (CP)—Charlotte Whitton, former mayor of Ottawa, was rushed to hospital Thursday after suffering a weak spell at the wheel of her car.

Her housekeeper, Mrs. Nina Williams, said she received a telephone call from the Civic Hospital saying Miss Whitton had been admitted shortly before 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Williams said she was told Miss Whitton had been found slumped over the steering wheel of her car by a drug store clerk. The clerk called police who took Miss Whitton to hospital.

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Johnson Makes Visit To Mexico

MEXICO (Reuters)—President Johnson arrived in Mexico City by air Thursday night for an informal 22-hour visit, his first to a foreign capital in his 29 months as president of the United States.

He flew in from Texas with Mrs. Johnson and State Secretary Dean Rusk.

2 More Heavy Beer Drinkers Die From Heart Attack In Que.

QUEBEC (CP)—The Quebec health department said Thursday two more persons who were heavy consumers of beer have died of coronaryopathy, raising the total dead to 16.

Details on the two latest deaths were not immediately available.

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Tanker Seized By Portuguese

BEIRA, Mozambique (Reuters)—The Ioanna V, the stateless ship with oil apparently destined for Rhodesia, was taken over Thursday by Beira's port captain in the name of the Portuguese government.

The Panamanian flag, which replaced the Greek flag at the vessel's stern only 48 hours before, was lowered as Portugal assumed control.

Panama announced Tuesday it had revoked the Ioanna V's registration. It gave no reason but said earlier it would cancel the registration if the ship was used as a subterfuge to break the United Nations oil embargo against Rhodesia, the British colony whose rebel white-minority regime seized independence from Britain last year.

Malcolm X Slayers Get Life Terms

NEW YORK (AP)—The three convicted slayers of Black nationalist leader Malcolm X were sentenced Thursday to life terms in prison.

Mrs. Betty Shabazz, Malcolm's widow, was present when the third of the defendants was sentenced in a heavily-guarded courtroom.

The three will be eligible for parole after 26 years and eight months.

Normal 3X Butler, 27, and Thomas 15X Johnson, 30, both of the Bronx, and Talmadge (Thomas Hagan) Hayer, 24, of Paterson, N.J., were found guilty by a jury of three women and nine men March 11.

Assistance In Flood Fight Is Federal Cabinet Pledge

OTTAWA (CP)—An agreement to pay 75 per cent of the cost of fighting the Red River flood in Manitoba and consideration of the Steven Truscott case took up most of a 2½-hour cabinet meeting Thursday.

A detailed report on Truscott was presented to cabinet by Solicitor-General Pennell. Mr. Pearson said the report outlined several possibilities on what action could be taken. But he wouldn't say what these suggestions are.

Manitoba Premier Duff Roblin also has asked for additional aid for flood victims and costs of rebuilding. This is still under consideration, Mr. Pearson said.

Prime Minister Pearson told reporters that "a definition of what is included" in fighting the flood is to be reached later.

Steel Framework Completed For Tall Toronto Building

TORONTO (CP)—A gold-painted bolt Thursday joined the final steel beam to the completed framework of the 740-foot Toronto-Dominion Bank tower, tallest building in the Commonwealth.

The 2,500-pound beam, also painted gold, bore a Canadian flag on a welded flagpole as it came over the edge of the roof of the 56-story tower.

Fireworks went off when it passed every fifth floor on the way up. From below, dwindled by distance, came faint strains from a band that played for a "topping off" ceremony arranged by officials.

Iron worker Gary Poirier, 26, of Vancouver guided the beam into position in the open framework a short distance from where guests stood on a planked floor.

Willis (Sparky) Sparks, 65, of Toronto, popped in the gold bolt.

GIVEN PENSION CHEQUE The action marked Sparky's retirement. He was immediately presented with his first pension cheque and also with the gold bolt as a souvenir.

It was the first bolt driven by the former fisherman and miner. He had been a bolt

feeder, passing some of the 497,954 bolts used on this job to other workers.

The building was started April 1, 1964. On completion it will be the hub of the \$125,000,000 Toronto-Dominion Centre between Bay and York streets on King St.

Planned is 2½ acres of landscaped plaza in front of the 56-story building. Flanking it will be a 44-storey office building and a single-storey banking hall.

Three floors underground will contain a shopping-concourse and parking for automobiles.

From the roof on a clear day you can see the other side of 30-mile-wide Lake Ontario and sightseeing towers at Niagara Falls 10 miles farther south.

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NURSING ASSISTANTS WIN PRIZES

Highest average during pre-clinical period was awarded to three graduates of the Central School for Nursing Assistants of P.E.I. The awards were made last night during annual graduation exercises held at Riverside auditorium.

Making the presentations was Dr. O.H. Curtis, deputy minister of health. Seen here (FROM THE LEFT) are

Laura Bradley Peakes, September class; Paula Connolly, Charlottetown, May class; and Paulette Grant, Sarris, January class. (See story on page 3.)

Red Liner Is Towed

HELSINKI (Reuters)—The Montreal-bound luxury liner Alexandr Pushkin, the Soviet Union's first big entry in the transatlantic passenger shipping race, had to be towed through thick ice in the Gulf of Finland Thursday.

Two Soviet ice-breakers were called in to clear a path through a thick belt of ice off the south coast of Finland and one of them took the liner in tow.

George Victor Spencer's Death Reported Caused By Blood Clot

VANCOUVER (CP)—Accused spy George Victor Spencer died of natural causes, a coroner's jury said Friday after hearing medical evidence.

The jury's verdict came after a pathologist Dr. T. R. Harmon said Spencer died a natural death when a blood clot choked the main artery to his only remaining lung.

He said he believed the clot was the result of a major cancer operation in March, 1965, in which Spencer's left lung was removed.

Spencer's body was found Saturday night in his house, four days before a judicial inquiry was to open into his dismissal from his post office job here.

Spencer had been accused of being involved in spying for Russia. He was dismissed from his government job but was never charged.

Following opposition demands in the Commons for a hearing

of the case, Prime Minister Pearson—in an unprecedented step—personally telephoned the accused spy at his Vancouver home and asked him if he wanted a judicial inquiry.

Spencer said he did, and Mr. Pearson then announced an inquiry would be held into the aspects surrounding his dismissal.

The jury at Thursday's inquest took only 15 minutes to reach its verdict. "We find he came to his death as the result of pulmonary thrombosis, secondary to resection of the left lung. We classify his death as natural."

Doctors testified Spencer apparently died about four to six days before his body was found Saturday night.

They said no traces of poisons or barbiturates were found, but Spencer did have a blood alcohol level of 24 parts per 1,000, well above the 15 usually considered the impairment level.

Dr. Harmon, quoting from letters written by Spencer's doctors and a psychiatrist who treated him, told of a "frightened little man" who apparently abandoned a pledge to stop drinking because of the pressure he was under.

Dr. George Saxton, Spencer's chest surgeon, said in a letter that Spencer, 61, had been a heavy drinker during the Second World War—he was decorated during the war—but for the past few years had limited his drinking to two to five bottles of beer a day.

"Any man who is over 60 and who has had an entire lung removed is living a precarious existence," Dr. Saxton wrote.

Dr. Harmon speculated Spencer had suffered considerable pain shortly before his death as a result of the moving blood clot and drank heavily to ease the pain.