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TANKER DESTROYED BY FIRE AT EAST SAINT JOHN

Will Expose Communist Sabotage Plans

West German Gov't Pledges To Pay Off Vast War Debts

LONDON, (AP)—The West German government Friday formally pledged to pay \$3,270,000,000 in German debts that have piled up since before Hitler seized power. The money is to be earmarked for governments and investors of 30 countries.

300 Canadians Affected

About 300 Canadians will receive about \$1,725,000.

West German diplomats first signed a multi-nation pact tackling debts accumulated from the end of the First World War to the end of the Second World War.

U. S. To Continue Support Of Dairy Product Prices

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States agriculture department will continue for another year to support prices of dairy products at 90 per cent of parity—a level that has required heavy government buying of butter and cheese.

Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson said Friday that this decision was made upon assurances by the dairy industry that it would work out during the year ahead a program that would require less government aid.

Farm law permits dairy supports to be set between 75 and 90 per cent of parity. Parity is a price designed to be fair to farmers in relation to prices they pay.

The department has bought 88,000,000 pounds of butter and 27,000,000 pounds of cheese under price support guarantees since late November.

Coming Events

- *Legion dance in Belfast Hall, Saturday, Feb. 28.
- *Reserve March 17th for Concert in Little Pond Hall.
- *Try our Purina Finance plan for feeding your hogs and poultry. Dillon and Spillet.
- *Women's Association Variety Concert, Hampton Hall, March 17th.
- *Come to the masquerade carnival in North River Rink Monday, March 2nd.
- *Ice Races at Avondale, Saturday, February 28th. Starting time 2 o'clock sharp.
- *Farmers, ask about the Shu Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.
- *In stock, Fishmeal, Cod Oil, Feed Molasses (8 gal. cans). Dillon & Spillet.
- *Rummage Sale, Beaton's Auction Rooms, today at 3 P. M. Highfield W. I.
- *The Dorcas Group of the Baptist Auxiliary will hold a rummage sale, this afternoon, 3 P. M. in Baptist Hall.
- *North River Rink Hockey, February 28th, Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs vs. Cornwall Meteors. First game final playoffs. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- *Showing at Mt. Stewart today and Saturday "My Son John", starring Helen Hayes and Robert Walker. A gripping story of a Communist.
- *Farmers Co-operative seed cleaning plant, Crapaud, ready to clean timothy seed, clover, grain. At Elmer MacDonald's Mill, Crapaud.
- *Annual Meeting of the Fort Augustus Dairying Co-operative Association Ltd., will be held in Parish Hall on Monday, March 2nd, at 1:30 P. M. If not fine first fine day. Hugh Trainor, Secretary.
- *Buying pigs Monday at Fredericton, paying \$28.00 a pair for good pigs over 40 lbs each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgenson.

Former Union Organizer Offers Details

By BERNARD DUFRESNE
Canadian Press Staff Writer
QUEBEC, (CP)—Pat Walsh resigned Friday from a number of Communist front organizations, but only to obtain information on their activities and told of Kremlin-directed orders for wartime sabotage in Canada.

Orders From Moscow

He said in a statement published here that the woodworkers union had received orders from Moscow to prepare to dynamite hydro-electric plants and set forest fires in the event of a war with Soviet Russia.

Walsh, veteran of the Second World War with the famed Regiment de la Chaudiere, became the third labor official to resign from Communist-led Canadian unions in recent years.

The others are J. A. Pat Sullivan, founder of the Canadian Seamen's Union, who resigned from the presidency in 1948, and T. G. Gerry McManus, who resigned as C.S.U. secretary about 1 1/2 years ago.

Police Arrest 721 In Karachi Demonstrations

By Peter Jackson
KARACHI, (Reuters) — Police have arrested 721 persons involved in demonstrations against Pakistan's foreign minister, Sir Mohammad Zafullah Khan, central figure in a heresy dispute between Moslem sects.

Twice during Friday afternoon club-swinging police charged demonstrators who had showered them with stones and garbage.

Among the first arrested were members of the 15-man action committee which organized the demonstrations. The government promised the ring-leaders would be punished.

Although Friday's trouble was not on the scale of last year's bloody Communist-exploited riots, troops in battle order lined the streets. Zafullah Khan, one of the most eminent men in Asia, is a former member of the viceroy of India's executive council and Justice of the High Court of British India. He is visiting Egypt.

N.S. Highways Minister Denies Payroll Padding

HALIFAX, (CP)—Highways Minister Rawding denied Friday a charge by T. A. Giles (PC-Cumberland West) that payroll padding was "rampant" in his department.

Mr. Rawding told the legislature that an investigation had been launched immediately after the cases of two road foremen were brought before the public accounts committee last year.

He said both men had been suspended. One was convicted of a criminal charge and given a six-month suspended sentence. In the second case, the R.C.M.P. reported the irregularities were too trivial to warrant further action.

Mr. Rawding said more than 1,100 road foremen were employed throughout the province and it was impossible to guarantee the integrity of all. But he said Mr. Giles' claim that payroll padding was causing heavy loss of public money was "without foundation."

Mr. Giles was not present during the sitting.

Trans-Canada Highway Details For PEI Given In Parliament

OTTAWA, Feb. 27—(Special)—A total of 31.2 miles of roadway in Prince Edward Island have been completed as part of the trans-Canada highway, it is stated in answers to a series of questions regarding progress of the highway in P.E.I. asked by W. Chester S. McLaure, Progressive Conservative member for Queens.

Stretches of completed highway measuring up to Trans-Canada standards are those from Wood Islands to Pinetie; Bonshaw to Borden, and one mile at Cornwall East. Approximately 42 more miles of roadway are to be built to complete the route agreed to in the province for the Trans-Canada highway, the official return continues.

These sections are from Pinetie through Millville, to the east boundary of Charlottetown, and from the west boundary of Charlottetown through Cornwall to Bonshaw. To Mr. McLaure's questions about inspection of the construction work, Resources and Development Minister Winters replied that:

"Detailed and continuous inspection of construction operations is carried out by the Province. Federal supervising and inspecting engineers examine the work periodically. Special inspection of paving and paving mix is carried out by the Milton Hersey Company who are employed by the Provincial Government."

To the Queen's member's query on what assurance the Federal Government has that the road is being built according to specifications, the Minister replied:

"Federal supervising and inspecting engineers inspect the work to ensure that the plans and specifications are adhered to."

Cost of federal inspection is borne by the Federal Government and Provincial Government inspection is regarded as part of the construction cost, Mr. Winters wrote.

First Auxiliary President Honored At Legion Ceremony

At an impressive ceremony last night at the Canadian Legion home, a photograph of the late Mrs. W. S. Stewart, organizer and first president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Legion, British Empire Service League, was unveiled by His Honour Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Tapscott.

Mrs. J. R. Davies, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, presided over the ceremony, and in a brief address referred to the wonderful work done by Mrs. Stewart, and mentioned that, as well as to honour her, the picture would be tangible evidence to auxiliary members of future generations of the work done by the organization since its inauguration in 1926.

Mrs. Davies introduced the speaker, Major T. E. MacNutt, who paid tribute to Mrs. Stewart for the untiring energy and glowing enthusiasm with which she led a

Two Icebreakers Reach Montreal

MONTREAL, (CP)—The icebreakers N. B. McLean and Ernest Lapointe reached Montreal East late Friday setting a record by seven days in the annual channel-opening job from Three Rivers.

From Montreal East the icebreakers will continue their channel-widening job into the harbor proper of Montreal. That may take a couple of weeks or more, depending on the weather and how long it takes the shore ice to move out.

Murder Charge Laid In Quebec Death

MONTREAL, (CP)—Roland Genest, a small, 37-year-old man with a dark mustache, was charged Friday with murdering 23-year-old Marie-Paule Langlais whose nude body, stabbed and battered, was found eight days ago in a field.

Just before his arraignment, a coroner's jury returned a verdict holding him criminally responsible for Miss Langlais' death.

HICKORY, N. C. (AP)—William Ferguson, 75, an American who helped place Canadian shipyards on a war production basis in the Second World War, died in hospital here Thursday night.

Engineer, Five Firemen Injured In Explosions

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—The hull of the small Saint John tanker Mollie G., destroyed by explosions and fire, was safely anchored 800 feet from her pier in Courtenay Bay Friday night, ending danger of damage to oil storage tanks on shore.

Six men were injured after fire broke out on the 188-ton vessel, owned by Irving Steamships, Ltd., shortly before dusk Friday.

Two In Hospital
Engineer Morris MacPhee, 22, Parrsboro, N. S., and fireman James MacPhee remained in hospital. Neither was seriously hurt.

Four other local fire department members, released after hospital treatment, were Albert Robertson, 39, James Smith, 25, William Kelly, 29, and Raymond McAllister, 39.

The fire started from an explosion in the tanker's engine room. More explosions followed as heat reached the approximately 40,000 gallons of gasoline and fuel oil in the vessel.

One fireman, Robertson, was blown from the deck, and two members of a tugboat crew had a similar experience. The latter escaped injury.

Trapped In Engine Room
Engineer MacPhee said in hospital he had been prepared to die when trapped in the blazing engine room. His face and hands were badly burned before he

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10-Year Sentence For Manslaughter

DORCHESTER, N. B. (CP)—Donald Capson, 28-year-old Moncton house painter was sentenced Friday to 10 years for manslaughter in the death of Mrs. Rosie Wing.

Sentence was imposed by Justice J. Michaud after the jury found Capson guilty of the reduced charge in a new trial of a murder charge.

Capson had been found guilty and sentenced to be hanged last June at an earlier trial. The new trial was ordered following an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada by John Carvell, Moncton lawyer who defended Capson in both trials.

Mrs. Wing, a widow, was found dead in a back room of her ramshackle, debris-littered home in Moncton Oct. 2, 1951.

Police who searched her house after her death found nearly \$20,000 in cash and bonds "hidden away in tin cans and stove pipes."

Mrs. J. T. Davies, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Charlottetown branch, Canadian Legion, who presided at last night's ceremony honouring the late Mrs. W. S. Stewart, first Auxiliary president.

Laval-Manitoba Debating Teams Meet In Finals

WINNIPEG, (CP)—Debating teams from Laval and Manitoba will meet Saturday night in the final of the national university debating championships.

The two teams both won unanimous decisions as they took the affirmative in semi-final debates on the topic: "Resolved that Chinese Nationalist troops should be used in the Korean War."

Laval's Jean Gaudet and Raymond Boulet, both of Quebec City, defeated the University of New Brunswick's law school team of Terry Kelly of Oshawa, Ont., and Al Mitchell of Saint John, N. B.

P. E. I. Potato Export Figures Tabled In House Of Commons

OTTAWA, Feb. 27—(Special)—Export sales of Canadian certified seed potatoes this season have been well above average, the Federal Department of Agriculture reported today.

Approximately two million bushels of the 1952 crop of certified potato seed had been exported up to December 31 last year compared to less than 12 million bushels sold for export at the corresponding period the previous year.

Largest buyer was the United States which has taken over 1.1 million bushels, and substantial volumes of seed have been purchased by Cuba, Uruguay and Venezuela. Other smaller quantities of certified seed potatoes have been acquired by interests in the Dominican Republic, South Africa, the British West Indies and Panama.

Delay In Lifting Livestock Ban "Not Serious"
OTTAWA, (CP)—A possible slight delay in signing of a formal order lifting the United States embargo on Canadian livestock and meats is not a "serious matter," a federal agricultural official said Friday.

He was commenting on a Washington dispatch in which the U.S. agriculture department said the formal order may not be signed until Monday afternoon and that the border will remain closed until the order is signed.

"That's certainly news to us," the official said. "We thought there might be a delay in the signing until Monday morning, but another half-day doesn't mean anything. It is not a serious matter."

The U.S. had stated last November it would reopen the border March 1, which is a Sunday.

Governor-General Returns From Trip

OTTAWA, (CP)—Governor-General Massey has returned from a six-day air trip to Canada's north-west. Travelling aboard an ROCAF North Star, he visited Churchill, Man., on the west coast of Hudson Bay, Port Smith, just north of the Alberta border in the Northwest Territories, and Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Expect U. K. Gov't To Defeat Spelling Bill

LONDON, (AP)—A thinly-attended session of the House of Commons Friday approved in principle a bill to provide for phonetic spelling of the English language.

Despite opposition from the government, the vote was 65 to 58 in favor of the bill on second reading.

The government is expected, however, to enlist its majority to defeat the bill if and when it comes up for further consideration.

It is a private bill, sponsored by Labor MP Follick, a language expert, and as such it involves no question of confidence in the government.

The measure would simplify spelling so that the word "one" would become "wun," "telephone" would be spelled "telefone" and so on. However, it contemplates no change in spelling for grown-ups. It merely would direct the ministry of education to conduct a seven-year experiment with about 5,000 children to determine if it is possible to teach children

to read more effectively with the new spelling.

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Follick's chief lieutenant in the parliamentary battle was Isaac Pitman, grandson of the inventor of Pitman's shorthand.

Local Contracting Firm Is Awarded Work In N. S.

The head office of Canada Packers, Ltd., in Toronto has advised that two contracts have been awarded to the County Construction Company, Ltd., of Charlottetown. One calls for extensive alterations and additions to their packinghouse plant at Sydney, N. S. The other is for the construction of a new fruit and vegetable building at the same location. It is anticipated that work on these projects will proceed almost immediately.

The present structure is a two storey building, comprising refrigeration and cooler space, trucking and shipping court, offices, etc. but due to the rapidly expanding business in the Sydney area, has become inadequate for the purposes of Canada Packers Ltd.

It will be recalled that County Construction Co. Ltd., completed the new addition to the Charlottetown plant of Canada Packers, Ltd., last year.

Young Playboy Found Guilty

NEW YORK, (AP)—A jury Friday night found Minot Mickey Jelke guilty of two counts of compulsory prostitution.

The flashy young playboy—heir to oleomargarine millions faces a maximum sentence of up to 40 years in prison.

The all-male jury was out less than five hours. It got the case at 2:47 p.m. EST after a 25-day trial. New York's most sensational vice hearing in years.

The verdict upheld the state's contention that young Jelke was a gold-plated, Cadillac-sporting pimp with classy girls for hire. However, the jury asked mercy for Jelke from the judge.

Jelke was convicted of inducing Pat Ward into prostitution and trying to do the same with Marguerite Cordova. The charge that he prostituted Pat Thompson was not sustained.

Take Steps To Improve Army Morale In Germany

OTTAWA, (CP)—Two steps to improve army morale in Germany are described in the army's weekly Newsletter.

Men of the 27th brigade now can have eight 48-hour passes a year in addition to two two-week leaves. The 48-hour passes substitute for a third two-week leave which has been in effect in the past.

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The steps came in the wake of protests by clergymen and some returning troops that morale is low in the brigade and that a lack of passes and Canadian Club facilities are part of the reason.

Defence Minister Claxton and army officers have denied the charges.

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High tide today at Charlottetown

High tide today at Charlottetown at 11:15 A. M. and 10:58 P. M. High tide on the North Shore at 6:04 A. M. and 5:52 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 6:55 A. M. and sets at 5:57 P. M.

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TORONTO, (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	7b	12
Victoria	42	44
Edmonton	27	34
Regina	20	21
Winnipeg	5b	18
Toronto	32	42
Ottawa	30	36
Montreal	33	41
Quebec	31	39
Saint John	31	40
Moncton	32	45
Halifax	32	40
Charlottetown	28	40
Sydney	30	34
Yarmouth	31	—
St. John's, Nfld.	19	—