

## Child Kidnapped, Released Unhurt

TORONTO (CP)—Eight-year-old Alice Nesbitt, daughter of a multi-millionaire retired lawyer, was kidnapped from a residential street Wednesday as she walked home from school for lunch.

Less than four hours later she was home safe and a charge of kidnapping had been laid against Philip O'Desse, 32, of Penetanguishene, Ont. He was arrested at gunpoint by a Toronto constable.

Dr. Smirle Lawson, Ontario supervising coroner and the Nesbitt family physician, said the kidnapper or kidnappers got "cold feet."

Alie was let out of a station wagon near her home at 3:55 p.m. Word she was kidnapped came to police about 12:30 but was not printed or broadcast in Toronto or outside until she was known to be safe.

"He made me get in the car," Alice said. "I couldn't run away. I wanted to go home for lunch but he wouldn't let me out of the car and he wouldn't give me anything to eat."

She drove out of the city and into the country. We drove around and around. He didn't hurt me. "At last I knew we were getting close to home and he told me I would see my mummy and daddy again. He stopped the car and said you can get out now."

Mrs. Nesbitt said the man who demanded \$25,000 ransom threatened to kill her daughter if anything was published about the kidnapping.

SECOND CALL  
Alice was let out of a station wagon not more than two blocks from her home. Five minutes later and a mile away, a station wagon was forced into the curb by a police cruiser and police motorcycle.

Mrs. Nesbitt said the ransom was \$25,000.

There are no shamrocks because cold weather nipped most of the plants in the bud. The bulk of what did survive has been shipped abroad to gladden the hearts and brighten the lapsels of expatriate Irishmen and other celebrants.

And tastes of the fine fiery Irish whisky are out since the government 28 years ago closed down pubs on St. Patrick's day.

"Scramble" To  
Unload Cars  
TORONTO (CP)—The Star says Toronto automobile dealers are "scrambling" to unload new cars before the budget is announced next month.

The paper says dealers are offering buyers as much as \$500 of suggested manufacturers' price.

New Chevrolets are quoted at \$1,999 and new Fords at \$1,699, with a down payment of less than \$300 and monthly payments of less than \$60. Accessories and license cost extra.

Star quarter dealers are saying in a newspaper-advertising war has just begun.

## TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS ON YALTA TALKS MADE PUBLIC BY U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, (CP)—President Roosevelt proposed at the Yalta conference that Britain "give back" the sovereignty of Hong Kong to China.

This was disclosed Wednesday night when the Yalta papers were released by the state department. A high official said the state department acted after learning that at least one newspaper had obtained a copy of the documents.

The papers consist of two printed volumes—384 pages in all. They are about 500,000 words in the aggregate.

The British government had opposed publication at the present time. The United States government also had been reported concerned at the effect publication might have on West European opinion, especially in West Germany.

Prime Minister Churchill is the only survivor of the Big Three at Yalta.

In suggesting Hong Kong go to China, Roosevelt had expressed the hope it could then become an internationalized free port.

The records show that Roosevelt "knew Mr. Churchill would have strong objections to this suggestion."

It was at Yalta that Russia agreed to enter the war against Japan in two or three months after the defeat of Germany. Russia actually entered just about a week before Japan surrendered.

SOUGHT PORT  
The papers discuss Joseph Stalin's desire for a warm-water port in the Far East, possibly Dairen on the Kwantung peninsula.

Notes kept by Charles E. Bohlen of the U. S. delegation, now U. S. ambassador to Russia, recorded: "The president said he had not yet had an opportunity to discuss this matter with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek (Chinese president), so therefore he could not speak for the Chinese. He went on to say that there are two methods to obtain the use of this port: (1) outright leasing from the Chinese; (2) making Dairen a free port under some form of international commission. He said he preferred the latter method because of the relation to the question of Hong Kong."

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NEEDED CONCESSIONS  
Stalin told Roosevelt that he needed sweeping concessions in the Far East in order to explain "to the Soviet people why Russia was entering the war against Japan."

There was no stenographic record of the discussion.

Federation in  
West Indies  
Step Nearer  
PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (AP)—The problem of migration, which has been blocking a proposed West Indies federation, has been nearly solved, authoritative source say, and all that is needed now is "some patching and trimming."

Informants say representatives of Britain's West Indies possessions in conference here during the last two days have succeeded in removing the last roadblock to the century-old dream of federation.

## New Guardian Building Contract Awarded To M. F. Schurman Co. Ltd.

The contract for the construction of the new Guardian Building, on the Prince Street site acquired last Fall, has been awarded to the Island firm of M. F. Schurman Company, Ltd. Final decision in connection with the awarding of the contract was made yesterday.

Work will start on Monday and it is hoped to have the building completed by the end of August. Of steel and concrete block construction, with brick and

limestone facing along its frontage of approximately 100 feet, the building will be modern in design and will greatly facilitate newspaper operations. It will have a total floor area of 17,900 square feet and will consist of two storeys built in such a manner that a third storey may be added at a later date.

The architects, whose sketch of the new building was published last November, are the firm of Barnett and Rieder, Toronto.

## City Tax Bill Makes Employers Responsible For Poll Tax Default

Second reading given a bill to amend the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act will empower the City Council to impose a tax on transient workers of up to \$30.

The Council may decide what amount the tax will be. Transient workers are now required to pay a tax of \$10.

Another clause in the amendment requires the employer of an employee who may be in default of his or her poll tax for that year, "to withhold the amount of such tax in default from the employee and pay the same to the City collector whose receipt shall be a good discharge pro tanto to the employer."

The Act also provides that any employer who shall fail to so withhold when so required, shall be liable to pay and may be assessed with such tax in default, provided that should the tax in default exceed ten per cent of such next payment, then ten per cent only shall be withheld and

paid, and the balance withheld and paid from the next succeeding payment or payments to employee, with a like limitation to ten per cent thereof.

The bill was introduced a week ago by Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan and was left in Committee until Thursday.

The Commons will consider government legislation. The Senate will sit.

## P. W. C. Teacher Receives Grant For Research

Mr. H. B. Neaby, a member of the staff of Prince of Wales College where he teaches history, is one of 18 Canadians chosen by the Canadian Social Research Council at Ottawa to receive a financial grant, for post-doctoral research. Money is provided by the Rockefeller Foundation and averages \$400 to each recipient.

Mr. Neaby, who has been on the P. W. C. staff for about a year, is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan, Toronto University and Oxford University. He was born in Saskatoon, Sask., and served in the Canadian army overseas during the second great war.

## Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Wednesday  
The CCF moved a motion of non-confidence in the government on unemployment, calling on it to provide for able-bodied persons out of work.

Revenue Minister McCann said the government made no direct contracts with a company which maintained a residence to entertain public officials.

Defence Minister Campney said RCAF planes have committed three minor violations of air safety regulations since the 1954 Moose Jaw tragedy.

The senate empowered its standing committee on finance to make a sweeping investigation of federal, provincial and municipal spending.

## How Federal Buildings In N. S. Heated

OTTAWA (CP)—Sixty-four of the 72 buildings owned by the federal government in Nova Scotia are heated by coal, the other eight by oil.

The works department gave this information Wednesday to W. M. Buchanan (L-Cape Breton North and Victoria) in a Commons return. It added that all seven buildings now being built by the federal works department in the coal-producing province will be heated by coal.

## N. S. Gov't Survives Vote

HALIFAX (CP)—Nova Scotia's Liberal government Wednesday survived its first non-confidence motion since Premier Hicks took the reins of power, defeating a Progressive Conservative motion 19-15.

The two CCF members of the legislature voted with 13 Progressive Conservatives.

All Liberal members, except one who slept through the vote, cast their ballots against the motion which called for an end to "government waste" and no increase in taxes.

## Sydney Mines Child Missing

SYDNEY MINES, N.S. (CP)—Police and volunteers dragged a nearby pond without success Wednesday as they hunted for clues to the disappearance of six-year-old Linda Bonnar.

Linda left her home for a store 200 feet away for candy Tuesday and hasn't been seen since.

RCMP brought in the police dog Tim to help in the search.

## Opposition To Railway Application Taken By Legislative Committee

Opposition to the application of the Canadian National Railways for discontinuance of the present local railway passenger service was expressed in the report of the Legislative Committee on Transportation and Communications which has been tabled in the Legislature.

The report states that the committee held six meetings to consider problems in connection with transportation and communications affecting the Province. Three of these meetings were advertised as open meetings at which a number of briefs and presentations were received from individuals and organizations on matters considered vital and of major importance to the Province.

The committee's first recommendation was with regard to the Borden-Tormentine service, which was published in yesterday's Guardian. The report also dealt with water transportation and telephone communications.

The recommendation re the C. N.R. application reads as follows: "The Committee views with concern the application of the Canadian National Railways to the Board of Transport Commissioners of Canada for an order authorizing the discontinuance of the present local railway passenger service on its Island Division

## Weather Delays Search For Jet

CHATHAM, N.B. (CP)—The weather closed in over central New Brunswick Wednesday and the air force reluctantly abandoned temporarily the search for an F-86 Sabre jet fighter missing since last Friday.

A spokesman said search planes would take to the air again today if skies cleared.

## Retiring Locomotive Engineers Make Last Run

B. E. Lockhart, locomotive and car foreman (left) leaving his cab at the end of his final run prior to going on to tre is Roy McGee, fireman. In the picture on the right, from Mr. Lockhart, also at the end of his final run before his father on the run. Barter's Film Lab.

Two well known locomotive engineers, Hiram Howatt and Percy Darte, stepped down from their diesel cabs shortly after noon yesterday to join the ranks of the veterans who have completed the necessary service for retirement.

Mr. Darte was born at Suffolk and entered the service of the Canadian National Railways in January 1918 and advanced by a succession of promotions from cleaner through fireman to engineer. For some years he has been on the run each morning from Charlottetown to Borden, returning in the afternoon on a scheduled freight run.

To Mr. Darte fell the distinction of being at the controls of the first diesel engine on a scheduled run, on the Island Division which was to Murray Harbour in June 1947. Mr. J. J. Larabee was fireman on this service opening run. On his final run yesterday, Mr. Darte had his son James as his fireman.

Mr. Darte was a member of the Hose Reel team of the Charlottetown Fire Department in competition at the Fireman's Tournament at Truro in 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Darte and their family will continue to reside in Charlottetown.

## U. S. Wholesale Food Prices Dip

NEW YORK (AP)—Wholesale food prices measured by the Dun and Bradstreet index dipped this week to the lowest level since November, 1953.

The seventh successive weekly decline put the index at \$6.53, down from \$6.55 a week ago and \$7.27 a year ago. The index represents wholesale costs of one pound each of 31 foods in general use.

## 300 Emigrants Sail For Canada

BREMENHAVEN, Germany (AP)—Nearly 300 German and Austrian emigrants left Wednesday for Canada aboard the 10,510-ton motorship Neptunia. They are due at Halifax March 23.

Emigration for most was made possible by the Inter-Governmental Committee for European Migration.

## Truck Transport Ass'n To Meet

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP)—Three top authorities on truck transportation will speak Friday and Saturday at the fifth annual meeting of the Maritime Motor Transport Association in Amherst, N.S.

Executive secretary C. W. Moffat announced the speakers as William Norris of Montreal, president of the Canadian Trucking Associations Inc.; J. L. Tumble of Toronto, president of the Motor and transportation sales men; and George L. Bowles, director of motor vehicles for the interstate commerce commission, Portland, Me.

## Awarded \$3,116 For Loss of Hands

KITCHENER, Ont. (CP)—Michael Schwager of Kitchener, who lost both hands in an accident with a forage harvester, was awarded \$3,116 by an Ontario Supreme Court jury Tuesday in an action against Lloyd Heipel, a Heidelberg, Ont., farmer. The accident occurred when Heipel started the harvester while Schwager had his hands in the cutting section of the machine, trying to clear out grass. Heipel was found 60 per cent negligent, Schwager, who came to Canada last year, 40 per cent.

## Labor MP's Vote To Strip Party Label From Bevan

By ALAN HARVEY  
LONDON (CP)—In a crowded committee room of the House of Commons, Labor members of Parliament voted Wednesday to strip the party label from Aneurin (Nye) Bevan and pushed the impetuous, 57-year-old Welshman halfway into political exile.

The margin was unexpectedly close. In the secret ballot, open to the 299 odd members of the parliamentary Labor party, the MPs decided by 141 votes to 112 to withdraw the whip from the left-wing rebel. This means Bevan, though still a member of the Labor party, no longer can call himself a Labor MP.

The next step is up to the national executive of the Labor party, which meets next Wednesday. If it decides to expel Bevan, turmoil within the party will continue until the annual conference at Margate in October when Bevan's personal popularity among rank and file Socialists could upset the executive decision.

The narrowness of the vote convinced Bevan's camp Wednesday night the national executive will not press for his expulsion from the party as a whole.

## Tanker May Transfer Fuel

HELSINKI (AP)—The Finnish tanker Aruba, carrying 13,000 tons of jet fuel for Red China, will not be sent into "dangerous waters," the ship's owners announced Wednesday night.

This may mean the Aruba will put into a non-Communist Asian port and perhaps transfer its cargo to another vessel for delivery to Red China.

The ship last was reported southwest of Ceylon in the Indian ocean. The crew, fearful of becoming involved in a war action, has refused to sail beyond Singapore.

## British Shocked By Disclosures

LONDON (Reuters)—The Yalta conference disclosures and especially President Roosevelt's secret proposals to Stalin to exclude British influence in the post-war Far East came as a shock to political and diplomatic quarters here today.

The specific suggestion that Hong Kong be handed over to China is expected to stun British public opinion, which held Roosevelt in the highest esteem.

Prime Minister Churchill, who was almost certainly deeply wounded by the disclosures, will probably face a stream of parliamentary questions from incredulous members in the next few days.

## Still Opposes Publication

LONDON (AP)—A foreign office spokesman made it clear Wednesday night that the Churchill government still feels publication of the secret documents from the wartime Yalta conference is undesirable. His view was expressed after the documents were circulated by the United States government for publication Wednesday night.

"There is nothing to add to the statement made at the end of last week," the British spokesman said.

The foreign office said at that time it considered publication of the documents inadvisable now, within the lifetime of some of the conference participants. The only chief conferee at Yalta who is still alive is Prime Minister Churchill.

## Howdy, Folks Did You Ever Hear The One 'Bout The Two Irishmen?

TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	12b	18
Vancouver	34	48
Victoria	35	48
Edmonton	17	31
Calgary	14	28
Regina	20b	11
Winnipeg	15b	4
Toronto	31	42
Ottawa	32	38
Montreal	36	41
Quebec	30	43
Fredericton	30	41
St. John	28	44
Moncton	28	44
Halifax	32	44
Charlottetown	26	36
Sydney	21	40
Yarmouth	29	46
St. John's	22	31

Federation would create a new state of nearly 2,500,000 people spread 1,700 miles across the Caribbean. It would include Trinidad, Jamaica, Barbados, and the Leeward and Windward islands. British Guiana in South America and British Honduras in central America might join later.

MUST COMPROMISE  
Lord Lloyd parliamentary undersecretary of state for colonies, addressed the opening of the conference of colonial delegates here Monday and told them they would have to be willing to compromise to achieve federation.

The compromise plan was reported worked out in the succeeding talks, and responsible officials now say they feel the discussions will wind up not later than Thursday. The nature of the compromise has not been disclosed.

Trinidad has opposed unrestricted migration between the islands of the proposed federation, fearing a flood of job seekers from less-prosperous neighbors. Over-populated Barbados and some others have wanted free migration.

## WANTS MP'S FROM BUSINESS

EDMONTON (CP)—A Canadian business man claims that few MPs know much about industry. J. A. Calder, president of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, said Tuesday night that only 10 of the 265 members in the last parliament could be classified as manufacturers. It was a "staggering thought" when Canadian industry pays out 50 per cent of its earnings in taxes, he said.

## High Tide Today at Charlottetown

High tide today at Charlottetown at 4:47 a. m. and 3:42 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 6:23 a. m. and sets at 8:22 p. m.