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### RURAL SOCIETY MEETS

The P. E. I. Rural Beautification Society held its annual business meeting at the Experimental Farm yesterday. Discussing one of the lighter subjects that came up prior to the meeting are...

### LABOR MINISTER OPTIMISTIC

## Starr And Martin Clash On Unemployment Issue

OTTAWA (CP) — Labor Minister Starr, replying to a Commons Opposition charge of government inactivity in the face of unemployment, said Thursday Canada is well on the way out of the recession. The accusation was made by Paul Martin (L.-Essex East), who said the country faces "the most serious problem of unemployment that we have had since the dark days of 1930."

He said that registrations for jobs at National Employment Service offices totalled 749,886 at Jan. 8. This was 46,485 less than the 796,371 registrations in January, 1958, but an increase of 175,649 from the 574,237 in the middle of last month.

STESSES DECLINE In his speech afterwards Mr. Starr stressed the 4.3-per-cent decline from the level a year earlier, and said the NES figure at Dec. 24 was 2.2 per cent below the comparable week of 1957.

THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER the NES registration an accurate measure of real unemployment since some of the registrants are trying to change jobs. In a report Tuesday the government estimated there were 400,000 persons unemployed and looking for work at mid-December, when the last sample survey was carried out. That figure was a post-war high for the month.

Mr. Martin said the NES figure of 749,886 at Jan. 8 was too low. To that total should be added "possibly" another 50,000 who didn't register for jobs because they had exhausted unemployment insurance claims, plus another 50,000 fishermen not included in the list.

Mr. Starr replied that there were no more than 30,000 fishermen eligible for unemployment insurance.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS At the start of Thursday's sitting, there were these other Commons developments: J. Opposition Leader Pearson

## Bodies Of Five Recovered After Fire In N.S. Centre

PRESTON, N.S. (CP) — The bodies of five Negroes were recovered here Thursday a few hours after fire raged practically unopposed through their frame home. The victims were trapped early in the day when neighbors using only buckets of water and handfuls of snow, were unable to check the savage fire. This congested Negro community, 10 miles from the metropolitan Halifax area, is not protected by a fire department.

RMP said a single lands and forests department pumper truck reached the scene but the fire was already out of control. The nearest telephone is a mile from here.

The victims were identified as Myra, 3, Marlow, 4, and Carol Ann Williams, 18 months; their grandmother, Mrs. Annie Wil-

## Floods Threaten N.S. Area

HALIFAX (CP)—Floods threatened some southern Nova Scotia communities late Thursday in the wake of a January thaw.

The LaHave River, blocked by an ice jam at Bridgewater, 65 miles southwest of Halifax, drove one family from their home and flooded some highways and streets.

Police said high tide early today may add to the danger and cause more serious flooding.

The Styles Loves left their King Street home on the river's edge with the aid of firemen after the ice jam began tearing away the back of the building. The water rose over LaHave Street but not high enough to stop traffic.

ANOTHER JAM At Pinehurst, 10 miles upstream from Bridgewater, another ice jam for a time flooded No. 10 highway, a cross-country route to the Annapolis Valley.

The jam later moved downstream and the water subsided. Radio station CKBW in Bridgewater reported the river was jammed with ice for almost one-quarter mile above the centre of the town.

After the coldest December in 29 years, Maritimers enjoyed record January warmth Thursday. Temperatures at many places reached the highest level ever recorded on Jan. 22.

Greenwood Airport in the centre of Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley was the warmest spot in eastern Canada—a mild 56 degrees. Moncton touched a record 55. Halifax recorded 51 to beat the previous high for the date by three degrees.

U.S. Counts 60 Deaths From Storm CHICAGO (AP)—A flood-causing cold wave spread into the eastern United States Thursday as winter tapered off its marathon outbreak of sleet, snow and drenching rains.

Storm damage ran into uncounted millions. Thousands were homeless in flooded areas of Ohio, Kentucky, New York, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

More than 50 persons were dead from drowning or as the result of storm conditions that extended from New Mexico to the Atlantic seaboard.

Arctic air settled over much of the eastern two-thirds of the country, adding to the misery of the storm sufferers.

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## Retired Racing Driver Dies In Highway Crash

GUILDFORD, England (Reuters)—The world's champion racing driver was killed in a high-speed highway crash Thursday, a month after he had quit the sport "to stay alive."

Mike Hawthorn, 29, first Briton to win the world driving championship and a veteran of many close calls on the track, was bringing alone in his powerful Jaguar when it snaked across the wet Guildford bypass near here. The car touched the back of a truck, overturned and smashed into a tree.

The truck's driver, Frederick Rice, said he saw Hawthorn's dark green car coming toward him at high speed in a sideways skid.

"I kept going, otherwise I would certainly have been killed," said Rice, unhurt. Hawthorn died almost immediately. His car was completely wrecked.



### RCAF STATION CO ADDRESSES LEGION

Group Captain J.E. Creeper, commanding officer of the RCAF Station, Summerside, was guest speaker last night at the 30th anniversary dinner meeting of the Charlottetown branch of the Canadian Legion. Left to right, are, Lt-Col. K.M. Johnston, H.T. Currie, president of Kingston branch; Mayor Edwin C. John-

## 12 Missing, 33 Rescued When River Floods Mine

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP)—The ice-studded Susquehanna River poured through a railway bank into an anthracite mine Thursday, swamping a crew of 45. Thirty-three dazed and injured were rescued. Twelve are missing. Robert Groves, superintendent of the Knox Coal Company reported.

Nobody gave up hope for the missing. But nobody was optimistic. A rescue crew went down an air shaft and found the 33, who said they were lost in the corridors.

DESCRIBES ESCAPE One of those rescued, Joe Soltis, 43, a father of three, said: "We never heard the water come in at all. It was just there all of a sudden. I waded several yards up the track in the mine to the air shaft and then got up to the railroad tracks where I was safe."

Twenty-six of the rescued were admitted to Pittsburg Hospital suffering shock and exposure. All were reported in good condition. As temperatures dropped and night fell, crews began pumping out the mine. Daniel H. Connelly, deputy state secretary of mines, would not venture a guess as to how long it would take.

The mine is on a slope between the river and the hill crest where a village, Port Griffith, stands. Between the mine entrance, or

main shaft, on the slope and the river are a road and, alongside the stream, Lehigh Valley railway tracks.

HOLE UNDER TRACKS The flood waters wore a hole under the tracks, 40 to 50 feet deep. It was chiefly from this hole that the water gushed into the shaft, trapping the miners. The main shaft itself is about 200 feet from the river and possibly 300 feet or more deep.

## Flood Waters Lap Parkland Surrounding Windsor Castle

LONDON (AP)—Rising floods lapped through the parkland surrounding Windsor Castle Thursday night while gale-force winds lashed the south of England. Many rural areas were under water.

Along the winding course of the Thames, flood wardens took up their posts in the face of official predictions that the river might keep rising for the next 48 hours. The Thames at Windsor was running four feet above normal after recent torrential rains. Water reached the front doors of two lodges on the royal estate often used by the Queen as a weekend retreat.

A total of 15 southern and midland counties were hit by flooding. Farther north in Scotland there was snow and sleet. On the south coast huge waves pounded sea defences, bringing down part of the wall at Deal where Julius Caesar made his first landing in Britain.

The liner United States was planned against the pier at Southampton by 50-mile-an-hour winds and her departure for Bremerhaven was delayed by 24 hours. Outside Southampton-water the giant liner Queen Mary was stalled by bad weather and was expected to make port at least 12 hours late.

## CBC Gives Choice, Work Or Be Fired

MONTREAL (CP) — The publicly-owned CBC Thursday gave roughly 1,200 of its Montreal employees supporting the television producers' strike the choice of returning to work or losing their jobs. The ultimatum was contained in letters sent to all staff members who have not reported for work since the Montreal producers walked off their jobs Dec. 29 to back demands for recognition of their newly-formed Association des Realisateurs (COCLA) as bargaining agent.

## Labor Receives Blunt Answer

By JOHN LEBLANC Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker Thursday told labor that it "can't have it both ways" in getting increased government social security measures and reduced taxes at the same time.

"That's straight," he said to the annual legislative delegation of the 1,150,000-member Canadian Labor Congress, asking for more government security spending and lower personal income taxes. "I would like to procure that recipe that would produce increases all along the line such as for salaries and pensions and at the same time reduce taxes," Mr. Diefenbaker said to CLC officials from across the country.

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TRADE OFFENSIVE The prime minister said the Russians are putting on a "terrifying" trade offensive aimed at undermining the economies of Western countries.

In this connection, he gave the unionists another reminder of the government's hold-the-line policy on wages and prices, pointing to Canada's heavy dependency on international trade.

"We can't have international markets if we price ourselves out of international markets," he said after listening to an 11,500-word congress brief read by president Claude Jodoin.

Dealing with a CLC proposal for a world economic conference, Mr. Diefenbaker said there would be "tremendous difficulties" in bringing together even the free nations on this.

Neither he nor Labor Minister Starr gave the congress any encouragement on a series of CLC proposals for federal action to curb unemployment.

CONGRESS PROPOSALS Noting that mid-December unemployment was estimated by war-

the government at 440,000, the congress proposed: 1. Introduction of special incentives—such as tax concessions, changed interest rates and depreciation allowances for businesses—to stimulate winter work. 2. Higher unemployment insurance benefits and various government pensions to enlarge purchasing power. 3. More federal promotion of subsidized low-rental housing.

Mr. Diefenbaker made no direct answer to these, saying that the CLC's suggestions on domestic objectives were "most beneficial" but adding that he did not see how they could be achieved while reducing taxes.

He turned over the question of unemployment to the labor minister, who recited steps that the government has taken up to now to try to put Canadians back to work.

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## U.K. Bids On U.S. Contracts Are Declared Waste Of Time

LONDON (AP) — The foreign office took the unusual step Thursday of commenting that a bid by a British firm to sell two turbines to the United States was a "waste of time."

Commenting on the U.S. government's rejection of the offer which would have cost the nearest American competitor by \$300,000, the spokesman said:

"It seems to us that the British firm has wasted its time in offering the bid if it was not going to be considered."

Ambassador Sir Harold Caccia has expressed concern about the U.S. action in talks with state department officials at Washington.

English Electric Company offered to build the turbines—to be installed at a U.S. Army dam project in Arkansas—for \$1,450,000. The successful American bidder, Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton of Philadelphia, offered to build the turbines for \$1,750,000.

The U.S. government usually buys from a domestic supplier even when a foreign bid is six per cent lower than the domestic offer. When bids involve an area of substantial unemployment, the differential may be as much as 12 per cent.

## Couple Found Dead In Car

MAILLARDVILLE, B.C. (CP) — A West Vancouver policeman and the nurse he was to have married in less than three weeks were found dead early Thursday in a parked car filled with exhaust fumes. The victims were Claire Mohr, 27, and Georgette Dolbec, 25.

## Gales And Ice Hit Ont., Que.

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Freezing rain and gale-force winds battered Ontario and Quebec Thursday while bitterly cold weather continued to numb the Prairie provinces.

Winds of up to 60 miles an hour whipped through Montreal Thursday morning, bringing down high-tension wires, television aerials and several walls. Gale-force winds in Kingston, Ont., blew in many windows and knocked out power circuits.

Light rains fell on the British Columbia coast with snowflurries in the interior. Rain, drizzle and fog covered most of the Maritimes and snow fell in Newfoundland.

Winds caused damage in many Ontario towns and cities, ripping off roofs, snapping tree branches, snarling power lines and toppling chimneys. There were detours on highways flooded by the thaw.

Meanwhile colder weather was penetrating the Maritimes, accompanied by frequent snowflurries and gusty winds. Cloudy weather with temperatures below 20 have been forecast for today. Newfoundland weather was deteriorating with snow Thursday and freezing rain and rain forecast for Thursday night. Temperatures were expected to drop sharply Friday.