WEATHER

FRIDAY
Clear, with a few cloudy intervals. Some snowflurries. Colder. Low-high 20 and 25.

# The Evening Patriot

TIDES
HIGH: Today, 2:41 P.M. and tomorrow, 2:22 A.M.
LOW: Today, 8:33 P.M., and tomorrow, 8:50 A.M.

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GET OUT OF RUT

## Nehru Urges New View Of Problems

NEW DELHI (Reuters)—Prime Minister Nehru today urged East and West to get out of their cold war rut and adopt a new mental approach to the problems of peace in the nuclear age.

Speaking in a foreign affairs debate in the Upper House, Nehru said it had become obvious that "policies of toughness, threats and brandishing of the sword" do not lead anywhere.

"Any attempt by one power to coerce another by military means involves the destruction of both."

Nehru referred to recent proposals by George Kennan, former U.S. ambassador to Moscow, and British Socialist leader Hugh Gaitskell for an attempt at "disengagement or detente" by withdrawing troops from foreign bases.

SPUTNIKS DON'T HELP

He added that the situation was not improved by the Sputniks, which opened the possibility of even more destructive weapons.

It was thoughts such as these, he said, which made him issue his recent appeal to United States and Soviet leaders for a "new approach," including the suspension of atomic tests.

Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin sent Nehru a reply to this letter last weekend in which he reaffirmed Russia's willingness to drop tests if the United States and Britain did the same.

"I am grateful to Marshal Bulganin for dealing with this matter at such length," Nehru said. He added the reply "deserves the fullest consideration."

Nehru urged an international "coming together."

GET OUT OF RUT

"In international affairs we have to think on different lines and get out of the old ruts.

Nehru also gave India's support to Indonesia's claim to Dutch-held West New Guinea.

Nehru said the United Nations assembly's failure to approve a resolution urging negotiations between The Netherlands and Indonesia "was a great blow to the Indonesian people."

GETS LAST ANTI-POLIO SHOT

Mrs. Stewart Ives, is shown receiving her final anti-polio inoculation this morning at HMCS Queen Charlotte. Waiting in line are Stewart Ives and Allison K. Mutch. The physician is Dr. Harold Stewart. Nurse in attendance is Mrs. Lewis Turner.

## Plan To Vote Under False Names Indicated

TORONTO (CP)—Evidence of a plan to cast votes under false names was given Wednesday for the first time in Toronto's voting-list scandal as election worker Bernie Price was convicted on 17 charges.

The 27-year-old woman was found guilty of forgery, uttering forged documents and violating the Canada Elections Act largely on a statement she gave to RCMP officers in October, four months after a judicial inquiry into the case.

In her statement she said, George Ewing, one of four other persons charged in the alleged vote-padding scheme, suggested she pose as his wife and vote with him on election day.

She said he offered her $50 but she turned him down.

Miss Price, who had elected trial by magistrate, was granted $1,000 bail after Magistrate T. S. Elmore reserved judgment on an 18th charge—forgery—until Dec. 17.

TO BE TRIED

Mrs. Kathleen Vollum, 50, who had chosen judge and jury, was committed for trial on six charges.

Ewing, a 57-year-old hospital worker facing 12 charges, was remanded to Dec. 18 for preliminary hearing along with Thomas Middleton, 48, facing 32 charges.

Mrs. Nora Conacher Gamble, 44, was remanded to Dec. 17 on 17 charges.

The five were arrested as the result of an eight-day inquiry by Chief Justice J. C. McRuer of the Ontario Supreme Court which indicated a scheme to add 500 false names to voters' lists in St. Paul's riding during the June 10 federal election.

During the hearing all the accused but Ewing—who didn't appear — admitted signing false names to forms used to add names to voters' lists.

Mrs. Gamble told the chief justice she was the sole architect of the scheme and denied there was ever any intention to vote under the phoney names.

MINISTERS ARRIVING

## Sets Stage For NATO

### Supports Call By Pearson

LONDON (CP) — The News Chronicle supports the call by L. B. Pearson, former Canadian external affairs minister, for a fresh initiative in international affairs.

The Liberal newspaper, which gives prominence to an account of Pearon's speech in Oslo Wednesday, says editorially it "agrees" with the Nobel peace prize winner that allied statesmen have concentrated too much on rockets and not enough on economic aid, too little on diplomacy and too much on divisions.

"What is wanted in the West," says the paper, "and especially in Washington, is a reawakening of the imaginative spirit of the immediate post - war years when the Marshall Plan saved Western Europe from collapse and communism."

Pearson was expected in London today on his way back to Canada. He and Mrs. Pearson, who accompanied him to Oslo, are to stay for a few days at the official residence of the Canadian high commissioner, George Drew.

### Curtain - Raiser Session Gets Underway Friday

By JOSEPH DYNAN

PARIS (AP)—West European foreign ministers began arriving in Paris today to set the stage for the NATO summit conference next week.

The curtain raiser on the crowded diplomatic bill is a two-day session of foreign ministers from the Council of Europe. The council, whose aim is to achieve greater unity of its 15 members, will convene Friday.

Overlapping this meeting, the seven ministers whose countries are members of the Western European Union will meet Saturday and Sunday.

The NATO heads of government meet Monday through Wednesday. On Thursday the six nations of the new European common market and atomic agency (Euratom) will get together.

One preliminary began Wednesday. NATO's military committee opened a two-day secret meeting to discuss supplying U.S. missiles to European allies, some of whom are reluctant to have them.

FIRST TO ARRIVE

Halvard Lange of Norway, who will preside at the Council of Europe sessions, was the first foreign minister to arrive. He got in Wednesday to confer with members of the council secretariat.

Selwyn Lloyd of Britain, Victor Larock of Belgium, Joseph Luns of The Netherlands and Joseph Beck of Luxembourg were due today.

Hans Hansen of Denmark and other European foreign ministers are expected to reach Paris Friday before the council meeting opens. U.S. State Secretary Dulles also is due here Friday.

Council of Europe members are scheduled to discuss merger with the Organization for European Economic Co-operation recently suggested by an official meeting here of some European leaders.

Membership in the council and OEEC are roughly the same and they deal with many of the same aspects of European co-operation. OEEC was set up in 1948 to coordinate marshall plan aid and has since widened into other economic fields. The council deals with social, cultural, scientific and legal problems as well as economic unity.

PASSPORTS ON WAY OUT

The council ministers also will examine prospects of dovetailing the council with such other European groups as the coal and and steel community, the common market and Euratom.

The ministers also will sign a convention on extradition and another agreement to dispense with passports for travel within Western Europe. Foreign Minister Leopold Figl of Austria will sign the European human rights convention, which was drafted before Austria joined the council.

The signings will be public but the rest of the two-day meeting will be closed, as usual.

Ministers of the seven WEU nations — France, West Germany, Italy, Britain, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg—are to discuss British Army strength in Germany and plans to co-ordinate arms production.

## Wants Stricter Mine Safety Regulations

By DAL WARRINGTON
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HALIFAX (CP) — A provincial royal commission that investigated the 1956 coal mine disaster at Springhill, N.S., recommends stricter mine safety regulations and better inspectors to prevent another possible catastrophe.

Nova Scotia Mines Minister E. A. Manson said Wednesday night he will call a meeting of coal company and miners union officers in a few days to review the regulations and decide what action should be taken.

The commissioners said a broken electric power cable gave off the spark that triggered a coal dust explosion in the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company's No. 4 mine Nov. 1, 1956.

The blast, which caught 118 men underground, caused 39 deaths. Eighty-eight men were rescued after being trapped up to 3 days.

The investigators said six loaded coal cars broke away from a train being hauled up a mine slope and cut the cable.

GAS KILLED 23

The explosion spread deadly afterdamp — a poisonous gas — through the mine. Twenty-three died from the gas.

The commission, headed by Halifax lawyer Donald McInnes, said a better type of mine car coupling should be devised—one that won't unhook accidentally. A three-link chain is used now.

Other recommendations:

Power cables should be placed and protected so they can't be damaged by runaway coal cars or rock falls.

Mine inspectors should be more painstaking in their job, better trained and physically able to make a proper inspection.

Mine rescue squads should be organized and trained by the provincial mines department instead of the company. They should include no men over 40.

Underground rescue stations should be set up in various parts of mines and stocked with food and material for blocking out poisonous gases.

Besides Mr. McInnes the commissioners were G. A. Vissac, Montreal mining engineer, and F. E. Griffith, engineer with the United States bureau of mines, Pittsburgh.

They said both mines department and company officials knew of the dangerous location of the power cable before the explosion but did nothing about it. There had been train runaways before, too.

Less than 10 months before the disaster a train had jumped the track, cut the power cable and started a small fire.

However, they said, "the explosion resulted from an unfortunate combination of circumstances for which no blame can be attached to any individual."

A survivor of the disaster, Conrad Embree, was praised for his "great qualities of leadership." He directed 55 men who barricaded themselves in a section of the mine around an air valve. They breatehed through slits in a hose attached to the valve until they were rescued 3 days later.

The underground rescue stations recommended by the commissioners were Embree's suggestion.

The commissioners said the mine was sometimes worked when the amount of methane gas in the underground atmosphere was higher than mining regulations permit. This might have contributed to the intensity of the blast.

The investigators said coal dust stirred up by the raunaway train probably provided the fuel for the explosion.

No. 4 mine has never resumed operation. Harold Gordon, company president and general manager, said there are no sufficient markets for coal to make it worth while to repair the damage. The mine has been permanently sealed.

Some of the 500 men employed there have found jobs in neighboring No. 2 mine. A few have gone to Cape Breton mines and others have left Nova Scotia. United Mine Workers officers say about 125 are still unemployed.

## Ike Must Remake NATO Into A Going Concern

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Mike Mansfield said today President Eisenhower faces the job in Paris of making NATO into a "going concern" instead of "a symbol of defence."

Mansfield, assistant Democratic leader from Montana, and a member of the Senate foreign relations committee, returned from a European survey with the conviction that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is disintegrating.

Senator Theodore Green, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, took a different view Wednesday. He said his observations in Europe indicated to him that NATO is not falling apart. But Green said Eisenhower out to provide some dramatic demonstration of leadership at the Paris conference to give the alliance new life.

Mansfield said in an interview the job of making NATO effective is going to be difficult.

"The president still has a great amount of prestige in Europe," Mansfield said. "But he is going to have to get down to bedrock with our allies. NATO can't continue to exist as a symbol of defence and not a shield.

LEAVING FRIDAY

"The president has got to see that it is made a going concern. He has got to see that it becomes a really mutual defence organization."

Eisenhower will fly to Paris Friday for the three-day NATO meeting opening Monday.

Mansfield expressed the hope that at that conference Eisenhower "will insist on the establishment of NATO scientific pool which will bring together the collective talents of the Western nations as the first step in remaking the organization."

Mansfield said he believes Eisenhower can count on the support of Congress, if any legislation is needed to establish such a pool and to get the interchange of scientific information under way.

### Receives New Appointment

S. M. McInnis who for the past two years has been Director of Visual Education for the Province has been appointed Director of Adult Education. His appointment under Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education, becomes effective immediately. Mr. McInnis had ten years experience in the field before his original appointment as Director of Visual Education.

RUSSIA BUYS TEA

COLOMBO, Ceylon (Reuters)—Russia Wednesday bought about 2,000,000 pounds of Ceylon tea, its first purchase of tea from Ceylon since the Second World War.

### Kings Assured Of Bad Weather Mail Delivery

On Wednesday the Postmaster-General, William Hamilton, informed J. A. MacDonald, Conservative M.P. for King's, henceforth the mails for that part of the province will be carried by train as well as by the regular C.N.R. trucking service. This additional mail delivery service is to become effective on December 15.

This reply was given as the result of representations made by Mr. MacDonald to the Postmaster - General, backed by the Boards of Trade and other organization in the country.

Postmaster - General Hamilton in a letter to Mr. MacDonald, he said he appreciated the difficulties experienced by the people of King's as the result of snowstorms. The present trucking service will be retained and in the event or threat of storms, mails will be placed aboard the afternoon train.

This system is expected to ensure mail deliveries to the residents of the county and be more speedier and certain during periods of bad weather.

### NO WAY TO WIN BACK GIRL

LONDON (AP) — Henry Ferrie Sadley reported today that getting your face tattooed is no way to win back a girl friend—unless maybe you are a Hottentot.

Ferrie, a 38-year-old janitor, recently had a spat with his steady, Tilly Farrell, 40. Explaining to a reporter what happened next, he said.

"I once told her 'Tilly, if you ever leave me, I'll have my whole face tattooed so that no other woman will ever look at me'."

Ferrie went out and had a butterfly tattooed on his nose, a tree on his forehead, a coiled snake on his left cheek and a flying dragon on his right cheek. Then he went to see Tilly.

"I thought he had taken leave of his senses," she said. "I'm afraid it is all up between us."

"The tattoos are permanent," said Ferrie, "so I think I will get a job with a circus to help me forget."

He opened his shirt collar, revealing a tattoo across his throat saying "Cut here."

## To Look Into Problems Of Warfare In Space

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Air Force has created a special office to look into the problems of warfare waged in space.

It had in operation today the beginning of a small "directorate of astronomers and officers drawn from the USAF's research and development branch. The new office is assigned the specific job of managing development programs which do not relate to ordinary aircraft operations and missile programs.

A directive signed by Lt.-Gen. Donald L. Putt, chief of research and development, said "the function of this new directorate will be to plan, organize and manage the air force programs in astronautics."

The USAF defines astronautics as "the art and science of flying through space, or sending winged guided vehicles or missiles through space."

It was reported, meanwhile, that President Eisenhower may be urged soon to speed up work in another area of research—that dealing with development of weather control as a defence measure.

IMPORTANT MATTER

Staff representatives of the advisory committee on wheather control said the committee may make such a recommendation in its final report to the president at the end of this month.

The spokesmen indicated they thought the group's report to Eisenhower probably will be devoted mainly to evaluating experiments in controlling weather for peacetime purposes.

But, they added, the report might include this statement made by Dr. Henry Houghton of Massachusetts Institute of Technology:

"I shudder to think of the consequences of a prior Russian discovery of a feasible method of weather control . . . an unfavorable modification of our climate in guise of a peaceful effort to improve Russia's climate could seriously weaken our economy and our ability to resist."

NAME HEAD

The order setting up the new USAF directorate listed a half-dozen projects which are being transferred to that office initially. It included some items which were concealed behind code numbers of vague names.

But the list indicated the programs to be transferred included projects such as the proposed "Big Brother," satellite or space platform which would scan the earth from an orbit high up transmitting data on what was happening around the world. One project listed was the "ballistic missile defence"—apparently referring to the USAF's anti-missile project called "Wizard."

Heading the new directorate is Brig.-Gen. Homer Boushey. Boushey has been in the USAF since 1932, with most of that time devoted to research and to testing aircraft.

## West Is Urged To Negotiate

LONDON (Reuters) — Some British newspapers today urge the West to negotiate with Russia on some of the proposals made by Premier Bulganin in letters to the Western Big Three leaders and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany.

French political commentators, however, treat the Soviet premier's diplomatic offensive as an attempt to exploit cracks in the Atlantic alliance.

The London Times believes the letters are designed to back up the Russian thesis that NATO is obsolete and aggressive. After drawing attention to Bulganin's idea of a zone in central Europe free of nuclear weapons, The Times adds:

"Nothing would do more to cast doubts on the West's sincerity than to give the impression that it fights shy of an idea simply because it is echoed in Russia."

The Daily Herald (Labor) comments: "It will be tragic folly if the West dismisses Russia's move as propaganda."

STEADY POST

LONDON (CP) — Sir Jocelyn Bray has been re-elected to his 20th term as chairman of the Thames conservancy board.

### Deaths Yesterday

By The Canadian Press

WINDSOR, Ont. — Professor Ernest Wilby, 89, one of North America's most distinguished architects.

LONDON, Ont. — Dr. William Joseph Tillmann, 81, physician for 60 years and specialist in obstetrics and children's illnesses.

WINNIPEG — Lt. Col. George Edward Cole, 78, former director of the Manitoba mines branch.

WHITE RIVER, South Africa — Col. James Stevenson — Hamilton, one of the world's great authorities on African wildlife.

## NEWS BULLETINS

### Swiss Choose Head

BERN (Reuters) — Thomas Holenstein, head of the federal department of public economy, was elected president of the Swiss Confederation for 1958 at a joint session of the two houses of parliament today. The post rotates annually among the seven members of the ruling federal council.

### Has Son And Grandson

CHICAGO (AP) — A mother and daughter each with a new-born son, are roommates in Belmont Hospital. Mrs. Edna Wright, 41, gave birth to her seventh child and her first son Wednesday. Her daughter, Mrs. Sue Tate, 17, gave birth to her first child, a boy, Sunday.

### Toymakers Get Raise

LONDON (Reuters) — British toymakers today won an early present for their own Christmas stockings. The 30,000 men who fill Santa Claus' sleigh were awarded pay raises of up to nine shillings and fourpence ($1.31) a week, in a labor agreement approved by Labor Minister Iain Macleod.

### Find Plane Wreckage

MANILA (AP) — A searching U.S. Air Force helicopter today found the wreckage of a Philippine Air Force plane missing since Tuesday with nine men aboard. There was no sign of life around the plane.

DERAILMENT NEAR SHERWOOD

The C.N.R. Auxiliary Crew from Charlottetown work with the aid of a large crane to clear the main line to Borden after the mishap which occurred near Sherwood Station last evening. The rear truck of the freight car which became dislodged can be seen in centre foreground. The almost continual rains of the past few days apparently softened the road-bed causing the mishap.

### Sunday Sport Approved

VANCOUVER (CP)—A heavy turnout of voters gave commercial Sunday sport an estimated two-thirds majority approval in civic elections here Wednesday.

A plebiscite seeking support of fluoridation for the city's water supply seemed destined for only token majority.

A monopoly on city council seats by a group calling itself the Non - Partisan Association seemed broken as two candidates from a rival organization led voting for six aldermanic seats. The Non - Partisan Association has controlled city hall in Canada's third largest city for 20 years.

With 70 of the 94 polls counted, Sunday sport was favored by 43,848 voters and opposed by 24,063. Fluoridation had the support of 36,056 and the opposition of 30,614.

The Sunday sport issue was being submitted for its fourth plebiscite in recent years. Previously it had been narrowly approved in two of the three plebiscites.

The vote on both Sunday sport and fluoridation was only to sound out public opinion. The provincial government, which has the final say in enforcement of the Lord's Day Act, has indicated it may still now allow Vancouver to have sports between 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays despite a majority approval.

### U. S. Dollar

MONTREAL, — (CP) — The U. S. dollar today opened at a discount of 2 7-16 per cent in terms of Canadian funds, up 1-16. Pound sterling $2.73 5-8, up ⅛.

Scotland's Spey River, noted for salmon, flows 110 miles to its outlet in the Moray Firth.

## Warm Spot Of North America

HALIFAX (CP)—The Maritime remained one of the warmest spots in North America today but cold air was expected to begin invading the area from the west late this afternoon and tonight.

Temperatures were in the 50s in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. They were lower in New Brunswick where northern areas were getting snow, ice pellets and a temperature of 31 at Campbellton.

While mud and rain dampened the pre - Christmas spirit here, Florida vacationers were shivering in 20 - degree temperatures. The Maritime high this morning was at Greenwood where the mercury reached 59.

"It will be quite a bit colder in the region tonight," the weatherman predicted today. A low of 32 during the night and a high temperature of 32 Friday were forecast for Halifax.

Dec. 6 was the last daysNova Scotians shivered. The temperature fell to 34. Then came the rain and warm, muggy air with a taste of summery fog prevailing generally during the past week.

The wet weather at least kept Nova Scotia highways bare but the predicted onslaught of cold weather brought a warning from the highways department today to be careful of slippery spots tonight.

A bridge spanning the Petitcodiac River at Moncton was endangered Wednesday when high tides sent chunks of ice spilling over a dam. Bags of sand and earth were piled into the danger spots to hold back the threat.

Minor flood conditions were reported in some Fredericton areas Wednesday. Rain streamed down streets littering thoroughfares catch basins with sucks and, at the University of New Brunswick campus, caused some lawn damage.