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RUSSIA READY FOR ATOMIC TALKS AT WASHINGTON

French Prime Minister Gets Confidence Vote

Fisheries Dept. Vessel Confirms Strange Fish Caught Off East Coast

OTTAWA, (CP)—Strange fish have been turning up in the nets of Canada's east coast fishermen. The fisheries department said Wednesday that one of its research vessels, the Investigator 2, had taken 22 specimens of blue hake from Newfoundland waters last summer for the first time in history.

Also, the department added in a statement, fishermen had found among their cod and redfish catches such rare types of the deep sea eel, the dollarnish, lantern fish, viper fish, grenadiers and spiny eels.

Further south, off the coast of Nova Scotia, some types of tropical fish have appeared. These include the white shark and tarpon, which seldom before have ventured so far north.

The department said discovery of these tropical specimens coincides with reports of higher temperatures in the North Atlantic and the fact that large catches of cod are now being made regularly far to the north in the Davis Strait, off Greenland.

Exploratory work carried out by the Investigator 2 showed excellent supplies of cod on the Hamilton Inlet bank off southern Labrador, a region fished extensively by European vessels but as yet not at all by Newfoundlanders. This bank also yielded good catches of American plaice, the report said.

Various methods of fishing also were tested by the Investigator 2. The famed dory fishing of the past is all but extinct, the statement said, and its place has been taken by the schooner system.

This has been augmented by still another long-line method in which fishermen work directly from boats 45 to 55 feet in length. An attempt by the Investigator 2 to catch witch flounder by trawling on the commercial Danish seining grounds in Fortune Bay on the south coast of Newfoundland showed that a Danish seining of considerably smaller size and power could outfish a trawler for this fish.

The trawler was more successful for cod and redfish, the report said.

SWISS AUTHOK DIES

LONDON, (Reuters)—Alme Felix Tschiffely, 58, Swiss-born author and traveller, died Tuesday. Tschiffely won fame with a 10,000-mile horseback journey from Buenos Aires to Washington, D. C., and by writing a best-seller about his journey.

Coming Events

*Repairing and upholstering furniture, 133 Euston Street.

Fires Causes \$150,000 Loss In Halifax

HALIFAX, (CP)—Fire in a four-story business block on mid-town Barrington Street caused an estimated \$150,000 damage Wednesday. The building, owned by the Gordon Keith Furniture Co. Ltd., was occupied by them and the Singer Sewing Machine Co.

The three-alarm blaze called out most of the city's firemen. It started about 5:30 p.m. on the top floor and burned for almost two hours. The fire itself was confined to the fourth floor but water ruined stock on the floors below.

About 65 persons attending a movie in the adjoining Family Theatre left quietly when the fire was announced. No one was injured.

Smoke and water caused minor damage in adjacent buildings occupied by Enterprise Stoves Ltd. and the Miner Rubber Co. Ltd. Cause of the blaze was not known.

\$160,000 Ship Repair Contract

PICTOU, N.S., (CP)—A \$160,000 contract to repair the Canadian minesweeper, the Wallaceburg, has been awarded to Ferguson Industries here. The Wallaceburg now is being towed to Pictou from Halifax. The repair job is expected to take about four months.

Snow Over Large Part Of Eastern U.S.

CHICAGO, (AP)—Snow swirled over large areas in the eastern third of the United States Wednesday with a heavy fall blanketing the lower half of the continent. Six inches of snow fell on Albany, N. Y., in two hours, bringing the total fall since Tuesday evening to 10 inches.

Light snow was common from the Great Lakes and Ohio valleys eastward into New England.

A small storm centre developed over North Dakota. It caused some light snow but delayed, at least temporarily, an expected surge of Arctic air southward into the mid-west from Canada.

SAIL FOR POLE

MELBOURNE, (AP)—Australia's Antarctic expedition sailed Tuesday aboard the ship Kista Dan to establish a permanent base on the South Pole continent 4,000 miles southwest of Melbourne. The government recently announced the base will transmit weather information to make possible more accurate Australian weather forecasting.

Runaway Heiress Appeals Father's Marriage Ban

By Stanley Godfrey

Good Majority On Reported 319-249 Count

PARIS, (AP)—Premier Joseph Laniel Wednesday night won from the National Assembly a vote of confidence he demanded so France could have a government solidly supported for the Berlin conference of the Big Four foreign ministers. The count was 319 to 249.

Although it had been generally believed the assembly would back him, the size of the vote in his favor was unexpected. Some deputies had talked Tuesday of abstaining to cut down Laniel's majority. He urged all deputies Wednesday to vote for him or against him, and not to resort to abstentions.

"It would be better for the country to have a new ministerial crisis opened than to have the executive power diminished by the vote," Laniel said.

He got the votes of most members of the parties that supported him at the time of his installation last June 26 except the Radical Socialists moderates. No official breakdown of the figures was announced, but it is believed only about 30 of the 70 Radical Socialists in the Assembly voted for him. De Gaulle's independents and members of the Movement Republican Popular vote almost as a bloc in Laniel's favor.

Most of the votes against Laniel came from the Communists, who oppose his whole program, and the Socialists, who oppose his domestic policies.

Doubts Canada Will Release Interview

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Senator Pat McCarran (Dem., Nev.) said Wednesday he doubts that the Canadian government will agree to release the transcript of the secret interview he and Senator William Jenner (Rep. Ind.) had in Canada with Igor Gouzenko, the former Soviet code clerk.

Jenner said Tuesday that Gouzenko had given names and information that would be useful in protecting the internal security of the U. S.

Troops Begin Winter Exercise In Yukon

EDMONTON, (CP)—Troops of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry have started a 1,500-mile trip into the Yukon territory for winter training exercises. Western Army Command announced Wednesday.

Lt.-Col. J. E. Cameron of Halifax and Calgary, commanding officer of the PPCLI, will direct operations which will last about two months. Some 400 troops will take part.

Low Fire Loss Is Reported At Digby

DIGBY, N. S., (CP)—Digby fire department says the town's 1953 department was the lowest in history, about \$200 in one fire. Sixty-two other calls were for minor out-breaks without damage. The town has a population of about 2,000.

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Congress Meets With Eyes On November Election

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Congress came back in a back-slapping mood Wednesday to an election-year session attuned to White House hopes for a peaceful world and a prosperous America.

There was no legislative business only prayers, eulogies for the late chief justice Fred Vinson and a sort of birthday party on the House floor for 72-year-old Sam Rayburn, the Democratic leader.

Today President Eisenhower comes before a combined Senate-House session to deliver his state-of-the-union message sketching a legislative program for 1954.

From then on, in the clashing cross-currents of a campaign year, the air of gay good fellowship may be expected to drift away.

Indian Troops Facing New Dilemma With PoWs

PANMUNJOM, (AP)—The Indian command today faced a new dilemma in the critical issue of how to do with 22 Communist prisoners of war after Jan. 22.

Apparently the Communists ignored the Indian request to give their views on the issue by Wednesday midnight. The United Nations command already had told India it will insist on release of prisoners as provided in the truce agreement.

As the showdown date neared, Gen. Maxwell Taylor, 8th Army commander, in a statement warned restrictive South Korea against taking any armed action against India's custodial forces to effect release of the prisoners.

While India was seeking a solution to the prisoner problem, Kenneth Young of the United States state department continued negotiations through a neutral intermediary for a resumption of preliminary peace talks.

Mystery Memo

A new note of mystery was injected into the Indian command's activity. The Indians disclosed they have sent a secret memorandum to both the Allies and Communist commands. They asked a reply by midnight Wednesday night but neither side had answered by that time.

Neither the Indians nor the Allied spokesman would say what the memorandum contained.

The prisoner of war problem grew more sensitive last Thursday when 135 Chinese asked repatriation to Red China during a head count conducted by the Indians on their own initiative.

Both the Communists and South Korea charged that the head count would jeopardize their demands for resumption of repatriation interviews.

Soviet Gov't Names Zarubin As Spokesman

MOSCOW, (AP)—The Soviet government announced today it is ready to begin atomic talks with the United States in Washington.

A communique from the Soviet foreign ministry announced that the Soviet government had appointed Georgi M. Zarubin, Russian ambassador to the United States, to represent it in the talks.

The communique was published in Izvestia, Pravda, and other Moscow newspapers.

It was issued after Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov met Tuesday afternoon, for the second time in a week, with Charles E. Bohlen, the U. S. ambassador, to discuss procedure for preliminary talks on President Eisenhower's proposal for an international pool to harness atomic energy for peaceful purposes.

The date for the proposed Washington discussions has not been set. President Eisenhower made his proposal in a speech before the United Nations in New York Dec. 8. He called on Russia and all atomic powers to pool fishable material and knowledge to develop atomic energy for the use of the world.

Fur Sale Held At Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, (CP)—About \$400,000 worth of furs, sent on consignment to a Winnipeg firm, Soudack Fur Auction Sales, were sold at its annual January sale. Tuesday. About \$800,000 worth were offered.

The sale, one of the largest in Canada, attracted buyers and brokers from Canada and the United States, some representing European, Australian and South American interests.

Most of the furs were sent in by ranchers, trappers and traders in northern Manitoba and Ontario.

In wild fur, beaver brought \$20 to \$22.50 compared with a top of \$39 last year, and mink sold at \$36 to \$38.50 for large prime pelts compared with a \$53.50 top last year.

Other prices: Ermine, prairie longtail giants \$3 to \$3.30; ermine, short tail large \$1.20-1.35; squirrel, 65 up to .70 and up to .75; other \$30 to \$39; fisher \$40 to \$54 for fine small pelts. No quotations were given for martens or muskrat.

Battle Break In Po River Dikes

MILAN, Italy, (AP)—Police, firemen and volunteers fought Wednesday night to hold the broken dikes of Italy's Po River against a tidal surge from the storm-wrecked Adriatic which already had flooded six villages and poured killing salt water over hundreds of acres of farm land.

The battle against the sea developed as snow and ice glazed most of Western Europe from Britain to Italy.

Three Injured In London, Ont., Fire

LONDON, Ont., (CP)—Fire chief R. C. McDonald and two firemen were injured Tuesday night fighting a \$100,000 fire that gutted a restaurant and a gift shop in downtown London.

The chief and Captain Mill Mathers crashed through a charred floor to their hips but escaped with slight injuries. Fireman Vince Healy was burned when a blast of fire caught him at the top of a ladder.

35 YEARS IN RCMP

OTTAWA, (CP)—Funeral services were held Tuesday for P. R. Forde, a retired RCMP assistant commissioner who died here Friday at the age of 70. He retired in 1915 after 35 years' service during which time he served in the Yukon, throughout the Prairies and in eastern Canada.

BIG EEL

PORT STANLEY, Ont., (CP)—A two-foot lamprey eel, one of the species which has become a scourge to game fish in the upper lakes, was caught in a fishing net near here. Lampreys of this size have rarely been found in Lake Erie.

Ontario Soldiers Figure In Calgary Rifle Slaying

CALGARY, (CP)—Pte. William Cierpiz, 17, of Windsor, Ont., was remanded Wednesday to Jan. 14 when he appeared in police court on a charge of murder in connection with the barracks washroom slaying of another soldier.

William Bilow, 21, of Winchester, Ont., was killed while he and Cierpiz and five others were cleaning rifles following target practice about two miles from camp.

Police said Bilow died Tuesday a few minutes after being shot first in the back and then in the chest by a .303 rifle fired at point-blank range.

The five witnesses told police the two men had not argued before the shooting. They suggested Bilow's consistent ribbing of Cierpiz over the latter's small stature as a motive for the incident.

No Resistance

Both men were members of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. About 50 men were left in camp after the main body of the unit left earlier Monday for Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, and winter exercises.

Army officers said the bullets allegedly fired by Cierpiz may have been retained after target practice. It would be almost impossible for the instructor to determine whether any man had fired his full quota of shots, especially during "rapid-fire drill."

Cierpiz was reported to have offered no resistance when seized by the five witnesses following the shooting. He was said to have waited calmly until the Provost Corps arrived.

Smelt Fishermen Suffer Heavy Loss

DALHOUSIE, N. B., (CP)—Stormy weather this week caused a \$10,000 loss to smelt fishermen in the Dalhousie Junction area when wind, heavy snow and high tides combined to break up Restigouche River ice, which carried equipment out to Chaleur Bay.

Veteran fishermen said it was the first time for ice to break up in this district before the annual spring break-up.

15 Killed In Crash Of R.A.F. Troop-Carrier

AYESBURY, England, (AP)—An RAF troop carrier plane crashed into a hillside near here in a snow-storm Wednesday night, and 15 of the 16 men aboard were feared killed.

Only two survivors were pulled from the wreckage of the plane. The plane was taking an 11-man RAF fliers team to their base at Thorney Island in southern England after a game at Reading, an air ministry spokesman said. The crash occurred at Toms Hill, about 30 miles north of London.

Search parties trudged through swirling snow to locate the victims. The searchers said the plane hit a row of trees on the wooded estate, tearing off the whole front of the craft, including both engines, 120 yards before smashing into the ground and strewn the bodies all along the trail of wreckage.

Fire Destroys Large Barn At Rollo Bay West

Fire yesterday morning destroyed a barn at Rollo Bay West, the property of Mr. Guy Coffin. Some 12 head of livestock were saved but all grain and hay in the building was lost.

Mr. Coffin found the upper part of the barn on fire between 7.30 and 8 o'clock. Neighbors gave prompt assistance in removing cattle.

Lack of wind lessened danger to the dwelling, close to the fire. The barn was reported to be some 30 by 60 feet in size. Loss was unofficially estimated at approximately \$2,500, partially covered by insurance.

Queen Cheered At Napier, N.Z.

NAPIER, N. Z., (Reuters)—A Coronation scene came back to life Wednesday night when the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh appeared on their hotel balcony here to wave to 5,000 cheering New Zealanders.

Instead of looking out on London, as they did last June, the couple saw the town's brilliantly-lit fairground and trees ablaze with colored lights.

But the cries of "We want the Queen" were the same as those that greeted her on her Coronation day.

The couple waved for several minutes before retiring to rest for a 100-mile rail tour today.

They will board the special train after a public welcome at nearby Hastings, then journey to Palmerston North, where they will spend the night. En route they will stop at Waipawa, Waipukurau, Dannevirke, and Woodville.

Among the train crew accompanying the Queen on her tour will be W. I. Inglis-brakeman of the Wellington-Auckland express, which plunged into a flooded river, killing 136 persons, Christmas eve.

UNESCO In Sweeping Attack On TV Standards

PARIS, (Reuters)—United Nations television experts have issued a sweeping attack on the kind of telecasting which goes on from early morning until late at night.

Such long programming, as in the United States, lowers the quality of TV in a way to deaden the public's taste, a survey issued Wednesday by the UN Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization said.

The survey also pointed out that there are 7.15 Americans for every TV set in the United States, while in Russia there is one set for 2,400 persons.

Many countries regard with considerable apprehension developments in the United States and elsewhere which extended the broadcast day from early morning till late at night.

Architect Very Critical Of Housing Corporation

TORONTO, (CP)—Grant A. Whalmsough, architect of 250 ranch-style homes for employees of the A. V. Roe aircraft company at nearby Malton, quit the project Wednesday.

He said Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has outdated ideas which are "strangling" Canadian housing development.

Mr. Whalmsough accused the Toronto office of CMHC with "falsifying, distorting and desecrating" my original designs and construction methods as to reduce them to a level even lower than present CMHC standards.

Leaders of the Avro group's project are prepared to go ahead with a modified version of Mr. Whalmsough's original designs. The original plans called for a brick, panel-walled home, costing \$9,340, plus the cost of land.

Ruling out the modern plans CMHC officials said the price for each three-bedroom house would be \$11,170, including land.

Coming Events

*Repairing and upholstering furniture, 133 Euston Street.

*Dance in Millview Hall, Friday, January 8th.

*Action and Dance, Vernon Hall, Thursday evening.

*Weekly Dance, Winvale Station Hall, Thursday, January 7th. Dohrn Bros. Orchestra.

*Show, Morell Hall, Friday, "Bend of the River." This is a good picture.

*Dance Fort Augustus Hall, Thursday, January 7, Burke's Orchestra.

*Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday, "Ma and Pa Kettle At The Fair."

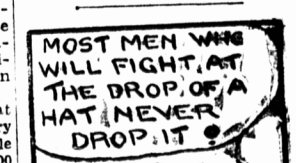
*See the Credit Union film, King's X, Fort Augustus Hall, Friday, Jan. 8 at 8:30.

*There will be a meeting of the Vernon Driving Club, January 11th, at the home of Dennis Docherty, Vernon.

*The Annual Meeting of the Kingston Public Hall, will be held on Thursday, January 14th, at 8 P. M. Heber Barrett, Secretary.

*Don't forget the Covehead concert of fun and fashions. Proceeds for Stanhope-Covehead Community Hall. Sale of luncheon. Place the Hall. Date, Thursday, January 7th. Time 8:30.

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and it is questionable whether private stations could cut down their schedules.

3. The tremendously high cost of television appears "to be strains" (Continued on page 5, col. 5)

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion Public Weather Office here says colder air flowing around a storm centred near Quebec will enter the district from the southwest and though the day will start out extremely mild the weather will turn much colder Thursday night.

Reginald forecasts: Lower St. John river valley cloudy with widely scattered showers; extremely mild turning colder by afternoon; southwest winds 20. Low-high at Fredericton and Saint John 34 and 38.

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties: Cloudy with widely scattered showers; extremely mild turning much colder by evening; southwest winds 20. Low-high at Charlottetown 38 and 40, Moncton 36 and 38.

Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy with scattered snowflurries; extremely mild southwest winds 20. Low-high at Edmundston 34 and 36, Campbellton 32 and 36.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:55 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 7:51 a. m. and sets at 4:48 p. m.