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Mere Man

He who thinks by the inch  
and talks by the yard ought  
to be moved by the foot.

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\$3,498 Surplus Reported

## Sounds Warning Re Civic Debt

Reporting a current account surplus of \$3,498.35 in civic financing during the year 1954, Finance Chairman Edwin C. Johnstone, at last night's annual meeting of the City Council, also took occasion to emphasize the alarming increase in the City's debt as a matter of grave concern to every taxpayer.

Quoting from the auditor's report, Coun. Johnstone said the net civic debt as of Dec. 31 last was \$3,619,265.97, an increase over the previous year of \$764,086.30, 26.2 percent of this is accounted for by the erection of the Queen Charlotte High School at a cost of \$658,135.17.

"Your Finance Committee," said Coun. Johnstone, "is of opinion that until such time as the municipality shall receive a greater share of the tax dollar there must be an almost complete cessation of capital spending in every department but unless there is drastic curtailment of capital expenditure by the Street Department and the School Board we are going to be saddled with a debt which will prove disastrous to both business and home alike.

"Our streets and sidewalks are now second to none; our equipment is adequate to our needs. It is up to this Council to see that every economy is practised and Continued on page 12 col. 1

## Amendment To Lobster Regulations Announced

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—(Special)—Owners or prospective owners of lobster pounds are afforded opportunity to extend their activities through an amendment to the lobster fishing regulations, announced today by Fisheries Minister Sinclair. On payment of \$1,000 a year for a special permit, owners of lobster pounds will be permitted to sell lobsters which have become "berried" after they have been impounded.

Hitherto owners and operators of these live lobster storage areas have been obliged by law to liberate all lobsters which became berried while in the pounds.

The lobster fishing regulations still provide that any female lobsters caught and found to have eggs attached, must be put back into the sea. This regulation has been in force in lobster fishing areas of the Maritimes since 1878. Owners and operators of lobster pounds who pay the yearly license fee of \$1,000 which

## Coming Events

- \*Auction and dance, Vernon Hall, Feb. 7th.
- \*Unloading Old Sydney coal at Milton today. Vernon Gillespie.
- \*Regular Skate tonight, 8 to 10, Crapaud Rink. Carnival February 9th.
- \*Grand Bingo, St. Andrew's Hall, Monday, Feb. 7, 30 games. Door prize.
- \*Regular skate Crapaud rink this afternoon 2 to 4. Tonight 8 to 10. Carnival Feb. 9.
- \*Wo-He-La Club Cake Sale at Moore & McLeod's, Saturday, February 5th, at 2:30 p.m.
- \*Valentine Social and Crokinole Party in Kingston Hall, February 10th. Admission 25c and 10c.
- \*Chicks available now at the Island Chick Hatchery, 71 King Street, Charlottetown. Phone 6131.
- \*Shur-Gain Amateur Cavalcade coming to Brookfield Hall. Please send entries to Mrs. Wilbert Stetson.
- \*Dance, West Royalty Hall, Wednesday. Rolie McKenzie's Orchestra. Ganteen Service. 9:30 to 12:30.
- \*Cleaning Timothy and Clover Seed during February and until March 15th. Elmer MacDonald, Crapaud.
- \*Special Skate in aid of Islanders Hockey Club, Tuesday, February 8th. Summerside R. C. A. F. Band in attendance.
- \*Pantry Sale, Fennell and Chandler, Saturday, February 5th, at 12 o'clock. South Winsloe Women's Institute.
- \*Cake Sale, sponsored by C. W. L. Sub. Division Holy Redeemer, S. A. McDonald, Saturday, February 5th, at 1:30.
- \*Hockey at North River rink tonight. Milton Hornets vs. Cornwall Meteors. Game time 8:15. Skate after. Carnival Feb. 18.
- \*Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday: "Dream Boat", good comedy starring Clifton Webb, Ginger Rogers and Anne Francis.
- \*Crokinole and debating competitions sponsored by Junior Farmers, open to any rural organization. Write for rules. Box 9 Charlottetown. Entries close Mar. 1st.
- \*Timothy Seed — Now assembling last car for season. Prices are somewhat higher. Contact us for prices at our Kinkora, Summerside or Charlottetown Mills, P. L. Morris.
- \*Buying pigs and feeder calves Monday at Fredericton; Tuesday, Brookfield 9:30. Milton 10. Charlottetown Market Square 11. York 1 p.m. Bedford 2. Tracadie 2:30. Mt. Stewart 3. Pownal 4:30. Vernon River 5. Paving 428 a pair for good pigs over 35 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.

# MENDES-FRANCE GOV'T DEFEATED 319-273 IN VOTE TODAY ON NORTH AFRICAN POLICY

## U.S. Opposes Cease-Fire Conference

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States notified Britain, India and other interested parties Friday that it opposes calling a full-dress international conference outside the United Nations to negotiate a Formosa cease-fire with the Chinese Communists.

The move was made informally and somewhat indirectly but diplomats felt that persons such as India's Prime Minister Nehru and Britain's Sir Anthony Eden, being familiar with the ways of diplomacy, would get the point.

Since Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai Thursday turned down an invitation to send representatives to the UN Security Council to discuss the island war along the China coast, peace-seekers have been reported exploring all kinds of alternative moves. The search has centred in London, where Commonwealth prime ministers are meeting, and at United Nations headquarters in New York.

## ONCE WAS ENOUGH

The state department issued a carefully worded statement Thursday night on Chou's rejection, calling it a "further flouting of the United Nations." Friday press officer Henry Stuydam was asked to explain "what kind of flouting" he was talking about.

Stuydam then made a second comment, which had been prepared in consultation with high department officials. He said: "As press officer of the U. S. Continued on page 18 col. 2

## Soviets To Cancel Treaty With Britain

MOSCOW, (Reuters)—Soviet trade union leader N. M. Shvernik told Britain today that ratification and implementation of the Paris agreement will cancel a 20-year-old Anglo-Soviet mutual assistance agreement.

## Discovers Ruins In Bolivian Lake

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—An American diver searching the bottom of Lake Titicaca for treasures of the ancient Incas said Thursday he has discovered the ruins of a submerged city, built centuries ago. William Marloff, 29, of Chicago, said he has found no gold, but his report of the ruins have excited Bolivian archaeologists. The island of the Sun in Lake Titicaca has long been believed to have cradled the Inca civilization.

## Town On Stilts Gives Big Reception To Princess

By HAIG NICHOLSON  
SAN FERNANDO, Trinidad—(Reuters) A smiling Princess Margaret drove through Trinidad's rich sugar cane country Friday to a great reception from cheering crowds in this picturesque "town on stilts."

The island's famous steel bands banged merrily on garbage cans in the streets at many points as the princess entered town. The houses in the city are put on stilts above ground level because of the tropical humidity.

Margaret was a vivid figure in a multi-colored silk dress and a small white hat. She had reverted to her usual hairstyle instead of the 18th-century French-style coiffure which caused a mild sensation when she appeared at a state banquet Thursday night.

The petite princess arrived here by air last Tuesday to start a tour of the British West Indies—her first major assignment as a representative of the British crown.

Before making the trip by car to San Fernando, she cut the ribbon opening a highway named after her. Then she drove through the tropical sun and watched workers cut the cane in the fields.

The workers stopped to add their cheers to those of children who lined up, practically the whole 50-mile route to San Fernando. In the town many banners stretched across the trees read "San Fernando takes you to their heart."

The princess drove to a park where she saw a youth rally with singing and dancing. She smiled as she watched young girls in kilts doing a Highland reel.

Later Margaret opened officially a new 500-bed hospital in the city. She then visited two of the children's wards.

She attended a small dinner party Friday night. Today she leaves for Tobago, the original Robinson Crusoe island.

## Chinese Reds Direct Blast Against Churchill

LONDON, (AP)—Communist China directed a propaganda blast against Prime Minister Churchill personally Friday describing him as a disgraceful accomplice of American aggression and a "man of bad faith."

Denunciations broadcast by Peiping radio marked a new low in relations between Britain and Red China, which the Labor government of Clement Attlee recognized in 1950.

The broadcasts, recorded here, were based on editorials in the Kwangming Daily and Peiping newspapers concerning Formosa, the island stronghold of the Chinese Nationalists.

"The British prime minister is playing the disgraceful role of encouraging U. S. aggression against Communist China by dividing China's territory at the expense of China's sovereign rights," the radio said, quoting the Kwangming Daily.

The Peiping People's Daily said the prime minister "once more proves that he is a man of bad faith who signed the Cairo declaration with one hand and tore it up with the other." The Cairo declaration, which Churchill entered into in 1943 with Chiang Kai-shek and President Roosevelt—expressed intent to restore Formosa, then under Japanese control, to China.



U.S. Bronze Star  
Cmdr. John H. G. Bovey of Montreal and Ottawa, has been awarded the United States Bronze Star medal in recognition of his achievements while in command of the Canadian destroyer Crusader, known as the "champion train buster" of the UN fleet in the Korean war theatre. Cmdr. Bovey, who commanded the Crusader from April, 1952, to July 1953, was also awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his Korean service. (CP Photo from National Defence).

## To Receive Freedom Of London

Honor St. Laurent Monday  
By RON EVANS  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent goes to the Guildhall Monday to receive the highest accolade of Britain's oldest and proudest community—the honorary freedom of the City of London.

In return, he'll promise "to pay his scot (taxes) and bear his lot" for the ancient square mile, for more than 1,900 years "a busy emporium for trade and traders."

In the 500-year-old Gothic hall, the prime minister will accept a silver casket containing a parchment scroll, symbols of an honor rarely awarded in the last 200 years.

Only 18 persons now living may call themselves honorary freemen of the City. The tribute has gone to five Canadian prime ministers: Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1907, Sir Robert Borden in 1915, Arthur Meighen in 1921, Mackenzie King in 1923 and R. B. Bennett, the last Canadian so honored, in 1930.

Today the honorary freedom is awarded by the city's court of common council for "exceptional services to the City, the nation, the Empire, or to the world at large."

## ANCIENT PRIVILEGES

It carries certain traditional privileges which the prime minister is unlikely to claim. He and Mrs. St. Laurent may be admitted to City almshouses, if need be, and their orphans educated at City School.

The prime minister will drive to the Guildhall with his daughter, Mrs. Mathieu Samson, after morning meeting in connection with the conference of Commonwealth prime ministers. At his own request, he will travel in a closed motor car rather than an open carriage "to avoid disorganizing the City." Later he will attend a civic luncheon at the Mansion House, official home of the lord mayor.

## N. Y. Stocks In Sharp Climb

NEW YORK (AP)—Big gains by some leading issues sent the stock market to a new high average level since Sept. 3, 1929 Friday.

Leading strength to the upswing was the announcement by du Pont that it expects to exercise its rights to buy 1,000,000 shares of the new issue of common stock of General Motors will offer next week. Du Pont soared \$6.25 to \$168 and General Motors was up \$3.50 to \$101.37.

Generally, the oils, coppers, steels and some rail and aircraft shares were strong.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks rose \$1.20 to \$157.70. Friday's advance left the market within easy distance of the all-time high in the AP average—the \$157.70 registered Sept. 3, 1929.

## Eighth Basilica In Canada

MONTREAL (CP)—St. Joseph's Oratory, a mecca for Roman Catholic worshippers on the slope of Mount Royal, has been elevated to the rank of basilica.

Rev. Emile Deguire, superior of the oratory, announced Friday that the rank was imparted by the Pope at the request of Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger. The official proclamation will be made by Cardinal Leger March 19, the feast of St. Joseph.

Father Deguire also announced that a 53-bell carillon, comparable to that in the Peace Tower at Ottawa, is being installed and will be blessed Feb. 27 by Cardinal Leger, assisted by 32 bishops and prelates of the Montreal diocese.

The oratory becomes the second basilica in Montreal and the eighth in the country. Others are St. James in Montreal, Notre Dame, Quebec; Notre Dame, Ottawa; St. Dunstan's, Charlottetown; St. Boniface, Man.; St. Mary's, Halifax; and St. Anne de Beaupre, Que.

## Civic Affairs Reviewed In Summary By Mayor Stewart

Evidence of careful administration in controllable items of expenditure, of increasing problems in the way of capital costs and of the pressing need for further financial assistance both from provincial and federal sources, were emphasized in the report given by Mayor J. D. Stewart at last night's annual meeting of the City Council. Following is the text of His Worship's statement:

"Charlottetown has passed the 90th milestone since incorporation and we are gathered here to receive the 90th annual reports of the various committees of our City Council.

"Before proceeding with my resume of the work of the entire Council I would indulge your time for a few minutes on our Centennial. I know we are all proud of Charlottetown and the heritage which is ours. One hundred years ago Charlottetown was formed, with high hopes for the future, and since that time many changes have come over our City in its first one hundred years of existence.

"Let us take recognition of the age of our City. Let us note the great strides which have been made during the past century, and feel for our founders a deep sense of appreciation for their courage and endurance in the early days. I quote from the year 1855: "Revenue \$8,146.17, Expenditure \$7,950.05, Surplus \$196.12." Imagine how far these amounts would go today!

"This year it is our endeavour to celebrate in fitting ways the hundredth birthday of our City. We have appointed from our citizens a Centennial Committee, and to them and to all who have had any part whatsoever in the planning and in the work yet to be done throughout the year in the conduct of our Centennial program, I express on behalf of myself and the members of my City Council our sincerest appreciation.

"I urge upon our own people to take the fullest possible part in the events that are being planned for the year. Make our City known in all parts of Canada, the United States and elsewhere, as the city where people like to come. We can do this by extending them the hospitality of our homes and the warmth of our hearts.

"Let our Centennial year be not only an unforgettable year of celebration and heartfelt thanks for our enviable place as an important part of Canada; may it also be the opening of a door to years of greater service.

"And now, to review the year Continued on page 12 col. 4



Mayor Stewart

## Pakistan To Become A Republic

By ALAN HARVEY  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
LONDON, (CP)—Pakistan, the largest Moslem country in the world, has proclaimed her intention of becoming a sovereign republic within the Commonwealth.

The youthful nation, which has firmly and unequivocally ranged herself on the side of the free world, thus follows the constitutional precedent of her Commonwealth "twin" and neighbor, India.

Like India, Pakistan will shed the trappings of a state owing allegiance to the Queen but will continue to recognize the sovereignty as "the symbol of the free association of its independent member nations, and as such the head of the Commonwealth."

The action is to become effective with Pakistan's new constitution, expected this year.

## Robbers Surprised

AVON, Mass. (AP)—Three masked men, two of them carrying guns, grabbed what they thought was a payroll from Richard Clark, 40, Friday and—Surprise! Surprise!

The bundle contained 10 pounds of fish Clark was bringing into the cafeteria he operates.

Ordinarily, Clark pays his employees Fridays but this week he paid them Thursday.

## Ships Stand By Crippled Tanker In Rough Weather

LONDON (Reuters)—Four seamen on board the crippled Greek tanker Darnel were reported in critical condition Friday night as the vessel slowly made its way toward land in rough weather.

Radio messages said the United States military transport PVT. W. T. Thomas and other vessels were standing by the tanker in the Atlantic about 300 miles from the Spanish coast. A boiler explosion in the ship Thursday night killed two men and left others seriously injured.

The Darnel was travelling slowly under her own steam but the rough weather was adding to her difficulties.

The U. S. ship sent its medical officer aboard the tanker when it reached it after an all-day race. Earlier, a U. S. Flying Fortress from a base in the Azores dropped medical supplies to the Darnel while a doctor radioed medical instructions from the plane.

Another U. S. military transport, the Gen. William Darby, Friday stood by the Panama freighter Liberator, in trouble with a cracked hull in the Atlantic. Another freighter was also standing by the ship, which had to run the wind to ease strain on its cracked surfaces.

## PARIS, (Reuters)—The French National Assembly today overthrew the government of Premier Pierre Mendes-France with a heavy vote against his North African policies. The official count on a vote of confidence was 319 against the government and 273 for.

The defection of nearly 40 Gaullists and Radicals, who normally vote for the government, was believed to have clinched Mendes-France's defeat.

The vote came after Mendes-France had made a last vain plea for support, warning that his overthrow might mean a "storm of hatred" for France.

DEFENDS POLICY  
The premier spoke for just over half an hour, vigorously defending his North African policy, which he said has brought terrorism to a near halt.

The vote left France without a government for the 21st time since the end of the Second World War.

It toppled Mendes-France from power after a stormy 33 weeks in office during which he weathered a dozen other confidence votes, masterminded the Indochina peace settlement and the new West European Union defence treaty and caught the imagination of France and the world more than any other French leader since General Charles de Gaulle.

## NO LEADER

The immediate effect of the premier's downfall is to leave France a nation without a leader, with three or four leading politicians regarded as likely candidates to form a new government.

All are supporters of the Paris treaties for West German rearmament, principal West European diplomatic issue, which Mendes-France helped formulate.

"You may today be deciding whether the future is to be consolidated and developed or shall collapse in a storm of hatred," he told the assembly.

Speaking from prepared notes after having sipped half a glass of milk, he cited figures to show that since he offered Tunisia home rule, the jails were no longer filled with political prisoners and there had been no victims of terrorism between the middle of December and the end of January.

"Whatever the result of tonight's vote," he said, "these figures will remain on record."

Before Mendes-France began his

## First 1955 Ford Comes Off Line

OAKVILLE, Ont. (CP)—The first 1955 Ford automobile produced in Canada came off the assembly line here Thursday night.

The time it left the line was 11:40:31 9-10 p.m.

Production was delayed by the 110-day Ford strike which ended recently.

## IF YOU ARE WILLING TO MEET TROUBLE HALF WAY YOU SELDOM HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures

	Min	Max
Dawson	12b	10b
Vancouver	38	48
Victoria	41	46
Edmonton	23	33
Yellowknife	6b	7b
Regina	2	18
Winnipeg	11	18
Toronto	5	20
Ottawa	6b	10
Montreal	0	11
Quebec	14b	13
Fredericton	0	22
Saint John	6	22
Moncton	14	19
Halifax	24	26
Charlottetown	21	—
Sydney	25	27
Yarmouth	16	25
St. John's	—	28

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office here says snowflurries will be more widely scattered than on Friday and over New Brunswick skies will remain clear.

On Sunday milder air will spread to all regions with increasing cloudiness in the northern regions.

Forecasts:  
Prince Edward Island: Widely scattered snowflurries; little change in temperature; north winds 30 becoming light by evening; low-high at Charlottetown 11 and 25. Outlook for Sunday: Sunny and milder.  
New Brunswick: Clear; a little milder; light winds; Moncton zero and 25, Fredericton two below and 25 above, Saint John zero and 25, Edmundston five below and 30 above, Campbellton zero and 20. Outlook for Sunday: Cloudy and milder.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:05 a. m. and 9:11 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:30 a. m. and sets at 6:35 p. m.



At Annual Meeting Of City Council Last Night  
Pictured above is Mayor J. D. Stewart with members of the City Council and departmental officials at the annual meeting of the City Council held last night. Seated at the left of the picture are Councillors F. G. Hutcheson, A. Gormley, A. W. Gaudet, E. C. Johnstone and Chief of Police, C. W. MacArthur. To the left of Mayor Stewart is Dr. W. L. MacDonald, City Health Officer and to the right is City Recorder, K. M. Martin. In the centre left to right are Fire Chief H. H. Jewell, Miss Mary McQuaid and City Clerk, James A. Fullerton. At the right of the picture are Councillors George Rogers, Elmer MacDonald and City Surveyor, Harold Messervy. Missing from the picture are Councillors McCosmac and Keefe.  
Barber's Film Lab.