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S'SIDE TOWN COUNCIL REPORTS \$17,122 SURPLUS

Spanish Students Riot Over Gibraltar Issue

Revenues Drop, Gov't In Red During December

OTTAWA, (CP)—The government went into the red \$34,687,000 in December, cutting the nine-month surplus to \$240,381,000.

Expenditures declined slightly through lower defence payments, but revenues took a more pronounced drop, the government's monthly treasury statement showed Friday.

Second monthly decline in the 1953-54 fiscal year, revenues slid by \$19,308,000 in December to \$379,106,000 from \$398,414,000 in the previous year.

Expenditures decreased by \$12,375,000 to \$413,793,000 from \$426,168,000. Increase shown on the civilian side of government expenditures, but defence spending was cut by \$26,390,000.

The December deficit of \$34,687,000 was up from the \$27,754,000 deficit in December, 1952, while the nine-month surplus of \$240,381,000 was down from the \$264,089,000 favorable balance in the similar 1952-53 period.

Hamilton Has Declared War On Starlings

HAMILTON, (CP)—Hamilton has declared war—a shotgun war on millions of starlings that have plagued the city since December.

It used to be a pigeon plague. But now it's starlings in numbers estimated at 2,000,000. Every evening they wing into the city in what citizens have come to call "the starling hour."

They perch on fire escapes, building ledges and TV aerials. They weigh down trees in the city park, which in great black clouds above the streets and fill the air with their raucous chatter.

Merchants say the cocky, black birds are doing damage amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars. One firm alone spent \$10,000 to have its building cleaned.

The damage is what spurred the city fathers, and particularly controller Sam Baggs, to action. Controller Baggs has organized a mass shoot of the birds with some 500 armed policemen and sharpshooters. Time of the shoot is being kept secret so the curious won't crowd in and get hit, but it will be any day now.

Canadian Soldier To Be Tried For German Murder

SOEST, Germany, (Reuters)—A Canadian general court martial will try Pte. George Mitchell, 22, of Winnipeg, charged with murdering a 56-year-old German widow.

A Canadian Army spokesman said Friday the trial will begin Feb. 9 at the barracks of Mitchell's unit, the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, at Hemer, near Iserlohn, Westphalia.

The widow, Frau Elisabeth Sieling, was found stabbed and robbed near her house in Iserlohn last Dec. 15.

An eyewitness told German police later he had seen a man in Canadian uniform stab her in the back with a butcher knife and, after robbing her, drag her several yards down a dark street.

British police arrested Mitchell about 90 minutes after the alleged murder as he came out of a movie. Mitchell will be tried under Canadian law. The death sentence would be mandatory if he were found guilty.

Rate Zone Case Hearing Postponed

OTTAWA, Jan. 22—(Special)—The re-hearing of the railway freight rate zone case, scheduled to take place before the Board of Transport Commissioners in Charlottetown on January 27, has been postponed at the request of the parties concerned. It was learned today that the case will be heard at another hearing.

Defence Dept. Considers Use Of Guided Missiles

By DAVE MCINTOSH
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OTTAWA, (CP)—The armed forces are considering use of ground-to-air guided missiles to strengthen Canada's defences against possible air attack.

It was learned Friday, however, that the matter has reached only the discussion stage and no particular guided missile has been selected.

Once the weapon is selected—if one is—defence authorities would have to decide whether to buy it from Canada's allies or produce a Canadian version at home.

Some officials said they are convinced that surface-to-air guided missiles will eventually form part of Canada's anti-aircraft defences and strategic sites. But they declined to guess when this might come about.

One authority said: "The matter has certainly been discussed but that is as far as it has gone."

The United States defence de-

Britain Protests Attacks On Official Property

MADRID, (Reuters)—Britain has protested to Spain against attacks on official British buildings during demonstrations in various parts of the country Friday.

Thousands of Spanish students besieged British buildings in three major cities, shouting: "We want Gibraltar." They hurled stones, coal and oranges through windows, and at Granada hoisted the Spanish flag over the British vice-consul's home.

They were stirred up by Britain's rebuff of the Spanish government's protest against the scheduled visit of Queen Elizabeth to "the Rock" in May.

In Madrid students marched on the British embassy and hurled stones and lumps of coal through three windows. Other demonstrators broke a lamp over the door of the British Institute.

At Seville, more than 3,000 students massed outside the British consulate and shouted: "Franco, Franco, Franco—we want Gibraltar." They smashed one window with oranges, then marched to the hotel Inglaterra (England) and pelted the hotel sign with oranges until most of the letters were smashed.

Two Federal By-elections Announced For March 22

OTTAWA, (CP)—Federal by-elections for Peel and Montreal Verdun March 22 were announced Friday by Prime Minister St. Laurent.

The elections will fill vacancies caused by the death last fall of Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative, in Peel and the recent resignation of P.E. Cote from the Verdun seat to become a Quebec Superior Court judge.

There are two other vacancies in the 265-seat Commons, but no by-elections were set for these.

The by-elections will be the first of the current Parliament, which came into existence with the general election last Aug. 10.

The vacancies that are not to be filled immediately are in Gatineau, Que., and Elgin, Ont. Liberal J. C. Nason of Gatineau died last year, and Progressive Conservative Charles Coyle of Elgin died last week.

Opposition Critical Of New Housing Legislation

OTTAWA, (CP)—A Social Credit member of the Commons said Friday that entry of Canada's banks in the field of home-mortgage lending will expand the country's credit.

C.E. Johnston (SC—Bow River) said in the Commons that the banks accepting mortgages will not be risking the savings of depositors.

He said the government's new housing legislation, which brings banks into the mortgage business through a scheme of insured loans will permit the banks to use mortgages to obtain credit from the Bank of Canada.

"When the bank then makes a loan it is an issue of new credit; it is not using the people's savings at all...that will not be done. It is purely a matter of credit expansion."

Mr. Johnston was one of several.

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Cold Wave At Peak In West

EDMONTON, (CP)—Western Canada, locked for the ninth straight day in the grip of an arctic cold wave, got some cheerfulness from the weatherman Friday.

He was unable to guarantee an early break in the cold wave, but said it "wouldn't get any colder."

Only southeastern Manitoba is feeling the full brunt of the cold snap. A "baby blizzard" moved into the area late Friday from Saskatchewan and was reported swirling up drifts in some sections.

Temperatures ranged from 10 to 20 degrees below zero across the West but were expected to drop again at night. Prince Albert in northern Saskatchewan, which reported 52 below overnight Thursday, could expect 30 to 35 below.

The weatherman predicted lows of 30 below zero for Regina, Saskatoon and Edmonton; Winnipeg -20; Calgary -25, and Lethbridge -20.

Funeral Of Senator Dennis

HALIFAX, (CP)—Senator William Henry Dennis, newspaper publisher who died Monday in Ottawa at 66, was buried Friday. He was a member of the Senate for 22 years and publisher of the two Halifax daily newspapers, The Chronicle-Herald and The Mail-Star.

Rev. W. Charles Anderson of St. Andrew's United Church conducted a brief service at the Dennis home and the public funeral service at the church. Others who took part in the public service were Dr. F. W. Patterson, president-emeritus of Acadia University, and Dr. H. B. Clarke, minister of visitations of St. Andrew's.

Those in attendance included Lieutenant-Governor Alistair Fraser and Chief Justice J. L. Lisley of Nova Scotia.

Palibearers, executives of the two papers, were A. W. Robb, E. E. Kelly, D. A. Morrison, Martin Livingston, Patrick Doherty, I. B. MacCallum, C. J. Rankin and F. W. Doyle.

Burial was in Camp Hill cemetery.

Launch New Probe Of Tobacco Effects

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The broadest investigation yet undertaken to attempt to determine "if there are any serious effects on health from the use of tobacco" among otherwise healthy people has been launched by the U. S. public health service and the veterans administration.

Questionnaires are being sent to 300,000 veterans of the First World War who hold U. S. government life insurance policies. One of the prime objectives is to attempt to determine if there is "truly convincing evidence" of a relationship between heavy smoking of cigarettes and lung cancer.

Three Killed When Train Strikes Truck

MONTREAL, (CP)—Three persons were killed Friday when an Ottawa-Montreal Canadian Pacific Railway passenger train struck a skidding truck, hurling bodies and parts of the demolished truck more than 800 feet.

The accident occurred at a level crossing near suburban Dorval. A provincial police officer said icy conditions of the road appeared responsible.

The dead: Georges-Aime Leroux, 23; J. P. Lamarre, 18, Leroux's cousin, and Roger Creteau, 23. All lived in Montreal.

The truck was owned by the Larocque Transport Company and was driven by Leroux.

Widow Facing Murder Charge In Husband's Death

BELLEVILLE, Ont., (CP)—A bespectacled, 48-year-old widow was arrested for murder Friday, just two weeks after police ordered the exhumation of her husband's body from its frozen grave.

Taken into custody was Mrs. Mary Bell, who wasn't told of the disinterment at the time and later termed it a "terrible lie." She appeared before a justice of the peace and was remanded to Jan. 29 for preliminary hearing.

Police said the investigation is continuing in the suspect poison death of Percy Bell, 52-year-old Belleville stationary engineer. Relatives told authorities he had never been sick a day in his life until he died "in agony." Death at the time was ascribed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

Bell was buried in a cemetery at Napanee, Ont., 20 miles east of here, following his death Jan. 2. A few days later, Penrose Caird, husband of Mrs. Bell's younger sister, communicated with authorities about the engineer's death. The attorney-general's department ordered exhumation of the body.

An examination of body tissues was carried out at the Ontario police medico-legal laboratory at Toronto. The results of this examination have not been made public.

Actress Loses Mink Coat And Nightie

MONTREAL, (CP)—Sultry Dorothy Lamour, down to approximately her last mink as a result of a robbery Thursday in her 450-day hotel suite, said she wishes the thief would at least return her nightie.

Between shows Thursday night at a Montreal night club, the shapely actress-singer told reporters that her blue nylon mink coat and her husband's \$360 camera.

She confessed she is mainly worried about being chilly in bed during Montreal's current spell of Arctic weather. She has another mink coat to keep her warm when she ventures out.

"I still love the wonderful people of Montreal," she said. "The theft and the weather haven't turned my love cold. But you can keep the weather. I want my nightie."

Police were reported trying to help by watching for anyone trying to hock the nightie.

Seeks To End Chrysler Strike

WINDSOR, Ont., (CP)—Major Arthur J. Reame Friday started his own campaign to end the strike of 27 powerhouse engineers which has tied up plants of Chrysler Corporation of Canada since Sunday.

Unemployment spread further through feeder plants Friday. With almost 200 men off in two plants, a third plant lay off 350 and there were indications of more to follow.

It was estimated \$60,000 was lost in wages and a production of 300 cars a day was stopped.

Two N.B. Children Killed Coasting

BLOOMFIELD RIDGE, N. B. (CP)—Two three-year-old children were killed in this York County village Friday when a sled on which they were coasting slid under a truck. The victims were Deborah MacDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacDonald, and Spencer MacDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer MacDonald.

Electric Power, Water Rates Aid Revenue

—A net surplus of \$17,122.76 for the year 1953 means that we have practically made up our last two years' deficits, said Councillor W. E. Jenkins, chairman of the finance committee in his report at the annual meeting of the Summerside Town Council early last evening.

Councillor Jenkins presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Henry Wedge who is still confined to hospital as the result of an accident, and his report was read by Councillor H. E. Clark.

Total revenue of the town was reported as \$328,620.50 while total expenditure amounted to \$309,497.80.

All councillors were present except Councillor James MacDougall, who is absent from the province.

The annual reports of the Summerside Police and Fire Departments were read, and officials were appointed to act in the various polls in the forthcoming civic election.

In his report Councillor Jenkins said, "In our estimates, we forecast a net surplus of \$4,277.76; at that time we could not properly estimate the revenue of the electric light as rates had only just then been increased on rural lines. The same applied to the Water and Sewerage Commission, which rates were increased only from July 1st last.

The present report of revenue and expenditure has far exceeded our expectations. The Electric Light Department shows a net revenue of \$60,752.98 as compared to \$61,926.94 last year; this may appear to be low considering the increase in rates on rural lines from May 1st last but this is accurate."

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Foreign Ministers Gather In Berlin For Conference

BERLIN, (AP)—The Big Three western foreign ministers gathered in this war-damaged city Friday for their meeting next week with Russia's Foreign Minister Molotov. All three voiced hopes of an agreement with Russia to reunite Germany, but all three were known to have doubts that they will be much real progress.

The first meeting of the Big Four, who are slated to take up the Austrian independence question as well as German problems will open Monday in the old Allied control authority building in the U. S. sector.

Coal-Burning Gas Turbine Seen In Action

MONTREAL, (CP)—A new device which may bring a revolution in Canadian railways was seen in action Friday by Mines Minister George Prud'homme and a group of federal members of Parliament.

The politicians and reporters studied in action a coal-burning gas turbine engine which Mr. Prud'homme said may in the future give a big boost to the economy of the coal-burning Maritimes.

The experimental machine has been operating at nearby St. Anne de Bellevue for some months but this was the first time that the engine was exhibited for public study.

The complicated project was undertaken by McGill University, with federal subsidy, at the suggestion of a young scientist from England, Prof. Donald Louis Mondell, who got his training during the war years in helping to develop aircraft jet engines.

22,000 Prisoners Proclaimed "Free Men" By U.N Command

By FORREST EDWARDS
PANMUNJOM, (AP) The United Nations command today proclaimed "free men" nearly 22,000 Chinese and North Korean soldiers who turned their backs on communism. But 347 prisoners in a pro-Red camp stayed on there after Indian troops unlocked the gates and left.

After the Communists turned down a final Indian appeal to take back 21 Americans, one Briton and 325 South Koreans in the pro-Red camp, 200 Indian troops pulled out in the light of a cold wintry moon. They left in this area a token guard of 20 men.

The UN command lost no time in bringing to a climax its long efforts in months of wrangling preceding the armistice to get written guarantees for prisoners rejecting communism.

Gen. John E. Hull, UN Far East commander, announced: "As of 0001 hours Korean time on 23 January 1954, they became free men."

Their status changed from prisoners to civilians, the more than 14,000 Chinese were at sea on 15 landing ships, under U. S. Navy guard, headed for Nationalist Formosa. The more than 7,000 North Koreans were in South Korea.

The future of the 347 in the pro-Red camp was uncertain. Their leaders told the departing Indians they would stay on. But when the food runs out, either the Communists must bring in more or they will be forced to leave.

An Indian source said the 20 guards left behind were stationed out of sight of the prisoners in fulfillment of a promise to the Communists not to allow the captives to be "kidnaped" or "dispersed" by the Allies.

Soviet Union Uses Veto 57th Time

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., (AP)—Russia used her veto for the 57th time Friday night to scuttle a Western plan for mediation of the Israel-Syrian dispute over Jordan river waters.

The proposal of the United States, Britain and France was their answer to a Syrian complaint to the 11 member Security Council that an Israeli hydro-electric project threatened to divert water needed to irrigate Syrian farms.

The vote was 7 to 2 with 2 abstentions.

China and Lebanon cast the negative votes.

Soviet delegate Andrei Y. Vishinsky's opposition was enough to kill the proposal.

The UN charter provides that all substantive questions require seven affirmative votes for approval, including those of the five big powers.

U.N. Decision Backed

Refusal of the Communists to take them back arises from the Red charge that the Allies have not fulfilled armistice terms for processing prisoners and that India should have held on to captives of both sides.

The Reds contend that the Allies "wrecked" the armistice by taking back the 22,000 and that the Reds would likewise be guilty of illegality in taking back the 347.

At United Nations headquarters in New York, UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld said he sided with the UN command view that freeing the prisoners was in accord with the armistice.

Last Granddaughter Of Queen Victoria Dies

KRONBERG, Germany, (AP)—Princess Margrethe of Hesse, 61, last surviving granddaughter of Britain's late Queen Victoria, died at her home here Thursday night.

She was the daughter of German Empress Victoria, wife of Friedrich III, who was enthroned only 96 days before his death.

\$300,000 Fire Last Night In Montreal Business Area

MONTREAL, (CP)—Fire shot through a downtown business building Friday causing damage estimated at \$300,000 and forcing evacuation of a nearby hotel.

No serious injuries were reported, but two firemen suffered minor cuts when hit by flying glass.

Hundreds of Montrealers on their way home from work watched the blaze and traffic along busy Notre Dame Street west—one of the main street arteries leading to the city's financial district—was blocked as firefighters battled for two hours to control the flames.

Cause of the fire was not immediately known.

The blaze was discovered late in the afternoon by employees of Taylor Advertising Limited. Minutes later flames were shooting through the roof of the three-story building.

Firemen, fearing that the flames might spread, ordered some 150 guests and employees to leave the York Hotel next door. A large quantity of dynamite stored in a hardware store at the end of the block was also ordered moved by police.

One fireman narrowly missed being pinned under debris when the roof of the building collapsed showering concrete moldering down to the street.

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Canadian Farm Cash Income

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canadian farmers' cash income dropped by four per cent to \$2,674,679,000 during 1953.

Grain and livestock income declines offset boosts for dairy products and eggs. The Bureau of Statistics said today in a preliminary report on 1953 receipts. Income by provinces with 1952 figures in brackets:

Prince Edward Island \$22,540,000 (\$31,281,000); Nova Scotia \$27,749,000 (\$37,388,000); New Brunswick \$41,851,000 (\$48,943,000); Quebec \$362,792,000 (\$385,927,000); Ontario \$692,114,000 (\$714,896,000); Manitoba \$217,806,000 (\$246,865,000); Saskatchewan \$711,419,000 (\$689,660,000); Alberta \$487,893,000 (\$506,660,000); British Columbia \$100,515,000 (\$108,221,000).

Coming Events

- *Rummage Sale, Kirk Hall, to-day, 3 p. m.
- *Rummage sale at Y.M.C.A. Saturday, Jan. 23 at 3 o'clock.
- *Rummage sale Saturday, January 23rd, 2 p.m. Heertz Memorial Hall.
- *Rummage sale, Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 3 p.m. St. Peter's Cathedral Hall.
- *Shurgain Amateur Cavalade, in Georgetown, Monday, January 15th, Town Hall, 8 p. m.
- *Hockey at North River rink tonight, Cornwall Meteors vs. Covehead Flyers. Game time 8 o'clock. Skate after.
- *Showing at Mt. Stewart, Friday and Saturday nights, "The Desert Fox" with James Mason and Jessica Tandy. This is a good one, the exploits of General Rommel in the African Desert.
- *Buying pigs Monday at Fredrickton; Tuesday 9 a.m. Brookfield, 10 a.m. Milton; 11 a.m. Charlottetown Market Square, 1 p.m. York, 2 p.m. Bedford, 2:30 p.m. Tracadie, 3 p.m. Mt. Stewart. Paying \$50 a pair for good pigs over 25 lbs. each, will also buy smaller ones. Knud, Jorgensen.



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min.	Max
Dawson	12b	—
Vancouver	26	28
Victoria	33	38
Edmonton	30b	35b
Calgary	28b	22b
Regina	22b	9b
Winnipeg	25b	6b
Toronto	1	12
Ottawa	12b	0
Montreal	6b	2b
Quebec	9b	0
Saint John	5b	—
Moncton	5b	6
Halifax	7	13
Charlottetown	2b	3
Sydney	14	15
Yarmouth	10	15
St. John's	15	15

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion Public Weather Office here says a disturbance off the Carolina coast is expected to develop and move east-northeast. A large area of snow and strong winds is expected to spread northward to Nova Scotia late Saturday.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness with widely scattered snowflurries; extremely cold; light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 7 below and 15 above.

Outlook for Sunday: Cloudy and cold. Eastern N. B. counties: Variable cloudiness with widely scattered snowflurries; extremely cold; light winds, becoming northeast 15 in afternoon. Low-high at Moncton 10 below and 10 above.

Outlook for Sunday: Cloudy and cold. High tide today at Charlottetown at 1:10 a. m. and 1:52 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 7:43 a. m. and sets at 5:08 p. m.