

Claim Agreed Charges Hurt Maritime Industry

OTTAWA (CP)—The Maritime Transportation Commission said Monday federal legislation permitting Canadian railways to make agreed-charge contracts is hurting Maritime industry.

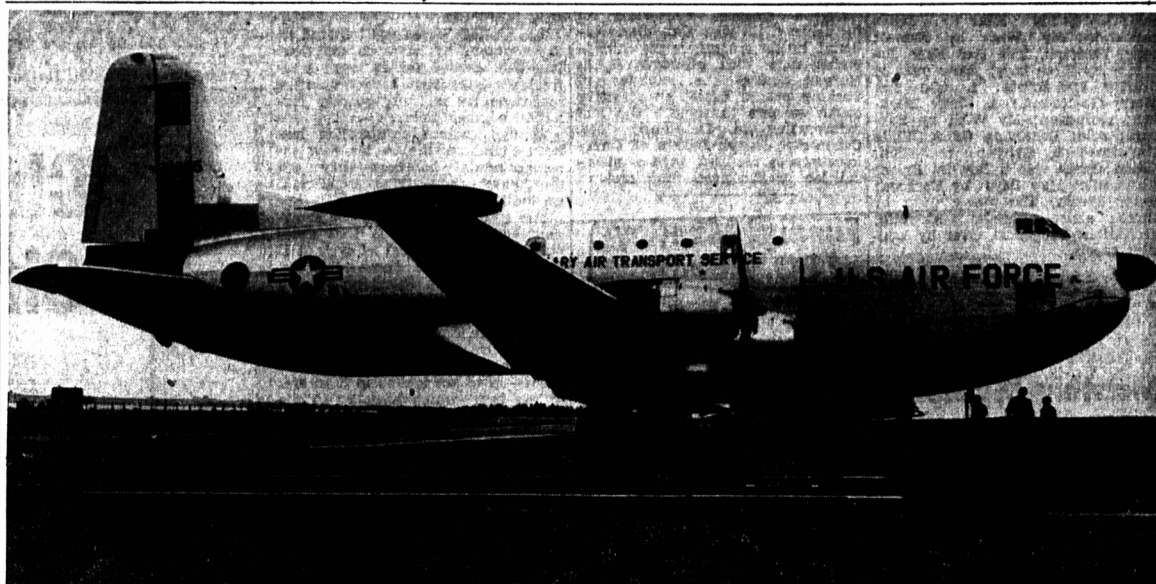
Find 'Quake Caused Huge Changes In Nevada Area

DIXIE VALLEY, Nev. (AP)—Geographers may have to revise their maps because of the earthquake last Thursday which caused awesome changes in the terrain of this sparsely settled area.

Coming Events

- \*Crapaud Christmas concert, Dec. 21.
\*Victoria Christmas concert, Dec. 22.
\*Concert Glen Valley School, December 21st.
\*Kingston Christmas Concert, December 22nd.
\*Appin Road Christmas Concert, December 22nd.
\*Christmas Concert, Lyndale, December 22nd.
\*Christmas concert, New Haven, Thursday, Dec. 23.
\*Rustico Cross school concert, Wednesday, Dec. 22.
\*Wheatley River concert, Tuesday, December 21st.
\*Johnston's River School concert, December 21st.
\*Anglo Rustico School concert, Thursday, December 23rd.
\*South Melville Christmas Concert, Tuesday, December 21st.
\*Springton School, Christmas Concert, December 22nd.
\*Christmas Concert, Fort Augustus Hall, December 22nd.
\*Clyde River school Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec. 22.
\*Concert and Films, Hampton Hall, Wednesday, December 22nd.
\*Come to the variety concert in Spring Valley hall, Dec. 22.
\*Mt. Mellick Christmas concert in Pownall Hall, Dec. 23.
\*Kevin Grove school concert Wednesday, Dec. 22. Curtain 7:45.
\*Argyle Shore School Concert, December 23rd in the hall.
\*Christmas Concert, Dromore School, December 22nd.
\*Lower Bedouque Christmas Concert, December 22nd.
\*Long River School Concert, December 21st.
\*Kelly's Cross Christmas Concert, Wednesday, December 22nd. Time 8:15. Dance after.
\*East Wiltshire Christmas concert in North River Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 21.
\*Come to the Christmas Concert at Stanley Bridge Hall, Wednesday night, December 22nd.
\*Come to the Christmas Concert at St. Mary's School, December 21st, at 8:30.
\*Bingo in Hope River hall Tuesday, 21st. Prizes, turkeys and geese.
\*Dundas Y. P. U. Variety Concert in Bridgetown Hall, December 22nd. Curtain 8:30 p. m.
\*Christmas Concert, Emerald Hall, Tuesday, December 21st, at 8:15 p. m.
\*Crapaud School Christmas Concert in Crapaud Hall, December 21st, 8:30 p. m.
\*Reserve Tuesday, December 21st. School Concert, West Royalty Hall, 8:30 p. m.
\*Bingo at Morell this week will be tonight, Tuesday. Twenty cash prizes plus jackpot.
\*Ebenezer School Concert, in Wheatley River Hall, Wednesday, December 22nd.
\*Holiday dance St. Mary's hall, Souris, Monday, Dec. 27. Good music. Regular admission.
\*St. Peter's South School Christmas concert in St. Peter's hall, Dec. 21 at 8 p. m. See Santa Claus in person.
\*Come to Greenvale Christmas Concert in the school room on Wednesday, December 22nd, beginning at 8 p. m.
\*Attend the Borden Youth Club Christmas Concert in Borden Town Hall, Tuesday, December 21st. Matinee 3:30 p. m. Evening 8 p. m.
\*Reserve time this week for shopping at Dixons. You will find a variety of gifts, toys, confectionery, etc. Watch for special R. M. A. Christmas Sale, beginning December 20th.

MENDES-FRANCE WINS THUMPING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON INDOCHINA ISSUE



S'ide Stop-over Lucky For Pilot Of U.S. Transport

With a pilot who learned to fly at Summerside in 1941 and who married a Summerside girl, a giant American transport aircraft capable of carrying 200 passengers is seen above just before take-off from Summerside yesterday afternoon where an unscheduled overnight stop had been made by this C124 Globemaster because of unfavorable flying weather encountered while on a transport flight from Westover air base in Massachusetts, to Thule air base in Greenland.

Aircraft of this size do not often land on Prince Edward Island, and the huge size of this airliner can be seen by the relative size of the three airman standing near its bow. Able to carry up to 30 tons, the cargo is loaded by means of an electrically operated hydraulic bull-in elevator that forms part of the bottom of the plane. The aircraft weighs 185,000 pounds, and is normally flown by a crew of seven. The pilot sits 26 feet above the ground of this big 4-engine craft which has a wing spread of 175 feet, and a tail 46 feet in height.

PARIS, (Reuters)—French Premier Pierre Mendes-France beat down Monday the strongest attempt yet made to overthrow his government and immediately opened a new parliamentary battle for ratification of the Paris treaties to rearm West Germany.

Reading of a committee report urging the assembly to ratify the Paris pacts started the new debate on France's hottest political issue as soon as official counts had given Mendes-France a 310-to-172 victory on an Indochina confidence vote.

Mendes-France thus won a clear-cut triumph in a vote which observers earlier had given him barely a 50-50 chance of surviving.

The government victory also removed the danger that the four-day ratification debate might be indefinitely delayed by Mendes-France's downfall and formation of a new government.

DECISIVE VICTORY This danger to the Paris treaties was the chief factor behind the dynamic premier's decisive victory. The Mouvement Republicain Populaire, ordinarily his bitterest opponents, made the victory certain by abstaining in order to avoid endangering the ratification process.

Another factor bolstering the premier was his agreement with State Secretary Dulles of the United States and British Foreign Secretary Eden last weekend on measures to strengthen South Vietnam against communism.

This agreement took some of the steam out of opposition charges that Mendes-France had sacrificed Indochina to the Vietnam Communists and given in to American domination in the non-Communist south.

Other members of the Globemaster crew were Capt. Austin J. Totterdell, Jr.; Capt. Ernest W. Black; M. Sgt. Thomas P. Turner; T. Sgt. Arthur Meldenhauer; M. Sgt. Robert L. Jutean, Jr.; A1C. John R. Ralston. (Photo by Wotton).

FIERY CRITICISM Mendes-France defended his Indochina policy in a fiery criticism of his predecessors, lashing out at "eight years of mistakes" in Indochina before he came to power last June. The charges brought shouts of anger from the Popular Republicans, whose leaders were responsible for foreign affairs and Indochina before Mendes-France became premier.

The confidence vote, called by Mendes-France last Saturday, was on an amended version of a 1955 budget for Indochina operations. A

Blood Plasma Is Best Gift REGINA (CP)—The best Christmas presents for the parents of five-year-old Larry Ford of Regina are gifts of blood plasma which keep their son alive.

Larry suffers from "Christmas disease," a rare form of haemophilia, a blood disorder. There is no known cure.

Three times a week the boy receives blood plasma, gifts from Red Cross donors. Physicians say the injections will likely be required as long as Larry lives.

Mrs. Ford says her son has as much pep as any youngster. He has been under medical care since birth.

Trucks Plunge Into Canyon

BOSTON BAR, B.C. (CP) — At least two men were believed killed Monday when two heavy trucks, one an oil tanker, rolled off the treacherous Fraser Canyon highway and plunged 1,000 feet down an embankment.

The oil truck exploded and burst into flames on the CNR railway mainline just above the Fraser river. The driver was believed trapped in the cab and burned to death.

The second truck bounced across the railway tracks into the river. It was not known if more than one man was aboard each truck.

Vice Cleanup In Fredericton, N. B.

FREDERICTON (CP) — The Fredericton police commission warned Monday it is starting a general vice cleanup of which a carefully planned raid on an aged downtown hotel Saturday was only a forerunner.

Dr. J. A. M. Bell, the commission chairman, said the York hotel on King street was the initial target because it was suspected of sheltering immoral practices. He said flatly it would be run right or not run at all.

Sixteen RCMP officers and five city patrolmen descended on the York Saturday at supertime. They swiftly surrounded the building, blocked off all exits and carried out a room-by-room search.

Four men and two women, one of the latter only partly dressed, were prodded or half-carried from the building through a knot of curious bystanders who jammed the sidewalk. Police also seized 23 bottles of beer, 50 quarts of wine and 20 bottles of liquor.

SIX ARRESTED Police Chief A. H. Barker and RCMP Sgt. Frederick Dobb led the six carloads of policemen, none of whom even knew the nature of their assignment until 15 minutes before it started.

Only two of the six arrested appeared in court Monday, the others having been released during the weekend after paying \$10 fines on summary drunkenness and vagrancy convictions.

Percy McKay, 35, of Fredericton was remanded in custody on three separate liquor charges by Magistrate Lloyd B. Smith. He will appear Dec. 28. Bernice Arm-

Appeals 14-Year Prison Sentence

CALGARY (CP) — Donald Winslow Henderson Monday appealed the 14-year sentence given him last month when convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of Yvonne Levesque of Pincher Creek, Alta.

Henderson, 37, of Calgary, was charged with murder in connection with the 22-year-old girl's death at a Calgary auto camp Aug. 11, 1949. The girl died from shock brought on by a beating. The night the girl died Henderson disappeared. He was found in August this year in San Francisco.

The one woman aboard the Christmas special is Nursing Sister M. I. Chisholm of Antigonish, N. S.

The plane will return Jan. 3. Horse Artillery, whose destination is Cranbrook, B.C.

The 533-ton British vessel limped into St. John's Dec. 2 after a mechanical breakdown at sea that left her at the mercy of a hurricane for five days and stretched her Atlantic crossing into 19 days.

Sheppard Jury Still Deadlocked

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Sheppard murder jury Monday night was sent back to its hotel again, still deadlocked 84 hours after it received the case but still determined to try to reach a verdict. The jury will resume deliberations at 9:15 a.m. today.

C. S. Renews Appeal For Dec. 27 Holiday

OTTAWA (CP) — An affiliate of the Civil Service Federation Monday renewed its appeal that Monday, Dec. 27, be declared a holiday for civil servants.

In a letter to Prime Minister St. Laurent, the Department of Veterans Affairs Employees' National Association said it trusts the government "will not forget your announced policy of following the practice of good employers."

Travel-Hungry Canadians Set New Tourist Record

MONTREAL (CP) — Travel-hungry Canadians set a tourist record this year, airline and shipping officials reported Monday.

Although complete figures cannot yet be compiled, the officials expressed hearty satisfaction with the 1954 passenger business, greater even than the Coronation year of 1953.

Trans-Canada Air Lines reported a total of 26,460 trans-Atlantic passengers were carried in the January- November period compared with a total of 24,000 in the whole of last year.

TCA began tourist class passage only last May 15, with the introduction of Super-Constellation aircraft, and since then has carried more than 2,770 in that category. This meant that 89 per cent of the business was tourist class.

Shipping officials, traditionally unwilling to give full details of operation for competitive reasons, also noted a sharp trend towards tourist class travel, but declined a breakdown of figures.

Canadian Pacific Steamships and Cunard, the biggest ocean operators from here, both reported their biggest year for passenger traffic, although the same could not be said for cargo. Smaller companies reported increasing competition for passengers.

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Russian Threats, War Of Nerves

By PAUL SCOTT RANKINE (Reuters Staff Writer) Soviet threatens to renounce the Anglo-Soviet treaty of 1942 are described in official circles in the United States as part of the recently stepped up "war of nerves" against the Paris agreements for German rearmament and European union.

Diplomatic sources also say the Soviet government has itself violated at least the spirit of that agreement and has treated it comparatively recently as a dead letter.

The British government has never officially protested the effective Soviet annexation of Koenigsberg in East Prussia after the Second World War and Soviet interference in the internal affairs of Eastern European states as violations of the treaty.

But the Soviet Union did under Article 5 of that treaty pledge itself to "act in accordance with the two principles of not seeking territorial aggrandisement and of non-interference in the internal affairs of other states."

Both British and United States diplomats have made it clear they regard the Soviet Union as having violated these principles frequently in the post-war period.

Soviet diplomats have also made it clear, as recently as at the last Big Four conference on Germany in February, that they attach little or no importance to the treaty as a protection against the resurgence of German militarism.

The fact that the Soviet government is willing to throw away the protection afforded by his treaty at this time is also interpreted as an indication, first, that they themselves regard the treaty as a dead letter; and secondly, of the importance which they attach to their new policy of stirring up international tension in order to frighten the weaker elements in European countries into opposing ratification and implementation of the Paris agreements.

\$16,878 For Special Plane

OTTAWA (CP)—For \$16,878, two women and 57 men in the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade in Germany have chartered a civilian airliner to fly them home for Christmas.

The Trans-Ocean Airways plane, due at Montreal at 7 a.m. EST Tuesday from Dusseldorf, Germany, was hired for \$291 per passenger.

The majority of the soldiers—33, to be exact—are privates and only five or six are officers. All are bound for points in eastern Canada except Gnr. G. O. Ogden of the 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian

Moscow Informs London Of Stand On Arms For Germans

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia informed Britain Monday it will scrap the British-Soviet mutual assistance treaty of 1942, a pact that still has eight years to run, if ratification of the Paris agreements to rearm West Germany is completed.

The warning came in a formal note delivered by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to British Ambassador Sir William Hayter at the Soviet foreign office.

France got a similar note from the Russians last Thursday concerning a matching treaty, the French-Soviet mutual aid pact of 1944.

The note charged that "by becoming a participant in the Paris agreements, Britain has grossly violated her commitments as an ally under the Anglo-Soviet treaty."

It accused the Churchill government of following a policy which was "openly directed against the U.S.S.R. and other peace loving states."

Delivery of the note was announced to a hurriedly summoned press conference in the Soviet foreign ministry.

The British House of Commons has already approved the rearming of West Germany under the Paris agreements.

Crew Calls Battered U.K. Trawler "Hoodoo Ship"

Gebr. Broere N. V. of Dordrecht, Holland, the owners of the freighter Elizabeth B. are seeking compensation for the three days their ship stood by the D'Vora during the storm. The suit is a matter for court settlement but the D'Vora will not be permitted to sail until her owner, Mercury Fisheries, Ltd., of Halifax post the bond.

Lawyers for the company said at Halifax they had no comment to make at this time.

"HOODOO" CRAFT Mickey McCarthy, of Glasgow, Scotland, the D'Vora's cook, said the trawler had been dubbed a "hoodoo" craft even before she sailed from the Lancashire port of Birkenhead. He said seamen were afraid to board her but he gave no reasons why they took this view.

Capt. M. E. Bruin vouched for the stoutness of his ship but neither he nor the chief engineer could explain why their 16-day fuel supply ran out in nine days on the outward trip. Rudder trouble forced the D'Vora to return to Birkenhead twice before she finally got under way.

The Elizabeth B. got a tow-line aboard the D'Vora on five occasions but the cable snapped each time.

A United States coastguard cutter finally pumped enough fuel into the trawler's tanks to get her to St. John's and she made port under her own steam.

The D'Vora is destined to join a new fishing fleet operating out of Nova Scotia ports.

MODERN OBSTACLE TORONTO (CP) — Christmas trees are suffering from television here. Tree vendors reported that home owners want small, slim trees so they won't obscure television in the living room.

3 MORE SHOPPING DAYS! NEGLECTING OUR XMAS SHOPPING IS ALL IN A DAYS SHIRK



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Dawson, Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Halifax, Charlottetown, Sydney, Yarmouth, St. John's.

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says a disturbance south of Nova Scotia that was previously expected to move northeastward past the district during the night, is now nearly stationary. As a result not much change is expected in the weather over the district.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Occasional rain and drizzle; not much change in temperatures; northeast winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown 32 and 38.

New Brunswick: Occasional snow; not much change in temperature; northeast winds 15. Low-high at Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John 32 and 35, Edmundston and Campbellton 28 and 30.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 8:19 a. m. and 7:12 p. m. Sun rises today at 7:45 a. m. and sets at 4:34 p. m.