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FINANCE MINISTER REPORTS SURPLUS OF \$355,737,000

Steel For Civilian Use Frozen In The U. S.

Commons Wrangles Over Quebec-Nfld. Divorces; C. C. F. Plan Is Opposed

OTTAWA, April 7 (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent today stepped into the recurring divorce debate in the Commons and made it clear he is against a C. C. F. proposal to relieve parliament of dealing with divorce petitions from Quebec and Newfoundland.

The Prime Minister took issue with a C. C. F. attempt to delay passage of one of a group of 11 divorce bills until the house has debated "alternative methods" of handling divorces from the two provinces that do not have their own courts.

The alternative proposed by the C. C. F. is that the Exchequer Court of Canada here should hear Quebec-Newfoundland divorce applications. Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre) has a bill before the house to provide this.

St. Laurent said today it is perhaps not the normal function of members of parliament to deal with divorce matters, but "it is no more disagreeable for us individually to deal with them than it is for the gentlemen who sit on the bench in our courts of law."

"When you cannot make a change that is apt to be better than what you are changing from," he asked, "is it not as well not to attempt a change?"

The Prime Minister indicated an objection to the court handling of divorces from the two provinces would be that divorce would be established "as a legal institution to which one has a right if he established certain legal conditions."

Under the existing system, he observed, persons must make application for special legislation to deal with their special cases.

Mr. St. Laurent, a Roman Catholic, said he agrees with M. J. Coldwell, C. C. F. leader, an Anglican, that there are religious denominations which do not admit of divorce.

"The majority should not force upon the minority who do not believe in divorce the acceptance of"

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Evidence Of Attempted Flight By Nazis In 1945

COPENHAGEN, April 7 (AP)—Evidence of the attempted flight of a group of unknown Germans from the ruins of Hitler's Reich in the closing hours of the war was found today in the wreck of a Nazi submarine.

Immediately after dynamite charges had burst open a torpedo tube during salvage operations off the island of Funen, huge quantities of canned foods rose to the surface. Soon the sea was covered with rotting sausages and soup cubes.

Subsequent investigations showed that all the tubes were stuffed with canned foods and that no torpedoes or other ammunition were on board the submarine, which was hit and sunk by British R.A.F. May 4, 1945.

The obvious inference is that the craft was intercepted while trying to escape from the doomed Reich, possibly to South America. But no log or other papers disclosing the identity of those on board, or of their destination, have yet been found.

The vessel was accompanied on the day it met its fate by two other submarines, one of which was likewise sunk by the R.A.F. The fact there were three U-boats is interpreted here as possible evidence that a concerted attempt at flight by a large number of high Nazis has been disclosed.

Some Danes are even surmising that Hitler himself may have been on board one of the submarines.

There was no indication of a third submarine's fate.

Contents of the other U-boat have not yet been investigated.

Reports earlier in the day that skeletons or corpses had been found in the craft were stated by the diver in charge, Harry Olsen, to be untrue. Only pieces of bones have been recovered, he said.

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Action Comes As Crippling Strike Looms

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP)—With a country-wide steel strike only hours away, the government today froze all shipments of civilian steel.

The National Production Authority called it a precautionary measure to conserve steel for national defence.

The walkout of 650,000 United Steelworkers (C.I.O.) is set for Tuesday midnight.

The government steel freeze cut off the flow from mills to auto makers, other consumers goods manufacturers and exporters.

The freeze will permit the government to cull the types of steel it needs for defence. The rest then will be released for consumer goods manufacturers.

Most civilian steel users had enough on hand for days or weeks of production, reports said.

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Continued High Levels Of Business Anticipated

(By George Kitchen, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, April 7 (CP)—Inflationary pressures have been brought under control, though the underlying inflationary potential remains high, the government reported today in a financial white paper.

The paper, giving a review of the 1951 general economic position, said the opening months of 1952 showed that the outward inflationary pressures have been curbed.

At the same time, it warned that any series of events which sharply raised international tensions "could bring about a renewal of direct inflationary pressures that might seriously test our economic defences."

But, for the moment, the prospects for 1952 indicated "continued high levels of employment and general business activity,"

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Revenues for the year ended March 31 last, setting an all-time record, totalled \$4,003,111,000 and expenditures \$3,647,374,000. In the previous year revenues were \$3,112,536,000 and expenditures \$2,901,242,000.

The surplus reduced the country's net debt to \$11,077,600,000, a decrease of \$2,343,800,000 from its peak of \$13,421,400,000 in 1946.

The figures were included in the government's annual white paper

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Coming Events

*Dance in Tracadie Hall, Easter Monday night.

*Oysters — Fresh Oysters at Edison's General Store, Vernon.

*In stock oil cake and soyabean meal. McGuigan & Boyle.

*Card Party and Dance in Kelly's Cross School, Easter Monday night.

*Cards and Crokinole in Pownall Hall, Thursday, April 10th, starting at 8. Prizes. Lunches served.

*Farmers, ask about the Shur Gain Feed Finance Plan. For particulars contact your local feed mill.

*For Snapshots that will not fade, mail your Films and Negatives to Garnham Photo Studios, Charlottetown.

*Just arrived, Floor-Ever, non-porous plastic tiling. See the beautiful shades now in stock. Simpson's Agency.

*Entries for Drama Festival close April 15th. Entry forms and information booklet obtainable at Charlottetown Library.

*Dance at South Rustico Hall, Easter Monday night, music by Alex MacLean with Alf MacKearney on the violin. Canteen service.

*Booking orders for Strawberry Plants, Dunlop \$1.50 hundred, \$10.00 thousand. Premier \$1.75 hundred, \$12.00 thousand. Parker Jewell, York.

*Mr. Leslie McDowell will be collecting Hogs for us on Wednesday, April 9th, at Fredericton, Colville and Hampton. This is one day earlier than usual due to our plant being closed on Good Friday. Canada Packers Ltd.

*There will be a Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Hartsville Section of the Brookfield Congregation Wednesday, April 9th, in Hartsville Church, at 8 o'clock. All members requested to attend. Nell Nicholson, Chairman.

*Attention Farmers in Montague, Cardigan and Peakes. Loading hogs for Canada Packers Ltd., on Wednesday, April 9th, rather than on Thursday. This is caused by the Good Friday holiday and will apply for this week only. Ed. McLean, Norman McKenzie, Merlin Devine.

14 Speakers Heard In Budget Debate Yesterday

In a drive to bring the session to an end before Easter, members of the Legislature yesterday devoted three periods to debate on the Budget. Morning, afternoon and night sessions were held with practically all speakers making an effort to be brief and confine their remarks to pertinent subjects.

A long list of 14 speakers held the floor during the day. Heard in the Budget debate were Messrs. Harvey Douglas, E. P. Foley, W. F. A. Stewart, William Hughes, Lorne MacFarlane, J. G. MacKay, J. W. Don Campbell, Hubert Gaudet, Frank Myers, Hon. Eugene Cullen, Hon. Wilfred Arsenault, Hon. C. B. Baker, Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan and Mr. Frank L. MacNutt, who adjourned the debate last night.

Mr. Harvey Douglas

In company with several other speakers in the debates, Mr. Harvey Douglas, Second Kings, took exception to the number of snow plows in Kings County during the past winter and stated "In winter the birds go south and the plows go west!"

He was critical of the lack of faith in this Province as shown by the people who live here. He said they only wanted to put their money into annuities "or something safe" instead of investing in industry. He noted that they waited for other people to do the investing. On the subject of education he

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recalled that when he went to the school the supplement received by the teachers was only \$15 and paid a tribute to Premier Jones for having done more for education in this Province "than all the previous Governments in history".

Mr. Douglas offered his congratulations to the Provincial Treasurer on his presentation of the Budget and said that "in no other Parliament could it have been more able done". He wondered why the Leader of the Opposition kept on farming if conditions of the farmers were as bad as he painted them. He said that every Government had increased the liabilities of the Province and felt that no Government was trying to do something for the Province. He maintained there was no basis of comparison between the million dollar debt of the Island many years ago and the present debt.

Mr. E. P. Foley

Mr. E. P. Foley, Fifth Prince, did not agree that business and government can be conducted the same way as he stated that a business would not last a year if run as the government is. Though there had been criticism of the agreement in Ottawa, he thought he could only tell them what he wanted and take the best obtainable. He

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Mayor Scores Lack Of Real Community Spirit