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WESTERN POWERS, RUSSIA TO MEET AT PARIS MONDAY

United Nations Troops Slug Ahead 3 Miles

Discussion On Marketing Features Annual Meeting Of Potato Growers Ass'n

A discussion on the merits and demerits of potato marketing quotas, led by Messrs. Lincoln Dewar, Secretary of the Federation of Agriculture and Reginald Holman, producer-dealer from Kensington, proved to be one of the highlights of the Potato Growers Association annual meeting held yesterday.

High level discussion with scarcely an outbreak featured the meeting from the opening in the afternoon until it concluded shortly before midnight. The vice-president, Mr. L. T. Beaton, Bonshaw, presided.

The meeting was not asked to give a decision on whether or not they were in favor of a quota marketing system. A number thought that the members were not sufficiently acquainted with the system to vote on the problem and the matter was set aside for further consideration during the year.

Mr. Charles Yeo, President of the Provincial Federation of Agriculture, was chairman of the discussion. At the outset, he pointed out that he wanted to know conclusively if the members wanted such a system.

Anniversary Today



VATTOAN CITY, March 1 — (AP) — Pope Pius (above) tomorrow will observe his 75th birthday and the 12th anniversary of his election to the papacy.

Fire Destroys Sydney Greenhouse

SYDNEY, N. S., March 1 — (CP) — Fire tonight destroyed thousands of dollars worth of Easter flowers in the main greenhouse of F. J. Hinett Company, Ltd., florists in this steel city for half a century.

Cause of the fire and extent of the damage has not been determined but unofficial estimates place the damage near \$10,000.

The greenhouse had been packed with Easter flowers in store for the Easter season.

Consumers Ass'n Presents Views

OTTAWA, March 1 — (CP) — The Canadian Association of Consumers today urged the government to take steps to curb inflation, but said it feels that the establishment of a price ceiling is not a safe answer to the problem at the moment.

In an open letter to Prime Minister St. Laurent, the association asked that the government:

1. Take stronger financial action to curtail non-essential spending on the part of the public.
2. Make clear immediately to the public the steps it is taking to fight inflation and the collaboration it expects.
3. Set up committees with power to examine and curb price mark-ups "not justified by basic costs."

The C.A.C. said it is deeply concerned about inflation and urged the government not to take any action which would place an additional burden on low-income groups.

However, it said the present price level is due in part to increased spending by the public.

The C. A. C. deplors the fact that many financially-able consumers are contributing to the present rise in prices by buying goods not immediately needed in anticipation of further scarcities or price increases.

More Cattle, Sheep On Farms But Fewer Horses

OTTAWA, March 1 — (CP) — There were more cattle, sheep and lambs but fewer horses on Canadian farms on Dec. 1 than on the corresponding date in 1949, the Bureau of Statistics reported today.

The estimates are based on farmers' replies to the annual December survey taken in co-operation with Provincial Government.

Increases were registered in all Provinces except Quebec and Newfoundland.

Total number of cattle and calves rose slightly to 8,292,100 compared with 8,243,300 in December, 1949. Decreases in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec and Saskatchewan were outweighed by gains in the other Provinces.

Milk cows declined to 3,496,700 from 3,570,000 with all Provinces showing declines. Other cattle was higher at 4,795,400 compared with 4,673,300 with most of the increase in Ontario and Manitoba.

Sheep and lambs reversed the downward trend shown since 1944, estimated at 1,268,000 compared with 1,250,100 in December, 1949. Increases were registered in all Provinces except Quebec and Ontario.

Horses continued the steady decline since 1942. Estimated at 1,654,500, the total decreased 8.3 per cent from 1,798,000 a year earlier with all Provinces sharing the decline.

Surplus Forecast Despite Record Budget In Quebec

QUEBEC, March 1 — (CP) — Provincial Treasurer Gagnon announced today that Quebec revenues during the fiscal year ending March 31 will reach a record \$231,985,000 and the province will show an over-all surplus of \$2,420,000.

Mr. Gagnon, delivering his budget speech to Quebec Legislative Assembly, forecast provincial revenues rising to \$237,771,000 during the 1951-52 fiscal year and an over-all surplus of \$1,044,000.

He announced the following figures for the present year which still has a month to run:

Total revenue, \$231,985,000; total ordinary expenditure including debt charges, \$195,523,000; capital expenditures, \$34,042,000.

His estimates for the coming year were:

Total revenue, \$237,771,000; total expenditure including debt charges, \$192,576,000; capital expenditures, \$44,150,700.

The budget speech announced no tax changes.

Main items of increase in proposed expenditure in 1951-52 are: Education, up from \$28,999,000 to \$28,123,000; roads, up from \$43,372,000 to \$52,996,000; and public works, up from \$13,990,000 to \$16,316,000.

Expenditures for public health will be cut from \$37,500,000 during the current year to \$30,990,000.

Mr. Gagnon said the province's net debt has fallen from \$308,242,000 in 1945 to an estimated \$274,000,000 by the end of this month.

He added that the per capita debt, calculated at \$67, remains the lowest among the provinces.

Resistance In West-Central Korea Stiffens

TOKYO, March 2 — (Friday) — (AP) — United Nations troops slugged ahead up to three miles Thursday against stiffening resistance in West-Central Korea, where the Chinese Communists are believed to be preparing for a great spring offensive.

Lt.-Gen. Matthew Ridgway's U. S. Eighth Army communique reported gains of seven Allied divisions along an irregular 60-mile-wide front. The stiffest fighting was encountered by bayonet-charging U. S. marines in the centre of the line.

Front dispatches said the attacks by the marines near Hoengsong and by army divisions generally along the front would throw the Reds even further off balance and probably delay the Communist drive expected this month.

A British Commonwealth vanguard consisting of Australians gained nearly two miles, capturing a hill three miles southeast of Yongdu.

Yongdu is 14 miles southeast of Hoengsong, headquarters for the Chinese 66th Army and an important assembly area for the Reds. Hoengsong is 22 air miles south of the 38th parallel.

The Communists Thursday did not mention Canadian troops, who, with the Australians, captured a series of hills southeast of Yongdu earlier this week. Early Thursday they were reported pushing out of the Chipyong area. Chipyong is about three miles southwest of Yongdu.

Discuss Plans To Fly Wounded Home

OTTAWA, March 1 — (CP) — Canadian airmen are expected to fly Canadian battle casualties from Korea home from Japan.

Canadian nurses will probably make the trips with them.

However, defence headquarters said today it has not yet received word that the first movement of Canadian battle casualties by air to this continent is imminent.

It is expected that R. C. A. F. North Stars on the Trans-Pacific route will be used to fly the Canadians. If the numbers become considerable when the Whole 25th Brigade goes into action, some of the casualties will probably be brought home by ship.

Not all wounded will be returned. Those who do come will be men probably not able to fight again or not able to fight for a long time.

Lobsters Not From P. E. Island

In answer to a statement made by Massachusetts lobstermen before the Legislature that frozen Canadian lobsters were being shipped there and sold as "fresh" lobsters, local officials of the Federal Department of Fisheries stated yesterday that none of these frozen lobsters were shipped from this Province.

Massachusetts lobstermen charged at a hearing in the state House of Representatives that they were being undersold by Canadian lobstermen and asked a ban on importation of short lobsters from the Maritime Provinces. They charged that there were no restrictions in Canada on the size of lobsters that could be caught and sold.

It was learned yesterday that Island lobstermen had two measurements for lobsters. The Carapace measurement is used for regular market lobsters, and under this regulation the over-all length of a lobster must be at least nine inches. Lobsters from seven to nine inches can only be sold for canning purposes.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk, England — (CP) — Ship's biscuits baked in 1803 are to be an exhibit at King's Lynn Museum during the Festival of Britain from May to September this year.

Island Soldier Killed While Serving In Korea

Mr. and Mrs. Allan MacKay, 15 Birchwood Street, Charlottetown, received word yesterday that their 18-year-old son, Elliott G., had been killed in Korea.

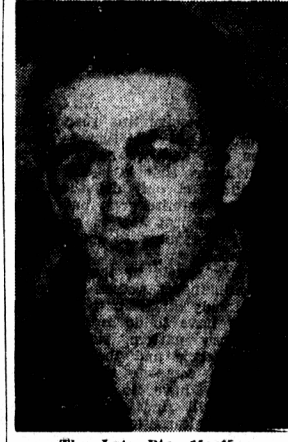
Elliott had left Charlottetown in April of last year and taken employment with the Massey-Harris Company in Toronto. He obtained permission from his parents last fall to join the regular force but later wired that he had joined the Canadian Korean force on August 17.

After training courses in Calgary and Wainwright, Alberta, he returned to Charlottetown early in November on embarkation leave. He left here on November 10th for Fort Lewis, Washington, and embarked from there almost immediately for Korea as a member of the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

On February 23rd he was in the company under the command of Major Jack George which made headlines in all newspapers in Canada and the United States for their speechless advance just west of Hoengsong.

At the time of his enlistment, a large picture of Elliott was published in the Toronto Globe and Mail as the 1,000th recruit for the Canadian Korean Force.

He had completed his education at West Kent School, and was well known locally as an amateur boxer and sprinter. He is survived by his parents and three younger brothers and one sister, David, Richard, Allan Jr., and Esther.



The Late Pte. MacKay

U. S. To Purchase Jet Bombers From Britain

WASHINGTON, March 1 — (CP) — The United States will buy some of the British-made Canberra jet bombers, Air Secretary Thomas K. Finletter disclosed today.

A Canberra bomber last week set a trans-Atlantic record by flying from Britain to Gander, Nfld., in four hours and 40 minutes. It then was flown to the U. S. for study.

Finletter said the U. S. evaluation so far is that the Canberra, the world's first jet bomber, is "the best available light bomber."

Finletter also disclosed that the air force is building two new types of heavy jet bombers—an all-jet version of the B-36 and a B-52.

The B-36 models now in use are combination jet-piston engine jobs with six piston engines and four jets.

The standard version of the B-36 has a range of over 10,000 miles; Finletter declined to discuss the range of the all-jet model.

Heavy Sales Of Wheat Reported

LONDON, March 1 — (Reuters) — Some extraordinary sales of wheat, reported under the international agreement during the week ended Feb. 23, were disclosed by the International Wheat Council here tonight.

Simultaneously, it was announced at Washington that the United States is imposing an allocation and priority system on wheat and corn exports, because the demand is beyond the country's capacity to ship.

It is believed in London the priority order will be India, Yugoslavia, Greece and Austria; then other countries according to need.

The international wheat council's statistics for the week ended Feb. 23 showed the U. S. sold 460,000 metric tons to India, 100,000 tons to Germany and 50,000 tons to Italy.

Canadian sales of 177,000 tons during the week included 149,000 tons to Italy, far more than Italy bought in Canada during the previous 6 1-2 months of this season.

Canada is the only country with any large unfulfilled export quota. Her quota for the 12 months ending July 31 is \$603,500 tons. Up to Feb. 23 she had notified sales of only \$339,000.

Canada has a large supply of low-grade wheat, some of which may go bad when the weather warms up. But her export quota for this season probably exceeds her supply of millable wheat, and she has suspended all sales of millable wheat until after the end of June.

Resigns From Committee On Divorce Bills

OTTAWA, March 1 — (CP) — A Roman Catholic member abruptly resigned from the House of Commons' private bills committee during a hearing today and said it is against his religious principles to deal with divorce bills.

W. J. Browne (PC — St. John's West), a former Newfoundland cabinet minister and district judge, at first moved to block a group of divorce bills going through the committee, but withdrew his formal objection and walked out.

Committee officials could recall no similar incident for years.

A second committee member — F. P. Whitman (L — Montreal-Notre Dame de Grace) — also expressed some doubts as to whether he should sit on divorce bills. He is a member of the Church of England, and he told the committee his pastor had advised him that church does not favor divorce.

"Should I sit on this committee or not?" he asked members, suggesting he be given some advice.

Howard Winkler (L — Lisgar), committee chairman, ruled discussion on that question out of order at this point, saying it might be taken up after the committee's agenda had been dealt with.

The divorce bills then went through without further discussion. Mr. Whitman remained in the committee and did not object to their passage.

Increasing Part Played By Women Says Mrs. Inman

OTTAWA, March 1 — (Special) — In Prince Edward Island and other provinces across the country, women are playing an increasingly important part in the councils of the Liberal party, Mrs. G. S. Inman, president of the P. E. I. Women's Liberal Association told 'The Guardian' here today.

A member of the advisory council of the national Liberal Federation which has just concluded its three-day convention here, Mrs. Inman led discussions at sessions of the National Federation of Liberal Women.

"Year by year women have been gaining ground in the policy-making section of the party," she told 'The Guardian'. "These past three days, members of the Cabinet have come to our meetings and discussed problems of their departments and of government with great frankness and interest. There is no clearer proof of the importance of women to the party."

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Commons Debates Stand-by Controls

OTTAWA, March 1 — (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent said today he believes it would be "very presumptuous" for any one to predict at this time the future course of the world.

It would be more satisfactory to the Federal Government, he said, if it could state what control powers would be needed during the present emergency.

"But that isn't the kind of world we are living in," he added.

Mr. St. Laurent spoke in the Commons after George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, criticized the government for seeking "wide-open, undefined" powers in a bill now before parliament.

Mr. Drew said the bill, giving the Government powers to impose price wage and other controls, left Parliament in the position where it could not even guess what the Government has in mind.

At the night sitting some progress was made in clause-by-clause study of the bill. The Opposition presented a number of amendments with a view to clarifying the legislation or limiting the Government's powers.

Some of the amendments—all technical in nature—were accepted and others rejected.

Study of the bill will be resumed tomorrow.

Mr. St. Laurent said the legislation contains some powers the government probably may never use. He could not foresee the government taking any major step without consulting Parliament. But he believed the government should have the power to act quickly should the need arise.

Preliminary Talks To Aim At Later Meeting; U.S. Is Not Optimistic

WASHINGTON, March 1 — (CP) — Diplomats of Russia and the Western Powers will sit down at a Paris meeting of Big Four deputies Monday — but the United States expressed open skepticism tonight it would lead to any easing of world tensions.

(In London, observers said the meeting of the Big Four deputies may prove a decisive turning point in the post-war relations between East and West. They recognize that the news the deputies are to meet in no way guarantees a subsequent meeting of foreign ministers or a genuine chance of ending East-West tension but they feel the meeting will at least test Soviet intentions.)

No Change At Kremlin

The U. S. State Department said there is no sign of "any real change" in the Kremlin's attitude. However, it announced an agreement by the U. S., Britain, France and Russia to open a meeting of foreign ministers deputies Monday to work out a slate of critical issues for later discussion by the Big Four foreign ministers.

The announcement followed receipt of a terse note from Moscow.

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Bidault Seeks To Form Cabinet



PARIS, March 1 — (AP) — Georges Bidault, (above) twice premier of France since the war, tonight was attempting to form his third cabinet.

Following hours of negotiation with leaders of other parties in the old middle-road coalition, Bidault said he would know sometime Friday whether he can succeed.

One of the essential elements in any coalition, the Radical-Socialist (Conservative) Party decided in a party caucus to stand by its guns in the squabble over electoral reforms which toppled the cabinet of Premier Rene Pleven Wednesday.

The Radicals voted to demand a run-off system for parliamentary elections this fall. Bidault's own party, the Roman Catholic Mouvement Republicain Populaire (M.R.P.), has insisted on a single-ballot type of election.

Bidault, who conferred with a group of M.R.P. leaders late today, seemed to face the task of persuading his colleagues to accept a run-off system.

President Vincent Auriol tapped Bidault for premier's job after Pleven declined to try immediately to form a new ministry.

One reason for Auriol's choice was that Bidault's party was largely responsible for the parliamentary impasse which caused Pleven to resign.

Parliamentary observers did not give Bidault much chance of success. They predicted the crisis will continue several days.

MARCH, Cambridgeshire, England — (CP) — Schoolgirls unearthed nine bronze coins dated from 120-206 A.D. They will be presented to a local museum.

Budget Date Not Yet Decided

OTTAWA, March 1 — (CP) — Finance Minister Abbott said today in the Commons he is not yet in a position to say whether the 1951-52 budget will be brought down before Easter.

The Commons is due to adjourn March 21 for a 12-day Easter recess.



TORONTO, March 1 — (CP) — Minimum temperatures observed between 7:30 P. M. and 7:30 A. M. E. S. T.; maximum temperatures between 3:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.:

Victoria 32, 45; Edmonton 26, 12; Calgary 5, 16; Regina 2, 10; Winnipeg 7, 14; Toronto 29, 44; Ottawa 10, 20; Montreal 7, 23; Quebec 7, 18; Saint John 5, 24; Moncton 9, 17; Halifax 16, 27; Charlottetown 13, 19; Sydney 17, 20; Yarmouth 16, 23; St. John's, 21, 23.

Reds Have Strong Force In Line Despite Losses

TOKYO, March 2 — (Friday) — (Reuters) — Recent heavy losses have not impaired Communist defensive potential near the 38th parallel and a total of 31 Communist Chinese and North Korean divisions are still deployed across Korea from Seoul to the east coast.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today.

MacArthur said that even in the face of continual United Nations tactical successes the Communists had not given ground easily. The enemy battle order included 18 Chinese divisions in six army corps holding the central front, with 13 North Korean divisions in four reconstituted corps disposed on the eastern and western flanks.

Against this Communist frontline force Lt.-Gen. Matthew Ridgway is known to have seven American divisions, five South Korean divisions, three brigades of British Commonwealth and Turkish troops, and smaller detachments of several other nations.

Britain Turning To Study Of Atom For Power, Fuel

By JOHN RODERICK

LONDON, March 1 — (AP) — Britain disclosed today she is shifting the emphasis in her big atomic research program to the possibilities of nuclear energy for power uses.

Until recently, this formed only 10 per cent of the experimentation at the huge research centre at Harwell.

The other 90 per cent went into basic research, search for technological information and production of radio-active and stable isotopes, the latter useful in medical research and nuclear physics.

The change-over was announced by Sir John Cockcroft, director of the atomic energy establishment.

It means that Britain now will seek to harness the atom to furnish power for industry and possibly fuel which ultimately would heat homes.

But if any coal-starved Britons were hoping that the atom might solve Britain's current coal shortage, Sir John's next statement set them straight.

"The achievement of a large-scale contribution to our fuel problem," he said, "will not come in the current decade."

He said much of the Harwell staff can now be transferred from the production to the power program. This means Britain has caught up with its early scarcity of isotopes for medicine and nuclear physics.

Though he did not say so outright, he implied that the production program had been launched because of American unwillingness to part with isotopes.

"It is interesting to note that it has hitherto been impossible for British universities to obtain these isotopes from the United States although they are freely available there."

HALIFAX, March 1 — (CP) — Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office here and valid until midnight Friday:

Synopsis: A band of snow and rain extends from Ontario southward to the Eastern United States. This poor weather is forecast to spread slowly eastward across the Eastern Maritimes and Gaspe Friday.

Forecasts: Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness and milder. Light winds. Low and high Friday at Charlottetown 12 and 30.

High tide today at 5:43 A. M. and 4:23 P. M.
Sun rises at 6:51 A. M. and sets at 6:00 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE

Leave Borden	Leave C. T.
9:10 A.M.	2:40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Borden	Leave C. T.
6:45 P.M.	8:00 P.M.

MCA AIR SERVICE

Ev. Charlottetown for Moncton 5:50 A.M.—11:20 A.M.—4:45 P.M.
Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:40 A.M.—1:25 P.M.—6:55 P.M.

Ev. Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax 7:55 A.M. New Glasgow only; 1:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax.

Ar. Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax, 11:10 A.M. from New Glasgow only 4:20 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.

Charlottetown — Sydney flights every Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

Coming Events

- *Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- *Show, Morell Community Hall every Friday, 7 and 9 o'clock.
- *Hockey Merchant's League, See Kensington rink ad, Western Guardian.
- *Victoria Rink tonight, Victoria Sea Gulls vs. Tryon Red Wings, Skate after.
- *North River Rink tonight, Thursday, March 1st, League game, Cornwall Meteors vs. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs, Game time 8:30, Skate after.
- *Receiving Hogs at Crapaud for Canada Packers Limited, until 12 noon each Tuesday, Robert Dawson.
- *Collecting Hogs for Swift Canadian Co., Ltd., every Monday and Tuesday, through Orwell Cove. For trucking information contact Gerald Rooney.