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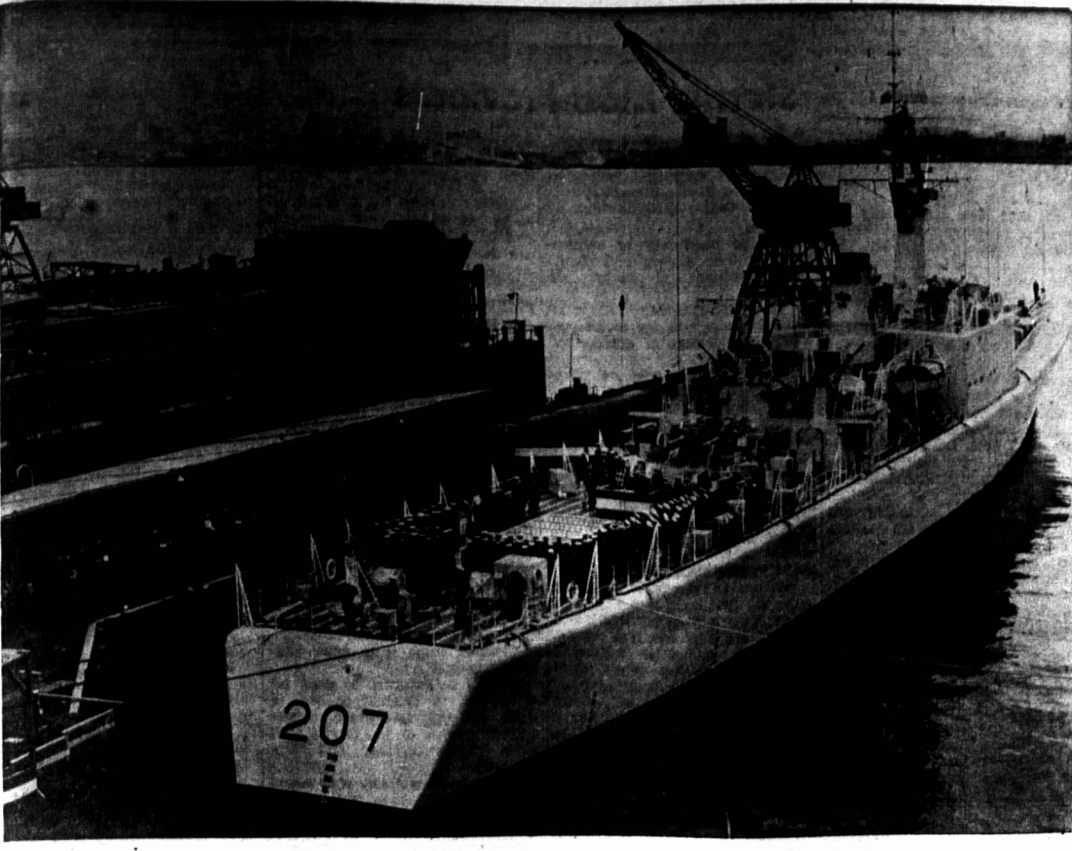
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NEW SKEENA IS COMMISSIONED

HMCS Skeena, the first of the St. Laurent Class destroyer-escorts to be built on the West Coast, was commissioned into the Royal Canadian Navy on Saturday March 30 at the Burrard Dry Dock Company, Limited, North Vancouver. The Skeena will now join the Second Canadian Escort Squadron based at Esquimalt, B. C. Four other destroyer-escorts of the same class are already commissioned and serving in the Atlantic Command.

Sharp Criticism Levelled At U.S. Senate Committee

NEW YORK (CP) — A United States Senate committee was the target of criticism at home and abroad Friday in connection with the suicide in Cairo Thursday of E. Herbert Norman, 47, Canada's ambassador to Egypt.

Generally, the criticism took two broad lines:

1. The Senate internal security committee was said to have no business reviving charges of communism against Norman, first made public in 1951, when they were repudiated by the Canadian government.
2. The committee was said to be exceeding its powers by making public charges against a Canadian official instead of making known to the Canadian government any ideas about Norman it may have had.

The Washington Post and Times Herald accused the committee of "most meddlesome interference in an area where they have no competence at all." Perhaps the incident, the newspaper said, will lead the Senate to "put an effective check upon the irresponsibility of the sub-committee."

"POOR JUDGMENT!"

The Washington Evening Star

Ontario Highway Bill Should Be 183 Million For 10 Years

TORONTO (CP) — Ontario should spend \$183,000,000 a year for the next 10 years to fit its 11,000-mile system of provincial highways to carry the traffic load, the Ontario legislature was told Thursday.

The program was pictured in an illustrated 58-page printed report, containing about 20,000 words of text, covering Ontario highway needs over the next 20 years.

The report, tabled in the legislature by Highways Minister Allan, put the total bill for the next 20 years at \$1,900,000,000 — to rehabilitate existing roads and to build new ones. It proposed that rehabilitation and construction be concentrated in a 10-year period so car drivers would reap the benefits sooner.

The proposed \$183,000,000 annual bill for new construction compares with the provincial highway department budget estimate of \$108,500,000 in the current fiscal year ending next Sunday and \$130,700,000 in the new fiscal year.

The report, covering only provincial highways and secondary roads, emphasized that the needs study should continue in order to keep abreast of changes.

PRESENT SHORTCOMINGS

The report listed this background of shortcomings:

1. Of the 8,600 miles of King's highways — so designated because they are heavily-travelled and of "province-wide interest" — 3,800 miles "should have immediate improvement."
2. Thirty per cent of the 1,294 bridges on this system are too narrow or won't support a big enough load.
3. Sixty per cent of the provincially controlled secondary road mileage of 2,400 is "intolerable for reasons of insufficient width or poor surface condition."
4. The province needed \$1,900,000,000 between now and 1976 for highways. The total did not include maintenance and administration which would boost the figure to \$2,700,000,000.

ROADS COST RISING

In 1955, the per-mile upkeep of a two-lane highway cost \$2,370 and it was \$7,010 for a four-lane divided highway. Thirty-eight per cent of these amounts was spent on just keeping them free of ice and snow.

The minister said at a press conference before he tabled the report that no provision was made for the dollar's declining value. The estimates in the report were based on the dollar's 1955 value. Already figures in the report would

UK Employers Agree To Talks With Strikers

By JOHN DUDMAN
LONDON (Reuters) — British industrialists agreed for the first time Thursday to negotiate with leaders of 1,000,000 striking factory workers. A meeting between management and labor representatives was set for this morning.

The employers agreed to discuss union demands for a 10-per-cent wage increase about 38 hours before the strike is scheduled to snowball into the London area, taking another 500,000 men off work.

It followed the first clashes between pickets and police since the walkout began last Saturday in factories producing everything from airliners to ball point pens.

The news the employers will negotiate — the first break in the wage-claim deadlock — was announced this afternoon by Labor Minister Iain MacLeod in the House of Commons.

"LAST CHANCE"

MacLeod said the management offer was possibly "the last chance of saving the country from a disastrous stoppage." But he added that many problems remain unsolved.

The striking unions — 40 of them, banded together in the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions — plan to have their total 3,000,000 membership on a national strike by April 6, if their demands are not met by that time.

Seal Hunting Is Humane, To Seals

OTTAWA (CP) — Fisheries Minister Sinclair, in a graphic description Thursday of Labrador coast sealing operations, expressed more sympathy for the seal hunters than for their quarry.

Mr. Sinclair (PC — Ontario) asked him in the Commons whether the annual spring seal hunt is carried out humanely.

Mr. Sinclair said that if the question referred to the hunters, sealing was "the most dangerous and disagreeable work done by any fishermen in Canada."

The hunters lived in small, crowded boats. Boats and hunters often were lost on the ice.

"SHOT WITH RIFLES"

As for the seals, the adult animals were shot with rifles and baby seals were killed instantly by a heavy blow on the back of the neck. Some of the adults were wounded and escaped "but that happens in any hunting operation."

Starr asked whether the seal hunting is really necessary, and whether the rate of kill is so high that seals may be in danger of becoming as rare as buffaloes.

Mr. Sinclair said it is a commercial operation which has been carried on for at least 300 years. It yielded leather, seal oil, baby pelts for fur and also flippers, which hunters took home to Newfoundland to make a special delicacy called seal flipper pie.

HERD TOTALS 3,000,000

There was little likelihood of the seal herds being threatened with extinction. The rate of kill was governed by agreement between Canada and Norway.

Years ago upwards of 400 ships took part in the hunt, with annual kills of 750,000 animals. Last year three ships with 120 men went on the hunt and took 200,000 seals.

The seal herd now totals about 3,000,000, Mr. Sinclair said. "And a lot of Atlantic coast fishermen think 3,000,000,000 seals eat much too much fish."

D E W Line Is Pretty Effective

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP) — Robert Shaw of Montreal, senior vice-president of the Foundation Co. of Canada Ltd., said here Thursday the Distant Early Warning line "may be obsolete but is still pretty effective."

Mr. Shaw, director of construction on the eastern end of the Dew line, said electronic development is so rapid nearly all such equipment has become obsolete by the time it is installed.

He added, however, that he believed the Arctic antiaircraft line "can pick up anything, no matter how fast or how high."

He told a gathering of students three main types of detection stations stretch along Canada's Arctic boundary: one which can operate with no personnel, a second manned by 25 persons and a third by 75.

"Supercentres" are staffed by 150 persons, he said.

Britain Releases Greek Archbishop

By GEOFFREY MILLER
LONDON (AP) — Britain Thursday ordered the release from exile of Archbishop Makarios in the hope of breaking the deadlock in the dispute over Cyprus. Makarios, leader of the Greek Cypriot "union with Greece" movement, will not be permitted to return immediately to the strife-torn island.

Initial reaction among Greek Cypriots on the island was joyful. Church bells pealed and crowds gathered to talk excitedly about the news, flashed to the island by radio.

In Athens, Greek Premier Constantine Karamanlis summoned an emergency meeting of his cabinet to discuss the situation.

Britain also made a sweeping amnesty offer to members of the EOKA underground organization, which has been carrying on a campaign of terrorism on the east Mediterranean crown colony island.

School Costs Up

DARTMOUTH, N. S. (CP) — It cost as much to keep this whole town going in 1947 as it does for education in 1957, the Dartmouth school board said Thursday.

The town's overall 1947 budget was \$428,781, but the school board estimates \$631,550 will be spent on education in the next 12 months.



SLINGSHOT DETAIL

The problems of recreation and pest control are being killed with one stone by these members of the "Slingshot Squadron" at the RCAP's base in Abu Suweir, Egypt. Off-duty hours in the evening are enlivened considerably by slingshotting in and around the bombed-out hangars at the former Egyptian base.

All serving with No. 115 Communications Flight on duty with the United Nations Emergency Force, the sharpshooters are LEFT LAC Milt MacDonald of Morell, P.E.I., LAC H.M. McAusland of Bloomfield, P.E.I., AC G.B. Boudreau of Digby, N.S. and LAC Ed. D'Eon of Yarmouth, N.S.

Israel Warns Of Possible Blowup

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel was reported Friday to have told the United States that Middle East fighting may flare up again if any Suez Canal settlement fails to lift the Egyptian ban on Israeli shipping.

Diplomatic sources disclosed this as bad weather foiled an attempt by State Secretary Dulles to fly to New York for a Middle East consultation with UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold. There were reports he would go to New York by automobile from Albany, N.Y.

Dulles has been directing U.S. negotiations with Egypt on future operation of the canal. It is about to be opened to regular traffic after a shutdown resulting from last fall's Sinai fighting when a number of ships were scuttled in the channel.

NO AGREEMENT

So far Dulles has failed to get Egyptian President Nasser's agreement on three main U.S. proposals. These are that Nasser change his tentative plans so as to make the canal an international commitment, recognize a grouping of canal users, and encompass six principles approved by the UN security council Oct. 13.

Implementation of the six principles would protect Egypt's sovereignty, arbitrate disputes, insulate the canal from politics of any nation, prevent discrimination against any user, agree to tolls and set up a development fund.

Israeli ambassador Abba Eban was reported to have informed the U.S. state department that Is-

tonal character of the Gulf of Aqaba or its narrow entrance. This is because Israel feels it has the right to use these areas freely, and any legal action would have to be instituted by those who disagree.

Flags show up
JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — Paper Union Jacks were pasted on poles, buildings and traffic lights in many parts of Johannesburg Saturday. Under the Flag Amendment Act applied in Cape-town Friday, the Union Jack disappeared as an official flag of the Union of South Africa. Previously



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