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HUGE SASK. POWER, IRRIGATION PROJECT TURNED DOWN

Rejects Proposal For Family Allowance Boost



TEACHES ESKIMOS
Mrs. James Houston of Monrovia, recovering from an emergency appendectomy operation at Goose Bay, Labrador, is anxious to return to her Eskimo pupils at Cape Dorset in the far north. Mrs. Houston is known by the Eskimo name of Arnakotak — the "long woman" — to her pupils in the native villages on Baffin Island. She works for the Canadian Handicraft Guild of Montreal and the Northwest Territories administration. Her husband (right), Montreal artist, teaches handicrafts to the Eskimos. Capt. C. A. Chouinard is master of the Eastern Arctic patrol vessel, C. D. Howe. (CP from National Film Board.)

TOUGH STOWAWAY
LONDON, Jan. 19 — (Reuters) — James Halkett, 31, a stowaway who lived for almost a month undetected on the liner Mooltan en route from Australia to Britain, today was sentenced to 21 days in jail. When he gave himself up, Halkett was in such poor shape from living on tea and biscuits that he needed medical attention.

Declares Housing Backlog Most Pressing Social Problem
(By Forbes Rhude, Canadian Press Business Writer)
MONTREAL, Jan. 19 — (CP) — More home-building in Canada emerged today as a sort of theme of the opening sessions of the annual meeting of the Canadian Construction Association.

Coming Events
*Rummage Sale at Y. M. C. A. Wednesday, 2:30 P. M.
*Auction and Dance every Wednesday, Vernon Hall.
*Dance at Inkerman School Tuesday night, January 20th. Sale of lunches.
*In stock. Feed Molasses, Cod Oil, all kinds poultry equipment. Booking chicks daily. Dillon & Spillet.
*Try our Purina Finance plan for feeding your hogs and chicks. Dillon & Spillet.
*Hockey tonight at Stanley Bridge rink, Stanley Bridge vs. Cavendish. Time 8:30.
*Horse racing on New Glasgow River Wednesday afternoon, weather permitting.
*Victoria Rink tonight. League game, Tryon Arrows vs. New Haven Royals. Skate after.

Britain Has Fourth Severe Fog Of Winter
LONDON, Jan. 19 — (AP) — Britain's fourth severe fog of the winter swirled through England and South Wales tonight. Weather experts said it would persist for another 48 hours.

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New Roundup Of Alleged Spies Reported In Poland
LONDON, Jan. 19 — (Reuters) — The main Communist daily newspaper in Poland, Trybuna Ludu, has published a list of "priest spies." Warsaw radio announced tonight.

Church, more powerful in Poland than in most Iron Curtain countries.
"All these facts were discovered during the inquiry following the arrest a month ago of four priests in Krakow on suspicion of espionage for foreign powers," the radio quoted the paper as saying.

Children Drowned
CORNER BROOK, Nfld., Jan. 19 — (CP) — Vivien and Gladys Murrin, aged five and seven respectively, drowned yesterday at near Middle Arm when they fell through ice into a brook. Bodies of the sisters were recovered and no inquest was ordered.

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Health Minister Martin Replies To CCF Suggestion

OTTAWA, Jan. 19 — (CP) — Health Minister Martin rejected today a proposal that the Government earmark another \$192,000,000 a year to boost Canada's family allowance payments by 60 per cent.

He told the Commons that if there was going to be any reform of the nine-year-old act under which the Government makes monthly payments for children up to the age of 16, he would be more receptive to the idea of boosting the age limit to 18.

Mr. Martin said it should never be forgotten that the money to pay family allowances and other social security measures came from one source — the hard work of the Canadian people. He did not think Canadians would feel the Government justified in adding another \$192,000,000 a year to the present \$320,000,000 annual family allowance bill.

The Minister was speaking on a motion introduced by Hazen Argue (CCF — Assiniboia) as the Commons spent the day considering private members' motions. It asked consideration of legislation to boost family allowance payments by 60 per cent to compensate for the rise in the cost of living since the Family Allowance Act was passed in 1944.

Mr. Argue's measure would mean an increase in minimum payments to \$8 from \$5 per child a month and an increase in the maximum payments to \$13 from \$8 a month.

Mr. Martin precipitated a vote at (Continued on Page 11 Col. 4)

Gov't Knows Who Stole Copy Of Currie Report

OTTAWA, Jan. 19 — (CP) — Justice Minister Garson, in correspondence tabled today in the Commons, said the R. C. M. P. have found sufficient evidence to identify the person who "stole" an advance copy of the Currie Report "and to warrant a criminal charge against him."

The person was not named. The advance copy is the famous one which came into the hands of M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader. (Since the advance copy was not Government property, there are indications the Government feels any charges should be laid by Mr. Currie or by the printing firm.)

(It was Mr. Currie who suggested that the Government do what it could to help find out how the copy got to the C.C.F.)

Truman Busy On Last Full Day In White House
By ERNEST B. VACCARIO
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 — (AP) — Harry S. Truman, with nearly eight crisis-studded years behind him, bounced around the White House today like any other man about to take a vacation after a long and arduous stretch of work.

He popped in and out of his office on personal errands, joked with reporters and drove to the Hamilton National Bank a few blocks away to get his financial records in order before going home to Missouri tomorrow.

And the thing everybody noticed most was his general exuberance and his ever-present smile.

Sees Great Opportunity For Off-Shore Fisheries Industry

Tremendous possibilities in developing Prince Edward Island's off-shore fisheries through the use of draggers and modern processing methods were pictured by Mr. Eugene Gorman, Director of Fisheries in the Provincial Department of Industry and Natural Resources in an address before the Charlottetown Rotary Club yesterday.

Emphasizing the vast resources of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Mr. Gorman said this Province was so close to the fishing grounds as to occupy "practically a ringside seat. So close are we that five men in a wooden boat can successfully compete even with the one-million-dollar factory ships which would have to come from distant ports."

"The problem of developing our Island fisheries," Mr. Gorman said, "is a weighty one. It will not be solved by the enthusiastic effort of any one Department, nor perhaps even by adding to this the intense desire of fishermen for more effective methods."

Our past fishery activity has revolved heavily around a luxury item, shellfish. In the period of our records (back to 1919) this has never amounted to less than 60% of our turnover dollar, and has sometimes amounted to more than 82%. This branch of fishing is furthermore exploited very close to its economic limit.

Our problem of expansion, then, is not simply to develop our main line. We must develop another.

Member of Manitoba Legislature Passes
GLENBORO, Man. Jan. 19 — (CP) — James Lyle Christie, 61, Liberal-Progressive member of the Manitoba Legislature, died today in hospital here after a lengthy illness.

A farmer and veteran of the First World War, Mr. Christie had won his seat in five general elections and was Liberal Party whip for 13 years. He was a provincial director of Manitoba Live-stock Producers Limited.

Transport Commissioners Block Railway Move For Immediate Rates Boost

OTTAWA, Jan. 19 — (CP) — The Board of Transport Commissioners today blocked a railway attempt to submit evidence immediately on an application for a general freight rate increase.

After an hour of confused scrapping between opposing counsel for the railways and eight provincial governments, the board's decision was taken during a special week-end meeting of a special CCCL work stoppage committee.

The decision to cancel the stoppage, to have been called as a protest against failure to settle a long-simmering textile dispute at Louisville, Que., was taken during a meeting of the CCCL work stoppage committee.

No date for the walkout which the CCCL had decided upon last month after the Louisville strike flared into violence, had been set, but the crucial step was expected to be taken some time this month.

Today, the CCCL announced it was calling off the stoppage because of the "intervention" by Premier Duplessis in the dispute in a speech in the Quebec Legislative Assembly last week.

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Rumors Of Ferry Transference Groundless Says Mr. MacNaught

OTTAWA, Jan. 19 — (Special) — Neither the Federal Department of Transport nor the Canadian National Railways has or has had any intention of transferring the management of the Borden-Toronto ferries from Canadian National Steamships to Canadian National Steamships.

Assurance of this principle has been given by respective heads of the Transport Department and the C.N.R. to J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince and parliamentary assistant to Fisheries Minister James Sinclair.

Mr. MacNaught told The Guardian today that he had been asked about the proposed transfer of ferry management a number of times in the past three months. On each occasion, he took the matter up with Federal and Railway authorities and received the same answer. The rumor had been strangely persistent, he said, and he hoped to spike it definitely.

First time he had been approached about the alleged transfer, Mr. MacNaught said, was when the ferry Prince Edward Island was at Lauzon, near Quebec City, last November, undergoing inspection and repairs. On this occasion, he received both long distance telephone calls and telegrams telling of the proposed transfer of management of the ferries to Canadian National Steamships.

The member for Prince immediately investigated the report and was assured by Transport Department authorities that no such transfer had been proposed.

During the Christmas vacation, he said, representatives of crews of the ferries called on him at his Summerside office and asked him to oppose any transfer of management of the ships to C.N.S. He assured this delegation that no transfer was under consideration.

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General Strike Threat In Quebec Is Lifted
MONTREAL, Jan. 19 — (CP) — A threatened crisis on Quebec's labor front was averted today when the Canadian Catholic Confederation of Labor announced cancellation of plans to pull out its 90,000 members in a general work stoppage.

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Now Installing New Switchboard For Dial Phones

The long-awaited changeover to dial telephone in Charlottetown is now well in sight. An advance party of equipment installers arrived last night to begin work on the new switchboard at the P. E. Island Telephone office on Queen Street.

Work will be started this morning on the erection of the iron detail frame, preparatory to running the numberless leads which go into the switchboard. In addition to the work at the switchboard, an extensive programme will be started at once which entails replacing many of the subterranean leads into the building with cables of much larger capacity. This is also true of aerial cable construction in many parts of the city especially where patrons have been under the necessity of sharing party lines because of congestion.

"As a result of the improvements under way," Mr. E. G. Cameron, plant superintendent, said last evening "when we cut over to the dial system it will be possible for the Company to give patrons what they want, rather than what they have been compelled to take for several years."

In speaking of the progress made in the installation of dial phones throughout the city Mr. Cameron said about forty per cent of the phones have been changed over to be in readiness for the big shift. In the meantime they are stepping up this part of the job so that all will be ready for the new service when the board is installed.

The main body of equipment workers will arrive in the course of a few days and the job will be pressed forward to completion as quickly as possible, Mr. Cameron states.

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