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Sunny, clouding over in the afternoon; Low-high at Charlottetown 20 and 45.

"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

U.S. Hopes 'Brightened' In Missile Defence Field

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. hopes for building a defence against the intercontinental ballistic missile were brightened Thursday by the announced success of a series of high-altitude atomic test explosions.

The hitherto secret launching of three rockets bearing nuclear warheads into space late last summer was described by the defence department as having "advanced the basis of knowledge required to develop anti-missile missiles."

Donald Quarles, deputy secretary of defence, told a press conference that "the national security had been helped by these experiments."

FIND-TRACK PROBLEM

These systems must be highly effective in their ability to find and track an onrushing enemy weapon in time to knock it out.

12-ACRE EXPERIMENT

Tobacco To Be Grown On The Island This Summer

Tobacco will be grown in Prince Edward Island this summer according to an announcement made by Agriculture Minister Cullen during the course of his budget speech last night.

Mr. Cullen said the Department of Agriculture proposes to grow 12 acres of tobacco on an experimental basis. He expressed the belief that tobacco can be grown more successfully on the island than any other place in Canada.

The Minister said this has been proven in years gone by. The trouble he said, was in the drying of the leaf. However, he pointed out, under present day conditions, where practically all tobacco is dried through this difficulty is greatly overcome.

Coal Pipeline Is Suggested

OTTAWA (CP) — Possibility of showing Alberta coal through a pipeline to thermal power plants was suggested to a Senate committee Thursday.

James A. Scott, president of Foothills Pipelines Limited, mentioned the idea in getting committee approval of a bill changing the financial setup of his company.

"I think in the near future coal can be carried successfully to power plants," Mr. Scott added. "If you have to move it by pipeline, it will have to be economical, and we think it would be economical."

After his appearance before the committee, Mr. Scott was asked whether his company contemplated carrying Alberta coal to thermal plants, and where. He said the plan has not been thought out fully.

From the committee, the company got approval to boost its capitalization from 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 shares of common stock at \$5 par.



Air Marshal To Visit S' Side

SUMMERSIDE — RCAF Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Hugh Campbell will visit Summerside next Tuesday according to an announcement made yesterday by the local Summerside RCAF station.

A. M. Campbell is expected to arrive by Argus Aircraft from Ottawa about 1 p.m. on Tuesday, and an inspection tour of the station during the afternoon will precede a dinner at which he will be guest of honor that evening, and he will remain overnight at the Summerside station.

Mr. Cullen said statistics show that Prince Edward Island has a larger number of frost free days than Ontario or the Annapolis valley where a very successful experiment in tobacco growing was carried out last year.

The tobacco plants for the Island experiment will come either from Ontario or Nova Scotia, Mr. Cullen said.

Answering a question from Frank MacNutt (L-3rd Prince), Mr. Cullen said a medium sandy soil which is found in a number of areas on the Island is most suitable for tobacco growing. He said an area in Dunstaffage was under consideration.

In reply to R. R. Bell's question as to the success of the venture in Nova Scotia, the Minister said it was quite successful even though the planting was done a little on the late side.

Leo Rossiter (PC-2nd Kings) asked the minister whether the plants were delicate. Mr. Cullen said they were not delicate but were peculiar to handle.

POTATO MARKETING

Reviewing potato marketing Mr. Cullen recalled he had told

Mother And Children Freed From Clutches Of Convict

LOGAN, W.Va., (AP) — A deranged ex-convict was captured after shooting at pursuing police late Thursday and his four hostages—a young mother and her three children—were rescued from the getaway car unharmed.

The capture by West Virginia state police of 23-year-old Richard A. Payne came about 19 hours after he had forced the South Charleston woman and her youngsters to accompany him in a tense ride at gunpoint.

Cpl. M. S. Hofstetler said troops in two patrol cruisers finally closed in on Payne near this coal-mining town some 70 miles south of South Charleston,

the House last year that the Potato Marketing Board would be discontinued after June 30. He stated however, when it became apparent that Island growers were to receive a diversion payment, the Board was kept in operation, "for the simple reason that some organization had to administer the payment made to the farmers".

He felt that the present board, limited though it was in its activities, had done a good job in filling in at this important time. He praised the secretary of the Board and the members who he said had acted very unselfishly in giving of their time for very little return.

Mr. Cullen said the recent 17 per cent increase in freight rates emphasized all the more, the importance of having a representative body for the industry in negotiating agreed charges with the railways.

"The railways are looking in every direction possible for more revenue and you can well imagine that this would be one source where they would look to if there were nothing to bind them", he said.

The Minister said that in spite (Continued on page 5 Col. 4)

Western Nfld. Logger Is Charged With Murder

GRAND FALLS, Nfld. (CP)—A western Newfoundland logger was charged Thursday with murder in the death of Const. William Moss, fatally injured in a March 10 fight between striking loggers and police.

Cpl. Smith testified that Laing was standing at the side of the road behind "four or five" members of the Newfoundland constabulary who were bent down as if examining something. "He was watching the constables," the corporal said. "All of a sudden he swung a stick and hit one of those birch sticks, two to three feet long."

Cpl. Smith said he yelled to an RCMP constable nearer Laing "and that constable hit the accused with his riding crop."

Laing, a man of medium height with greying black hair, chewed gum during his hearing. He wore a heavy, dark-colored sweater with breeches tucked into heavy, lace rubbed boots.

U.K. Tories Retain Seats

LONDON (Reuters) — The ruling Conservative party Thursday retained its seats in two by-elections, one in England and the other in Northern Ireland, but both by reduced majorities.

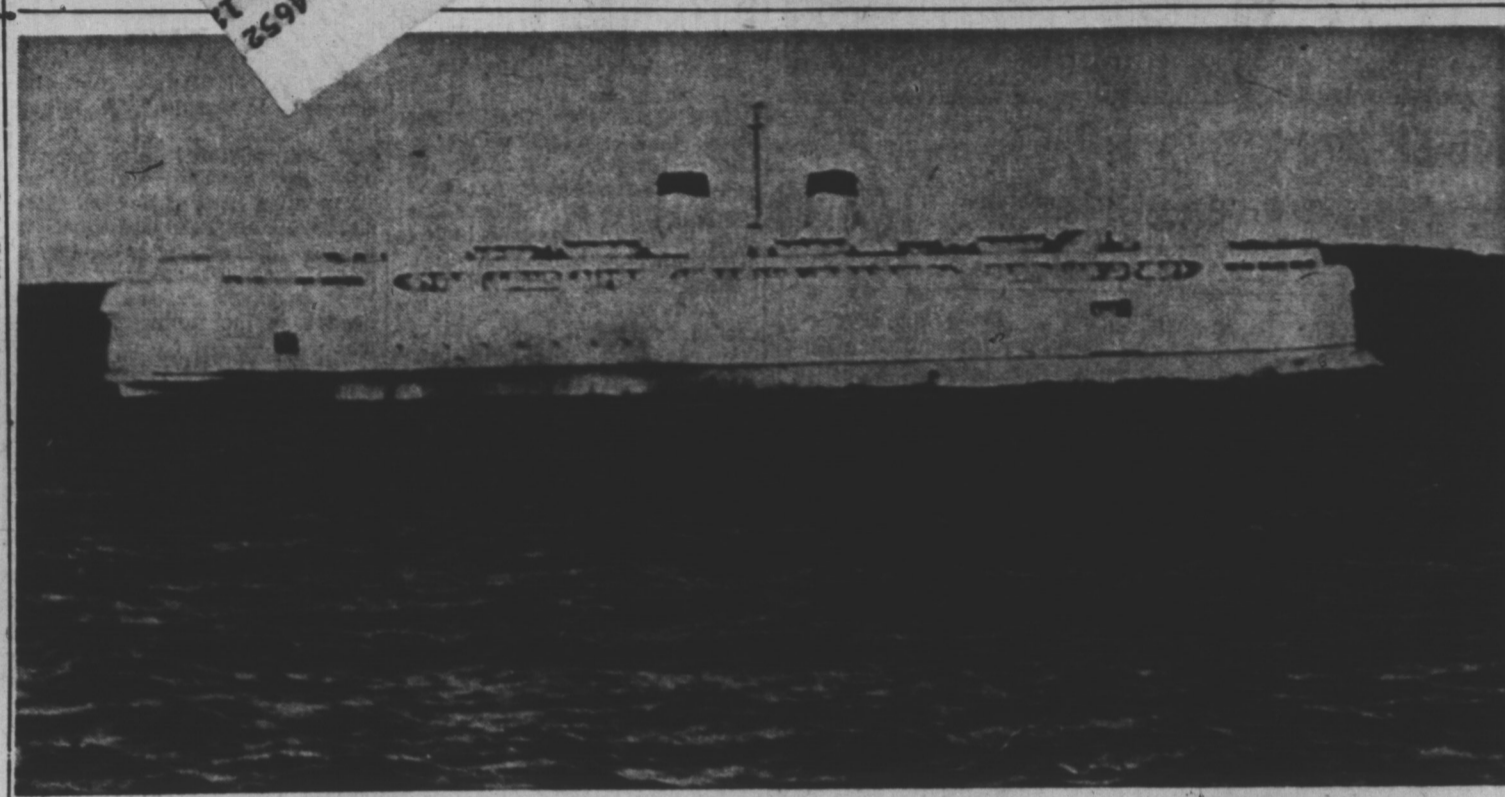
In England's East Harrow constituency, Cmdr. Anthony Courtney with 17,776 votes won against Laborite Merlyn Rees, 15,548 votes, and Thomas Lynch, National Union of Small Shopkeepers, who got 348 votes.

In the Northern Ireland constituency of East Belfast, Conservative-Allied Ulster Unionist Stanley McMaster obtained 19,524 votes against 14,264 for Laborite James Gardner.

The Conservatives majority in East Harrow was 2,220 compared with 3,622 with the 1955 general election.

The byelection resulted from resignation of a former Conservative junior minister, Ian Harvey.

Michigan Ship Is Sought For Island-Mainland Run



ICEBREAKER MAY COME HERE

British PM Feels Reds Wish To Avoid Conflict

By JOHN SCALI

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prime Minister Macmillan expressed confidence Thursday that Russia's leaders want to negotiate rather than go to war over Berlin.

Arriving here from Ottawa for talks with President Eisenhower, he called on the Western Allies to develop "the right mixture" of firmness and reasonableness to guide them in foreign ministers and summit conferences with Soviet leaders.

"I am persuaded that the Soviet leaders realize that they and we have a common interest in avoiding war," he said.

The British leader was seen off at Ottawa's Uplands Airport by Prime Minister Diefenbaker and some 50 officials.

AGREED ON PRINCIPLES

In a brief communique, Macmillan said he and Diefenbaker agreed "on the basic principles by which the West should be guided, and also the procedure which we ought now to follow" in the Berlin situation.

Vice-President Richard Nixon and acting state secretary Christian A. Herter led the delegation that greeted Macmillan and Foreign Secretary Lloyd when they arrived here aboard a Comet jet airliner.

Macmillan went directly to the British Embassy to prepare for four days of talks with Eisenhower beginning today. The two, each assisted by four aides, will survey mainly the Berlin, German and European disarmament problems in the privacy of Eisenhower's camp David mountain lodge about 65 miles north of the capital.

Macmillan and Lloyd will make

HOUSE NEARS CLOSING TIME

Premier Matheson said yesterday the House will likely prorogue either Tuesday or Wednesday according to how the business of the Legislature progresses.

Hon. Eugene Cullen reported that after consultations with Federal Minister Harkness, there was no immediate possibility of integrating the provincial farm assistance act with federal legislation due to the great divergence in the various provincial acts.

INDUSTRY DEAN DIES

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP)—Paul Weeks Litchfield, 83, dean of the American rubber industry and honorary chairman of the board of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, died in hospital Wednesday night. Litchfield retired last October as board chairman and chief executive officer of Goodyear.

Tribute Paid Dr. Smith At Services In Ottawa

By DAVE MCINTOSH

Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP)—Under a warm and cheerful spring sun, External Affairs Minister Sidney Smith late Thursday was borne away on his last melancholy journey to his native Nova Scotia.

After the simple and quiet United Church funeral service, the body of the 62-year-old minister who died Thursday during an after-lunch nap was taken to Uplands Airport where it was placed aboard an RCAF plane.

At the slow march, an RCAF band preceded the state funeral cortege from Chalmers United Church on downtown O'Connor Street as it headed toward the airport.

The plane bearing Mr. Smith's body and another aircraft carrying his family were to arrive at Halifax Thursday night. Another service will be held at Windsor.

SURVIVING FAMILY

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Sheila Rand Davenport of Bristol, England, Mrs. A. F. M. MacKinnon of Nobel, Ont., and Heather, attending school in Toronto. All attended the service.

The family's red roses rested on top of the coffin and there were 12 other baskets of flowers at the front of the church.

The only other color was supplied by two flags: The Union Jack and the RCAF ensign. Mr. Smith served in the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War.

Governor-General Massey occupied the pew to the left of the family and behind him were Prime Minister Diefenbaker, Opposition Leader Pearson, Revenue Minister Nowlan, Nova Scotia's cabinet representative, and the other honorary pallbearers.

Legislature To Press Ottawa

Political barriers were dropped yesterday as the Island Legislature sought to deal with what was termed an emergency situation in the transportation facilities between the province and the mainland at Borden and Cape Tormentine.

The report of the Select Standing Committee on Transportation emphasizing "the desperate need for a new and modern ice breaking ferry" was brought into a committee of the whole House by William Acorn (L-1st Kings) and was seconded by Opposition Leader R.R. Bell.

A resolution embodying the report will go forward from the Legislature to Ottawa and will be presented by a delegation headed by Premier Matheson toward the end of April. In the meantime, copies of the resolution will be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Public Works, the Minister of Transport along with all Maritime members of the Commons and Senate.

The full text of the Transportation Committee report appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Acorn said the committee had taken into consideration the precarious situation in which the province had been placed this winter by the difficult voyage of and resultant damage to the S.S. Prince Edward Island. "If something would have happened at the Abegweit during the old ferry's trip from Halifax we would perhaps now be experiencing a second Berlin airlift," he said.

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Fire Destroys Tire Building

A building owned by O.K. Rubber Welders Ltd., at 74 St. Peter's Road in Parkdale was destroyed by fire early this morning.

A small building adjoining was saved.

There was no immediate estimate of the amount of the loss. Men and equipment from the Charlottetown Fire Department assisted the Parkdale firemen in fighting the blaze.

A service station, operated by Fred Hickox, adjoined the burned building on one side. Immediately behind was a body shop operated by Horace Smith. None of these buildings were damaged. Equipment was cleared from the body shop as a precautionary measure.

It was thought for a time that

SHOULD BE ENDED

"We recognize they have these rights. But we also believe that 14 years have passed, that that is quite sufficient and that this should be ended . . . and that is why we say let us have a peace treaty and cease these occupation rights."

Khrushchev had some praise for President Eisenhower's speech on Germany and for Democratic senators J. W. Fulbright and Mike Mansfield. But he denounced Admiral Arleigh A. Burke and Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, U.S. naval and army chiefs,

Central Bank Interest Rate Hit Record Peak Yesterday

OTTAWA (CP) — Investment dealers and chartered banks showed less interest Thursday in government treasury bills, pushing the Bank of Canada interest rate to a new peak.

In the third greatest rise in recent months the rate climbed to 4.47 per cent, up .17 per cent from last week. The previous record of 4.33 per cent was set Aug. 21, 1957.

The central bank resists any suggestion that the new rate, pegged at one-quarter of one per cent above the rate for short-term, 91-day treasury bills, reflects anything more than that bidders of treasury bills had less money available for short-term investment.

They argue there is nothing to indicate a connection between rises in the treasury bill rate—

Strike On CNR Seen Possible

MONTREAL (CP) — W. E. Gamble of the firemen's union said Thursday that a strike against the CNR is a "definite possibility."

He made the comment after the CNR accepted the findings of a federal conciliation board on the railway's year-old contract dispute with the firemen's union.

The board proposed higher wages for firemen and said firemen no longer need be hired for on diesel yard and freight engines, although present firemen should be protected.

"I see no reason for being optimistic," said Mr. Gamble when asked in an interview whether the union would call a strike over the findings of a federal conciliation board.

SOUND OUT MEMBERS

He made it plain, however, that before any strike decision is made, the feelings of the union members will be sounded out in a series of meetings across Canada.

The union has 68 lodges representing CNR firemen on the local level. Mr. Gamble said. Each one will call a meeting "as soon as possible" to discuss the federal report.

"The members can do one of two things," he said. "They can either accept or reject the report."

Soldier Dies In Accident

OTTAWA (CP) — Lance-Corporal George Edward Boulter, 21, of the Second Canadian Guards stationed at Soest, Germany, died Thursday in a Soest hospital 13 hours after his car hit a tree in the city's outskirts.

Army headquarters said his mother, Mrs. Louise Lowe of Ebershouse, Hants County, N.S., has been informed.



MR. ACORN

The chairman said investigations had been made and it was found that since the State of Michigan had built a seven-mile bridge at Mackinac Strait, it now has five unused ferry boats. One of these about the size of the Abegweit was built in 1952 and remodelled in 1955 and he believed that with some slight alterations in the piers it could be used on the Island-New Brunswick run. The boat cost \$5,000,000 when new.

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