

## Launch St. Lawrence Power Project



First sod of the \$600,000,000 St. Lawrence power project is turned by Prime Minister St. Laurent (left) Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York State (centre) and Ontario Premier Leslie M. Frost. Joint ceremonies were held Tuesday at the Canadian site, three miles west of Cornwall, and at Polly's Bay, near Massena, N. Y.—(CP Photo).

# Prime Minister Hopeful After Rail-Union Talks

## N. B. Opens Probe Into Fish Price War

FREDERICTON (CP)—New Brunswick's minister of industry and development Roger Pichette has gone to the northeast tip of the province for an on-the-spot personal study of a fish price war which has closed seven of eight large packing plants and left 1,000 jobs. Three more small plants closed Thursday.

The cabinet met on the problem in response to appeals from the Caraquet - Lamèque - Shippegan areas and Premier Hugh John Flemming announced the minister's investigation Thursday. The N. B. fishermen loan board has first mortgage on all 48 vessels of the dragger fleet operating out of the north shore ports.

The plants closed Monday after a price war in reverse, with competing plants bidding the price of fish to higher levels daily until all major operators but one announced they could not stand the pace. The plant still operating is one of a large U. S.-owned chain, Gorton Pew New Brunswick Ltd., at Caraquet.

## FACTORY PRICES RAISED

When the week-long price war opened, north shore plants were paying fishermen 2 1/2 cents a pound for large and medium (medium cod); 1 1/2 cents for scrod and 2 1/2 cents for flounder. Draggermen found they could get an average of 3 cents a pound by landing their catch at a Prince Edward Island or Nova Scotia port, and the factories began raising their prices to coax the fleet back to the N. S. ports.

As the competition for fish grew keener, Mr. Pichette announced that fishermen selling outside the province were breaking their contracts with the loan board, which required them to sell their catch to New Brunswick factories. But by then the factories were warring with each other, and when the U. S. company began paying 4 cents for all types of cod and 3 1/2 cents for flounder, the others gave up the battle and closed.

As Mr. Pichette arrived Thursday night, there were indications that the effect of the price dislocation might spread farther afield to plants on the Gaspe coast of Quebec, with fishermen serving them deciding to run across the Caraqueet for the higher price.

The packing plants fillet and freeze the fish.

(By John LeBlanc, Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
OTTAWA, (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent Thursday brought railway-union disputants to the brink of resumed contract negotiations and indicated confidence Parliament will not have to step in to head off a general rail strike.

The prime minister, beaming after two "satisfactory" meetings he and Labor Minister Gregg had with the long-deadlocked antagonists, said late Thursday he expects to see them reopen bargaining early next week, possibly Monday in Ottawa.

Then he left to continue an interrupted vacation at St. Patrick, Que., expressing his belief a settlement will be worked out before the end of next week.

Mr. St. Laurent appeared to have shelved plans for an emergency session of Parliament after talking to the opponents in the multi-million-dollar dispute. He met them in separate conferences at which he appealed to them to resume negotiations and got their reaction to his own expressed view that there would have to be more compromise.

## WILLINGNESS SHOWN

Spokesmen for the railways and their 145,000 non-operating union employees, summoned here Wednesday by the cabinet, immediately indicated willingness to start new talks.

The company group gave unqualified assent. The union officials, only a small group from their general negotiating committee, had to take the proposal back to a committee meeting in Montreal, promising to give an answer today.

But the prime minister told reporters after the meetings that he expects the union answer will be yes.

And Frank H. Hall, chief union spokesman, said: "When the prime minister asks you to do something, I suppose that's the proper thing to do."

The dispute has been dragging for almost eight months—and there have been no negotiations since June 22.

Mr. St. Laurent said all parties would like to see things settled in time to let the union men attend the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada opening at Regina Monday, Aug. 23.

"I do not visualize any prolonged negotiations," Mr. Hall told reporters.

The company group had no statement whatever.

All had been called here Wednesday—in the government's second direct intervention in the dispute—shortly after the union leaders at Montreal announced a membership vote had authorized them to call a strike to enforce demands for fringe benefits that do not include direct wage increases.

Such a strike would be the second general stop in Canadian rail history. The first, in August of 1950, was ended by legislation passed at an emergency session of Parliament after running nine days.

Mr. St. Laurent has indicated Parliament would be called in again in the event of a strike, but this time in advance of the actual

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## Fun At The Fair



What is Old Home Week for if you cannot have a handful of popcorn to hold down the hot dogs and soft drinks that have gone before. These two little misses appear to be thoroughly enjoying themselves at the Fair and apparently have no tummy worries of the day to come. Barter's Film Lab.



"Gee, Mommy, look what he is doing now," and the restraining harness apparently means nothing even if it does hold down the enthusiasm of his brother. Barter's Film Lab.

## Ottawa Gives Approval To Causeway Tender; Work Starts Immediately

Approval was received yesterday from Ottawa by the Department of Public Works and authority granted to accept the tender of \$188,100 submitted by Matheson and MacMillan for the construction of the causeway across the North River near Charlottetown.

Tenders were opened by Hon. Dougald MacKinnon on July 15 but had to be submitted to Ottawa for final approval by the necessary authority there, owing to the joint nature of the work between the Dominion and Provincial Governments. It is understood that the job will be started immediately.

## B. C. Salmon Industry May Lose Heavily

VANCOUVER (CP)—The British Columbia salmon industry may lose \$40,000,000 in wages and production and its bid to regain world markets unless a strike of tendermen is settled within a week, a spokesman for the operators said Thursday.

"Every day of shutdown brings closer the time when it will no longer be feasible for the companies to operate profitably," the spokesman said.

"If this dispute goes on for another week, the bulk of the good salmon run will be over and by the time the companies could get back into operation it would be a losing proposition."

The operators issued a 48-hour closure notice Wednesday as a result of the six-day strike of tendermen, who walked off their jobs to back up wage demands.

Only 450,000 cases of salmon have been packed so far this year. The industry estimated it needed 1,500,000 cases to meet world and domestic markets.

## Hurl Charges In Spy Probe

CANBERRA, Australia (CP)—Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies and the Labor party leader, Dr. Herbert Evatt, shouted angrily at each other across the House of Representatives Thursday night about an alleged cash payment to former Soviet diplomat Vladimir Petrov.

In one of the stormiest parliamentary scenes within memory, Evatt thundered that Petrov, who sought political asylum here last April, did not hand over documents in his possession until "he got \$5,000 (\$11,200) in hard cash."

In a statement a few hours earlier outside Parliament, the Labor party chief alleged Menzies had made a "deal" for political gain with Petrov, buying the documents in order to influence the Australian electorate improperly in the last general election May 29.

**EVATT STAFFERS NAMED**

Three members of Evatt's staff were named as sources of information to the Soviet embassy in the documents, sections of which were disclosed at a government espionage hearing last month.

Menzies began Thursday night's fiery exchange by declaring he had kept silent about the Petrov documents during the entire election campaign.

A rowdy background of cheers and jeers frequently drowned out the angry exchanges and Menzies twice was reminded by the speaker of the House that his time had expired.

After being ruled out of order on strengthening the powers of the espionage commission, Evatt stepped outside to make his accusations against Menzies. He demanded in particular to know why the "vital fact" that Petrov had been paid was withheld until after the election.

Menzies retorted in Parliament: "I remained silent from the beginning to the end of the election campaign. Now Dr. Evatt in his rhetorical fashion asks why I did not talk about the \$5,000, but does not ask me why I did not tell the House of the contents of the Petrov papers. If I had, Dr. Evatt might not be here now."

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## Coming Events

- \*\*Dance at Gordon Lodge every Friday night.
- \*\*St. Peter's Bay annual Bazaar, August 24th and 25th.
- \*\*Dance cancelled in Millview Hall, Friday night.
- \*\*Complete line of School Books now in stock, W. I. Bowman.
- \*\*The Cream and Dance in Wood Island East School, Monday, August 16th.
- \*\*Dance at Mt. Ryan Hall at Johnston's River every Friday, Burke's Orchestra.
- \*\*Dance and Ice Cream Festival, St. Peter's Harbour School, Friday, August 20th.
- \*\*Dance, Millview Hall, Monday, August 16th. Sponsored by Millview Women's Institute.
- \*\*Just arrived by Steamer, Feed Molasses. Special price, immediate delivery. Dillon & Spillet.
- \*\*Annual Meeting of Belfast Hall Co. will be held in the Hall, Saturday, August 14th, 8 p. m.
- \*\*There will be a meeting in Wheatley School Monday, August 16th. All rate-payers please attend.
- \*\*Morell Club will sponsor Variety Concert in Morell Hall, August 17th. Dance after. Admission 50c and 15c.
- \*\*Chicken and Ham Supper in Bear River North School, Monday, August 16th. Dance after. Good music.
- \*\*The Woodshed Restaurant, Hunter River, features delicious "home cooked" meals. Home made pies, a specialty. Closed Sunday's only.

## U. S. Senate Votes 85-0 To Outlaw Communist Party in United States

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Thursday night voted 85 to 0 to outlaw the Communist party in the United States.

It approved and sent to the House of Representatives legislation making persons who willfully join or remain members of the Communist party and commit any act designed to carry out Communist party purposes subject to penalties of up to five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Both Attorney-General Herbert Brownell and FBI director J. Edgar Hoover have opposed outlawing the Communist party at this time. Brownell argued it would undermine present internal security laws. Hoover said it would serve to drive the Reds underground.

The measure also would make it illegal for any Communist party member to hold office in a labor union.

It was put forward by Senator Hubert Humphrey (Dem. Minn.) and 18 other Democratic senators as a substitute for an administration-backed measure of Senator John Butler (Rep. Md.) aimed at denying government sanction to Communist-dominated labor unions.

About a dozen anti-Communist bills have been recommended to Congress by Brownell, with President Eisenhower's backing, but legislation to outlaw the Communist party was not among them.

## News Briefs From Home And Abroad

- PARIS, (AP)**—The United States has submitted the draft of a proposed Southeast Asia defence treaty to prospective partners for comment and suggestions, it was learned Thursday.
- HANOI, Indo-China, (AP)**—Hanoi blossomed with anti-Viet-minh street banners aimed so obviously at the international armistice control commission that they brought mutters of distaste from some Indian members and sneers from the Communist Polish.
- ST. HYACINTHE, Que., (CP)**—A coroner's jury has held Emile Catara of Montreal criminally responsible for the fatal beating Aug. 1 of Ialdore Morin, 44-year-old farmer of nearby St. Theodore d'Acton.
- MONTREAL (CP)**—Ninety air-cadets from seven countries left Montreal by plane for their homes Thursday after completing a three-week annual international exchange.
- OTTAWA, (CP)**—Dr. Donald B. W. Robinson, 37, of Moncton, N. B. has been appointed senior research officer at the Canadian Army Operational Research Establishment here, it was announced Thursday.
- OTTAWA, (CP)**—The RCAF said Thursday it is exploring the possibility of using pilotless jet aircraft as test targets for guided missiles. If this is done, the experiments would be carried out at the air force's new weapons range at Cold Lake, Alta.
- MOSCOW, (AP)**—Former Prime Minister Clement Attlee left for Beijing Thursday with his British Labor party group after telling Soviet leaders their definition of freedom differs sharply from the West's.
- SOUTH BEND, Ind., (AP)**—Studebaker workers decided Thursday by an overwhelming vote of 9 to 1 to pay out rather than face a possible shutdown of the 102-year-old firm's huge plant.
- WASHINGTON (AP)**—The joint congressional atomic energy committee Thursday unanimously approved an administration bill providing for rewards up to \$500,000 for the detection of attempts to smuggle atomic weapons or materials into the United States. It remains now for Congress to determine whether there is time to take up the bill this session.
- MONCTON (CP)**—Watchmaker Peter Gluckman, en route from San Francisco to England in a small single-engine plane, landed here at 4 p.m. ADT Thursday and prepared to await official clearance for the next lap of his trans-oceanic flight.
- LONDON (Reuters)**—Red-faced London police were seeking a van containing 100,000 cigarettes, worth about £1,000 that was stolen Thursday as the driver was making a delivery to a police station canteen.

## West German Labor Crisis Improves

By TOM STONE  
FRANKFURT (AP)—West Germany's labor crisis took a turn for the better Thursday night.

In Hamburg, the country's largest port, 15,000 public transport and utilities workers ended a nine-day strike by accepting a wage boost of 1 1/2 cents an hour.

In Munich, management joined labor in a fresh move to find a solution to a bloody four-day strike affecting 220,000 metal workers. Scores of persons, including riot police, were injured in fighting Thursday.

The Hamburg strike came to an end after a mediation board held an all-night emergency session trying to get the city and striking employees together on a compromise wage agreement.

The workers went out Aug. 4 after their demand for a 2.3-cent-an-hour wage increase was refused.

The city finally granted two-thirds of this sum.

The strike paralyzed city transportation in the city of 1,005,000; gas and water services were reduced to a dribble.

The metal workers demand a three-cent-an-hour increase. Management refuses to give more than 1 1/2 cents. Oechsle's proposal called for a two-cent boost.

Even as labor and management met, fresh riots broke out along the labor front.

The worst violence of the day flared at Amberg, where 20 persons were injured when sympathetic miners joined strikers in battling to keep hundreds of non-strikers from entering an electrical plant.

The Bavarian wage war seemed closer to peace when representatives of the metal industry agreed to consider a compromise proposal submitted by Socialist labor minister Richard Oechsle.

Union leaders already had voted to consider Oechsle's proposal. He had coupled it with an urgent appeal to them to reopen negotiations to save the state's economy from further damage.

## Dismiss Case Against Doctor And Hospital

SYDNEY (CP)—Mr. Justice John Doull dismissed with costs Thursday the \$15,575 suit for damages filed by a little Bras d'Or housewife who claimed that Dr. Frank J. MacLeod left a piece of sponge tape a yard long inside her after an operation.

Mrs. Rachel Petite, 60, filed suit last Nov. 23, slightly more than a year after the operation for a hernia was performed at St. Mary's Hospital, Inverness. The action, which sought \$15,000 general damage and \$575 special damages, named both Dr. MacLeod and the hospital as defendants.

However, Mr. Justice Doull threw the action out after doctors testified that it would be impossible to leave a strip of sponge tape that size in the small incision Dr. MacLeod made.

They contended that the tape was left there during previous surgery. Mrs. Petite was said to have had several operations during the last 22 years.

## Police Investigate Arson Possibility

MONCTON, (CP)—The Trans-cript has learned the RCMP is investigating the possibility of arson in a \$30,000 fire at the inter-provincial home July 27.

## Wave of Locusts Invades Eritrea

ROME, (AP)—A wave of locusts five miles wide and three miles deep has invaded Eritrea, former Italian colony in East Africa, the news agency Ansa said Thursday.

In Asmara, the capital of the country, streets are piled deep with flying grasshoppers, Ansa said. Native aren't entirely displeased, however. They consider locusts, lightly toasted, as delicacies.

## Partly Deaf, Blind Woman Killed

GRAND LAKE, N.S. (CP)—A 68-year-old partly deaf and blind widow was struck by a car and killed Thursday near this central Nova Scotia community.

RCMP said Mrs. Ada Stewart of Grand Lake was hit as she attempted to cross the brow of a hill by a car driven by Mrs. Phyllis Naugler of Elmsdale near Halifax.

Mrs. Stewart had the use of only one eye and was hard of hearing.

## AIRMAN SHOT

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C. (CP)—A 22-year-old airman who was shot by police during a wild car chase July 27, died in hospital Thursday. Ronald Byers, a driver-mechanic with the RCAF, was shot through the left lung. He was one of five youths in a car stopped for a routine check by police. When one of the occupants swore at the constables and the auto sped off, the police gave chase. The shots were fired when the car attempted to run through a road block at 80 miles an hour.



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min	Max
Dawson	46	78
Vancouver	56	70
Victoria	52	63
Edmonton	48	63
Calgary	49	64
Saskatoon	54	74
Regina	49	80
Winnipeg	51	76
Toronto	57	76
Ottawa	53	69
Montreal	45	71
Quebec City	52	68
Saint John	54	63
Moncton	57	68
Halifax	58	—
Fredericton	49	64
Charlottetown	—	69
Sydney	62	73
Yarmouth	55	66
St. John's Nfld.	52	61

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says the weather will remain unsettled with showers.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island: Variable cloudiness with showers in widely scattered localities during the afternoon; cool; southwest winds 15; low-high at Charlottetown 55 and 68.

Eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John river valley: Cloudy with widely scattered showers; continuing cool; westerly winds 30 Friday; low-high at Moncton, Fredericton, and Saint John 50 and 65.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:01 a. m. and 10:47 p. m. Submerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

High tide today at the North Shore at 4:30 a. m. and 5:50 p. m. Sun rises today at 5:12 a. m. and sets at 7:23 p. m. (The time is Atlantic Standard.)