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Nationalists Are Driven From Hainan Island

Conservatives Out To Defeat Labor Gov't This Week

By Fraser Wighton
LONDON, April 23 (Reuters)—The fate of the Labor Government balances on a razor edge this week—with Winston Churchill's Conservatives in the closely-balanced House of Commons out for the kill in Wednesday's crucial votes on the budget.

Simultaneously, the administration, formed two months ago, is menaced by crisis among its industrial following. More than 5,000,000 trade unionists are on record against the official wage freeze.

The Government plans an immediate general election if defeated in the critical votes Wednesday on the budget resolutions. Main issues are the increase of income tax (about 12 cents) in the tax on gasoline, raising the price to three shillings (about 47 cents) a gallon, and the new 33.33 percent purchase tax on commercial road vehicles.

But the Government believes it will beat the Conservatives—even with a sick list of probably 10 members. Political observers generally consider that the odds favor the government to pull through all other parties in the 625-seat House of Commons is seven. This takes into account two Irish Nationalist members who have yet to take their seats (they are protesting the partition of Ireland) and one Ulster Conservative whose eligibility to sit has been questioned.

If the Government can last out this week, it may have a breathing space in which to grapple with the mounting industrial unrest against the refusal of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, to make bigger budget concessions.

Significantly, Conservatives today published an additional list of chiefs of parliamentary party committees.

The list might prove to be a rough forecast of some of the Conservative administration if a sudden election brought Winston Churchill back as Prime Minister.

Coming Events
*Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
*Show, Morell, every Tuesday, Friday, Saturday. Show starts 8:30.
*Cleaning Grain up to May 10th. John A. Gillis, Flat River.
*Community Film Show, Hampton Hall, April 25th, 8 P. M.
*Farmers now booking Clover Seeds. Rush order. McGuigan & Boyle.
*Garden Seeds. Send for free catalogue. Arthur Vessey, York, P. E. I.
*Dance, St. Peter's Legion Hall every Tuesday night, 9:30 to 1:00. Cliff Peters Orchestra.
*Notice to shareholders: Cherry Valley Cooperative annual meeting, April 28th, at 8 p.m. Cherry Valley Hall.
*Attention—Come to North River rink tonight and enjoy the final skate of the season. Skating 8 to 10. Good music.
*Notice—Cleaning grain at the Gaudet Farm, commencing on Monday, April 24th and each Monday until further notice. Russell Boyce, Borsshaw.
*Booking orders for Timothy, Clover and Turnip Seed. Also wanted large quantity good quality feed oats. Clark's Feeds Service, Mt. Stewart.
*A meeting of the property holders of East Royalty School, will be held in Hearty Community Hall, East Royalty on Tuesday, April 25th, to discuss school matters.
*Come to Pownall Hall, April 26th for Farmers Debating Contest, between Cherry Valley and Johnson's River. Winners enter finals for Island Championship.
*Now open for Clipping and Cleaning Grain—Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for remainder of season. Ira D. MacDonald, Covehead.
*By popular request the Hunter River Women's Institute present a repeat performance in the Masonic Hall on April 25 of their two one act plays and concert specialties including Leith Sweeney, Sale of cakes. Ladies with cakes free. In aid of Hunter River Memorial Library.

U. S. Developing New Weapons

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP)—Defence Secretary Louis Johnson said Saturday that the United States has speeded up development of new weapons more terrible than any the world has ever seen.

Johnson declared a belief that the United States leads in fashioning a variety of new arms that "may mean the difference between victory and defeat in war."

In his semi-annual report, the Secretary said the country's atomic arsenal is "no longer a small number of bombs of a single type and size."

He also said that the trimmed-down fighting forces of the United States are proficient and are getting "equipment superior to that of any other nation."

He disclosed that Russia's atomic explosion last September, coming far earlier than had been expected, had stepped up American development of new war tools that "surpass in destructive power any arms previously known." He did not explain the nature of these weapons.

Threaten To Burn Village

KRESTOVA, B. C., April 23 (CP)—Fanatic Sons of Freedom Doukhobors threatened to burn the whole village of Krestova tonight as they danced and chanted around the ruins of homes they had already put to the torch.

Provincial Police arrested 14 more of the fire raiders today in an effort to stem the rising tide of religious hysteria that is enveloping the ramshackle village of 1,000. Arrested were 13 women and one man.

Police circulated among the nude and semi-nude demonstrators waiting for the threatened fire-purge.

\$20,000 Fire At Sydney Saturday

SYDNEY, N. S., April 23 (CP)—The pop of bursting bottles could be heard for hours in a burning bottling company plant in the city's north end Saturday night.

The two-storey Sunshine Company, owned by Harold and Abe Sadosky, was gutted with damage estimated at \$20,000. A more serious outbreak was avoided when flames failed to touch 10 cylinders of liquefied carbon and employees rolled 12 drums of turpentine from the building.

Reports Shipment Of Czech Cars Sabotaged

MONTREAL, April 23 (CP)—The president of a Montreal firm dealing in foreign-made cars charged yesterday that a shipment of 100 Czech-constructed Skoda and Terraplane automobiles consigned to him last week had been sabotaged en route from Rotterdam to Montreal.

Randall Cotton, president of Establishment Cotton, Inc., claimed nine of the cars had been totally ruined and more than 50 others badly damaged. He said nearly all the vehicles had been stripped of all removable fixtures and estimated his company's losses would amount to \$25,000.

"This is more than carelessness on the part of the shipper," Cotton said in a signed statement, released to the press. "It is nothing more than a deliberate attempt to keep Czechoslovakian cars out of Canada."

He said he had been "expecting this kind of trouble" since he first undertook to bring the cars into Canada a year and a half ago.

Admit Defeat After Former Victory Claims

YULIN, Hainan Island, April 23 (AP)—Chiang Kai-Shek today handed over half of what remains of Nationalist China to the Communists. He ordered total evacuation of this invaded island.

One navy landing craft from Formosa and three commercial vessels are standing by in this port on the south coast to carry out top civilian and military officials.

Five Nationalist armies, totalling 125,000 men, are to be left to the hands of the approaching Reds unless some way can be devised at this late hour to evacuate them also.

The evacuation of top officials is expected to begin Monday, and it is estimated the Chinese Communists will control all of this island of 13,500 square miles in from four days to a week.

With it will go a rich repository of natural resources. Hainan holds an estimated 3,500,000 tons of iron ore and valuable coal and petroleum deposits.

TAIPEI, Formosa, April 23 (AP)—The Communists evidently took unopposed possession of the Hainan Island capital of Hohow today.

Nationalist fears were unquenched when the Reds won the whole 13,500-square-mile island in due course.

(The independent Hong Kong paper Sing Tao Min Pao said the Reds peacefully entered Hohow at dawn and shops already were reopening.)

Stanley Rich, Associated Press correspondent who flew out of Hohow to the Hainan south coast on the last plane late Saturday, said the Nationalist air force, army and civil administrators had left Hohow. At the time he left, the Reds were only three miles away.

Rich said the Red invasion force was estimated at 10,000 to 15,000 men, opposing about 60,000 Nationalist troops, of whom many had fled.

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"High Liner" Of Fishing Fleet Drowned At Wharf

By H. R. How
HALIFAX, April 23 (CP)—The "high liner" of the Lunenburg fishing fleet is dead.

Captain Guy Tanner, 53, drowned here Saturday when he fell between his schooner Francis Germaine and a wharf as he was about to step aboard the vessel.

It was a strange end for the 260-pound skipper who first went to sea at the age of 10. In 1943 he spent 18 hours in chill Atlantic waters clinging to an oar with a broken arm after his vessel was cut in two by a blacked-out convoy ship.

He was one of the iron-bred school who man the fishing fleet's wooden ships. In 1947 he earned the title "high liner" for landing the largest salt fish catch of the year at Lunenburg and retained it until his death. It netted him a case of whisky contributed by the Lunenburg Master Mariners' Association and the Francis Germaine's life buoy was given a place of honor at the fishing port's fisheries exhibition.

Capt. Tanner will be buried at the small fishing village of Blue Rocks, near Lunenburg on the shores of the Atlantic. It was there he was born and from where he first headed out to sea in a 40-foot boat with his father.

A month ago the fisher folk of Blue Rocks buried another skipper, Captain Haslam Knickle. He with 10 others drowned when the schooner Gertrude De Costa collided with the freighter Island Connector in Halifax harbor.

Capt. Tanner said the Nova Scotia dory fishing fleet at its peak of 185 vessels after the First World War. Later he saw it shrink to less than 30 vessels, as trawlers and druggers gradually invaded the fishing banks. To him the disappearance of the rival Gloucester, Mass., dory-carrying schooner fleet meant much.

He'd fished out of Gloucester in a one-man dory in his youth. In the late '30's he was one of the Lunenburg skippers who manned the famed racing schooner Blue-nose when he raced against Gloucester's pride, Gertrude L. Thebaud, off the New England port for the International Trophy.

Bridges, Roads And Railways Are Hard Hit

SAINT JOHN, N. B., April 23 (CP)—Destructive flood waters were receding in many areas of New Brunswick tonight after spreading havoc which may cost \$1,000,000 or more. Bridges, railway lines and roads suffered the greatest damage.

A deluge of rain Thursday and Friday coincided with ice breakups in rivers to create the worst freshet conditions in years as snow, still deep in the woods, melted rapidly.

Most of the damage occurred Friday and Saturday—some caused solely by rain water which had no chance to drain normally.

The toll included two bridges over the Tobique River at Plaster Rock and Arthurville, one across the Oromocto River near Fredericton and another spanning the Bonaventure River in the Gaspere area of Quebec, as well as scores of washouts along railway lines and highways.

The Canadian Pacific Railway expected every line to be in service tomorrow, though the Gibson sub-division at Zealand, 21 miles west of Fredericton, where almost a mile of track was swept from the roadbed. Crews worked today between Fredericton Junction and Fredericton, and this stretch was ready for use late this afternoon.

All main lines of both the C. P. R. and Canadian National Railways were functioning.

The C. N. R. restored its Fredericton-Centreville line and hoped to repair washouts near McNamee in time to resume the Fredericton-Newcastle service tomorrow. C. N. R. traffic between Saint John, Fredericton and Woodstock was operating again but five feet of water covered the St. Quentin sub-division line between Campbellton and St. Leonard.

C. N. R. officials were enroute to inspect the Bonaventure River site in Gaspere where a three-span steel bridge fell prey to the freshet. It

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Russians Conduct Purge In Baltic

BERLIN, April 23 (AP)—The Russians are waging a purge in the Baltic republics to protect coastal defence secrets in the general area where they claim a United States plane attempted to make photographs, the official American newspaper here reported today.

Neue Zeitung, published by the Information Services Division of the United States High Commission, said its information came from Baltic refugees in Sweden.

The newspaper quoted them as saying the Russians fear a fifth column of Baltic nationalists along the strategic coastline where Russia is reported to have submarine pens and rocket-launching sites.

The Soviet army newspaper in Germany, Taegliche Rundschau, charged the United States is plotting "more provocative flights" over the Baltic area. It declared "the Americans seem to have the criminal idea that the Baltic Sea has been transformed into an American lake."

Plans call for work to start this spring and to be completed over a seven-year period. Federal participation is dependent on participation by all Provinces.

More Food Taken Off Rationed List In U. K.

LONDON, April 23 (AP)—The Food Ministry Saturday freed canned meats, canned milk and canned beans from rationing. These products have been distributed under a point system. Each person received 24 points a month. The number of points needed to buy a given product depended on its scarcity. Cookies, dried fruit, syrup, rice, table jelly, mince-meat and some kinds of imported canned fish and fruits remain under the point system.

TROUBLED BY WHALES
KIRKWALL, Orkney Islands, April 23 (AP)—There were almost as many whales as people Saturday on the little Orkney Island of Stronsay, off the coast of Scotland. And the people were getting worried. The whales—100 or so—were washed up on the sandy banks of Stronsay by an unusually high early morning tide. The Stronsay Islanders, mostly farmers, expressed concern that the carcasses might bring disease.

Each agreement will be attached to a map showing the route the highway will follow in each Province. The combined agreements will show for the first time the over-all route of the highway.

The Federal Government left up to the Provinces the choice of the route and the announcement of the line it would follow. It laid down only one specification and that was that the road follow "the shortest practical east-west route across Canada and through each of the Provinces, consistent with the needs of the provinces and Canada as a whole."

It now is possible to travel the 4,200 miles between Halifax and Vancouver by road on Canadian soil, but only some 60 per cent of the mileage is paved and much of the paving is of low standard.

Four Bridges Destroyed By Worst Freshet Conditions For Many Years.

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New Diseases Expected To Develop In Humans

By Howard W. Blakeslee
Associated Press Science Editor
BOSTON, April 23 (AP)—You can expect more and more new diseases. Whether they will sweep the earth like former epidemics will depend on medical science and ending of poverty and hunger.

What they are and where they come from was made clear by some of the United States' leading physicians here at last week's meeting of the American College of Physicians.

The diseases are coming from birds, bugs and other animals. They probably have existed in these humble creatures for thousands of years.

They have attacked man in the past, but went unnoticed because people were fewer and attacks isolated. In these sporadic forays, the disease organisms picked up a liking for human tissues. That is, in human beings the organisms were modified and adapted, for future human attacks. They returned to their animal hosts, better fitted for the next population.

Today, with earth's population rapidly doubling, the hidden diseases are getting more chances.

An example is the new sleeping sickness you can catch from horses. It is called equine encephalitis. It is not sleep, but a brain disease. This horse disease is described by Dr. Karl F. Meyer, director of the George Williams Hooper Foundation of the University of California, one of the world's best-known experts on epidemics.

The origin is apparently the mites that infest birds. The mites and the birds have been exchanging this infection back and forth for thousands of years.

They are present everywhere and one of the important places is irrigation projects. There clouds of mosquitoes breed. The mosquitoes pick up the virus, usually taking it from the blackbirds. The mosquitoes give the infection to the chickens. These farm fowls furnish the amplification, that is, they multiply the source of the virus. More mosquitoes pick it up from the chickens and carry it to horses. From horses mosquitoes presumably pass it to man.

Considers Hillsborough Bridge Is No. 1 Problem

OTTAWA, April 23 (Special)—Premier Walter Jones confessed here today that the Hillsborough Bridge is the No. 1 problem for Prince Edward Island as far as he is concerned. In Montreal last week he discussed the bridge problem with Donald Gordon, Canadian National Railways president, but admitted that no definite decision or agreement had been reached.

Asked if he discussed the possibility of the C. N. R. taking over supervision of commercial trucking and highway bus traffic in the Province with Mr. Gordon, the Premier replied "not particularly."

To him the Hillsborough Bridge was of greater and more immediate import.

"Something will have to be done about this bridge," he said, "or one day we're going to see people living about a mile away from Charlottetown being forced to drive 35 miles to get to the city."

The Premier laughed off the suggestion that Charlottetown might be by-passed in the route of the Trans-Canada Highway.

"That rumor," he said grinning, "must have started from something I said in the House. I merely asked questioners how they knew the highway was going through Charlottetown."

It was apparent that Mr. Jones had no intention of seeing the Provincial Capital by-passed by the key road. He declined, however, to reveal the exact route of the highway other than to repeat that it will go by "the shortest practicable route from ferry to ferry."

Asked to elaborate on this route, Mr. Jones said to this reporter: "Why don't you ask Mr. Winters here? He'll be able to tell you."

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Discusses Ferry Service
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Ice Threatens To Interfere With Lobster Fishing

Lobster fishermen may encounter ice difficulties when the season opens on May 1 according to reports from Chief Officer Angus Brown who yesterday completed another of his daily ice surveys for the Department of Transport.

A south east wind during the past several days has done little but move the heavy pack of ice on the north side of the island 20 miles from the shore. This has left a track along the shore which would be quickly re-filled by a north wind.

In order that the waters may be ready for the lobster men, Chief Officer Brown estimated that a north west wind would be required every day this week.

The south wind has also moved the ice along the mainland shore of the Northumberland Strait to the Island side. Charlottetown harbour was blocked yesterday and Summerside harbour was 60 per cent ice.

The steamer track was reported to be in good condition with heavy traffic proceeding through the Montreal and Quebec City. Louisbourg harbour was closed up but the semi-ice breaker Edward Cornwallis was directing traffic in and out. The Strait of Canso was open yesterday.

More Illness Under Socialized Medicine

LONDON, April 23 (AP)—Illness among adults in Britain increased eight per cent and work days lost through sickness jumped 22 per cent during the first year of socialized medicine, a government-sponsored survey disclosed Saturday. Figures also were disclosed by a Labor member of the House of Commons, showing 1,000,000 Britons have tuberculosis and 400 of them die each week.

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TORONTO, April 23 (CP)—Min and max temps: Victoria 37-51; Edmonton 34-50; Regina 33-42; Toronto 38-56; Ottawa 35-43; Montreal-41; Quebec 31-40; Moncton 34-50; Halifax 35-54; Charlottetown 37-50; Sydney 35-48; Yarmouth 37-47; St. John's 24-42.

HALIFAX, April 23 (CP)—(CP)—Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office in Halifax here tonight.

Synopsis: A rain area will move away to the east leaving cloudy skies behind it. These will clear Monday evening.

Regional forecasts valid until midnight Monday: Prince Edward Island—Cloudy clearing Monday evening. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Low and high Monday at Charlottetown 36 and 45.

High tide today at 3:37 A. M. and 2:12 P. M.
Sun rises at 5:15 A. M. and sets at 7:09 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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