

# American Tiger Fighters Now Frowns At Ottawa

## \$350 Million Is Involved In Plan To Equip Squadron

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OTTAWA (CP) — The government Tuesday was reported to be cool to an RCAF plan to re-equip the 12-squadron Canadian air division in Europe with the American Super Tiger fighter plane.

Informants said the government attitude appears to be that Canada at this time should not spend \$350,000,000 on the air division in Europe—after ditching the Arrow jet interceptor intended for Canadian defence.

This attitude is said to have already resulted in the RCAF casting about for a new plan for re-equipment of the air division stationed in France and West Germany. The air force had been keen on the Grumman Super Tiger and had recommended its purchase to the cabinet.

**CHEAPER PLANE**  
Defence Minister Peckers has shown interest in the cheaper Northrop 156 fighter plane being developed in the U.S. for NATO countries but one aviation expert described it as a "souped-up trainer."

Any further delays may cause open grumbling by some of Canada's partners in NATO, informants said.

They said some members of the alliance have privately complained that Canada is spending much less proportionately on defence than they are.

In the current fiscal year, the Canadian defence budget of \$1,695,000,000 amounts to a little less

than five per cent of the estimated gross national product. As a comparison, about nine per cent of Britain's gross national product goes for defence.

Authorities said they don't expect any major defence spending at least until the federal budget is in balance, or close to it.

## Convicts' Freedom Bid Ends After Six Hours

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP)—Two convicts escaped from San Quentin prison Tuesday, then held off the law for six hours from the end of a fishing pier in San Francisco Bay by threatening to kill a woman hostage.

They finally surrendered without violence after throwing away fishbait knives they had brandished at the woman's throat. They had threatened to slash her throat and then kill themselves unless allowed to make good their escape.

They used a man hostage as a messenger to deliver their threats to officers clustered 100 yards toward shore from the end of the half-mile-long open pier near the prison.

As the day wore on they became calm and ceased brandishing the knives.

**ASK CONFERENCE**  
Finally, shortly before 3 p.m., they promised to free the hostages if they could tell their grievances to reporters.

San Quentin Warden Fred R. Dickson and District Attorney William O. Weissich selected correspondents for three San Francisco newspapers and went to within 25 yards of the pier end

for the conference.

The three reporters were Chuck Eischen of The Examiner, Charlotte Rismik of The Chronicle and Jerry Adams of The News.

After the conference the prisoners threw the knives far out into the bay and surrendered.

It was a quiet, anti-climactic ending to a day of suspense.

## 183 Resign From RCMP

OTTAWA (CP)—A total of 183 RCMP members up to the rank of staff sergeant resigned between July, 1958, and March 18, 1959, the Commons was informed Tuesday.

A written reply tabled by Justice Minister Fulton for Frank Howard (CCF-Skeena), showed that 82 went on pensions, 30 quit because they lost interest in police duties, 39 because they could not comply with marriage regulations, 12 to take more lucrative employment, five to take further education, four for personal reasons and two for health reasons.

## Britain Moves For Ballerina

PANAMA (AP)—The British Embassy intervened Tuesday in behalf of famed British ballerina Margot Fonteyn, jailed by the Panamanian government for questioning about an alleged rebel plot.

The embassy said it asked the government for a full report on the case and for permission for a consular representative to visit the 39-year-old dancer, wife of Roberto Arias, prominent Panamanian politician.

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In addition, the seven-per-cent agricultural tax of 1956 will be cut to 5.2 per cent.

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## Leaderless Western Area Hails Churchill Authority

By ED SIMON  
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A leaderless Western world listened with nostalgia to the voice that rang with its old authority from a town hall in Essex.

Sir Winston Churchill could not have chosen a better time to break his long public silence with a message that echoed far beyond the hearing of the 700 constituents who gathered to listen to their member of Parliament.

Few of the things he had to say were new. But the old warrior has retained his knack of putting ideas across with a force and clarity unmatched by the world statesmen of today.

Perhaps the West owes a bit to Nikita Khrushchev, whose revival of the old charge that Churchill began the cold war stung the 84-year-old MP for Woodford into devastating rebuttal.

And he was not talking only to the Russians when he added: "On the contrary, I suppose we are the only nation who fought throughout the war against Germany and who, far from receiving any reward, have greatly diminished in our tenure on the surface of the globe."

While the so-called Anglo-American rift on foreign policy undoubtedly has been exaggerated by newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic, many Britons have resented accusations by some U.S. columnists of British timidity in foreign affairs.

But Churchill did more than resume his old slanging match with the Russians. In the course of his speech, he managed to state Prime Minister Macmillan's position on the forthcoming summit talks in clearer terms than have been achieved by Macmillan himself.

"With the background of the last war, Russian fears of a resurgent Germany are reasonable, even if they are not justified. We must take account of them."

## Fleming Strikes Back At Budget's Attackers

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Fleming Tuesday attacked the Liberal Opposition as a party without a policy, happy only when the economy is lagging.

"They are happy only when they revel in what is bad news for the Canadian people," Mr. Fleming said as he took the Commons floor to reply to seven days of Opposition criticism in the budget debate.

He said the Liberals have cast

doubts on his budget forecast of a seven-per-cent rise in national production this year.

"If this forecast is borne out in the event, the Liberals will be disappointed," Mr. Fleming said. They wouldn't admit that recovery is going on.

He spoke a few hours before a Commons vote Tuesday night on a Liberal non-confidence motion accusing the government of "bad faith" in producing a budget of higher taxes, record expenditures and a large deficit after having been elected on promises of lower taxes, reduced expenditures and a balanced budget.

Mr. Fleming said that neither the Liberal motion nor speeches by party members have said what the Opposition would have done. Instead there had been "a series of hit-and-run speeches."

"They have run right away from anything like an expression of opinion on matters in the budget."

## Reds Issue Precaution

By PRESTON GROVER  
MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union warned West Germany Tuesday that its position as a nuclear arsenal of the West in any future war would be "militarily hopeless."

The warning was given in a note handed to West German Ambassador Hans Kroll in a 15-minute call on Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko here.

The note re-emphasized previous Soviet warnings that West Germany is laying itself open to dangerous consequences by arming with nuclear weapons.

Such an action, the note declared, "considerably increases the danger of a military clash—in the prevention of which the Federal Republic of Germany is not likely to be less interested than the Soviet Union and the other states of Europe."

## House Rejects Liberal Move

OTTAWA (CP)—A Liberal non-confidence motion accusing the government of "bad faith" in its tax increases and budget deficit was defeated Tuesday night in a Commons vote of 167 to 45.

The Liberals received CCF support for the motion which said the budget's higher taxes, record expenditures and large deficit were "in flagrant disregard" of Progressive Conservative election promises of reduced taxes and spending and a balanced budget.

## TREND REVERSED

# Employment Picture Gets Slowly Brighter

OTTAWA (CP)—Employment was on the upgrade in Canada during March, and unemployment was dropping.

Both moves were slow, but it was significant that a February-March decline in jobless numbers reversed the usual trend for this season.

While March customarily produces the high point of cold-weather unemployment in this country, government estimates released Tuesday showed that in the month period up to March 21 it had slipped to 525,000 from 537,000.

The March figure was 72,000 lower than the post-war peak of 597,000 a year earlier.

**PERCENTAGE DOWN**  
March unemployment represented 8.6 per cent of a labor force of 6,077,000 compared with 10 per cent of a force of 5,980,000 out of work in March, 1958.

Besides the estimates of absolute unemployment, the government released National Employment Service figures showing 795,547 registered as looking for work at March 19. This was an increase from 791,210 in February but was down by 71,041 over a year.

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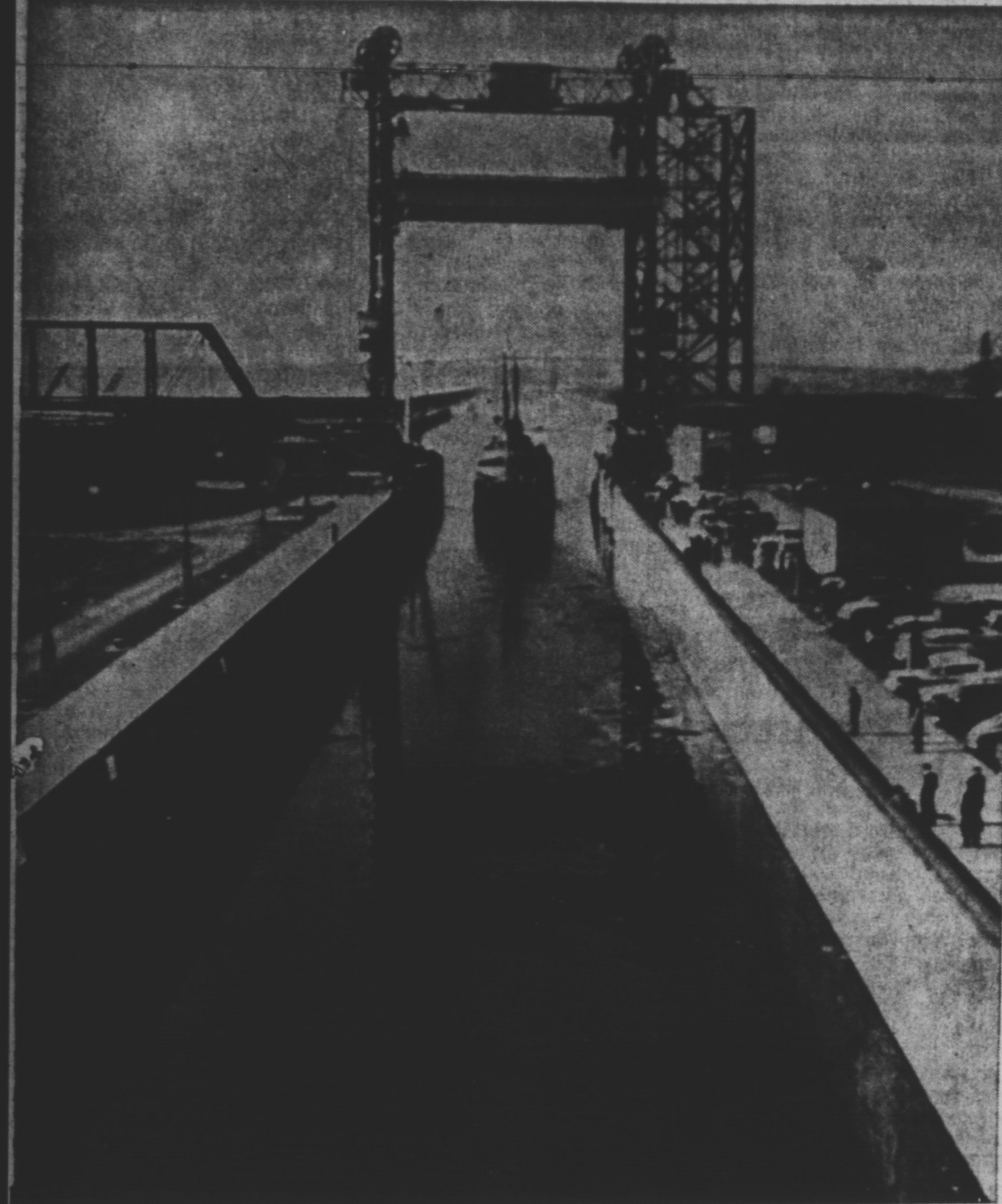
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THE ICEBREAKER Ernest Lapointe slips through St. Lambert lock of the St. Lawrence seaway to become the first ship to enter

## Two Canadian Freighters Termed Seaway 'Firsts'

By ROBERT RICE  
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MONTREAL (CP)—Two Canadian inland freighters will share joint honors as the first commercial ships to enter the new St. Lawrence seaway Saturday.

The two ships are the Simcoe of Canada Steamships Lines and the Prescodoc of N. M. Paterson and Sons.

They head a list of 27 Canadian and foreign freighters officially cleared Tuesday in Ottawa for transit through the new seaway.

the system from the St. Lawrence river at Montreal. The ice-breaker spent the next few days breaking up ice on Lake St. Louis. The

first merchant ships are to go through the seaway this week and they are Canadian (CP Wire photo)

more Canadian canallers, the Cartierdoc a 31-year-old coal-burner of the Paterson line, and the Hastings, a 36-year-old vessel owned by CSL.

The first ocean ship to go into the seaway is to be the Prins Willem George Frederik, a German freighter.

About 50 ships are awaiting to enter the international waterway leading to the Great Lakes and North America's industrial mid-riff.

A marine queue of ships extending 140 miles downstream to Quebec City, has formed to await the delayed opening of the seaway, a \$475,000,000 navigation system rivaling the Suez and Panama Canals.

**DELAYED BY ICE**  
Opening of the seaway, originally set for Monday, was delayed by severe ice blocking the seaway entrance.

About 30 foreign freighters have joined the ever-growing line-up, representing British, French, Dutch, German, Norwegian, Swedish, Finnish, American and Liberian shipping interests. The rest are Canadian canallers that spent the winter here.

Selection of the first ship was made on a "first come, first serve" basis, with Ottawa and Montreal seaway and shipping officials working closely together on the decision.

Since the Canadian canallers spent the ice-bound winter in Montreal berths, they were eligible for the opening honor.

The historic opening of the seaway—a rival for the royal inauguration in June by the Queen and President Eisenhower—is to take place at 8 a.m. EST Saturday.

## Opinion Poll Bar Is Seen As 'Peril'

OTTAWA (CP)—Newspaper columnist Margaret Aitken Tuesday charged in the Commons that a proposal by a CCF member to prohibit publication of opinion polls before an election is a foot in the door to infringement of freedom of expression, opinion and the press.

The Progressive Conservative MP for York-Humber received a round of desk-thumping applause from her colleagues who backed up her forthright denunciation of the bill by voting it down by 190 to 6.

Twenty-eight Liberals sided with the Progressive Conservatives, although none of the Liberal MPs participated in the 4-minute debate on the measure, sponsored by Arnold Peters (CCF—Timiskaming). The vote was the first

this session on a private member's bill.

Mr. Peters said a similar prohibition against publication of straw polls has been in effect in British Columbia since 1939.

The polls gave an unfair impetus to a tendency on the part of some voters to cast their ballot for the party picked to win instead of making up their own minds on the merits of the candidate, platform and party.

Miss Aitken, who writes a column for the Toronto Telegram said Mr. Peters "with arrogant superiority" is saying in effect that Canadians cannot think for themselves.

A Ross Webster (PC—Montreal St. Antoine-Westmount) said he does not think the prohibition is enforceable.

## Canada's General Practitioners Embark On Program Of Research

TORONTO (CP)—Canada's family doctors, already taking time out from their practices to get further training, now are embarking on a research program.

The project was reported Tuesday at the annual scientific convention of the 1,900-member Canadian College of General Practitioners. Nearly 1,000 physicians are attending the four-day conference.

The college's newly-established research committee, headed by Dr. W. R. Fraser of London, has launched a data-collecting study of the use of anti-biotics to prevent complications in red yeasts.

Dr. Fraser said other research projects will be started and urged doctors at the convention to register for participation in a subject of interest to them. Fifty have already registered.

**PHYSICAL FITNESS**  
The physicians also heard an address by Dr. Arthur F. Van

Wart of Fredericton, N.B., president of the Canadian Medical Association, who urged them to promote physical fitness programs to reduce accidents.

He said better muscular co-ordination among Canadians would "help reduce the terrible accident toll taken yearly on our highways and in our lakes and streams."

Athletic programs improved the timing of only a fraction of the population. Much more could be done in the home, starting with children.

**ULCER MYTHS**  
In the scientific lectures, some myths about stomach ulcers were shattered by Dr. Roland Gagne, an Ottawa specialist in gastroenterology.

Dr. Gagne said ulcers are not caused by psychosomatic ailments or gastric juices and rarely by food or drug allergies. Ulcers, he said, are merely boils and they will heal of their own accord.

He indicated that apart from a soothing diet to reduce pain and speed healing, there doesn't appear to be anything that will guard against new ulcers.

## WHERE-TO-FIND-IT

In a special section featuring home improvements today, the pages are numbered from 1A through 8A. Other main departments appear on the following pages:

- Announcements, notices . . . 7A
- Births, deaths, etc. . . 2 and 7A
- Charlottetown News . . . 5
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- Comics, features . . . 11
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- Women's page . . . 6

Late reports from Guardian news bureaus in Summerside, Montserrat, and from special correspondents, now appear on the Island News Page.



Building moves through city streets

Traffic on Grafton and Cumberland Streets Tuesday evening encountered an unusual obstacle in the form of a building 50x25x19 feet. The longest tie-up occurred as the movers attempted to negotiate the corner of Cumberland and Grafton Street. The structure, which formerly housed the Maritime Electric Company's garage, was being moved near the Belvedere Golf Club where the new

owner Arthur Clinton, will remodel it for living accommodation. As the building, being moved on two rubber-tired trailers, was being turned into Grafton Street a projecting water spout had to

be removed in order to give sufficient clearance to pass a lamp standard located on the north east corner of the intersection. Motive power for the operation was supplied by two three-ton trucks.

The Queen's two children, Prince Charles and Princess Anne, are with her at Windsor Castle. But Charles has just recovered from chicken pox and Anne is isolated after catching the disease Saturday.

## Queen Observes Lonely Birthday

WINDSOR, England (AP)—The Queen marked a lonely 38th birthday Tuesday.