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RUSSIA IN SURPRISE MOVE FOR GERMAN PLEBISCITE

Name Expert To Probe Shearwater Collapse

Lively Contests Indicated By Yesterday's Nominations

One of the longest lists of nominations in a civic election in several years was taken yesterday by City Clerk James Fullerton in preparation for the election February 30. There were several surprises for onlookers.

Mayor J. David Stewart, D.S.O., nominated to succeed himself. He will be opposed by Mr. M. Alban Farmer, J.C., present chairman of the Police Committee.

A long list of six nominees for the positions as Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply filed papers. There are to be three elected. Mr. Stewart lives of the present Board did not re-nominate, nor did Mr. W. D. Gillis, but the other member H. Roy Bevan, contractor, St. Peter's Road, did.

Other nominations received yesterday were those of Hugh M. Simpson, merchant, 22 West Street; Charles E. Worth, barber, 17 Belmont Street; W. L. MacKenna, plumber, 74 McGill Avenue; David L. MacKinnon, plumber, 232 Richmond Street; and E. E. Clawson, retired, 227 Pownall Street.

City Councillor J. Arthur Gormley, clerk, 55 Richmond Street, received an acclamation in Ward 1 which he represents at the present Council Board. There will be contests in every other ward in the city.

The new representative will sit for Ward 2 as M. A. Farmer nominated for the mayoralty instead of contesting the ward he presently represents. The two men who filed yesterday were Dr. J. Ernest Corrigan, dentist, 28 Gaudet Street, and A. Walther Gaudet, lawyer, 134 Spring Park Road.

There will also be a new man in Ward 3 presently represented by F. J. Storey, chairman of the

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200-Passenger Plane Makes Maiden Flight

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Douglas Aircraft Co. announced Wednesday that a giant troop-carrying plane—a combination propeller and jet-driven transport—has completed its maiden flight successfully.

The company said the plane, a development of the Douglas Globemaster, was taken up Tuesday. The 200-passenger aircraft is powered by four turbo-prop engines. This engine is a gas turbine which spins a conventional propeller and also delivers some jet thrust. It has a 174-foot wing-span.

Criminal Court History Made

QUEBEC, (CP)—Criminal court history was made here Wednesday when a woman lawyer defended a Montreal man charged with manslaughter.

Marguerite Choquette, who was admitted to the Quebec bar in 1930 and recently returned from Europe, is the first woman lawyer to act as defence counsel in the criminal assizes here.

She and Lawrence Corriveau acted as counsel for Philippe Colin, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Edward James Stoll of New York, killed in a highway accident last May. The case was adjourned until today.

New Demands For Federal Aid To Textile Industry

MONTREAL, (CP) — New demands for federal aid to the textile industry have been made by representatives of a textile union, hit by the closing of three mills.

The demands came from the 20-member Canadian Cottons Council of the Textile Workers Union of America (C.I.O.-C.O.L.). The council represents 3,620 workers in mills of the Canadian Cottons Company which recently closed mills in Cornwall, Ont., and Marysville, N. B.

The Council met here to discuss the closures and described the company's action as "the prelude to a major crisis for the nation's textile workers who even now are embracing the gloom of depression.

Closing of the mills left more

Coming Events

- **Dance in Millview Hall, Friday.
- **Card Party at South Rustico Hall on Friday night.
- **See "Prize Winning" Dancers at Cornwall Hall Friday night.
- **Jean's Snack Bar, Fredericton, closed until May.
- **Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, Thursday, February 4th.
- **Buying pigs daily, paying thirty dollars for those over twenty-five pounds. Willard Prowse.
- **Show, Morell Hall, Friday. "As Young As You Feel". Don't miss this picture.
- **Cherry Valley Jamboree, local talent, Cherry Valley Hall, Friday, February 5th, 8 p.m. in aid of rink.
- **Hockey at North River rink tonight. Cornwall Meteors vs. Milton Hornets. Game time 8:30. Skate after.
- **The annual meeting of the Stanley Bridge Horse Racing Club will be held in the Masons Hall, Friday, Feb. 5th at 8 o'clock.
- **The annual meeting of the Williams Dairy Co. Ltd., will be held in North Wiltshire Hall on Monday, February 8th, at 2 p.m. Nelson Hatherley, Secretary.
- **Attention Hog Producers in Montague and Cardigan. Our agents Sid, MacLean and Norman MacKenzie will be leading hogs at both Montague and Cardigan next Monday, February 8th, instead of Thursday, February 4th. Canada Packers Ltd.

Howe Says Not Enough Data For Statement

OTTAWA, (CP) — Government agencies Wednesday retained an outside expert to investigate Tuesday's collapse of a newly-built \$304,000 garage at the Shearwater naval base near Halifax.

The investigation will be conducted by K. E. Whitman, structural designer of Halifax, commissioned jointly by the defence department and Defence Construction, Ltd., building agency for the production department.

Two walls and part of the roof of the garage collapsed. No one was hurt. Several vehicles were damaged.

Officials said the structure, built for Defence Construction, Ltd., by Eastern Woodworkers, Ltd., of New Glasgow, N.S., was turned over to the navy Jan. 26. They said it received final inspection just before that date by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, government construction agency.

CMHC did not take part in building the garage but acted as inspection agent for Defence Construction Ltd.

Wood Construction

"We don't know yet just what happened," President R. G. Johnson of Defence Construction said Wednesday. He said the garage was largely of wooden construction supported by laminated wood arches. The walls were of corrugated asbestos board.

Mr. Johnson said Eastern Woodworkers, Ltd., recently received a new contract from his agency for building a \$428,000 barracks for the army at Halifax's garrison barracks.

Meanwhile, it was learned, D. B. Mansur, head of CMHC, made an oral report on the collapse Wednesday to the minister of defence, Mr. Wintners. He said the minister who reports to Parliament for CMHC and also is Nova Scotia's representative in the cabinet.

In the Commons Wednesday, Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearce, Progressive Conservative military critic, tried to ask the government about the cause of the collapse. He was ruled out of order because the reply was given over to private members' business.

Later, Defence Minister Howe said to a reporter: "Information now in hand here is not sufficient on which to base any statement."

Name of Trucking Association Changed

OTTAWA, (CP) — The Canadian Automotive Transportation Association has changed its name to the Canadian Trucking Association, it was announced here Wednesday.

The change, recommended at the CATA annual meeting last November, has been approved by the state department.

Marilyn Monroe To Visit Troops In Korea

TOKYO, (AP) — Actress Marilyn Monroe will make a four-day visit to troops in Korea. The army made the announcement Wednesday, adding somewhat unnecessarily: "She will be most welcome."

She will sing and talk to troops. Her husband Joe DiMaggio will stay in Japan, coaching Japanese baseball teams.

Russian Secret Police Officer Bolts Mission

TOKYO, (AP) — An officer of Russia's secret police, who bolted the Soviet mission here in fear of the firing squad, today was reported spilling top espionage secrets to U.S. agents on Okinawa.

A U.S. officer who cannot be named said the Soviet agent, Yuri Alexandrovich Rastvorov, is giving details of Communist espionage against both the United States and Japan.

Two pals of Rastvorov in the Russian mission also are said to be in serious trouble inside the guarded compound and will be sent back to Russia shortly by an uncertain fate.

The source said the two had wanted to follow Rastvorov's lead and seek asylum with the United States.

There was speculation in Washington that Rastvorov's disclosures might be as startling as those of Igor Gouzenko, the code clerk in the Russian embassy in Ottawa

who broke the Soviet atomic spy case in Canada eight years ago.

"Rastvorov helped set up a spy network that has already penetrated some of the highest levels of the Japanese government," the U.S. officer said.

The officer declared Rastvorov sought and received asylum with the Americans when he was ordered back to Russia. Members of the Russian mission here reported Rastvorov's disappearance to Japanese police last week. Later they charged he had been kidnapped by Americans.

"Rastvorov left out of fear for his life," the informant said. "The claim of the Russian mission that he was kidnapped by the Americans is ridiculous."

The officer said the 36-year-old Rastvorov is believed to be a lieutenant-colonel in Russia's secret police.

How he was spirited out of Tokyo to Okinawa was not revealed.

Local Soldiers In Korea



These three members of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment in Korea, enjoy a coffee break from their morning activities. Left to right: Pte. J. M. Chaisson, of St. Louis, P.E.I.; Cpl. Bill Brennan, Placentia, Nfld., and Pte. Bob. Walsh, Coleman, P.E.I.

(National Defence Photo)

Queen Prepares To Open Australian Parliament

SYDNEY, Australia, (Reuters)—Queen Elizabeth today prepared for the pomp and ceremony of a state opening of Parliament after a deafening, tumultuous welcome Wednesday from more than 2,000,000 Australians who crowded into flag-decked Sydney.

Cheering Australians rode out to sea on surf boards, fell off piers into the sea, and competed with church bells, sirens and jet planes when the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh arrived here by sea for a two-month visit.

For 12 hours the city went mad with excitement. The day reached a climax with a fireworks display in which two huge portraits of the Queen and Duke were shown.

Earlier, hundreds of teen-agers clung to the iron spiked fence around government house, where the royal couple is staying, chanting: "We want the Queen."

Other crowds mobbed the New South Wales Parliament House in the afternoon, when Elizabeth paid a surprise visit to rehearsal for today's state opening of Parliament.

Vatican Paper Says Health Of Pope Improving

VATICAN CITY, (AP)—The official Vatican newspaper said Wednesday described the condition of ailing Pope Pius XII as continuing to improve. But concern over his health persisted as the 77-year-old Pontiff remained secluded in his Vatican apartment.

L'Osservatore Romano, the newspaper, said "the state of the Supreme Pontiff, thanks to God, continues to improve."

The Vatican organ denied published reports that an English specialist who had treated King George VI had been called for consultation on the Pope's health. The King died of a thrombosis in 1952 after he had been operated on for cancer of the lung.

The Vatican announced Jan. 26 that the Pope was suffering from a "slight indisposition."

Communiqués since then have reported him improving or in satisfactory condition. But Wednesday's comment by L'Osservatore Romano did not say the Pope had recovered entirely from the gastric disturbance and hiccupping which weakened him.

Potato Import Figures Given

OTTAWA, Feb. 3 (Special) — Additional details of imports into Canada of potatoes and potato products were noted from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics today by J. Angus MacLean, Conservative member for Quebec.

For the first eight months of 1953, the following classes of potatoes were imported into Canada: potato chips, \$258,126; frozen french-fried potatoes, \$36,235; potato fruits, used chiefly for receptions and cocktail parties, \$18,616.

Officials of the production branch of the Statistics Bureau further informed Mr. MacLean that the processing of potatoes in these three forms is very big business in Canada itself and that during the calendar year 1952, value of this production totalled \$5,600,000.

Mr. MacLean agrees with the Bureau that the potato-processing business is of utmost importance and feels that under present conditions of public taste, the business should grow even greater. He sees no reason why either the United States or any other country should be able to process or package potatoes of this type more advantageously than Canada and particularly the Maritime Provinces.

Canada Imports Furs From Russia

OTTAWA, (CP) — Canadian imports of raw furs from Russia during the 10-month period ended Oct. 31, 1953, valued \$747,009. A return tabulated in the Commons Wednesday for John Diefenbaker PC-Prince Albert said the imports included undressed Persian lamb, mink, squirrel and fur skins.

Allies Reject Scheme As Propaganda

By DANIEL DE LUCE
BERLIN, (AP) — Russia placed before the Big Four conference a surprise proposal Wednesday for a plebiscite offering all Germans this choice: Alliance with the West or an early peace treaty imposing neutrality.

French Foreign Minister Bidault, as the day's chairman, led the Allies in rejecting the newest Kremlin scheme as a time-killing propaganda manoeuvre.

Taking the floor for an hour's denunciation of the European Defence Community to which West Germany would contribute troops, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov closed with this challenge:

"Should one not propose to hold a peoples' plebiscite throughout Germany in order to determine on whose side the German people stand: On the side of the Bonn and Paris treaties (the European Army and the West German peace contract) or on the side of the peace treaty?"

"Then we would have a clear answer to the question of who is the true representative of the feelings of the German people in our time."

Bidault, a defender of the European Army in previous sessions of the Berlin conference, immediately attacked the plebiscite as something that would be "forced" on Germany's 68,000,000 people.

He told Molotov that the Eden plan, by which the West envisages Germany uniting by free election and making its own decision after war on alliances, would fulfill any worthwhile object that the Russian might have in mind.

Propaganda Salvo

The propaganda power of the Communist East German government was unleashed Wednesday night to blazon the "Molotov plebiscite" throughout Germany.

Red Premier Otto Grotewohl broadcast over Radio Berlin:

"An immediate democratic plebiscite must be carried out in the whole of Germany in complete equality and freedom. The people themselves must decide whether they wish to live under this dishonorable and war-hazardous European Defence treaty or

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Parliamentarians Wish St. Laurent "Good Luck" On Eve Of World Tour

OTTAWA, (CP) — Parliamentarians Wednesday wished Prime Minister St. Laurent good luck and a successful round-the-world tour. He leaves by air today for London on the first leg of the journey.

Looking forward to his departure, the prime minister cleaned out his desk in the Commons and squeezed in a few last minute appointments.

Then as the Commons rose members from all sides surged about him to shake his hand. Each Opposition leader Drew and spokesmen for the CCF and Social Credit parties said Mr. St. Laurent will carry an unanimous message of good will from the Canadian people to the countries he will visit.

He replied:

"I do feel—and I confess I'm—that I have the good wishes of all the people in Canada."

He added that it will be a "great pride to be received as an ambassador of good will."



Prime Minister St. Laurent

Lunch With Churchill

Main purpose of the seven-week flying journey is to visit Asia whose affairs, Mr. St. Laurent said in the Commons last week, are of "great concern" to Canada. But while in Europe in the early stages of the trip, he is expected to seek the latest views of European countries on the European Defence Community.

He will lunch Saturday with Prime Minister Churchill in London. A three-day visit to Paris follows with calls on President Coty and talks with Premier Joseph Laniel and his cabinet. He will meet President Huis and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer at Bonn Feb. 11 before visiting Canadian troops stationed in France and West Germany.

During his talks with French and German leaders, Mr. St. Laurent is likely to touch on the EDC plan to bring 12 German divisions into an European army.

Plans for an audience with the Pope may be affected by the Pope's recent illness. But his four-day visit to Italy will include

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Conservative Wins British By-election

ILFORD, England, (Reuters) — Conservative T. L. Iremonger, a cousin of Foreign Secretary Eden, won the Ilford by-election Wednesday.

The result of the voting: T. L. Iremonger, Conservative, 18,354; T. W. Richardson, Labor, 9,927; G. E. Thornton, Liberal, 2,430; Conservative majority, 8,427.

The government majority at the 1951 general election was 10,004 in a three-way contest.

The standing in the parties in the 625-member House of Commons now is: Conservatives, 183; Labor, 204; Liberals, 6; Irish Nationalists, 2; Irish Labor, 1; vacant, 3.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Senate-passed St. Lawrence Seaway legislation won top-heavy approval from a House of Representatives committee Wednesday, possibly indicating speedy action by the House.

Rising Death Toll From Cold Weather In France

PARIS, (Reuters) — France recorded a rising toll of death and hardship Wednesday as the bitterest cold spell in years held sway from the English channel to the fringe of the Riviera. No relief was in sight for France or her rigid neighbors. The European death toll mounted toward 150, with 52 of the fatalities listed in France, since the mercury first plunged below the freezing mark 12 days ago.

Only Britain experienced some relief. Temperatures there were rising but much of the country was still blanketed by snow. London thermometers showed 33 degrees Wednesday afternoon, the highest since last Saturday.

Many North sea ports were ice-locked. Seville, in Spain's sunny south, had a foot of snow Wednesday. Its heaviest in 150 years, and 18 persons were reported to have died in an unaccustomed cold in the French North African territory of Algeria.

Many of the dead in France

were tramps or old persons living in unheated shacks, and Paris police opened up special shelters to prevent and further toll among the 2,000 destitute who normally sleep out-of-doors in the capital.

Dutch air force planes continued to maintain communications with the islands of Terschelling, Goeree-Overflakkee and Schouwen-Duiveland now completely cut off from the Dutch mainland by ice. All three islands were cruelly ravaged by the disastrous floods of just a year ago.

Passengers from the famed Simpson Orient Express from Paris and the Tatuern Express from Ostend reached Belgrade, Yugoslavia Wednesday on a relief train after being snowbound for 23 hours in the countryside 25 miles west of here.

In Kent county, southeast of London five villages with a total population of about 1,500 were still isolated by deep snow and drifts. Fourteen others were partly marooned in a 300-mile square region.

Possible Milk Shortage In Quebec Considered

MONTREAL, (CP) — A possible milk shortage in the province was discussed today as representatives of 43,000 Quebec farmers met in 32nd annual general meeting of the Co-operative Federation of Quebec.

Joseph Duchesne, a farmer and a member of the central co-operative board here, said: "The margin problem is at the bottom of the situation." Sale, manufacture and possession of margarine in Quebec is illegal under a provincial law.

"Farmers just don't know what to do. Margarine is sold everywhere under cover for 38 cents a pound. The farmer needs 61 to 62 cents a pound for his butter."

"The government has promised to buy all surplus butter in June, July and August but has said it will not do so after April 1953."

"If a dairyman cannot hope for government support after 1953, he will sell his cattle and go in for hog-raising or some other form of

farming.

This will mean a shortage of milk for the cities now that our farmers no longer sell to the British cheese market. The problem is really a serious one."

Production Drop

Mr. Duchesne said he believes "the answer is in the hands of the federal government."

"A suggestion was made to them last month from Canada-wide co-operatives to place a five-to-10-per-cent tax on margarine in all provinces where sale is legal and use the tax to reduce the price of butter."

Some 1,200 delegates attending the two-day meeting, heard president J. A. Pinsonneault of Montreal say the total value of agricultural production has again decreased.

"There has been a marked increase in hog-raising but the finances and services of the federation have kept on improving."



TORONTO, (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	14b	—
Vancouver	36	44
Victoria	38	48
Edmonton	39	49
Calgary	39	56
Regina	25	39
Ottawa	5	40
Winnipeg	5	38
Toronto	23	32
Montreal	22	30
Quebec	22	29
Saint John	31	35
Moncton	22	36
Halifax	31	37
Charlottetown	14	37
Sydney	15	37
Yarmouth	31	39
St. John's, Nfld.	7	30

HALIFAX, (CP)—The Dominion public weather office here says rain is forecast Thursday for Nova Scotia, with a mixture of wet snow and rain for Prince Edward Island and southern New Brunswick. The poor weather is caused by disturbances along the eastern United States seaboard moving northeast.

Regional forecasts:

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John river valley: Wet snow and rain; mild with light winds; low-high at Charlottetown, Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John 30 and 32.

Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Overcast with occasional light snow; mild with light winds; low-high at Edmundston and Campbellton 25 and 30.

Bay of Fundy: Light winds; coming northeast 15 in afternoon; intermittent rain and fog patches with visibility zero to two miles; mild.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 11:47 a. m. and 11:20 p. m. Sun rises today at 7:30 a. m. and sets at 5:25 p. m.