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28 INJURED WHEN C.N.R. TRAINS COLLIDE AT MONT JOLI

Steel Controls Extended As Shortage Grows

7 Killed When Train Crashes Into Bus At Crossing In Ontario

SUDBURY, Ont., Feb. 9 — (CP) — Seven men died today when a trans-continental passenger train loomed out of a frosty mist and ripped apart a bus at nearby Coniston.

Thirty-three other persons were injured as the Canadian Pacific's crack Montreal-Vancouver express, The Dominion, moving at between 30 and 35 miles an hour, crumpled a Nickel Belt Coach Lines bus on a level crossing seven miles east of here.

The injured include seven women and girls. Eight persons were critically injured and 18 seriously. The seven who suffered minor hurts include the bus driver, who helped remove dead and injured from his shattered vehicle before going to hospital for treatment.

47-Below-zero Weather

Coniston residents and an International Nickel Company first-aid crew worked at the crash scene in 47-below-zero weather. Bodies of four dead were removed from the overturned vehicle, which was struck at the rear end and knocked 35 feet. Two died en route to hospital, one after arrival. One of the dead had 15 children.

The doctor, a nurse and first-aid men worked with bare hands in the bitter cold tending the injured.

The seven dead and most of the bus passengers had just quit work on the midnight-to-8 "graveyard shift" at Inco's plant in Coniston, a mining town of some 2,000 persons. The women and girls were going to Sudbury, some to work, some to school.

Hundreds gathered at the scene to learn whether friends and relatives were aboard the bus. It was the worst tragedy in years in this busy nickel district and Coniston's worst level-crossing smash.

Stopped Bus

Icy frost hung in the air as the bus approached the C.P.R. mainline tracks at about 8:15 A.M. The driver, 27-year-old Edouard Carriere, said he stopped, opened the door and looked up and down the tracks before crossing.

The bus windows were heavily coated with frost.

Carriere eased the bus into gear and started across the tracks. The front of the vehicle was over when the eight-car train shot out of the mist and slammed into the bus just back of centre.

There was confusion until noon as to the actual number of dead. Finally an official list showed seven: Lucien Landriault, Alex Beauparlant, H. Conlon, Eugene LeClair and Primeau Crema, all of Coniston and Joseph Tremblay and Paul Sharko, both of Sudbury.

Conlon, 58, leaves 15 children — four sons and 11 daughters — as well as his widow. LeClair, 62, is survived by his widow, four sons and three daughters; Landriault, 27, by his widow, two sons and a daughter; Beauparlant, 51, by his widow, a son and two daughters.

The train was due in Sudbury at 7 A.M. E.S.T. but was running late due to the cold weather.

Coming Events

**Mail your Films to Garnhum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.

**Skate in Cornwall Rink tonight.

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**Skating tonight in Hunter River Rink.

**Unloading car feed at Colville Saturday. Cecil Stewart.

**Donations for Salvation Army rummage sale, Tuesday, February 13. Please phone 823.

**Crokinole Party, Pownal Hall, February 12th, sponsored by Pownal Y. P. U.

**Reserve Friday, March 2nd, Variety Concert in Victoria. Sponsored by the Y. P. U.

**Concert, Argyle Shore Hall, Tuesday, February 20th. Argyle W. I.

**Hockey match Long River Saturday night, Nonboro vs: Long River. If not fine, first fine night.

**Come one, come all to Breadalbane Hall, February 13th. Crokinole, Fish Pond and Lunch

**Hockey Seaview Rink tonight Seaview vs Darnley. If not fine, Monday night.

**Receiving hogs at Crapaud for Canada Packers Limited, until 12 noon each Tuesday. Robert Dawson.

**Horse races on New Glasgow River Saturday afternoon. Classes for all horses. Good car road to race track.

**Hockey tonight. North River Rink. Covehead Red Wings vs. Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs. Game time 8.30. Skate after.

**March of Dimes—All persons having March of Dimes Envelopes kindly return to Canadian Bank of Commerce or Radio Station.

**Y. P. U. Valentine Social, North Granville Hall, Tuesday, February 13th. If stormy, Thursday.

**Action galore at MacDonald Bros. Theatre tonight. Yvonne De Carlo in "The Girl Who Took the West" in Technicolor plus Comedy.

**Hockey match at Sandy's Marshfield tonight, Dunstaffnage and Marshfield vs York (School teams) 8.30 p.m. Skate after to Sandy's outdoor theatre sound system.

**Attention hog shippers: Swift Canadian Co. Ltd. will be collecting hogs through Freetown every Tuesday morning. For trucking service contact Cecil Reeves.

**Hockey tonight Legion Rink, North Rustico. South Rustico Rangers vs. Hunter River Shur Gains. Game starts at 8.30. Canteen service. Skate after.

**See the Highfield Dancers with colorful costumes, also Dick Turpin, Cy Burke and Bertrams in Marshfield Hall, February 14. Sale of boxes. Auspices Marshfield Women's Institute.

**Buying pigs and feeder cattle, all kinds and sizes. Monday — Fredericton; Tuesday, 9 a.m. — Brookfield; 10—Milton; 11 —Charlottetown Market Square. Paying $4 a pair for good pigs over 30 pounds each. Will also buy smaller pigs. Knud Jorgensen.

**Hockey in Graham's Road rink tonight, French River vs. Graham's Road. Game time 8.30.

**Hockey in Long River rink tonight, Bradalbane vs. Long River.

**Skating for school children at North River Rink Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3. All children welcome.

**Hockey at Wiltshire tonight. Hampshire Bulldogs vs. Wiltshire Miracles.

**Game in New Glasgow rink tonight. Glasgow Road vs New Glasgow, Game time 8.30.

**Hockey Long Creek tonight, Rocky Point School vs. Long Creek School. Game time 7.30. Sakte after.

**Hocgkey in Stanley Bridge rink tonight, Norbore vs. Stanley Bridge. Game time 8:30. Skate after.

**Don't miss South Winsloe Y. P. U. Valentine Supper, Winsloe Road Hall, Wednesday, February 14th. Baked Beans, fancy breads, pies, cake, etc. Admission 50 cents and 35 cents.

Clamp Export Controls On Hides

OTTAWA, Feb. 9 —(CP) —Canada today clamped down on shipments of cattle hides and calfskins to the United States, following U. S. action to freeze shipments domestically and to Canada. Hides are required in the production of shoe leather.

The Trade Department said extension of its export controls to include the U. S. is a temporary expedient only. The American freeze may be lifted March 15 or sooner. Canada then will follow.

All Civilian Construction Is Hard Hit

OTTAWA, Feb. 9 —(CP) — Canada's deteriorated steel supply situation has provoked new, hard-hitting measures to curb the use of steel for civilian construction.

A sharp extension of previous restrictions was ordered by Trade Minister Howe today, banning the sale and use of steel, without government permit, on virtually every kind of civilian construction, outside of homes and hospitals and the oil industry.

Effective March 1, a previous curtailment on amusement construction and other non-essentials is extended to banks and brokerages, shopping and service centres, hotels, office buildings, tourist and trailer camps.

The new list also includes duplicating and printing shops, credit institutions and brokerage firms, restaurants, barber and beauty shops, laundries, shoe repair stores, undertaking establishments and all retail and wholesale stores, soda fountains, florist shops.

Excluded from the restrictions are defence building, as well as that for homes, hospitals and wholesale supply facilities for fuel oil, gasoline or coal, gas distribution systems and pipe-lines.

The new restrictions were issued because, the Department said, the steel supply situation is worsening as Canada increases its defence commitments.

But wherever possible, the Department would grant permits for steel purchases, if it were found that available supplies were surplus to defence needs.

Under the new order, every steel buyer must provide certification showing to what use he proposes to put the steel. These certificates will be retained by suppliers for government inspection.

Enemy Defences South Of Seoul Collapse

By Robert Eunson

TOKYO, Feb. 10 —(Saturday)— (AP)—The whole enemy defence line south of Seoul today caved in or was pulled back, with not even a rearguard to defend the approaches to the ruined Korean capital.

Great numbers of Allied troops were moving unopposed toward the Han River, reached by American forces Friday at a point five miles southeast of Seoul.

U. S. Negro infantrymen in patrol strength stabbed Friday night into Inchon, port for Seoul 22 miles to the west. They reported evidence that the enemy planned to stand in Inchon and Seoul.

Eighth Army headquarters said there was not even the semblance of a rearguard left by the fleeing Chinese and North Koreans.

Elements of the U. S. 25th and 3rd Division and British troops pounded over minefields and the snow-covered ground toward the ice-filled Han, which flows past the south edge of Seoul.

The complete absence of enemy troops on the western sector indicated the 17-day limited offensive had crippled the Communists badly. Announced enemy casualties so far exceed 61,000 dead and wounded.

On Committee For Tourist Promotion

Mr. R. S. P. Jardine (above), retired manager of the Charlottetown branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been appointed a member of the P.E.I. Government Tourist Promotion Loan Committee, it was announced yesterday by Premier J. Walter Jones.

Other members of the committee are Messrs. Arthur Belcher and Lester O'Donnell. Hon. J. W. Arsenault, Provincial Secretary and Minister in charge of the Tourist and Information branch, will sit in on committee meetings as ex-officio chairman.

The appointment of Mr. Jardine fills the vacancy created when Brig. W. W. Reid, former chairman, was named chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Potato, Turnip Dealers Ass'n Elects Officers

Col. G. Elliot Full yesterday was re-elected President of the Prince Edward Island Potato and Turnip Dealers Association at the annual meeting of the Association held in the Vocational School.

Mr. Fred Bingham of Summerside was elected vice president and Mr. J. R. Holman of Kensington, secretary.

Prince County executive members are: Messrs. L. S. Simmons, and Fred Bingham, Summerside, P. L. Morris, Kinkora and J. Erskine Clark, Alberton.

Queens County members are: Col. G. E. Full, Messrs. H. B. Willis and Walter Wilson, Charlottetown. Kings County members: Messrs. Rupert Garrett, Souris, L. Poole, Montague and R. L. Burge, Five Houses.

Red Cross To Provide Plasma For Armed Forces

OTTAWA, Feb. 9 —The Canadian Red Cross society will act as the official agency for the procurement of blood and blood products for the armed forces, by supplying sufficient quantities of dried blood plasma, it was announced today by Defence Minister Brooke Claxton. The Red Cross is also stockpiling blood plasma for civil defence needs.

The Defence Minister said the Red Cross, which opens its national appeal for $5,000,000 on March 1, will also supply the necessary sterile administration sets and pyrogen-free distilled water for the reconstitution of dried blood plasma, prior to use in transfusions.

In naming the Red Cross as agent for the procurement of blood for the armed forces, the minister said that the Defence Department was renewing a similar relationship it had with the society during the recent war.

"I sincerely hope that the people of Canada will rally behind the Red Cross campaign this year so that its objective is oversubscribed," said Mr. Claxton. "Not only are they showing a loyal spirit of patriotism and co-operation in the plans to defend our country, but they must necessarily continue their extensive civilian work as well."

Mr. Claxton added that the society had assured him it was prepared at once to increase the output of its national blood programme to provide the plasma required by the armed forces.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9—(AP)— A Federal grand jury today indicted the "peace information centre" in New York City on a charge of failing to register as a foreign agent. The centre has been the chief sponsor in the United States of the "Stockholm peace petition."

GRANBY, Que., Feb 9—(CP)— A Health Department check today showed some 1,300 persons ill with the flu in Granby today. Of these some 800 are children and Board of Education officials said it is planned to close schools on Monday if the number of cases increases.

Ocean Limited Rams Into Rear Of Scotian

MONT JOLI, Que., Feb. 9—(CP) —Two trains travelling from Montreal to Halifax collided in the Canadian National Railways station here today in a blinding blizzard. Twenty-eight persons were injured, four of them seriously.

Two cars from the Scotian were derailed and the front of the Ocean Limited's engine was badly damaged. Both are C. N. R. trains.

The Scotian was standing in the station of this St. Lawrence River southshore town 200 miles east of Quebec when it was rammed by the Ocean Limited, travelling at a speed of about 20 miles an hour.

The Scotian usually travels one hour behind the Ocean Limited. However, Carl Samson, C.N.R. dispatcher at Campbellton, N. B., said the Scotian had overtaken the Ocean Limited shortly after leaving Montreal.

Samson said the two trains left early tonight for Campbellton without the two damaged passenger cars and engine. The tracks were not damaged, a C.N.R. spokesman at Mont Joli said.

Three of the four persons seriously injured were taken to Campbellton, N. B., hospital by a special pickup train assembled

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News In Brief

OSHAWA, Ont., Feb. 9 — (CP) — More than 3,500 assembly line workers were laid off temporarily today by General Motors of Canada because of shortage of supplies.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9—(CP) — The Supreme Court of Canada reserved judgment today on a test case governing jurisdiction over interprovincial and international highway traffic.

LONDON, Feb. 9—(AP) — The full force of Britain's wildcat dock strike hit London's teeming waterfront tonight and held its grip on Manchester and Liverpool. The strike tied up 152 ships in the three ports.

L'ISLET, Que., Feb. 9 — (CP) — A roaring blaze today destroyed a big two-storey wood manufacturing plant here causing damage estimated at about $300,000. Volunteer firefighters took nearly four hours to bring the flames under control.

LONDON, Feb. 9 — (Reuters) — Britain and the United States will jointly sponsor a resolution in the United Nations Security Council next week with the aim of solving the three-year-old Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan, it was learned today from an authoritative source.

Probe Rumor 'Flu At Camp Borden

TORONTO, Feb. 9 —(CP) — Dr. J. T. Phair, Ontario's Deputy Minister of Health, said today that the Health Department is investigating a "rumor" that influenza of a serious type has broken out at the big Central Ontario army base of Camp Borden.

A medical officer at Camp Borden said about 40 patients are being treated in hospitals for severe head colds and that nasal smears have been sent to Toronto. He said none of the patients had shown any symptom of influenza.

Dealers To Demand Legal Showdown On Potato Levy Before Making Payments

The Prince Edward Island Potato dealers, facing a showdown with the Potato Marketing Board, will refuse to make any payment of levy to the Board until the legality of such a levy or tax is determined. This motion was unanimously agreed upon at the annual meeting of the Provincial Potato and Turnip Dealers Association, held yesterday at the Vocational School.

The decision of the dealers could mean a drastic curtailment or even stoppage of potato shipments from this Province next week.

One week ago the dealers were ordered by the Board to have their levy paid by Feb. 14 or their licenses would be suspended. "If the licenses are cancelled there will be no potatoes moved," stated one of the dealers. Many of the larger dealers now in arrears will have their licenses suspended but any who do not, will continue to ship.

The Association decided to obtain proper legal counsel to ascertain whether or not the Potato Marketing Board Act is legal in respect of levy or tax assessment against the dealers and (or) producers.

"A test case may, although not necessarily, be made eventually," stated a leading Charlottetown dealer last night. Another dealer at the meeting stated that the issue might go all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada. All dealers were in favor of taking action.

The members of the organization agreed to share the costs of the action taken in connection with the levy problem on a pro rata basis of shipments.

Col. G. Elliot Full, President of the Association who presided at the meeting, stated that the levying powers of the Board were not placed on legal standing until Dec. 30, 1950. He doubted if these powers could be made retroactive to Nov. 1 and if the Board could tax the dealers.

Quotes Mr. Campbell

He stated that he had been told by Mr. J. O. C. Campbell, Deputy Attorney General, that the Ring Rot Act under which a similar levy was collected was ultra-vires and that the levy only amounted to a voluntary contribution by the dealers.

He recounted asking Mr. Campbell, "If a tax is illegal, should it not be refunded?" Mr. Campbell replied in effect that a tax which is collected in error is returnable, but that which is collected by bad law is not.

Mr. Reginald Holman of Kensington, in submitting a brief from the Prince County Dealers Association, stated: "We have recently learned from a Provincial Government official, in discussion, that the collection of levy under the Bacterial Ring Rot Act has been for some time considered ultra-vires and the monies really belong to the dealers. As this past levy was apparently a 'voluntary' contribution on the part of those dealers who paid it, possibly some

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Woman Frozen But Still Lives

CHICAGO, Feb. 9—(AP) — Scores of wondering doctors today went to see a woman who was frozen stiff. She is still living—but now in a fever.

The physicians who came to Michael Reese Hospital to observe found the patient not only was still alive but gaining.

The woman, Mrs. Dorothy Mae Stevens, 23, a Negro, was found in a south side passageway Thursday morning in sub-zero weather. When her temperature was taken at hospital it was 64. Medical records show no human with a temperature that low ever survived.

But today the young woman's temperature hovered around 100. Her pulse, respiration and blood pressure were in a normal range.

A hospital spokesman reported she could talk enough to complain of pain and also could move her fingers and toes.

She remained on the critical list. Doctors said it probably will be four or five days before they can determine if she will live and escape amputation of at least some of her limbs.

TORONTO, Feb. 9 — (CP) — Minimum temperatures observed between 7.30 p.m. and 7.30 a.m. EST; maximum temperatures between 7.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.: — Victoria 45-51; Edmonton 4B-27; Calgary 19-45; Regina 6B-9; Winnipeg 21B-6; Toronto 4B-12; Ottawa 27B-6B; Montreal 17B-6B; Quebec 18B Saint John 4B-10; Moncton 5B-13; Halifax 8-21; Charlottetown 2B-8; Sydney 11-16; Yarmouth 11-16; St. John's 31-36.

HALIFAX, Feb. 9—(CP)—Official forecasts issued tonight by the Dominion Public Weather Office at Halifax.

Synopsis:

It was clear in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and most of Nova Scotia tonight, but there are a few snowflurries where westerly winds are blowing inland from open water.

Temperatures were falling steadily tonight and had slipped below zero in New Brunswick during the evening.

The clear cold weather will last through Saturday, and the outlook for Sunday is for sunny skies and moderating temperatures.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Saturday, with an outlook for Sunday: Prince Edward Island—Clear and extremely cold. Light winds. Low early Saturday morning and high in the afternoon at Charlottetown 8 below and 10 above.

Outlook for Sunday—sunny and a little milder.

High tide today at 1.22 A. M. and 1.54 P. M.

Sun rises at 7.23 A. M. and sets at 5.32 P. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE

Leave Borden	Leave C. T.
9.10 A.M.	2.40 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Borden	Leave C. T.
6.45 P.M.	8.00 P.M.

MOA AIR SERVICE

Lv. Charlottetown for Moncton 5:50 A.M.—11:30 A.M.—4:45 P.M.
Ar. Charlottetown from Moncton 7:40 A.M.—1:25 P.M.—6:55 P.M.
Lv. Charlottetown for New Glasgow — Halifax 7:55 A.M. New Glasgow only; 1:40 P.M. New Glasgow & Halifax.
Ar. Charlottetown from New Glasgow and Halifax, 11:10 A.M. from New Glasgow only 4:20 P.M. from New Glasgow and Halifax.
Charlottetown — Sydney flights every Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

U. N. Forces Winning Victory Against Chinese

By Don Huth

U. S. EIGHTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Korea, Feb. 9 — (AP)—United Nations troops are winning their first major victory against the Chinese Communists in Korea.

That is the picture today — a little more than two months since the same Allied forces were turned into a dispirited, retreating and almost broken army by Chinese hordes sweeping from the north.

Climaxing this climb back from defeat, the Eighth Army sent spearheads today smashing to the Han River southeast of Seoul through crumbling Chinese defence lines.

Allied artillery already is pouring shells into the blackened hulk of Seoul to make the old capital untenable for the Reds. If U. N. forces choose to cross the Han into Seoul, it would be the fourth time the city has changed hands in this war.

Yongdungpo, industrial suburb of Seoul on the southwest side of the Han, and Inchon, port city of Seoul on the Yellow Sea, are virtually lost to the Communists already.

With Allied forces on a firm line along the south bank of the Han, Communist troops would find it difficult to defend those two cities.

Inchon, subjected to naval, air and ground fire, would be a death trap for any Red troops ordered to remain. The Reds would find it difficult to supply any units left to defend Yongdungpo.

Lt.-Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Eighth Army commander, planned the "limited" Allied offensive that has produced the smashing Allied successes on the western front since Jan. 25. On more than one occasion he personally has visited frontlines to supervise the drive. He was on hand today when the first task force reached the river.

Ridgway assumed command of the Eighth Army Dec. 27, after the jeep accident death of Lt.-Gen. Walton H. Walker Dec. 22.

The Allied offensive has been a broom-sweeping operation. Instead of clinging to the roads and bypassing the hills and ridges, Allied forces are wiping out every enemy pocket of resistance before they advance.

LANDSBERG, Germany, Feb. 8 —(AP)—United States army authorities today announced the release of two German war crimes prisoners from the U. S. prison here. The two are Hans Lipinski, 49, sentenced to 10 years and Ludwig Buddenseig, 66, sentenced to life. Both were convicted for participation in atrocities at a concentration camp

March 31 Deadline For Old Car Plates

March 31 is the deadline for use of the 1950 motor vehicle license plates in Prince Edward Island, it was announced yesterday by Hon. J. W. Arsenault, Provincial Secretary. The deadline was set at this week's meeting of the Provincial Executive Council.

"All motor vehicles are required by law," said Mr. Arsenault, "to have their new license plates by April 1st."

Already several hundred of the new plates have been issued.

Railway Brotherhood Is Fined $25,000 In The U.S.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9— (AP)—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, whose members have just ended a long and costly strike, was fined $25,000 today for engaging in a similar "sick" walkout in December.

Federal Judge Michael L. Igoe found the union guilty of contempt of court in a hearing at Chicago.

The union faces similar charges for the second walkout of switchmen which started Jan. 30.

This walkout virtually collapsed Thursday after the army issued a "work-or-be-fired" edict. All mail and express service has been restored but it will take some time to straighten out the freight tangle.

Judge Igoe ruled that the strikers acted in mass formation, but he discharged 40 union officers also on trial in the case.

He said he wouldn't impose the "astronomical fine" asked by the Government—$500,000 a day for each of the three days of the strike—but that "the union must realize the great wrong they have done."

As in the January walkout, the union members employed as switchmen either walked off the job or stayed home in the December stoppage, claiming they were sick.

A Federal court order forbade a strike but switchmen remained away from work anyway.

At the peak of the 10-day strike this year, an estimated 700,000 of the country's 2,000,000 freight cars were stranded in yards.

Full switch crews went to work on this backlog Friday.

Even so, an army spokesman at Chicago said it will take at least a week before conditions are back to normal.

The Post Office Department lifted various mail restrictions put into effect during the period when many trains stopped running. It directed all postoffices to resume normal mail service.

All express shipment embargoes also were lifted. The embargoes had cut off express movements in 14 north-eastern states.

Automobile plants still were running in low gear with 120,000 auto workers idle.

Action To Stem Rising Living Costs Is Urged

OTTAWA, Feb. 9 — (CP) — Action to stem rising living costs was urged today on the Government.

The cost-of-living theme threaded its way through a series of speeches in the Commons by Progressive Conservative members and an "unofficial" Liberal as the Throne-Speech debate continued at an afternoon sitting.

In another phase of the debate, Agriculture Minister Gardiner told the House the Canadian Government "probably" would impose control on the import of butter into Canada if it should be needed in future years.

Meanwhile, the Government has an understanding with New Zealand that, beyond 4,600,00 pounds now on order, that country won't ship any more to Canada if the Government objects to it. The quiet proceedings of the abbreviated session brought no indication of when Progressive Conservative and C.C.F. non - confidence motions would reach a vote, but they may come next week.

Living-cost problems were emphasized by Mrs. Ellen Fairclough (PC — Hamilton West), H. O. White (PC — Middlesex East) and Hector Dupuis, elected as an Independent Liberal for Montreal St. Mary last fall.

Mr. Dupuis, who has been seated in the Independents' corner of the Opposition side, described himself as a straight Liberal and Government supporter.

Mrs. Fairclough, the Commons' only woman and her party's chief labor specialist, called on the Government to remove curtailment, announced Monday, on home-building loans under the National Housing Act.

She said this move, boosting down payments to check new home construction because of shortage of building facilities, would contribute to inflation and keep home-ownership beyond the reach of those in the low-income groups.

Mrs. Fairclough also sought adjustment in the means test on old-age pensions, which cuts down payments when a pensioner gets more than $600 a year. She urged they be allowed to earn $1,000 over and above their pensions.