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## COMMUNIST PRISONERS SEIZE AMERICAN COMMANDER

### Veteran Trapper Lost 4 Months Turns Up Safe

### Urges Tax Decreases Be Passed To Consumer; No Gov't Action Likely

OTAWA, May 8 — (CP) — Parliament should make manufacturers pass on tax reductions through lower prices, C.E. Johnston (SC-Bow River) suggested today in the commons.

A government spokesman—James Sinclair, parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Abbott—promptly made it clear there is no chance of that.

As members considered budget tax resolutions, they heard requests for a variety of tax cuts and for rebates to those who in the last year paid the special excise tax—now being repealed—on stoves, washing machines and refrigerators.

They received no commitments on any of the points from Mr.

Sinclair, piloting the budget resolutions through the commons.

In asking that tax decreases be passed to the consumer, Mr. Johnston said the government has a legal responsibility to see that this is done. No company, he said, should be allowed to "make a profit" out of a tax reduction.

He singled out automobile and cigaret manufacturers for reference. So far as he could see, automobile prices had not come down by the full amount of the 10-per-cent excise-tax cut in the budget.

The excise tax on cigarets had been reduced by three cents a package, he said, but the makers were still making an "extra profit" of two cents which they had put on each package after the tax was increased a year ago.

"These financial octopuses—the tobacco companies are one of them—are making a profit out of tax reductions," Mr. Johnston said.

Mr. Sinclair said he understands the two-cent increase on cigarets was put on to take care of higher wages and higher tobacco costs.

"That's a lot of hokey," retorted the Social Credit member.

Asked if the government had

### Coming Events

- \*\*Abegweit R. B. P. Kingston, Friday, May 9th.
- \*\*Dance Iona East School, Friday, May 9th.
- \*\*Show — Bud Abbott and Lou Costello Meet the Invisible Man, North Rustico, Saturday, 8.30 P. M.
- \*\*Dancing custom sawing Wednesday of each week. Lloyd Martin, Cherry Valley.
- \*\*Dance Wiltshire Hall, Friday night, May 9, in aid of rink. Luncheon served.
- \*\*Kelly's Cross School, Dance and Refreshments, Friday, May 9. Good music.
- \*\*Dance every Friday night, South Rustico hall. Music by the Charlottetonians.
- \*\*See Valleyfield Y. P. U. present their variety concert in Flat River Hall, Monday, May 12th.
- \*\*Dance in St. Peter's Bay Holy Name Hall, Friday, May 9th. Modern and Old time. Dancing from 9.30 — 1 A. M.
- \*\*Monthly meeting of Mt. Stewart Branch Can. Legion to be held in Legion Room at 8.30, Friday evening, May 9th, 1952.
- \*\*See the play, "Eyes Of Love", in Graham's Road Hall, Wednesday, May 14th, by Indian River Dramatic Club.
- \*\*Follow the crowd to Kingston Hall, Friday, May 9th and see Winslow's two one act plays. In aid of Kingston Institute.
- \*\*Emerald Players will present their play in French River Hall, Friday evening, May 9th. Sale of candy. Proceeds in aid of hall.
- \*\*Variety concert to-night, Tryon Baptist Hall, 8.30 sharp. Admission 50c and 25c. Luncheon sold. Auspices Women's Institutes.
- \*\*Dancing — Islanders Country Club, Travellers Rest, every Saturday night. Music by the Melody Boys Orchestra.
- \*\*See Winslow two one-act plays "Courtin'" and "Mayed at Sunrise", Cornwall Hall, Monday, May 12.
- \*\*Come in and talk over our Purina finance plan, for feeding your chicks and hogs. Dillon and Spittell.
- \*\*Card Party and dance Sandy's, Friday, May 9th. Cards 8 to 10. Admission 50 cents. Alphonse McIntyre's Orchestra. Dunstafage Womens Institute.
- \*\*Coming to Merrell Friday and Saturday at 8.30, "Comanche Territory," with Maureen O'Hara and MacDonald Carey. Also Serial and News.
- \*\*In stock Ceresan for treating grain, and Serran-Bel for potatoes, Mangle and Registered Laurentian turnip seed. Dillon and Spittell.
- \*\*In stock, grass seeds. Registered Laurentian, also quantity small seed and table stock potatoes. High quality feeds at new low prices. J. Russell Driscoll, Mt. Herbert.
- \*\*Don't miss My Western "M. Liss", a three act comedy. Mount Stewart Legion Hall, Monday, May 12th at 8 P. M. Proceeds in aid of Mt. Stewart Junior Commerce.
- \*\*See "Winning Winnie" a three act play presented by Central Bedeque B.Y.P.U. at Central Bedeque Hall, Tuesday, May 13th. Also at Searletown Wednesday, May 14th. Both at 8.30 p.m.

### 68th Birthday

WASHINGTON, May 8 — (AP) — President Truman called the world situation very grave today. He said congress move to cut defence spending, and the current labor-management disputes, are right down Stalin's alley.

But he added a flat prediction that a third world war will be avoided if congress votes all he asks for the defence of this country and its Allies, and American industrial production can be kept at a high level.

Truman offered these serious thoughts in a generally good-humored press conference on his 68th birthday and the seventh anniversary of Germany's military collapse in the Second World War.

With a robust grin, Truman declared that he feels like a man of 28. And he said that once he leaves the White House next Jan. 20 he proposes to spend 10 years having a good time and doing just as he pleases.

Truman said he'd like to travel abroad, among other things.

### Ground Observer Corps Program Is Being Cut

HALIFAX, May 8 — (CP) — It was learned here today that Canada's ground observer corps, to be made up of 160,000 civilian volunteers and aimed at warning of the approach of enemy aircraft, is being either shelved or drastically cut.

It was understood that in the Maritimes where the recruiting objective was 22,000, defence headquarters turned down leases for planned filter centres in Charlottetown and Moncton, N. B., and is trying to get rid of a building in Truro, N. S., they leased a day before a curtailment order went into effect.

Sqdn. Ldr. Ray Miller, ground observer chief in the Maritimes, had no comment on the reports of the cutback or cancellation. He said all he could say was that recruiting is continuing and he was awaiting approval from air defence command at St. Hubert, Que., for implementation of the corps. He said the skeleton of the corps was pretty well organized and that all that was necessary was completion of reporting corps accommodation.

Miller did not comment on reports that United States officials have expressed concern over the big gaps in the ground observer defences across Canada and have emphasized their own preparedness by announcing recently that their own organization is soon to go on 24-hour watch.

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