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LOCAL RINK LEAVES FOR BONSPIEL

Prince Edward Island's representatives at this year's "Brier" check their flight plans with MCA employee Dot Cormier prior to their leaving for Kitchener, Ont, where they will compete in the Macdonald Tobacco Co—sponsored curling classic, scheduled to begin Monday. Members of the rink from left to right are:—Wayne Rhodenizer, lead; Art Burke, skip; Allan Smith, mate and Bobby Dillon, second stone. They are from the Charlottetown Curling Club.

Kennedy Explains Plans For Nuclear Tests In Air

April Date Is Likely Unless Ban Is Decided

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy announced Friday night that the United States will go ahead with atomic tests in the air by the latter part of April unless "a firm agreement" with the Soviet Union to halt nuclear blasts has been reached by then.

Kennedy made his announcement in a 30 - minute radio and television speech.

The president coupled his notice of intent to go ahead with atmospheric shots, for the first time for the U.S. since November, 1958, with a promise to Soviet Premier Khrushchev of a summit meeting at Geneva if the Soviet Union should accept a test - ban treaty in the first month of the 18 nation general disarmament talks, scheduled to start in the Swiss city March 14.

Kennedy gave a detailed defence of his decision to resume tests in the wake of the Soviet action in breaking the atomic test moratorium last fall. Most of the modern U.S. missile arsenal relies on atomic warheads which have never been operationally tested. And weaponeers are searching for a breakthrough toward an anti-missile missile to shoot down attacking intercontinental rockets.

BLAMES RUSSIA

Kennedy said U.S. security requirements and those of the free world demand that the United States proceed with its testing. At the same time, he blamed the Russians for U.S. resumption, deplored the setup in the arms race and declared that the Russians have the power, through agreeing to a test - ban treaty, to bring to a halt the mushrooming atomic race.

"In short," Kennedy said, "in the absence of a firm agreement that would halt nuclear tests by the latter part of April, we shall go ahead with our talks (at Geneva)—striving for some new avenue of agreement—but we shall also go ahead with our tests.

"If, on the other hand, the Soviet Union should accept such a treaty in the opening months of talks, that single step would be a monumental step toward peace—and both Prime Minister Macmillan and I would think it fitting to meet Chairman Khrushchev at Geneva to sign the final pact . . .

"It is our hope and prayer that these grim, unwelcome tests will never have to be mave — that these deadly weapons will never have to be fired —and that our preparations for war will bring us the preservation of peace.

'OUR AIM IS PEACE'

"Our foremost aim is the control of force, not the pursuit of force, in a world made safe for mankind."

Kennedy concluded that, without a nuclear test ban treaty with "detection and verification" controls to make it fully effective against any violations, the United States has no choice but to go ahead with the advancement of its atomic arsenal.

"Whatever the future brings," he said, "I am sworn to uphold and defend the freedom of the American people—and I intend to do whatever must be done to fulfil that solemn obligation . . .

Decision Is Termed Aggressive By Russia

CP from Reuters-AP

LONDON — Russia today called the American nuclear test decision "aggressive" while Britain and France solidly backed the United States' provisional plan to test in the atmosphere next month.

The official Soviet news agency Tass said President Kennedy's announcement on testing was an attempt to justify "an aggressive action."

Tass noted, however, that Kennedy promised everything possible "to reduce to a minimum the spreading of dangerous radioactivity from nuclear explosions in the atmosphere."

An authoritative source here reported meantime that Christmas Island is likely to be ready for United States atmospheric tests in June. American-ruled Johnson Island in the Pacific was thought a likely site for tests before June.

Japan Pleads For No Test

TOKYO (AP) — Japan today urged President Kennedy to reconsider his decision to resume nuclear tests in the atmosphere by late April unless an effective test ban treaty is reached with the Soviet Union.

Premier Hayato Ikeda addressed a letter to Kennedy which said:

"It has been and continues to be the constant and earnest hope of Japan that the testing of nuclear weapons is never conducted whatever its reason may be."

The foreign office said the letter had been delivered in Washington through Japanese Ambassador Koichiro Asaki.

Quebec MP Criticizes Delay On Causeway

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — A Quebec Liberal criticized the government this week for delays in making a decision on the Prince Edward Island causeway.

Maurice Bourget, MP for Levis, noted that the public works estimates include a $50,000 amount for further studies and that in the past four years, some $750,000 will have been spent and yet it has not been possible to get the slightest report about it.

The Levis MP said that the government originally had promised a decision by April 1959 and on several occasions since then the Liberal Party had tried to find out whether the project was economically feasible.

"It seems quite evident from the surveys made and the time elapsed since they were undertaken, the government has now the necessary information and is in a position to tell this house, and especially the people concerned, whether that project is economically feasible or not," Mr. Bourget said.

He said that Works Minister David Walker may try to use finesse and express regret at not being able to give a report but "everyone knows that he is trying to avoid, like the government, to give a definite answer in that regard."

"This shows again that the government is playing for time and especially that it wants to avoid having to make a decision before the next election," Mr. Bourget charged. "I think that the people concerned, especially from Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, will not ignore the fact that this is another one of those unfulfilled promises of the federal government."

DEATH CURSE IS REPORTED

BRISBANE, Australia (Reuters) — One aborigine has died and another is seriously ill after being put under a death curse at an Anglican mission centre north of here.

News of the "witchcraft" deaths leaked out following the death from bronchial pneumonia Thursday night of an aborigine in a hospital on Thursday Island at the tip of the Cape York Peninsula.

The man, Walker Edwards, 45, was taken to the hospital last November from the remote Edward River mission on the west side of the Cape York Peninsula. His legs were paralyzed.

A second aborigine at Edwards mission is said to have lost the will to live and to be growing steadily weaker. He has complained of pains in the knee where he was told the "pouri pouri" curse would start.

"Pouri pouri" is one of the most potent death curses known to native witchcraft. Bones are laid on the ground pointing to the intended victim and incantations uttered.

Settlement Is Reached Between CNR, Firemen

MONTREAL (CP) — The first break in six sets of major negotiations between Canada's two biggest railways and their running trades came Friday night when settlement was reached between the CNR and their 3,000 firemen.

The new contract will give firemen on passenger trains an increase totalling 6½ per cent and those on freight and yard trains a four-per-cent hike.

The firemen now earn an average of about $5,500 a year according to CNR figures.

The new contract was worked out by the CNR and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) while the dispute was before a federal conciliation board.

EXPIRES IN 1964

It is retroactive to last March 31, when the previous contract expired, and will run to March 31, 1964.

The wage increases are to be staggered throughout the life of the contract.

Both the CNR and the CPR have been carrying on parallel talks with the three main groups making up the railway's running trades—the firemen, engineers and the trainmen.

The CPR negotiations with its firemen still are going on.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (Ind.) has taken a strike vote against both the CNR and the CPR, but no strike date has been set pending the outcome of further talks.

Blowing Snow Keeps Plow Operators Busy

Snow plow operators were reported to be fighting a losing battle yesterday as high winds filled in cuttings as soon as plows had opened them. However, all roads were reported to be open last night, but were expected to be filled in by morning.

The plows were working on the province's main highways most of the day and were called in around 9 p.m. They will begin their task again this morning.

In the Summerside area the "Met" section at the RCAF Station recorded peak gusts of 47 m.p.h. at about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, while the north west winds remained around 25 m.p.h. gusting to 40 m.p.h. all the previous night.

S'SIDE ROADS OPEN

The plow dispatcher at the government garage outside Summerside reported that plows spent most of the day keeping the main roads free of any drifts and late last evening all

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TINY TOT MAKES TOUGH CHOICE

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. (AP)—A tough choice was put to four-year-old Susan Stuck and she made it. She told her mother "I want to walk."

With Susan's approval, surgeons at the Shrine Hospital in Chicago Wednesday ampatated her right leg at the knee and began preparations to remove the left leg in a subsequent operation.

In earlier surgery six weeks ago, doctors found that there was no way to correct a congenital condition in Susan's legs—a lack of muscle development called arthogryposis congenita multiplex.

They told Susan's parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Clyde Stuck, "if Susan is ever to walk, it wil be on artificual legs."

WANTED APPROVAL

Mrs. Joyce Stuck, said she wanted her daughter to have a voice in the decision despite her age.

"We asked Susie if she wanted to go through with it." She was afraid it would hurt but I reminded her that another little girl in the hospital had the same thing."

Said Susan:

"Well, it didn't hurt her too much. And I do want to be able to walk."

Wednesday's operation was the first of six on Susan's legs, after which she will be fitted with artificial legs and taught to use them.

Woman Killed Under N.S. Bus

SYDNEY (CP) — Mrs. Bernard Muise, 62, of nearby Bateston was killed here Friday night when she slipped under a suburban bus. Police said it appeared Mrs. Muise slipped from a snow bank on which she was standing and slid under the passing bus.

Legislature Adjourned To Monday

The Legislature is in adjournment for the weekend and the next sitting of the House will be Monday night at 8.

Keith Harrington, (PC - 3rd Prince) spoke briefly yesterday before adjourning the debate on the Speech from the Throne.

Mr. Harrington spoke on educational progress in the brief time he had the floor. He said he hoped that a residence for male students of Prince of Wales College will soon become a reality and that Prince of Wales will be made a degree-granting university.

So far during this session 10 members of the Legislature have completed their addresses in reply to the Speech from the Throne; this means that 20 members have yet to be heard from, if they all chose to speak.

Army In Burma Seizes Control

RANGOON (Reuters) — The Burmese army seized control of the government Friday in a coup that put army chief-of-staff Gen. Ne Win in power for the second time in four years.

Premier U Nu and five members of his cabinet were reported under arrest, but there was no official word as yet from the new revolutionary council on their fate.

Ne Win told the Burmese people in a radio broadcast that the army had taken over because of the deteriorating situation in Burma.

His move was believed to be aimed at preventing the Shan minority from forcing a federal system of government in Burma which has a unitary government.

Shan leaders who had been attending a meeting here with Nu were reported to have threatened rebellion and secession of their state from Burma if the statesman did not give in to their demands.

(Meanwhile, the Associated Press reported that Win, an anti - Communist, apparently feared Burma was about to swing hard to the left.

ISSUED WARNING

(The AP said he apparently was of the same mind as Nai Ba Saw, vice - president of Burma's commerce and industry union, who declared three weeks ago that unless the nonaligned country's policy was changed "the time will not be far off when Burma will go Communist.")

Gasoline Washer Causes Death

GRAND FALLS, Nfld. (CP)—Word reached here Friday of the death of Mrs. Ronald Frake, 19, of Birchy Bay, 60 miles northeast of here, reportedly of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Mrs. Frake is said to have been overcome Thursday while using a gasoline-powered washing machine in an outside porch attached to her home. The gas-engine exhaust pipe is believed to have become buried in snow.

Six Charged With Robbery In Saint John

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Six men, one a Saint Johner and the others from Montreal, were charged Friday with armed robbery Thursday at the Bank of Nova Scotia's West gsaint John branch.

They are Lewis Joseph Wrigley, 30, Saint John; Donald Paul Watso, 36,; Marcel Andre Goden, 23; Anthony R. Randall, 33; Lionel Bahl, 31, and Albert Thibault, 20.

All were remanded to next Wednesday after arraignment in city police court before Magistrate H. S. Prince.

No plea was offered. Thibault elected trial by judge and jury while the others reserved decision on whether or not to be tried by the magistrate.

Police said the loost amounted to $53,372, comprising $32,172 in cash and $21,200 in travellers cheques. A "goodly portion" was recovered.

Five men were arrested shortly after the holdup and a sixth early Friday. Police later picked up another who was released after questioning.

Harris Remanded Until Tuesday

MONCTON (CP) — Herbert George Harris, 38, charged with the slaying of Port Felix, N.S. native Arthur James Casey, 23, was remanded until next Tuesday when he appeared in police court for preliminary hearing Friday afternoon.

Friday's appearance lasted only a matter of a few seconds and there were no spectators.

Class Domination Of Party Opposed By City Member

By DON MacLEOD
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"It is not prudent for labor—or any segment of society—to have its own political party," M. Alban Farmer (PC-Charlottetown) said in the Legislature yesterday.

He was speaking in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Mr. Farmer said that a political party for the benefit of any one segment of society is not a good thing. As an example, he said "if labor becomes a substantial group in a political movement, that movement will carry with it a class application and it will be working for the benefit of labor.

"In this country we have a great variety of segments—agriculture, fisheries, labor, etc,—and all these people have rights. If a political party is dominated by one class, you are going to have conflict. For instance, if labor formed a government, how would labor-management problems be settled. Would management accept the decisions? Or if management formed a government, would labor accept the decisions?

"Labor has a good place in politics in the accepted political set-up of today and has had great benefits under a Conservative government."

LABOR SOMETIMES MISLED

Mr. Farmer said that labor had been misled in many instances—one is that it has been told that it should "get into politics."

Mentioning that there has been "some criticism of the press "during the present session, Mr. Farmer wondered whether or not "this is an indication of something."

"When we consider the improtance of the press in a democratic society, we look on it as having priviliges and also special duties. Are the recent statements here about the press an indication that people are not

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Tenders Asked For Wharf Job At Bay Fortune

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OTTAWA — Mrs. Margaret Macdonald, member of parliament for Kings, announced here Friday that tenders have been called for a public works project in her riding.

The department of public works has called tenders for north wharf repairs at Bay Fortune, P.E.I.

They will be received until 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 28. Plans and specifications can be obtained in Ottawa; from the district engineer in Charlottetown or can be seen at the post office in Souris.

Tenders over $25,000 must be accompanied by the normal security.

Drifts On Causeway Cause Traffic Tieup

PORT HAWKESBURY, N.S. (CP)—RCMP said the Canso Causeway was expected to be cleared of heavily drifting snow late Friday night, permitting 200 to 250 vehicles piled up at Port Hastings, about four miles north of here, to cross the blocked roadway.

RCMP said the two motels at Port Hastings, the Cape Breton approach to the causeway, were bulging with drivers Friday afternoon. As the motels have only a total of 60 units, most drivers were waiting in their vehicles for the causeway to be cleared. Many motorists approaching from Cape Breton decided to turn back.

Small convoys of vehicles were crossing the mile - long roadway Friday night behind a highway plow. Earlier Friday winds between 40 and 60 miles an hour drifted the snow back over the causeway just as soon as the plow cleared it. It was able to keep only one lane open.

The convoy crossings were expected to continue until the winds died down. They had slackened to about 30 miles an hour Friday night.

The trouble started shortly before dawn when a strong gale started blowing snow from the ice-covered Strait of Canso onto the causeway. By 9 a.m. about 50 vehicles were stuck and visibility was reduced to zero.

The causeway was closed for about two hours while the stuck vehicles were cleared from the roadway. Train service on the CNR line which parallels the highway was not interrupted.

Weathermen called it a ground blizzard. The sky was clear.

Crown Corp. Is Forecast For Province

Notice has been given in the Legislature that Provincial Secretary J. David Stewart will move a resolution that a crown building corporation be established in the province.

It is pointed out in the notice that such a corporation "would entail charges upon the public revenue of the province."

The resolution will ask that Mr. Stewart, on behalf of the government, be permitted to introduce legislation to establish such a corporation.

Provincial Treasurer Melvin McQuaid will second the resolution.

Italian Premier Will Back West

ROME (Reuters) — Premier Fanfani Friday pledged his new "centre - left" coalition government to support Italy's commitments to Western defence and European integration.

Fanfani, presenting the government's program to the chamber of deputies, said the coalition parties — his Christian Democrats, the Social Democrats and the Republicans—had agreed on a foreign policy favoring loyalty to Italy's commitments to NATO, the European Common Market and the United Nations.

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TURN BACK CLOCK

Use of oxen as rural labor was revived near Kitchener, Ont., when a team of animals hauled logs in the Buffalo Swamp. The heavy yoke was lashed to the horns across the forehead and the wagon tongue was chained to the yoke. Here some children enjoy a ride on the oxen. (CP Wirephoto)

Communal Bloodshed Mounting In Algeria

ALGIERS (Reuters) — Communal bloodshed mounted in Algeria Friday with a gun battle in the Algiers Casbah and hand-to-hand fighting in the naval town of Mers-El-Kebir.

Moslems blazed away at French troops from rooftops and windows in the ancient Casbah. When the rattle of gunfire died away an hour later at least four Moslems were reported killed and eight wounded.

Another Moslem quarter counted several Moslem dead after troops opened fire following the slaying of a patrolling soldier.

In Mers-el-Kebir, the naval base town near Oran, Europeans hunted down and killed five Moslems while Moslem demonstrators clashed with police trying to prevent them from stoning cars driven by Europeans.

Meanwhile European and Moslem terrorists continued their deadly work throughout Algeria, pushing the territory's death toll to 44 by nightfall.

The mounting violence brought Algeria closer to a communal bloodbath that could wreck the independence agreement reached last week by Moslem insurgents and French government negotiators to end the North African territory's 7½-year Moslem nationalist rebellion.