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FRENCH FIREPOWER STOPS VIETMINH AT KEY FORTRESS

Confident Cold War Will Not Become Hot

To Discuss Ferry Service With Transport Minister

OTTAWA, March 16—(Special)—Prince Edward Island members of the Commons will take part in a top-level meeting here shortly with Transport Minister Chevrier to discuss short-term arrangements for maintenance of the Wood Islands-Charlottetown ferry service.

Present proposal to improve the ferry service is for the ferry company to acquire the steamship "Lady Alexander" which is now at Vancouver. The vessel, it is said, can be acquired for \$210,000 and brought to Wood Islands via the Pacific and the Panama Canal.

Some additional outlay will be needed to convert the ship for ferry purposes. But as it is of shallow draft, it is considered the best buy on the marine market at the present time. It is somewhat larger than the "Dunning" and when required adjustments are made, will carry five or six more motor vehicles. T. J. Kickham, Liberal member for Kings has been very active in promoting the ferry service improvements and has been receiving full cooperation from his colleagues of the other counties of the province.

Takes Wraps Off Newest Weapon

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The U.S. air force took the wraps off "lazy dog"—one of its newest weapons—Tuesday.

Lazy dog is a bit of steel, 1 1/2 inches long and weighing slightly more than half an ounce. It is shaped like a miniature torpedo, with fins on the tail to control its flight. It is non-explosive.

In combat, lazy dogs could be shovelled out of a plane over enemy concentrations, or a bomb could explode them over front-line troops.

Both French and German pilots used similar fluted steel darts against ground targets in the First Great War.

A spokesman said the pointed bit of weighted steel has the penetrating power of a .45-calibre bullet when dropped at an altitude of 2,000 feet.

A shower of pellets has the devastating effect of a gigantic shotgun charge, and can put non-armored vehicles out of commission, he said.

Coming Events

- Jamboree West Royalty Hall, Thursday, March 18, 8:30.
- Two one act plays, Seven Mile Bay St. Patrick's night.
- Card party, Tracadie Cross School, Friday, March 19th.
- Dance, Forest Hill Hall, Wednesday, March 17.
- Seed wheat \$3.00 cwt. McGuigan & Boyce.
- Oil cake in stock. McGuigan & Boyce.
- Crockinole party, Pownal Hall postponed till Friday, March 19th.
- A Bouris K of C Players present "A Souty Homeymoon" March 17-18, 8:15 p.m. Matinee March 17, 2 p.m.
- Variety Concert in Argie Shore Hall - Friday, March 19, sale of lunches, Argyle W. I.
- Concert and box social in Pleasant Grove Hall, Wednesday, March 17th, sponsored by C.W.L.
- Card party Stanley Bridge school Wednesday, March 17th. Sponsored by Women's Institute.
- Indian River Dramatic Club will present "Tempest and Sunshine" in King George Hall, Kensington, March 17th, 8:15 p.m. Matinee at 3 p.m.
- Meeting of Scarlet Chapter Boyne Lodge rooms Thursday, March 18th, 8:00 p.m. Members of Millview Lodge please take notice.
- Hockey at North River rink tonight, North River girls vs. West Royalty girls at 7:30; North River vs. Durstafsnage at 8:45. First semi-final game, two games goals to count.
- Just arrived, dairy ration, dairy concentrate, poultry concentrate, hog concentrate, chick starter, crumbles, pig starter, fish meal, feed molasses, etc. R. L. Dickie-son, New Glasgow.

Confirms U.S. Has Hydrogen Bomb

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Representative W. Sterling Cole (Rep.-N.Y.), chairman of the joint congressional atomic energy committee, said Tuesday night the United States has the hydrogen bomb and can deliver it anywhere in the world.

This was the first official confirmation that the United States possessed a deliverable hydrogen bomb. Previous statements have referred only to a hydrogen device.

Cole made the statement during a television program.

May Boost Hospital Rates In Nova Scotia

HALIFAX, (CP) — Health Minister Connolly told the Nova Scotia legislature Tuesday he plans to bring in legislation to boost the rate local hospitals are permitted to charge for ward care.

"This now is set at \$9 a day," Mr. Connolly said, and is out of line with present costs. Many hospitals were losing money and would not be able to expand or improve their service.

In some drastic cases hospitals might even be forced to close if the rates were not increased.

He did not say what the proposed new rates would be but some sources estimated \$12.

Cigaret Smuggling In Quebec Ends

QUEBEC, (CP) — Smuggling of contraband American cigarettes has almost disappeared from Quebec Province, according to Rene Allard, RCMP officer in charge of the eastern provincial district, said Monday. He credited this to the drop in the price of Canadian cigarettes.

U.S. Importations Of Potatoes To Canada

OTTAWA, March 16—(Special)—In the course of the past five years, twenty-four and a half million bushels of Canadian potatoes valued at nearly \$30 million have been imported into the United States.

This is set forth in a parliamentary return tabled in the Commons today by State Secretary Pickersgill, in reply to a series of questions on potato exports to the United States asked by T. J. Kickham, Liberal member for Kings.

Greatest volume of potatoes entering the United States from Canada since 1949 have been certified seed potatoes. For these, the five-year total has been seventeen and a half million bushels, valued at \$22 million. Exports of table stock to the U.S. in the period totalled seven and a quarter million bushels valued at seven and a quarter million dollars.

Year of largest potato exports from Canada to the United States was 1949 when seven million bushels of certified seed potatoes valued at \$7.8 million were shipped across the border. Smallest year was 1952 when Canadian potato shipments were one and a third million bushels valued at \$3.5 million.

Big year in the five for table stock exports was 1950 when 2.6 million bushels valued at \$2 million went to U.S. Smallest year for table stock shipments was 1952 when 400,000 bushels valued at \$1 million was sent out from this country.

In reply to other queries from Mr. Kickham, the return stated that certified seed potatoes from Canada enter the United States under reduced duty quota at a rate of two and a half million bushels in each 12-month period. Quota for Canadian table stock potatoes is a million bushels a year of 60 pounds each. If, however, there is a shortage of potatoes in the U.S. this quota for Canada can be increased by the amount that U.S. production falls short of 350 million bushels.

Movement of U.S. potatoes into Canada in the past five years has consisted almost entirely of table stock in the between-seasons period. Total imports from 1949 to 1953, inclusive, were 9.3 million bushels valued at \$17 million. Of these 9.3 million bushels were table stock and the balance seed potatoes. Imported table stock was valued at \$16.6 and certified seed at \$235,000.

Sees N.S. Coal Industry In "Critical Condition"

HALIFAX, (CP) — Mines Minister Patterson told the Nova Scotia legislature Tuesday that the province's coal industry is in "critical condition."

Calling for a "firm federal coal policy," Mr. Patterson said that the present situation and immediate future of the industry are "of very grave concern."

Reporting a production drop of 117,000 tons for 1953, he said the troubles are not unique to the industry in Nova Scotia.

In fact, he said, other provinces have been even harder hit and he understood 50 mines had been closed in Alberta during recent years. In the United States the drop had been even more spectacular.

Mr. Patterson tabled the annual report of the mines department and said coal production in 1953

St. Laurent Gives Impressions Of Visit To Asia

SAN FRANCISCO, (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent, returning to North America from his six-week world tour, said Tuesday he found the people of Asia more concerned with domestic affairs than with the international situation.

In an airport press conference shortly after his RCAF transport plane touched down on its flight from Honolulu, the prime minister was asked if the cold war is being won or lost in Asia. He replied:

"I don't think the people of Asia are thinking of anything but their own nationalistic aspirations. They want to run their affairs themselves. I don't think they want to have their affairs run by the Kremlin or any other totalitarian organization."

Here for an overnight stopover before his non-stop flight to Ottawa, the prime minister talked briefly with reporters before proceeding to the downtown hotel.

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Sees Great Possibilities In Expanding Dragger Operations



Hon. Eugene Cullen

"There is no reason why we could not be the biggest fishery producer along the Atlantic coast," stated Hon. Eugene Cullen, Minister of Industry and Natural Resources in speaking yesterday afternoon on the development of the Island fishing industry during the Draft Address debate in the Legislature.

"It is quite possible that our offshore fishing industry could be developed into 10, 15 or 20 times what it is now and with the construction of larger boats to go farther out for the fish, there may be no limit on how far this industry may be developed."

"In any proposal for the Economic Development Council along these lines there is no reason why the Province should not be able to expand indefinitely. We seem to be located just where the fish are and by comparison are in a more favorable position than either Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or Quebec."

"Our Federal Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Stewart Bates pointed out that we were a comparatively small Province and that we were limited in many ways but that we were not limited as far as fishery development is concerned," stated Mr. Cullen.

"Draggers from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia are going past the Eastern end of the Island to fish and bringing their catches back to their home ports for processing. There is no reason why the fish from our shores should be processed in other Provinces," he stated.

Fresh Fillet Markets

He pointed out that the market for fresh fillets was growing at a fast rate and at the moment only the surface of the market had been scratched. The advent of the electric refrigerator into the majority of homes on the continent has created a new market for our fresh fish.

"The larger inland cities of the United States such as St. Louis are only starting to use these fresh fish products. Since 1945 the market for fresh fillets has grown about 200%."

"If the number of draggers and fishing plants are increased gradually there is no reason why we could not develop a great market for fresh fillets," he stated.

Mr. Cullen stated that market for

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Dr. Raddall Gives Address On Story Writer's Problems

"Frankness in literature is an admirable thing so long as it keeps pace with the times," Dr. Thomas H. Raddall, noted Canadian author, told his audience last night as he delivered the fifth annual Samuel Robertson Memorial Lecture at Prince of Wales College.

A tribute to both the late Dr. Robertson and Mrs. Robertson was paid by Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of the College. In his opening remarks introducing the guest speaker, among those in attendance were His Honor Lieutenant-Governor T. W. L. Prowse, attended by his Aide de Camp, Lieut. Col. A. W. Rogers, Premier A. W. Matheson, and Acting Mayor or Edwin C. Johnston.

In a brilliant talk Dr. Raddall

recalled that once as a young sailor of sixteen he had seen the Island for the first time and promised himself he would return for a closer look. He has been back several times since, then in his opening remarks, he too, paid high tribute to the late principal of Prince of Wales College, stating that all over North America there were former students who had come under the influence of Dr. Robertson.

Regarding his own way of life Dr. Raddall felt that there is an excellent field now for young Canadian authors, although he agreed that twenty years ago it was very limited because Canadian authors at that time were practically unknown.

At the conclusion of his talk he was tendered a vote of thanks by Mr. Bramwell Chandler.

Text Of Address

Following is the full text of Dr. Raddall's address:

These are times when everyone of the literature, or perhaps I should say the quality of the reading matter, chiefly in the form of fiction, now being put before the public. The advent of the so-called pocket book especially has produced a flood of fiction to be had for twenty-five cents or fifty cents a copy at any drugstore or wayside refreshment stand. Its appeal is set forth usually in a picture on the cover, and some of our moralists are more concerned, it seems to me, with the picture on the cover than they are with the printed matter inside.

I suppose I should blush when I mention this because some of my own novels, after the regular publication in cloth covers, have appeared in the drug stores in paper covers; and one of my fellows in a Canadian learned society last year complained that the picture on one he had bought showed a good deal more of the Nymph than of the Lamp. I informed him that I had not been consulted about the picture, indeed I was not consulted about the pocket book arrangements at all, that being a matter reserved by my regular publisher in his contract with me. But when the first and worst of these pictures came to my notice I wrote an indignant letter. My publisher's reply was illuminating: "It was shocked myself," he said, "but it was too late to do anything about it. The pocket

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Will Conclude Debate Thursday

Mr. Frank MacNutt, Liberal, Third Prince, adjourned the debate on the Draft Address in the Legislature yesterday afternoon and will resume speaking when the House re-opens this afternoon.

Premier Matheson announced yesterday that every effort would be made to conclude the debate on the Draft Address by Thursday.

George Hees Elected Head Of Conservative Association

OTTAWA, (CP)—George Hees, 43-year-old Toronto manufacturer, became president of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada Tuesday and pledged himself "to revitalize our organization from coast to coast."

Mr. Hees, member of Parliament for Toronto Broadview since 1950, was elected in a secret ballot over Gordon Churchill, 53-year-old MP for Winnipeg South Centre.

The new president, who will hold office for two years, succeeds George Nowlan of Wolfville, N.S., MP for Digby-Annapolis-Kings.

The election climaxed the first day of the association's two-day annual meeting. It followed two days of electioneering by the candidates. Figures on the balloting were not announced, but it was understood that Mr. Hees had a good-sized majority.

Mr. Churchill, a Winnipeg lawyer who entered the contest Monday, moved that the election be made unanimous.

Confidence In Drew

The other major event of the day was a unanimous vote of confidence given party leader George Drew by some 800 members and delegates attending the closed meeting.

The meeting was proposed by Murdoch A. MacPherson, Regina lawyer, and seconded by Wilfrid Dufresne, MP for Quebec West.

Mr. Nowlan told reporters later that Mr. MacPherson said his

Senator Opposes New Housing Legislation

OTTAWA, (CP) — Senator John T. Haig Tuesday opposed the government's new housing legislation permitting chartered banks to make loans on real estate.

"I am opposed to this legislation, lock, stock and barrel," the Progressive Conservative leader in the Senate declared. It will bring "trouble, trouble, trouble."

However the bill was approved in principle and sent to committee for further study. It has already passed the Commons. Senator Haig was the only opponent.

Rebels Withdraw Into Hills To Regroup

HANOI, Indo-China, (AP)—French firepower stopped screaming Vietminh attackers within a half-mile of the heart of Dien Bien Phu Tuesday. The Communist-led rebels suffered casualties estimated unofficially at up to 8,000 in four days of battle, picked up their dead and withdrew to the hills to regroup.

The rebels fired rifles, pistols, machine-guns and three grenades and even spears in an attempt to knock out the French command post in the centre of the beleaguered key fortress in northwest Indo-China.

But heavy French fire tore wide gaps in their ranks. Near dusk they retreated to the hills under a driving rain.

Bodies were strewn over the rain-soaked plain of Dien Bien Phu, where the Vietminh had chosen to make its biggest effort of the Indo-China war, now in its eighth year.

The Vietminh's chief motive appeared to be a desire to achieve the strongest position possible for the talks on Asian problems at Geneva beginning April 26. Both a Korean and Indo-Chinese peace will be taken up, with Communist China present.

The Vietminh radio claimed the destruction of a French battalion, normally about 600 men, on the outskirts of Dien Bien Phu Monday. The French have described their losses as "appreciable."

French Confident

The Vietminh strength in the hills around the fortress was estimated at from 36,000 to 48,000 before the battle began. But before the battle began, French troops were confident of standing up against the attack. The French felt the rebels could not stand the continued losses much longer.

For more than 3 1/2 months—ever since French paratroopers evicted Dien Bien Phu from the Vietminh—the French have poured in thousands of troops and American-supplied guns and war equipment of all types.

Last Of Flin Flon Discoverers Dies

WINNIPEG, (CP)—The last of the four prospectors whose mineral discovery gave birth to Flin Flon, the Manitoba town named after a character in a novel, has died at the age of 75.

Leon J. Dion reached here from his home at The Pas, Man.

Today Flin Flon, 360 miles northwest of Winnipeg on the Saskatchewan boundary, has a population of more than 12,000 persons.

In January, 1915 Mr. Dion, with Thomas Creighton and two brothers named Mosher were prospecting in unmaped wilderness country.

Creighton, who died in 1949, was hunting moose when he found the outcropping of copper and zinc that eventually led to Flin Flon's development.

Mr. Dion was born at St. Ulric, Que.

Churchill Refuses To Restore Salary Cuts

LONDON, (AP)—Labor party members in a teasing mood suggested Tuesday that Prime Minister Churchill and his Conservative cabinet should have their salaries boosted.

The 79-year-old Churchill, in fine fettle, matched the Labor members' jest for jest and kept the House of Commons rocking with laughter. He also stood firmly on this position: he and his associates in the government are not going to get larger pay cheques—at least, not just yet.

When Churchill took office in October, 1951 he cut his salary as prime minister from \$10,000 (\$28,000 to \$17,000 (\$19,500).

Ministerial salaries were cut \$1,000 to \$4,000 (\$11,200).

Labor member Eric Fletcher

Mr. Dolan Lauds Value Of Vacation Dollar In P.E.I.

To Attend Jubilee Review At London



Pety Officer Derald Floyd MacKenzie

Pety Officer Derald Floyd MacKenzie (above), 14 Pownal street will be part of the contingent of the Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve) which will attend the Jubilee Review by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve at London, England, June 12.

The review will take the form of a parade of past and present members of the Reserve, including Commonwealth representatives, before the Queen on the Horse Guards Parade. Approximately 2,000 personnel will be on review. Included in the Canadian contingent will be two officers and 22 men as well as two W.R.E.N. officers and three W.R.E.N.S. The Wrens will travel by routine R.C.A.F. flight to Britain while the sailors will travel on H.M.C.S. Micmac.

"There is no secondary industry in Canada that can bring more revenue to the agricultural industry than the tourist traffic," said Mr. D. Leo Dolan, Director of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau Ottawa, in addressing a capacity audience at a dinner meeting in the Charlottetown Hotel last evening.

The meeting, which was sponsored by the Inn Keepers Association and the Charlottetown Board of Trade was attended by many distinguished guests including Premier Matheson, the members of the Legislature, the Mayors of the various towns in the Province, and the Presidents of the Boards of Trade, Mr. Justice Arsenault (retired), Dean of the Tourist industry here, was also an honored guest.

"A survey made by the Department of Agriculture in a recent year disclosed that tourists from the United States while visiting Canada consumed 18 million pounds of beef, 15 million dozen of eggs and four million pounds of butter and other farm products in like proportion," Mr. Dolan stated.

He touched briefly on the expenditure made by the different cities and areas of the United States in reaching out for an extended tourist business.

"Cordial And Refreshing"

"I find my return to the Maritimes cordial and refreshing and come to you without brilliant advice but rather to stress what lies before you in the hope that benefit will be derived."

"Here you have internationally famous lobsters and oysters which demand a fancy price in famous eating places in New York and other American cities. In the Maritimes we do not serve fish as good as in Maine although our waters are teeming with an adequate supply of various kinds." We have got to learn to meet competition and requirements in respect to such items of food and others produced here."

"I know of no industry which will give quicker returns than the Tourist business if properly catered to," Mr. Dolan continued.

"One cannot get more for the

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News In Brief

OTTAWA, (CP)—Extension of unemployment insurance to fishermen is under study by the labor department, Labor Minister Gregg said Tuesday.

CAIRO, (AP)—An Egyptian government spokesman Tuesday night accused British troops in the Suez Canal Zone of "aggression" in surrounding and searching Egyptian villages following the slaying of two British soldiers Monday night.

LONDON, (Reuters)—Extra plainclothes policemen were thrown around Prime Minister Churchill's London and country residences Tuesday following an anonymous threat by letter on his wife's life.

WASHINGTON, (CP)—Trade Minister C. D. Howe said Tuesday night that the United States has agreed to consult with Canada before launching any new surplus food disposal program.



MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	2	22
Vancouver	39	46
Victoria	40	50
Edmonton	18	31
Calgary	12	23
Regina	11	29
Winnipeg	24	40
Toronto	12	33
Ottawa	20	34
Montreal	18	33
Quebec	17	35
Saint John	13	31
Moncton	14	28
Halifax	21	29
Charlottetown	19	23
Sydney	23	27
Yarmouth	25	29
St. John's	24	30

HALIFAX, (CP)—The weather office here says a northwesterly current of cold air is blowing across the Maritimes, and fine weather with not much change in temperature is indicated over the district for the next two or three days.

Regional forecasts:

New Brunswick and Prince Edward: Sunny; not much change in temperature; northwest winds 15. Low-high at Charlottetown and Moncton 15 and 30, Fredericton and Saint John 15 and 35, Edmundston and Campbellton 15 and 32.

Bay of Fundy: Northwest winds 20; variable cloudiness; visibility 10 miles; not much temperature change.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 9:54 a.m. and 9:44 p.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later.

Sun rise today at 6:22 a.m. and sets at 6:21 p.m.