

SASK. MEMBER OF COMMONS RESIGNS FROM THE CCF PARTY

(By John LeBlanc, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
OTTAWA, (CP)—Ross Thatcher, well-to-do young Saskatchewan hardware merchant in his third term as a CCF Commons member, jolted the House Friday by announcing his resignation from the socialist party.

The 37-year-old businessman-rancher from Moose Jaw-Lake Centre riding, who has frequently trampled on CCF doctrine in the House, disclosed his walkout from the CCF at the opening of the day's sitting and said he will be an independent member for the remainder of the Parliament.

CCF Leader Coldwell and other party members—who heard Mr. Thatcher's 250-word secession speech in silence in the House—said later to reporters it came as a complete surprise to them at the moment.

However, a long series of differences between Mr. Thatcher and the main wing of the party appeared to have brought matters to the point where his final break did not shock them.

SHARP ATTENTION

Prime Minister St. Laurent listened with sharp attention as Mr. Thatcher made the first walkout declaration by a Commons member since the Second World War. So did progressive Conservative Leader Drew and Social Credit Leader Low. But none spoke.

Mr. Thatcher, an amiable but outspoken man who first came to the Commons in 1945 at the age of 28, walked out of the House right after a declaration that he can't reconcile divergences between himself and the CCF on major policies.

When he reappears—after returning from picking up a new automobile at Oshawa, Ont.—he will be seated with a group of three other independents, all from Quebec, in a corner of the Commons chamber.

Mr. Thatcher sprang his departure announcement at the moment the House opened its business, and while some members were still trickling into the chamber.

After arriving early and sitting for some minutes with head in hands as he scanned notes, he got up on a question of "personal privilege" a device that readily gets a member the floor.

GROWING DIFFERENCES
"I regret to say," he said, "that recently there have been growing differences between myself and my CCF colleagues on matters"

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To Observe Air Force Day In Charlottetown

The annual observance of Air Force Day by R.C.A.P. Station Summerside will take place this year in Charlottetown in conjunction with centennial celebrations on July 2nd. A large air show along with the usual ground show is planned and the program will be carried out at the Charlottetown Airport with the Charlottetown Wing R.C.A.P. Association as hosts.

Time Payment For Air Travel

TORONTO (CP)—Pan American World Airways Friday announced introduction in Canada May 1 of time-payment for air travel.

A 10-per-cent down payment will be required to any point involving travel by the U. S. airline for a portion of the journey. The balance will be payable over normal time-payment periods.

Says Only Spiritual Values Can Bring Democracy Through

"Democracy must realize its own spiritual values, proclaiming and living them in the daily life of its own life and people, if it hopes to survive much less lead in bringing spiritual strength and security to other lands and peoples," declared Dr. Charlotte Whitton, C.B.E., Mayor of Ottawa, in the course of an inspiring address last night in the Prince of Wales College hall. Taking as her subject "The Decay of Democracy," Dr. Whitton, wearing her robes and chain of office, delivered the sixth annual Samuel Robertson Memorial Lecture before a large and appreciative audience.

Tracing the conception and development of democracy from ancient times to the present, the speaker emphasized the need for constant vigilance in maintaining high standards in public life, warned against indifference and inertia in the great mass of free electors, and appealed for a nationwide drive giving new direction and force to political objectives, in closer harmony with Christian ideals.

Dr. Frank MacKinnon, principal of the college, presided at the meeting and introduced the guest speaker. In paying tribute to the late Dr. Robertson he also referred to the recent death of another distinguished educationist, Dr. R. C. Wallace, of Queen's University.

Prominent among those present were His Honour Lieut-Governor Prowse and Mrs. Prowse, Hon. Dougald MacKinnon, Acting Premier, and Mrs. MacKinnon, and His Worship Mayor J. D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart.

A vote of thanks, warmly endorsed, was extended by Mayor Stewart to Dr. Whitton, who was also the recipient of a large bouquet of flowers.

At the close of the meeting an informal reception was held in the college library, and an enjoyable hour was spent.

TEXT OF ADDRESS

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

"Sammy," Dr. Robertson, whose memory this lectureship honours, served The Island, and the much broader constituency of the Maritimes and classicists everywhere, in the rich ripe scholarship of his living; and, dying, he bequeathed them the memory of a strong upright character, proving how great can be the impact upon a whole community and generation of even one life, grounded in the service of honour and of truth.

"Rejoice ye dead, rejoice where'er your spirits dwell. Rejoice that yet on earth your fame is bright. And that your names, remember'd day and night Dwell on the lips of those who love ye well."

Now ye are stary names above the sun ye climb To light the gloom of time with deathless flames.

Lord Tweedsmuir, (so Group Captain "Ronnie" Stewart, whom we know as "P.E.I." Stewart in Canada, tells me), said of Dr. Robertson, "He is a man whose likes and dislikes I think I would share."

Dr. Robertson was a classicist and, as early as the heyday of the late nineteenth century, he was recommended on page 3 col. 6)



Cub Rally At Zion Church Hall

No, the young Cubs above are not doing the Congo. They're acting out the Hunger Dance of Kaa, a huge snake, in a story told by their leader Mrs. G. C. Fisher of the Central Royalty Pack. The snake did several hissing slithers around the huge circle made by the awed and attentive youngsters. From right to left above are the 15 parts of Kaa: Ronnie Rite, Weston MacAleer, George Crawford, Allan Bagnall, partially covered, Ralph Shea, Wayne Crockett, Monty Kells, Ray Frizzell, Raymond Harrison, Elmer Dowling, Wayne MacMillan, Laurie Jenkins, Jimmie Chandler, Ronnie MacAleer and the smallest part of the snake, the tail, young Brenton Shea. Brandon's Film Lab.

The "grand, grand Howl" heard last night coming from Zion Presbyterian Church Hall was made by over 300 enthusiastic cubs who were attending the Annual Charlottetown Cub Rally. The evening's event was carried on by District Commissioner G. C. Fisher and various cub masters from the 14 cub packs in the city.

After "O Canada" Executive Commissioner E. G. Kerr led the group in an interesting Zulu War Hunt. Cub Master Mrs. Geo. Fisher told the Kipling story, Kaa's Hunting. The Central Royalty (Continued on page 2 col. 6)

Coming Events

- **Dance, Vernon Hall, Monday, April 25th.
- **Dance Vernon River hall, Tuesday, April 26.
- **Crokinole, Mt. Albion Hall, Monday, April 25.
- **Variety concert at Irishtown Hall April 26, not April 27.
- **Showing at Mt. Stewart Friday and Saturday, War Arrow.
- **Highfield United W. A. Cake Sale, Holman's, Saturday, April 23rd, 2 p. m.
- **Caponize at 2 to 5 weeks for easier flock management. Eric MacPhail, New Haven.
- **Booking orders daily for Seed Grain, free of mustard. Walter Craig, Middleton.
- **Cleaning grain till May 10th. Come early. Everett Gallant, Oyster Bed Bridge.
- **Dance, West Royalty Hall Wednesday. Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service. 9.30 to 12.30.
- **Rummage sale Zion Church hall, Saturday, April 23, 2.30. Group 5 W. A.
- **Opening Dance, Stanley Bridge, Tuesday, April 26th. Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra.
- **Rummage Sale, Trinity Church Hall, Saturday, April 23rd, 2 p. m.
- **There will be a dance in Hunter River Masonic Hall, Monday, April 25. Music by Doiron Brothers.
- **Bonshaw Hall, Saturday, April 23rd. Dance, Refreshments. Music by Kentucky Bluebirds. Rain or shine.
- **Kinkora Hall, Wednesday, April 27th. Kinkora Players will present their three act play. Curtain 8.30.
- **Reserve Wednesday, August 10th for the Caledonian Club's Centennial Year Highland Gathering.
- **The year's greatest comedy by Charlottetown Players, at Victoria, Friday, April 29th. Excellent specialties. Curtain 8.30.
- **Corran Ban Players present "Red Acres Farm", Corran Ban Hall, Monday, April 25th. Dance after.
- **Reserve Wednesday, May 4 for the play "Here Comes Charlie". Curtain 8.30. St. Mary's Hall. In aid of Souris Hospital.
- **See the Charlottetown Players present "Jenny Kissed Me", Vernon River Hall, Wednesday, May 4. Curtain 8.30.
- **Public Meeting of New Glasgow and surrounding districts in New Glasgow School Wednesday, 27th, at 8.00 o'clock, regarding assistance for Doctor locating here. All interested please attend.
- **The Annual Meeting of the Crapaud Hall Company, will be held in the Hall, Monday, April 25th, at 8.30 p. m. B. C. Wood, Secretary.



Scouts Hold Rally At Trinity Hall

Six of the city's Scout Troops are represented in the happy group pictured above who attended the annual rally last night. From left to right they are: Brian Redmond, Douglas McEwen, Derek Buntain, Stephen Harper, Roy Scantlebury, Davis Ives and Jim MacLean. Second row: Bernard Callaghan, Philip Mullally, Temple Weeks, Preston Jenkins, Blair MacDonald, Roger Craig, Scott Merit Badges displayed by the young men. Every badge stands for a lesson well learned and are not easy to come by as each scout will agree.

Gen. Templer Appointed To Top Post In British Army

LONDON (Reuters)—Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, who turned the tide against the Communist terrorists in Malaya, has been appointed top soldier in the British Army.

The war office announced today that he will succeed Field Marshal Sir John Harding next November as chief of Britain's imperial general staff. His job will be to guide the British Army's over-all strategy.

The 56-year-old Templer caught the world's imagination with his forceful character. Templer began his active military career in France in 1917. Nineteen years later he won the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry in Palestine.

His promotion during the Second World War was rapid. In 1942, at 44, he became the British Army's youngest lieutenant-general. Seriously injured in Italy in 1944, he was appointed a year later as director of civil affairs to the military government in occupied Germany. In 1946, he became director of military intelligence at the war office. Two years later he was named vice-chief of the imperial general staff.

He was knighted in 1951 and appointed aide-de-camp to the late King George VI. He went to Malaya in February, 1952.

Attention Farmers. Lank Bros., North River Feed Service, are unloading car of Quaker 16 PC dairy ration, which was purchased at special price. They are passing this saving unto you. Special at car \$3.50 per cwt. Friday and Saturday, Dial 7876.

Buying pigs and feeder cattle Monday at Fredericton. Tuesday May 1 from exercises in West Indian waters. The coastal minesweepers Ungava, Trinity and Gaspe and the naval tender Quinte sailed March 11 for six weeks of manoeuvres off Bermuda, Antigua, Barbados, Haiti, the Bahamas, South Carolina and Virginia.

U. S. Officer Sticks Neck Out Again

FRANKFURT, Germany (Reuters)—The United States Army's local commander, who last year nearly started a revolution among G. I. wives and daughters here by coining their scanty summer attire as "improper," Friday stuck his neck out again.

Col. John H. Dilley issued an order similar to the one which almost got him skinned alive by angry females a year ago.

His new decree, published in the daily army bulletin, again bans womenfolk from appearing in public sporting backless dresses, strapless, low-cut creations "except in clubs at appropriate social functions," bare midriff outfits, and shorts "as worn by women."

Dilley also forbids—as he did last summer—"mature women" to wear blue jeans.

Hair curlers are out, too, "unless neatly covered by a suitable scarf or headgear."

The colonel warns that any service wives or daughters who fail to comply with his fashion regulations will be refused admission to American stores, post exchanges, clubs and other buildings.

Thursday, Dilley prefaced his new campaign against what he considers to be unsuitable feminine attire by lambasting the type of civilian duds worn by the men under his command.

"The standards of civilian clothing worn by military personnel is not considered by this command to meet the standards prescribed," he declared in the army bulletin. "After 1800 hours (6 p. m.) a shirt, tie and jacket will be required."

Dr. Salk Honored
WASHINGTON, (AP)—President Eisenhower Friday presented Dr. Jonas E. Salk with a formal citation for his extraordinary achievement in developing the polio vaccine and called him a "benefactor of mankind." In a ceremony in the White House rose garden, the president said the achievement is a credit to the entire scientific community.

\$350,000 Fire Destroys Maid Of The Mist Ships

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP)—A \$350,000 fire Friday destroyed both the Maid of the Mist sight-seeing cruise ships as workmen prepared them for the 1955 honeymoon and tourist season.

A spark from a welder's torch was blamed. Fire chief John C. Shapton of Niagara Falls, Ont., collapsed while directing firefighting operations and died later in hospital.

The sturdy, bow-high little steamships had plied the swift currents of the lower Niagara river since they were launched in 1886 and 1891. Carrying 50 sightseers a trip, they made alternate journeys from docks on either side of the river almost to the foaming base of the great Horseshoe falls and then downstream to the Rainbow bridge.

HEAVY LOSS TO OWNERS
Frank Labond, president of the Maid of the Mist Steamship Company, said 25 per cent of the loss was covered by insurance. Only their hulls were left intact.

One of the 28 ships busy on repair work was injured while fighting the flames with a fire extinguisher.

The workmen were carrying out a \$75,000 repair job on the vessels when the fire broke out on one ship. The flames spread rapidly to the other over a protective tarred canopy.

Firefighters lowered themselves on ropes to battle the flames. Hundreds of spectators watched from a bank 100 feet above.

NAMED FROM INDIAN TALE
The loss may leave the falls without a cruise service for the first time since 1846.

Famous to honeymooners and dignitaries alike, the ships were named from an Indian legend about a chief's daughter who plunged over the falls to her death after seeing the brave of her choice struck down in combat.

The boats made 13 trips a day into the heavy spray at the foot of the falls. Passengers were always bundled in oilskins.

Final Run For N. B. Rail Line
MONCTON, (CP)—An engine and caboose left Moncton at noon Friday on what railway officials expected probably would be the last run on the Peticodiac-Elgin branch line of 13 1/2 miles. The trip was to bring back empty box-cars on the line.

Recommendation for the line's abandonment followed hearings in the winter by the Board of Transport Commissioners of an application by the Canadian National Railways.

The line was opened in the fall of 1876.

Says Montreal Gamblers Resume
MONTREAL (CP)—The Herald says Montreal's gambling combine, inactive since a new civic administration was elected on a reform ticket Oct. 25, is reorganizing.

"At least one of the big casinos shuttered since the October municipal elections is known to be operating again and there are reports that several betting establishments opened shop simultaneously April 11," the newspaper says.

Says Only Federal Move Will Save Coal Industry

GLACE BAY NS., (CP)—A senior officer of the United Mine Workers (CCL) District 26 said Friday American competition will slowly strangle the Nova Scotia coal industry unless the federal government acts to prevent it.

District vice-president Steve Dolhanty said in an address to miners of the apparently doomed 1-B colliery that additional pits would experience idle time during 1955 but he did not specify which ones.

The Dominion Steel and Coal Corp. announced last week that 1-B would be shut down permanently May 31 because there was no market for the 400,000 tons of coal produced by its 725 miners each year.

Mr. Dolhanty said he saw no problem in the existing situation.

SIMPLE SOLUTION
"The simple solution in our present crisis is, in my opinion, for the coal operators to get out and sell all the coal they can, continue to work all their mines; in the meantime, the federal government would authorize the Dominion coal board to take our surplus production which can be placed where American coal is being sold," he said.

The union chief said the district had drummed for two years on the dangers facing the Nova Scotia coal industry in representations to the provincial and federal governments. "Concrete proposals" had been made "that if

implemented in whole or part would eliminate those dangers..."

"We are not only fighting for the life of No. 1-B and the future of the people who are dependent on that mine," Mr. Dolhanty said.

The industry was in immediate need of a "realistic" federal policy to counter the effect of imported coal and oil and ensure an annual market of 7,500,000 tons—2,000,000 tons more than the industry currently produces.

Tornado Rips Missouri Rips

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (AP)—A tornado caused heavy property damage but no deaths late Friday in Lutesville, Mo. Missouri highway patrolmen said only one person needed hospital care.

There was no telephone communication to the community of 700 about 30 miles west of here in southeast Missouri and the police relayed their information by radio.

Parliament At A Glance

Friday
Ross Thatcher, Moose Jaw-Lake Centre, announced his resignation from the CCF party and his intention to sit as an independent.

George Hahn (SC—New Westminster) charged there is a combine between two large soap companies in Canada.

John H. Dickey (L—Halifax) said Canada would find itself in trouble if it banned raw materials to develop industries at home.

Mervyn Johnson (CCF—Kingsley) said Prairie farmers are being covered by the brain-washing of federal income tax inspectors.

The Commons will consider government legislation The Senate is adjourned until May 3.



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

	Min	Max
Dawson	31	42
Vancouver	42	54
Victoria	41	50
Edmonton	36	34
Regina	32	36
Winnipeg	31	45
Toronto	41	64
Ottawa	43	66
Montreal	41	64
Quebec	38	52
Fredericton	29	60
Saint John	32	58
Moncton	29	58
Halifax	35	54
Charlottetown	32	52
Sydney	32	53
Yarmouth	36	50
St. John's Nfld.	33	—

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office says Saturday is forecast to continue mild with variable amounts of cloud.

Forecasts:
Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick: Variable cloudiness and mild; light winds; low high at New Glasgow 32 and 60, Charlottetown 35 and 55, Moncton, Fredericton, Saint John and Edmondston 32 and 60, Campbellton 30 and 55. Outlook for Sunday: Variable cloudiness.

Bay of Fundy: Light winds; variable cloudiness with scattered fog patches; visibility 10 miles lowering in fog patches to near zero; little change in temperature.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 10.52 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises today at 5.16 a. m. and sets at 7.97 p. m.

Sees Both East, West Policies Wrong

Nehru Sees Growing Danger Of War

(By Robert Hewitt)
BANDUNG, Indonesia (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru told the Asian-African conference Friday both the Soviet and Western blocs are wrong, pursuing policies "leading us to the brink of war."

The 14-power North Atlantic Treaty Organization got special condemnation. The Indian nationalist leader called it "one of the most powerful protectors of colonialism, though it was created for self-defence."

"The only way to bring peace into the world is to reduce the area of the tension through co-existence," he said.

OUT OF THE SHADOWS

Nehru's speech put him on record as opposing both NATO and SEATO, the Southeast Asia collective security organization.

Long struggling in the background to keep the first international parley of 29 Asian and African countries from bogging

down over ideologies, Nehru finally took the spotlight in the political committee.

"We should not take any sides in the cold war," he said.

Turkey and Pakistan defended their alliances with the West.

A nine-country sub-committee that had drafted on a resolution—proposed by Iran and other Western-minded powers—to put the conference on record as denouncing colonialism "in any form... including international doctrines resorting to methods of force, infiltration and subversion."

NO NAME CALLING

The resolution didn't name communism but Red China's Premier Chou En-lai and Nehru's right-hand man, V. K. Krishna Menon, evidently wanted no part of it.

Chou, who answered one Ceylonese anti-Communist blast with an appeal for harmony, advocat-

ed a generalized statement expressing support of the United Nations charter section on human rights of dependent peoples, a conference source said.

MAY HAVE TO SKIP IT
The sub-committee, after arguing more than two hours, recessed until today. The conference is to end Sunday.

"It looks very much as though we may have to pass over the resolution on colonialism," a delegate remarked. "That will put us on the spot—because the big issue of this conference is colonialism."

Turkish delegate Fatin Rustu Zeru said Turkey would not have survived Soviet expansion "and we would have to pass over the resolution today" if she were not in NATO.

Delegates said Nehru seemed perturbed. He told the committee: "That is one side of the case. The other case could be present-