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Overcast with a few snowflurries and occasional freezing drizzle; light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown 28 and 32.

"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

CHARLOTTETOWN CANADA, MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1958

NOT MORE THAN FIVE CENTS



HONOR DEAD IN SOUTH AFRICAN WAR

An impressive ceremony was conducted in front of the South African War Monument in Queen Square Sunday afternoon as local survivors and members of the Canadian Legion gathered to honor the memory of Roland Taylor and Alfred Riggs, who gave their lives in the South American Campaign. From left to right: Rev. Mr. Christie, who conducted the service; Harry Hyde, South African War veteran, who laid the wreath; F. P. Smith, Canadian Legion Representative; Color Party, Ernie Farley, (foreground) Harry Mortimer; and Bugler David Mills, who sounded "Last Post" and "Reveille". Col. W. C. Cook of Charlottetown, another South African veteran also attended the service. Feb. 27 was the 58th anniversary of the battle of Paardeberg which virtually ended the South African War.

Yanks Find New Summit Talks Agenda Inadequate

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower and State Secretary Dulles conferred late Saturday on Russia's proposal for an April foreign ministers meeting and it was reported they found it inadequate. They may tell Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov when he calls at the White House Monday morning that the Moscow plan of preparation for a summit meeting later this year is a step in the right direction but does not go far enough. The state department announced the U.S. would consult with its Atlantic Allies on the Soviet proposition but refused any further comment.

The proposal was put forward by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in a note sent to the U.S. government through Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson in Moscow. It offers a wide range of possibilities as to the number of foreign ministers who would attend a meeting, from four to around 30. But the latest note like earlier ones from Premier Bulganin to Eisenhower bars from the agenda practically everything the United States wants to talk about at a summit conference. This applies particularly to such issues as German reunification and the lack of political freedom in Soviet-dominated Eastern Europe.

Turkish Ferry Sinking Death Toll May Be Close To 400

IZMIR, Turkey (AP) — Navy planes and boats searched Sunday for more victims of one of the Middle East's worst maritime disasters, the sinking of the ferry Uskudar. Newspapers said the toll may reach 350 or 400 lives. Rescue workers said 220 bodies had been recovered. At least 40 persons escaped. Most of those aboard were young students going home for the holidays. The Uskudar sank in a sudden storm Saturday shortly after clearing the harbor of this Istanbul base port 50 miles east of Istanbul. When Capt. Mehmet Aschi, 52, guided the 30-year-old ferry of this port at 1230 p.m. there was a rising southwest wind called "Lodos." Ten to 15 minutes later the wind picked up and the sea became turbulent.

P.M. Hints New Freight Assistance For Maritimes

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker ended a three-day campaign swing in the Maritimes Saturday with a bid for a new election mandate March 31 on the claim of promises fulfilled. And before an audience of 1,150 here the Progressive Conservative leader gave a hint of a new promise for the Maritimes. He said his government is considering additional freight rates assistance for the area to spur industrial development. Mr. Diefenbaker's main appeal however, was based on what he said had been the carrying out of promises to the Maritimes made in last year's election. They included greater federal fiscal aid, help for power expansion, and subsidies on Maritime coal used to produce that power. "In the ordinary affairs of life, how do you judge people?" he asked. "Don't you judge them on the way they carry out their promises? Is politics any different? ... look at the record. We promised and we performed."

PREMIER GIVES ASSIST Mr. Diefenbaker received an assistant from New Brunswick's Premier Hugh John Flemming, who said the prime minister "has done more for this province than any statesman since Confederation."

St. John's, Nfld. Blacked Out By Severe Ice Storm

Serious Wire Damage In West Prince From Ice

A freezing drizzle Friday evening and most of Saturday disrupted electric power and telegraph communications in West Prince County during the weekend. Following intermittent power failures during Friday night, a heavy weight of ice on the lines caused a complete interruption Saturday afternoon and further breakdowns Sunday. Broken crossarms between Alberton and Elmstade were the cause of the trouble Saturday night. As far as could be learned no poles were down but communication with rural areas was impossible and accurate information could not be gleaned. Power has been restored to many areas with the exception of Miminogash but due to the fact that roads have not been reopened to traffic in Bloomfield, Piusville and Howland following last week's heavy snow storm communication is still not possible to these areas and consequently no report has been received.

Cheers of 10,000 Pilgrims Greeted Pope On Birthday

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The cheers of 10,000 pilgrims, tourists and Romans greeted the Pope Sunday on his 82nd birthday and 19 years ago he was elected to the throne of St. Peter. The cheers welling up from St. Peter's square brought the frail but still energetic and active head of the Roman Catholic Church to the window of his Vatican apartment shortly after noon. During the day, unmarked by any unusual activities by the pontiff, telegrams arrived from many parts of the world. Among the first received were telegrams from Italian Premier Adone Zoli and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

No Violence As U.K. Reds March

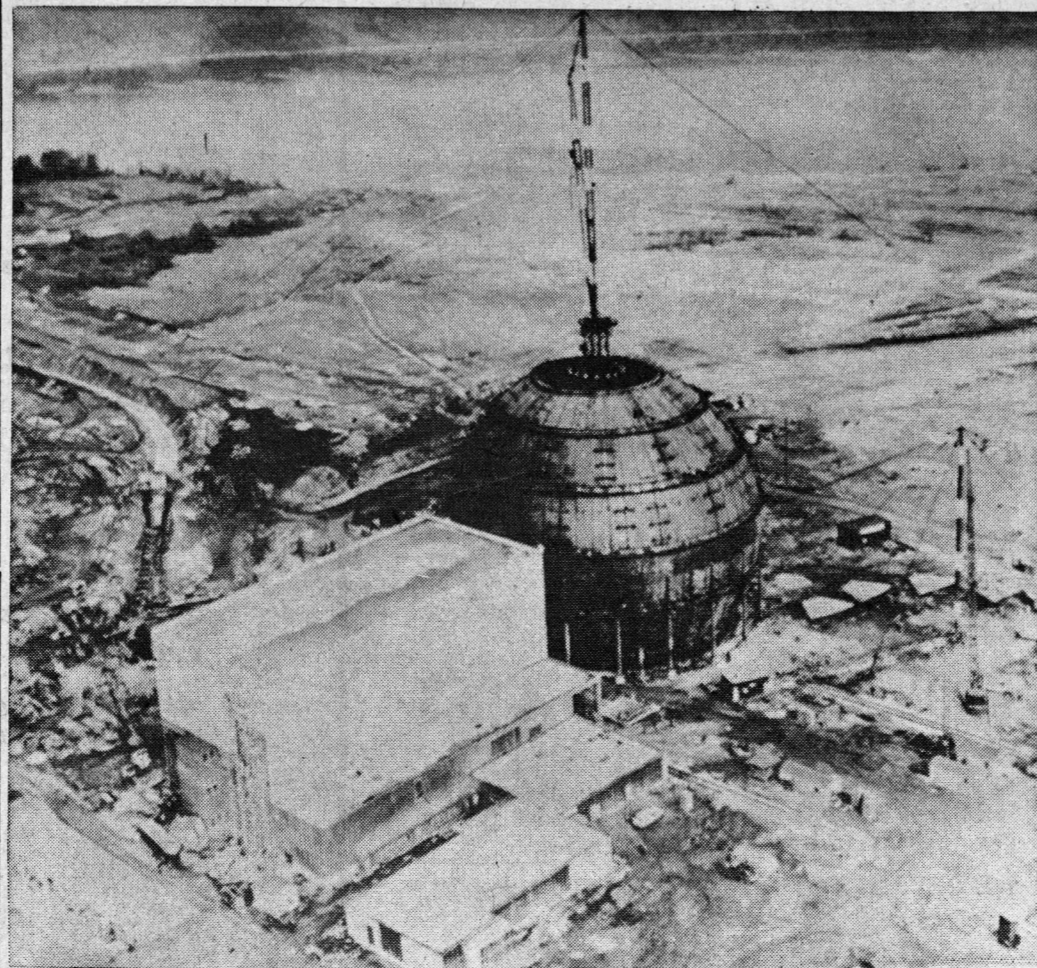
LONDON (Reuters) — British Communists in their biggest showing since the war, Saturday marched on four United States Air Force bases in protest against American rocket and air bases. The Communists also held anti-H-bomb demonstrations in several towns. Outside of some ripped banners, fruit throwing by teenagers and one scuffle, no violence was reported. Few U.S. Air Force men saw the demonstrators as they were warned to keep away from the areas. The Communists aimed at the American bases at Ruislip, near London; Burtwoodwood, Elvington and Weatherfield.

Candles Are In Heavy Demand

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — One wholesale firm said Sunday night it sold \$900 worth of candles from Saturday night to noon Sunday as a result of the City's power failure. A retailer said he sold 49 tons of coal during the same period to householders left without heat. Two of the largest department stores in the city sold all their oil lamps and stoves.

Buddhist Area Thailand, formerly Siam, has more than 19,000 Buddhist monasteries.

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NUCLEAR POWER PLANT RISES

The Dresden station, the United States' largest all-nuclear power plant, takes shape on the Illinois waterway 50 miles south-west of Chicago. The steel sphere, 190 feet in diameter, will house the boiling water reactor assembly which will supply power for the turbines to be housed in the buildings alongside. The \$45,000,000 plant, a Commonwealth Edison company project, is scheduled to be completed by mid-1960. It will produce 180,000 kilowatts of power when operating. (AP Wirephoto)

Only One-Eighth Of City Of 70,000 Has Power

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — The most spectacular and destructive sleet storm in Newfoundland history hit this city of 70,000 during the weekend and left it a darkened, tangled mass of smashed poles and strewn power lines. Power officials said it will be at least two weeks before electricity is full restored. Only one-eighth of this old seaport was receiving a precarious power supply Sunday night as a 35-mile-an-hour wind added its fury to inches of clinging ice piled up by freezing rain. Ice-loaded wires cracked off, poles were smashed down, radio towers were destroyed. Few homes had electricity and only fireplaces and gas and coal stoves provided heat.

NO SERIOUS INJURIES

Up until Sunday night there were no serious injuries reported. General Manager V. A. Ainsworth of the Newfoundland Light and Power Company said it will be "at least two weeks" before full power is restored to the St. John's area. Power stations are turning out enough electricity for all, but there are no transmission wires to carry it. A string of poles going to nearby Bell Island "was just a row of stubs." Wires were strewn across the highways, front porches and lawns. Poles were snapped off everywhere. The weatherman gave no hope for today. Freezing rain and high winds are forecast. Until conditions improve, one official said, it is almost useless to make repairs. The lines are knocked out almost as fast as they are replaced.

PENINSULA CUT OFF

The whole Avalon Peninsula was cut off Saturday night and not a single light burned in St. John's. Residents huddled in front of fireplaces and cooked, when possible, over gasoline stoves. Officials at the power station on the south side of the harbor had only two hours sleep since Friday when trouble first developed. Beds were set up among electrical equipment for tired linemen. Mr. Ainsworth said there were no injuries to linemen working with dangerous wires except for a few minor cuts due to falling ice. Many stores on Water Street, the main business section, opened to sell groceries, camp stoves, candles and other necessities. Residents were kept informed of developments by loudspeaker car operated by radio station CJON. It moved through the streets giving newscasts and weather reports. The newsroom staff, under Jim Thoms, also distributed 10,000 mimeographed news bulletins around the city six times Sunday. The CBC lost its 300-foot tower Saturday and VOCM's went crashing down under tons of ice several hours later. CBC was still off the air early Sunday night.

730 Candidates In Field Now

By THE CANADIAN PRESS River. The field of candidates for the March 31 Dominion election reached 730 today, according to a compilation by The Canadian Press. Indications are the final total will see about 825 contesting the 265 House of Commons seats, lowest number since 1940 when there were 672 candidates for 245 seats. Analysis of nominations so far indicates a smaller field than in the 1957 election last June 10 when 962 were named for 265 seats. The record was 954 for 245 seats in 1945. Nominations close today at 2 p.m. local standard time in 21 large, scattered constituencies where they are held four weeks ahead of voting to allow time for delivery of ballots and other election material. Nominations close Monday, March 17, in the other 242 constituencies, two of which elect two members apiece. The Progressive Conservatives and the Liberals lead the nominating pace, both aiming at contesting all 265 seats. Two party leaders are among today's field: Prime Minister Diefenbaker who faces Liberal and CCF opposition in Prince Albert; and Solon Low, Social Credit, who is opposed by Progressive Conservative, Liberal and CCF candidates in Peace River.

EX-CABINET MINISTER

One candidate is a former Liberal cabinet minister, J. W. Pickersill in Bonavista-Twillingate. Another is a former Liberal parliamentary assistant, Mr. Bendickson in Kenora-Rainy River. In three of the 21 constituencies members of the last House, all Liberals, are not seeking re-election. T. G. W. Ashbourne has retired in Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador, Leonard T. Stick in Trinity-Conception and Joseph Dechene in Athabasca. Following are the 21 constituencies with nominations today: Newfoundland: Bonavista-Twillingate, Burin-Burgoe, Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador, Humber-St. George's, Trinity-Conception. Quebec: Chapeau, Saguenay. Ontario: Cochrane, Kenora-Rainy River, Port Arthur. Manitoba: Churchill. Saskatchewan: MacKenzie, Meadow Lake, Prince Albert. Alberta: Athabasca, Jasper-Edson, Peace River. British Columbia: Cariboo, Skeena. Yukon and Northwest Territories: Yukon, Mackenzie River. In nominations for all 265 seats, Newfoundland is the only province which has matched its 1957 total—14. Alberta with 66 is two under and B.C. with 87 four under.

N.B. Reports Severe Storm

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Pearson Opposes Closed Door Immigration Policy

MEDICINE HAT, Alta. (CP)—Liberal Leader Lester B. Pearson says he is opposed to a "closed-door" policy on Canadian immigration. And while he was a strong believer in a "Canada first" policy on national development, he did not believe that Canada should try to go it alone, working out her destiny aloof from her friends in the Commonwealth and the United States. He told a rally of some 850 in a Medicine Hat theatre hall Saturday that if he became prime minister, he would work for closer relations with Canada's friends abroad. It was true, he said, that the U.S. had given Canada "some cause for irritation" and that Canada should stand up to the Americans, but Canadians had to remember that without the U.S., without her power and strength, the future for Canada would be a "lot more anxious" than it is at present. NEED MORE PEOPLE As for immigration, he emphasized that Canada needed more population and she could not get this "without a Liberal immigration policy." Canada last year brought in about 200,000 immigrants—an unusually high number—and perhaps it was time for a slowdown in the flow but not a "closed door" which would be to our own disadvantage," Mr. Pearson said. He flew in from Regina to make two speeches in this southern Alberta community—his last campaigning in Alberta—before entraining for Manitoba. He is scheduled to visit Flin Flon and Dauphin today and University of Manitoba students at Winnipeg Tuesday. At a luncheon speech before the Alberta Young Liberals Association, he described the Liberal party as one of youth and energy and urged party supporters to work hard for the future and for victory on March 31. "Even more important than the result is the way we work to achieve that result," he added. Mr. Pearson told his audience that the Liberal party must stand for reform; that it must keep in tune with the changing needs of society. HAPPY FEATURE He referred to Prime Minister Diefenbaker's quip that Mr. Pearson, former Liberal external affairs minister, had at least "discovered" Canada. Mr. Pearson said it was indeed a happy feature of campaigning that he could visit various parts of the country and meet people but he had not yet discovered anything of great value in Conservative policy. The Conservatives had presented solutions for Canada's present difficulties and these were based largely on "sarcastic quips and pulsating platitudes." Practically all of the \$1,100,000,000 worth of national works which Mr. Diefenbaker had proposed as a cure for present unemployment was merely a "collection" of projects already approved by government departments some time ago. They were not new and they would not cure unemployment this year. Unlike the Liberals' pledge of \$400,000,000 worth of immediate tax cuts, the Conservatives' pledge "was too little and too late."