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END OF U.S. SOFT COAL STRIKE IS REPORTED IN SIGHT

Organization Discussed By Farmers' Institutes

Will Name Commissioner To Probe Bribery Charges

A Commissioner to investigate alleged bribery charges in connection with the administration of fishermen's loans in the 1947 general provincial election will be appointed under the Inquiries Act by Order in Council at the earliest opportunity, Hon. Walter E. Darby, Attorney General, announced in the Legislature yesterday. The Commissioner will be appointed by Order-in-Council under the Inquiries Act.

Mr. Darby was replying to a motion made on Thursday by Mr. D. L. Mathieson, Fifth Queen's, for an adjournment of the House in order to discuss "a matter of urgent importance." His motion stated there was Court evidence charging that fishermen's loans monies had been diverted to bribe voters and that the charges constituted a serious reflection on the honor and integrity of a member of the Dominion Parliament as well as members of this House.

The reference was to the trial of William Watterworth, of Montague, accused of conspiring to de-

Coming Events

- "Mail your Films to Garnum Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- "Skating tonight in Hunter River rink from 8 till ten.
- "Hockey playoff in Graham's Road tonight, Stanley vs. Graham's Road.
- "Garden Seeds. Send for free catalogue. Arthur Vessey, York, P. E. I.
- "Canada Packers versus North Rustico Legionaires at North Rustico at 8:30 tonight. Skate after.
- "Notice—Will not be doing any custom sewing until further notice. H. Swan & Sons, York.
- "Hockey tonight at Long Creek rink, Nine Mile Creek School vs. St. Catherine's School. Skate after.
- "Hillboro Junior Farmers Meeting at Kenneth Jenkins', Monday night.
- "Hockey match, Long River, tonight, Norboro vs. Long River Juniors.
- "Rummage Sale to-night, Market Building, 7 P. M. Trinity Junior W. A. Willing Workers Group.
- "Annual Meeting of Clyde River Farmers Institute will be held in the school on March 9th. By order of Directors.
- "Crokinole Party, March 7th, Marshfield Hall. Admission 15 cents. Luncheon 25 cents. Proceeds for Girls Guides.
- "Don't miss exciting game in New Glasgow rink tonight at 8:30. Married men vs. single men from Glasgow Road.
- "Wiltshire rink tonight, Milton Hornets versus Hampshire Bulldogs. Game time 8:30. Skating after. Canteen service.
- "Chicken Supper in Crapaud Hall, Saturday, March 4th, 8:30 and 2c. Served 4:30 to 7:30. Sponsored by Orange Lodges.
- "Hockey match Sea View rink tonight, Spring Valley vs. Sea View. Fourth game best of five series.
- "Loads of laughs at MacDonald Bros. Theatre, tonight. See Red Skelton in "Southern Yankee" plus Short.
- "Buying pigs Monday at Fred-erick. Paying \$18 pair for good pigs over 30 lbs each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen.
- "Cornwall rink tonight, Long Creek hockey girls and boys vs. Cornwall. Also senior hockey. Skating.
- "Notice—Renn and Bean Supper; also free movie show at Coochabut Company in New Perth Hall, Wednesday, March 8th. Supper served at 5 o'clock.
- "North River rink tonight, Intermediate B hockey, Cowhead Red Wings vs. East Royalty Royals. Game time 8 o'clock. Skate after. Closed truck leaves Market Square at 7:30.
- "Minimum outside of five hundred acres or more of whole cowd firsty ground oats, barley meal and whole wheat for immediate shipment. Sometimes we have bran shorts and middlings to offer but not with oats, wheat etc. Atlas Grain Company, Board of Trade Building, Charlottetown.

Get Independence In Return For Coal For 50 Years

By Carter I. Davidson
PARIS, March 3 —(AP)—Over German objections, France conditionally traded the Saar almost complete independence today in return for the Saar's wealth of coal for 50 years.

The swap drew protests from political leaders in Germany, former owner of the 738-square-mile border territory.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer called an emergency meeting of West German party chiefs in Bonn. Adenauer delayed official comment until tomorrow.

The France-Saar agreement is subject to approval by the French and Saar Parliaments and then by the Allies which write a final peace treaty for Germany.

Whether Russia will be in on the latter decision appears to depend on whether Russia and the Western Allies are on speaking terms when the time comes to write the German treaty. The United States and Britain have already recognized the autonomy of the Saar.

Terms of a long agreement signed here today give the German-speaking Saarlanders control of their internal affairs and a promise of complete independence as a country in 50 years, if the Allies approve. France will continue to handle their foreign and military affairs in the interval. About 70,000 of the Saar valley's 928,000 population are miners.

The agreement essentially completed detachment of the Saar from Germany.

The Saar mines, now producing about 15,000,000 tons of coal a year, are to be returned to Saar ownership. The agreement specifies that the mines, now operated by a French-appointed administration, will be taken over by the Saar government in 1945, will be state property of the Saar republic from the start of the French concession.

France relinquished claims to a large chunk of German reparations two years ago to lay claim to the Saar's coal, which she needs for her industrial machine.

She will pay the Saar government 20 francs (about 10 cents) royalty on each ton of coal mined for the first five years and then 50 francs a ton, but with a limitation depending on whether the mines show a profit.

Expect Support Price For Butter To Be Cut

OTTAWA, March 3 —(CP)—The government's support price for butter will be reduced by five or six cents a pound April 1, dairy experts forecast today.

Ample production combined with lower support prices usually result in a generally lower price to the consumer. In the case of butter, it was not known how much of a price drop this will mean to the consumer.

The new support price will be announced by Agriculture Minister Gardiner within the next three weeks. The current price is about 58 cents a pound. This may dip to 52 or 53 cents.

The experts said the government will lower the butter floor to:

1. Prevent accumulation of surpluses which occurred as a result of the government's entry into the butter business.
2. Bring the butter floor more into line with the lower support price for cheese.

The government's decision to support butter prices last August, forced it to purchase about 50,000,000 pounds, and still has in storage about 20,000,000 pounds of un-sold butter.

In an attempt to clear the warehouses of surpluses, the government has asked the butter industry to help it find export outlets for at least 10,000,000 pounds.

A commercial dairy source said it would be difficult for Canada to find export outlets for butter at current Canadian market prices. He suggested that Canada would be doing well if 30 cents a pound could be obtained on the foreign market.

On 10,000,000 pounds, that would mean a loss to the government of about \$3,000,000.

He said at current production estimates, there likely will be another surplus at the end of 1949, even if the government does lower the support price to 52 cents a pound.

Polish Legation Attache Quits; To Stay In Canada

OTTAWA, March 3 —(CP)—Tadeusz Wiewiorowski, for four years commercial attache at the Polish Legation, today quit his post in defiance of a recall to Poland and announced his intention to stay in Canada.

The blond, 50-year-old Pole, second to break ties with the Legation in the last year, said that missions of Soviet satellite countries in Ottawa are being loaded with "ideological shock troops — trained and indoctrinated to the last degree in Communism."

Last April W. A. Zbik, second secretary to the Legation, made a similar move. Zbik is still in Ottawa.

Wiewiorowski said in an interview that he came here four years ago with the intention of staying in Canada. He married a girl on the Legation staff. They plan to bring up their two-year-old son as a Canadian.

The commercial attache sent his resignation today in a registered letter to Jan Mikulski, Polish Minister since 1948.

He has applied to the immigration authorities to "enter" Canada as an immigrant.

Immigration officials said his application is under consideration, and that he will be allowed to remain pending a decision.

His resignation from the Legation post has been pending since he received notice in January to return to Warsaw for a "conference."

Mr. Wiewiorowski has never been a Communist. He said the "conference" method was being used to draw back diplomatic personnel who did not conform to Communist views.

Discusses Farm Marketing Problems & Other Issues



Hon. C. C. Baker
Minister of Agriculture

If the Government is to be approached in the matter of the marketing boards proposed by the Federation of Agriculture, any representations made — either for or against — should be presented in the form of written briefs which can be studied from every angle before a decision is reached.

Hon. C. C. Baker, Minister of Agriculture, suggested in the Legislature yesterday.

Making his maiden speech as Minister in the Draft Address debate, Mr. Baker spoke for nearly two hours and reviewed the activities of his department in detail.

In reply to a question by Mr. R. R. Bell, Mr. Baker said he did not know what legislation would go through at Ottawa in connection with the marketing boards. Therefore any action on the part of this Government would have to be delayed until Parliament acted.

Mr. Bell: "Will it be necessary to have Provincial marketing boards to get the benefit of this sum which has been set up for support prices?"

Hon. Mr. Baker: "That is the Sixty-four Dollar Question, and I am not prepared to say. It rather looks that way—that they expect us to set up boards if we go looking for support prices."

Butter Floor Price

Mr. R. R. Bell said it had been brought to his attention that during the past few days some Island factories have been getting less than the floor price for butter, and have been forced to sell at the lower price. He noted a statement in the Federation of Agriculture column in The Guardian that New Brunswick dairies are buying up Island butter and storing it so that it will not undermine their prices.

Hon. Mr. Baker: "Why don't they sell it to the Dairy Products Board for 69 cents? The floor is there; they are not forced to sell below it."

Mr. Bell: "Is there any storage for it?"

Hon. Mr. Baker: "I am glad you mentioned that. Right now we have pending an addition to the cold storage plant that will make available all kinds of room for eggs, butter and other dairy products. That will not be ready for some time, however."

Mr. Bell: "To get the floor price they must sell to the Government. Apparently some of these factories can't get 58 cents for the trade."

Hon. Mr. Baker: "The trouble is that the factories are putting it up in prints rather than solids, and it must be in solids before it can be sold to the Agricultural Products Board. They have over-loaded with prints."

Mr. Bell: "Is there an over-production of butter in the Province at the present time?"

Hon. Mr. Baker: "I wouldn't say it was overproduction; it is under-consumption."

Potato Support Price

Representations for potato support prices have been made by the Federation of Agriculture, the Maritime Provinces supported by the Agriculture Departments of Quebec and Ontario, the Minister said. To date no satisfactory answer as to the outcome has been received.

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Sentenced To Hang May 16

SUDBURY, Ont., March 3 —(CP)—Adelard (Eddie) Latour, 61-year-old bushworker, was convicted today of the knife slaying of Mrs. Ceille Rainville, 28, and was sentenced to be hanged May 16.

Mrs. Rainville, mother of three small children, was slain last Sept. 12 in her basement apartment. Medical testimony was that her body was stabbed in 23 places.

The guilty verdict came on the fourth day of Latour's trial before an Ontario Supreme Court jury. Sentence was passed by Mr. Justice D. P. J. Kelly.

Latour pleaded self-defence and said he had suffered a "black-out."

New Step Announced To Canadianize Fleet

OTTAWA, March 3 —(CP)—The Navy announced a big new step today to Canadianize its fleet and eliminate officers' tendencies towards English accents. It fitted into the recommendations of the three-man Malmgren Royal Commission which brought down a lengthy and sweeping report on the service last fall.

The announcement said naval cadets of the ensign branch — the general list that makes up the bulk of the officers — now will be trained in Canada rather than partly in Canada and partly in Britain.

It has been the practice to give them two years training at Royal Military College or Royal Roads, the Canadian tri-services college, and then send them to the United Kingdom as midshipmen to train for another two or three years.

Now they will take four years at the Canadian colleges in the same way as army and Air Force cadets as naval cadets of the ensign and supply branches.

Drafting Of New Contract Is Proceeding

WASHINGTON, March 3 —(AP)—Persons close to the soft coal negotiations said tonight a settlement of the crippling strike is "in the bag" but a contract will not be signed until tomorrow.

The agreement was said to cover the northern, western and steel-owned "captive" mines. Southern operators were reported to be holding out against some terms of the pact.

There were predictions that they too would fall in line soon. Mechanics were expected to delay a signing for one day, or possibly two in the case of the northern operators, and possibly longer in the case of the southerners.

There were reports, as yet officially unconfirmed, that the new pact called for an increase of 70 cents a day in wages, and of 10 cents a ton in royalty payments for the miners' welfare fund.

Through the big strike appeared to be all but over, it was recognized that there still could be slippage before the signatures went down on the contract.

The walkout had brought the United States to the verge of economic paralysis.

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Organization Discussed By Famers' Institutes

"We must have marketing boards set up here before we can have our crops subsidized, and in order to have our marketing boards the farmers must vote for them," stated Mr. Louis O'Connor, President of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture at the annual meeting of the Farmers Institutes held in the Legion Hall yesterday afternoon.

The new president, elected by the directors, is Mr. John Myers, Carleton Place, Ontario. Mr. Myers was elected vice-president and Mr. J. Lincoln Dewar, New Perth, secretary. The retiring president, Mr. Kenneth MacLean, resigned.

Mr. O'Connor and Mr. R. C. Parent, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm were guest speakers at the enthusiastic meeting which concluded a series of farmers' association annual meetings held over a three day period.

Mr. O'Connor was recounting what Agriculture Minister Gardiner told a committee of Federation men earlier this year. "You can only receive help from the Government by organizing the producers and then having your Provincial Government set up marketing boards."

"In order to do this, he continued, 'you farmers must vote in favor of marketing boards. If you do not mark your ballots, we can not act and the other provinces will receive the Government support money.'

Yesterday's meeting, although much quieter than the meeting on the previous day of the Potato Growers, caused some lively discussion on the matter of farmers' organization.

Mr. R. A. Proffitt, Freetown, Past President of the Federation, stated "In order to defeat the organization in this province there is a little 'hush-hush' talk going on of Communism. If anyone is present who is repeating that stuff, I hope he takes it in. I do not want to hear any more of that kind of talk."

What other way under God's heaven is there to fight Communism than to feed the people. There is only one known way to get clear of our surplus and that is through a marketing board. I wish to make

Heavy Ice Delays Ferry

The car ferry Abegweit was delayed by heavy ice yesterday and the passenger train from Borden did not reach Charlottetown until after 2:10 this morning, more than eight hours behind schedule. Most of the delay was caused by a crossing yesterday afternoon. The ferry left Tormentine, N. B., at 1:26 p.m. and did not dock at Borden until 8:45 p.m. Included in the passengers were special buses carrying the Barbara Ann Scott show and the Columbus Boychoir, both of which appeared here last night.

Ice conditions in Northumberland Strait were said to be the worst for a number of years. In addition yesterday afternoon a strong wind was pushing the ice against the Prince Edward Island shore.

The return trip to the mainland after the passengers on the regular train and the return crossing to Borden were made in much better time, the ferry docking the second time on this side before 11:30.

Temperature Records Broken In Montreal

MONTREAL, March 3 —(CP)—The cold wave broke three temperature records in Montreal today. The official low of 17.1 degrees below zero is the lowest ever recorded on a March 3, the lowest for any March day, the lowest this winter.

FLORENCE, N.S., March 3 —(CP)—Rev. Thomas George Head of Hampton, P.E.I., will take over the Little Bras D'or charge of the United Church, it has been announced by Interim Moderator, Rev. G. N. Gillis of North Sydney.

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High tide today at 11:11 A. M. and 10:35 P. M.
Sun rises at 6:47 A. M. and sets at 6:03 P. M.
Summer time starts tomorrow at 12:00 noon.
BORDEN — TORMENTINE FERRY SERVICE WEEK DAYS
Lv. Borden 8:10 A.M. Lv. Cape Tormentine 2:40 P.M.
SUNDAY SERVICE
Lv. Borden 8:10 A.M. Lv. Cape Tormentine 10:35 A.M.