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Hon. B.W. LePage Dies In PEI Hospital At 82

Hon. Bradford William LePage, former Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island and for many years representative of the Second District of Queen's in the provincial legislature, died in the Prince Edward Island Hospital yesterday. He was in his 83rd year.

Mr. LePage was born at Rustico February 19, 1876, son of the late Christopher LePage and Millicent (Woolmer) LePage. Following attendance at the public school in his district, he entered his father's business at the age of 14.

Three years later he took over the management of the business and developed it into one of the largest mercantile firms in the province.

The packing of lobsters and export of agricultural and fishery products came within the scope of his business. In 1908 Mr. LePage was instrumental in promoting and also managed the first Fishermen's Co-operative Lobster Packing Association in North America.



THE LATE HON. MR. LEPAGE

Mr. LePage's first political success came in 1919 when he was elected as a Liberal to represent the Second District of Queens in the legislature. Although defeated in 1923, he was re-elected in the general elections of 1927, 1931 and 1935.

In the general election held in (Continued on page 10 col. 3)

U.K. Miners Angry Over Mine Closings

LONDON (Reuters) — Angry coal miners Thursday discussed the national coal board's decision to close 36 mines — a decision that threatens the jobs of 13,000 men.

Wednesday's announcement, which shocked union officials, came as the coal board agreed to give 300,000 miners wage increases worth £10,000,000 a year. But, the board said, drastic cuts would have to be made to meet the nationalized industry's mounting crisis. Then came the statement that 36 mines would be closed.

The coal board estimates that about 4,000 of Britain's 700,000 miners will be forced out of the industry, which should be able to absorb the other 9,000 who will lose their jobs.

Mine union President Ernest Jones said after meeting of the union's executive: "the situation is perhaps the most grave we have been called upon to consider in the last 30 years and a good deal of feeling and anxiety prevails."

OIL CONTRACTS

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — Affiliates of Standard Oil Company (N.J.) and Royal Dutch — Shell have signed contracts with the Argentine government for development of oil resources. The oil is for use in Argentina and will not be sold abroad.

West's Berlin Air Rights Facing New Challenge

One Death Is Blamed On Storm

HALIFAX (CP) — An Atlantic gale lashed the Maritimes with snow and rain Thursday, snarling highway traffic, holding up ocean liners and being an indirect cause of at least one death.

A 10-year-old boy died at Liverpool on Nova Scotia's south shore after he was struck by a car while crossing a street at dusk in a driving rain. Police said the boy was wearing a black raincoat and visibility was poor.

Seven persons were injured when a car skidded off an icy road at Lake Charlotte, 40 miles east of Halifax. Two men were hurt when a truck collided with a train in Dartmouth, N.S.

It was the first big storm of the season in the southern Maritimes. The gale reached a peak of 76 miles an hour at Shearwater airport on Halifax harbor. Elsewhere the wind ranged between 25 and 40 miles an hour.

P.R. McCormac Passes Suddenly

Pictou R. McCormac, a civic leader in Charlottetown for many years and proprietor of Sterns Limited died suddenly at the Charlottetown Hospital Thursday morning. He was 57 years old.

He had been admitted to the hospital only one hour earlier, following a heart seizure at his home, 9 Longworth Avenue.

The late Mr. McCormac was well known and highly respected throughout the entire province. A public spirited man, he gave unstintingly of his time and energies to many causes. His capacity for work was amazing and despite his many hours of attention to his own private business, he always had time to contribute his talents to a great many community enterprises.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George J. McCormac, he was born in Charlottetown in 1901. His parents moved shortly afterwards to Saint Georges in King's County where he received his early education. Later he attended Saint Dunstan's University and the Agricultural College at Truro, N.S.

Several years ago he purchased the New Method Cleaners Plant on Longworth Avenue.



THE LATE MR. MCCORMAC

which he operated along with his laundry business. Mr. McCormac sought the office of mayor last February but was defeated by the present incumbent, Mayor Edwin C. (Continued on page 10 col. 5)

Rain Dampens Year's Second Snow Storm

Temperatures reached 33 degrees in Charlottetown early last evening to put a damper on a snow storm that had been building up early in the afternoon.

The snow began falling about 2:30 p.m. but by 7 o'clock was turning to rain as temperatures rose past the freezing point. By 8 o'clock some two inches of snow had fallen but a mixture of rain and freezing rain kept drifting to a minimum.

Five trucks equipped with plows were sent out from the Government Garage between five and six o'clock when the snow was at its worst. There were no reports of blocked roads last night although the precipitation made driving hazardous. Winds were from the east at 30 m.p.h. with gusts to 40. The precipitation was expected to turn to a light drizzle at 2 a.m. and winds would then change to north.

ISLAND CANDIDATE

PARIS (Reuters)—Claude Guy, former ordnance officer of Gen. Charles de Gaulle and now a member of the French delegation to the United Nations, is expected to be a candidate for the parliamentary seat of St. Pierre et Miquelon, the French islands off the southern coast of Newfoundland.

Statement Seen As Warning

BERLIN (AP)—An East German Communist leader said Thursday night commercial air-liners from the West have no legal right to fly into West Berlin. His implied challenge came as West German Chancellor Adenauer campaigned in the Berlin streets for an anti-Communist victory in the city parliamentary election Sunday.

The air issue was raised by Politburo member Hermann Matern at a Red election rally. Matern told 3,500 cheering Communists meeting in the heart of West Berlin that the Allied commercial planes had no right to fly over the sovereign East German territory and be declared: "This situation must be brought in order."

TIME NOT SPECIFIED

Matern did not make clear whether the East Germans intend to begin interfering now with flights of Pan American Airways, Air France and British European

Airways through three air corridors linking Berlin to West Germany about 100 miles away.

But his statement was regarded as an unmistakable warning that East Germany will try to disrupt commercial air traffic if the West refuses to accept a Soviet demand to turn West Berlin into a demilitarized neutral city.

While Matern addressed the Communist rally, Adenauer spoke at a rival Christian Democratic meeting at the other end of the city.

Sixty hours before the elections, the 82-year-old West German leader went into the streets of West Berlin in a personal campaign to rally its people against what he called a Russian attempt to rob them of their freedom.

East Germany pointed to the elections as a chance for West Berliners to show their support for the Russian proposal to convert West Berlin into a neutral city, into an unarmed, neutral city.

Britain Calls For Talks On Aspects Of German Problem

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain has called for Western talks with Russia on all aspects of the German problem after NATO consultations in Paris later this month.

Speaking Thursday in a foreign affairs debate, Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd told the House of Commons there should be a full discussion with Russia both on the German issue and the general problem of European security.

He received immediate support for East-West talks from Aneurin Bevan, chief Labor party spokesman on foreign affairs. But Bevan differed sharply

with Lloyd over proposals for a "disengagement" of East-West forces in central Europe. The foreign minister said: "It may well be that, in fact, the world is very much safer if in critical areas there is direct confrontation of the major parties and not an area of uncertainty where miscalculations could be made."

"Without NATO and without the U.S. troops in Europe, there would be no security at all." Bevan agreed the American forces should stay in Europe, but he called for a neutralized reunited Germany outside the NATO alliance.

Province's Tourist Plans Are Called 'Imaginative'

By CAROLYN WILLETT Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP) — Prince Edward Island's newest tourist information centre will be a lighthouse that may offer curb-service information.

A. A. Nicholson, director of P.E.I.'s travel bureau, Thursday told the federal-provincial tourist conference the new centre will be opened at Albany this summer.

Delegates to the three-day conference, which ends today, commended the island's plans as "imaginative."

The lighthouse has been built and landscaping will be finished this spring. Plans call for picnic tables, fish nets, lobster traps, buoy markers and possibly "curb-service information" from trained staff.

ROTATING LIGHT

The lighthouse will have a rotating light on its dome. A portion of the lighthouse "cone" will be glassed in so tourists can climb three flights of stairs to look at surrounding country.

"This is an authentic lighthouse," Mr. Nicholson said. It stands at a provincial crossroads near Borden, the landing for the ferry from Cape Tormentine, N.B., and is visible from the ferry.

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plan to light the centre as well as add to the existing building.

ENOUGH INCENTIVE NOW

"Last summer we thought of giving visitors a glass of Nova Scotia cider, but the congestion was already so great we didn't want an additional incentive for visitors to stay."

Earlier, Guy E. Moore, Ontario's deputy minister of travel and publicity, was named chairman of a special committee to study a 600-page economic survey of Canada's tourist industry.

The survey, sponsored by the Canadian Travel Association with federal and provincial governments, transportation companies and the bureau of statistics as contributors, was not presented

at the conference. Allan Field bureau director said school children often write to the bureau as a "writing project."

He told the conference that if the bureau answered all the requests from children for tourist information "we would use up our entire list of publications."

The bureau's policy was to send literature to teachers if teachers wrote for it.

However, some provincial officials said "children's inquiries shouldn't be underestimated."

"Children have a definite influence on family holidays," said W. E. Organ of Winnipeg, director of Manitoba's travel and publicity bureau.

Government Of Finland Quits

HELSINKI, Finland (Reuters) Finland's coalition government resigned Thursday after a crisis due mainly to the deterioration of relations with Russia.

Premier Karl August Fagerholm, plagued with disputes with neighboring Russia since he took office Aug. 29, handed his government's resignation to President Urho Kekkonen.

Kekkonen accepted the resignation, but asked Fagerholm and other ministers to remain at their posts until a new government can be formed.

RELATIONS WORSENE

There has been a marked deterioration of relations between Finland and Russia since Fagerholm, a Social Democrat, formed his coalition government cabinet after long negotiations following a July general election.

Last month, Russia said it would have to stop importing goods from Finland unless the Finns increased their purchases from Russia.

PEI Tourist Directors Endorse Daylight Time

At the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors of the P.E.I. Tourist Association held last night at the Charlottetown Hotel, a resolution was unanimously passed urging the adoption by the provincial government of daylight saving time on a province-wide uniform basis for the summer of 1959. The resolution endorsed the leadership given in this direction by the Federation of P.E.I. Municipalities.

A. B. LePage, newly elected president of the organization presided over the meeting, with representatives present from throughout the province.

A publicity committee was set up for the year consisting of R. E. Taylor, A. B. LePage, and the secretary.

It was decided to try and arrange for Miss J. Swicker of the home economics section of the federal department of fisheries to give a one-day course in the preparation and cooking of fish for the benefit of the province's tourist operators and restaurants during her forthcoming visit to the Island in January.

Mrs. Dora Campbell and Mrs. Sally Rodd were named to look after details of such a course.

REVIEW INSURANCE

The subject of hospital health insurance was reviewed at some length including proposed financing of the same and effect of the plan on the tourist industry in this province. A committee of Doug Hill, Gordon Shaw, R. E. Taylor, and Dr. J. A. MacMillan was named to further study this subject and gather necessary

CRIPPLE KILLED

TORONTO (CP) — Stephen Edward Labrador, 43, a one-legged, one-armed cripple, was killed Wednesday night when his truck slipped and he fell in the path of oncoming traffic. Police said three cars passed over him on downtown Queen Street.

Ont. Officials Seek To Plug Gap In Highway Traffic Act

TORONTO (CP)—Ontario law officers Thursday scrambled to plug a hole left in the province's traffic laws by a ruling that careless driving charges are invalid.

"There are more ways than one to skin a cat," declared Attorney-General Roberts.

"For every charge on the books there are a couple more that can be brought into play to cover a situation."

USE OTHER CHARGES

Crown attorneys throughout the province were told to proceed with prosecutions on other charges that could be laid under the Highway Traffic Act in careless driving cases.

Police were ordered to continue laying careless driving charges—but to issue summonses instead of making arrests. Crown attorneys were advised to seek adjournments of careless driving charges pending an appeal by the attorney-general.

Meanwhile a flood of appeals from careless driving convictions was expected within the next 30 days, the time limit from date of conviction.

Charges Laid Against Four In Co. Magistrate's Court

Four Charlottetown men appeared before Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet at a special sitting of Queen's County Magistrate's Court in the law library of the courthouse last evening.

Two of the men appeared on separate charges of break, entry and theft, the third on a charge of attempted theft and the fourth on a charge of possession of stolen goods.

John Herbert Shepherd is charged with breaking into the Gulf Potato Company in New Wiltshire on December 4th and unlawfully taking 126 50-pound bags of potatoes valued at \$126. He was represented by J. R. Bell, Q.C.

John Francis MacDonald is charged with the attempted theft at Charlottetown on December 3rd of 50 75-pound bags of potatoes, the property of Jerome O'Brien of Charlottetown. He was not represented. Two additional charges against MacDonald are pending.

Donald C. MacDonald is charged with breaking into The Gulf Potato Company at New Wiltshire on November 3rd and unlawfully taking 119 50-pound bags of potatoes valued at \$119. A second

Conditions In Canals Better

MONTREAL (CP)—Conditions improved Thursday night on the ice-encrusted Lachine and Soulanges Canals in the St. Lawrence River and ships began moving at the rate of one an hour.

Paul St. Germain, Lachine canal superintendent, said traffic was resumed after the ice-bound freighter Wheaton was freed this afternoon from a slush trap near the centre of the nine-mile canal.

"Everything has improved a little since this morning," he reported, after surveying the canal route.

"If milder weather continues, we hope to get all the ships through before winter sets in."

Earl Alexander Leaves For UK

OTTAWA (CP)—Earl Alexander of Tunis left Ottawa Thursday on the way back to Britain after spending nearly six weeks in hospital here recovering from a heart attack. Before leaving he issued a statement saying his rapid recovery was due to excellent medical care and good wishes received from all parts of Canada.

AIRLINE PACT

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Civil Aeronautics Board Thursday tentatively approved a pact among six airlines to share earnings if one is grounded by a strike. The agreement provides for monthly payments to the grounded airline by the lines still operating out of additional revenues they derive from traffic diverted to them.

Premier Accepts Artistic Gift

Mrs. Bayfield Ellis, president of the P.E.I. Art Society, presented a painting "Still Life" to Premier A. W. Matheson during the opening of the Maritime Art exhibition at Prince of Wales College last night. The painting is a gift of the Maritime Art Association to the people of this province. The painting is the work of Mrs. J. Campbell of Saint John, N.B.



ONLY 18 Shopping Days Until Christmas

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ANNUAL DINNER HELD More than 100 members and their wives attended last night's Annual Dinner. Above S/Sgt. R. J. King, C.D., N.C.O. Mess president is shown above left with his wife and three other NCO's as they talk with members of the NCO's Mess. They are left to right, Sgt. R. P. Walsh, Cpl. L. J. Doiron and Cpl. R.T. White.