

Charge Pension Commission With Laxity

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Canadian Legion Wednesday charged the Canadian Pension Commission with lax administration. In a brief submitted to the first meeting of the Commons veterans' affairs committee, the 200,000-member legion cited seven cases of commission "failure to search records, failure to assess properly evidence on file, administrative error and unjust pension applicants."

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He said it would take the legion nearly two months to supply accurate figures for the last 10 years — "We have no statistical set-up like the government" — but admitted the number of cases is small compared to the total number of pension claims handled by the commission.

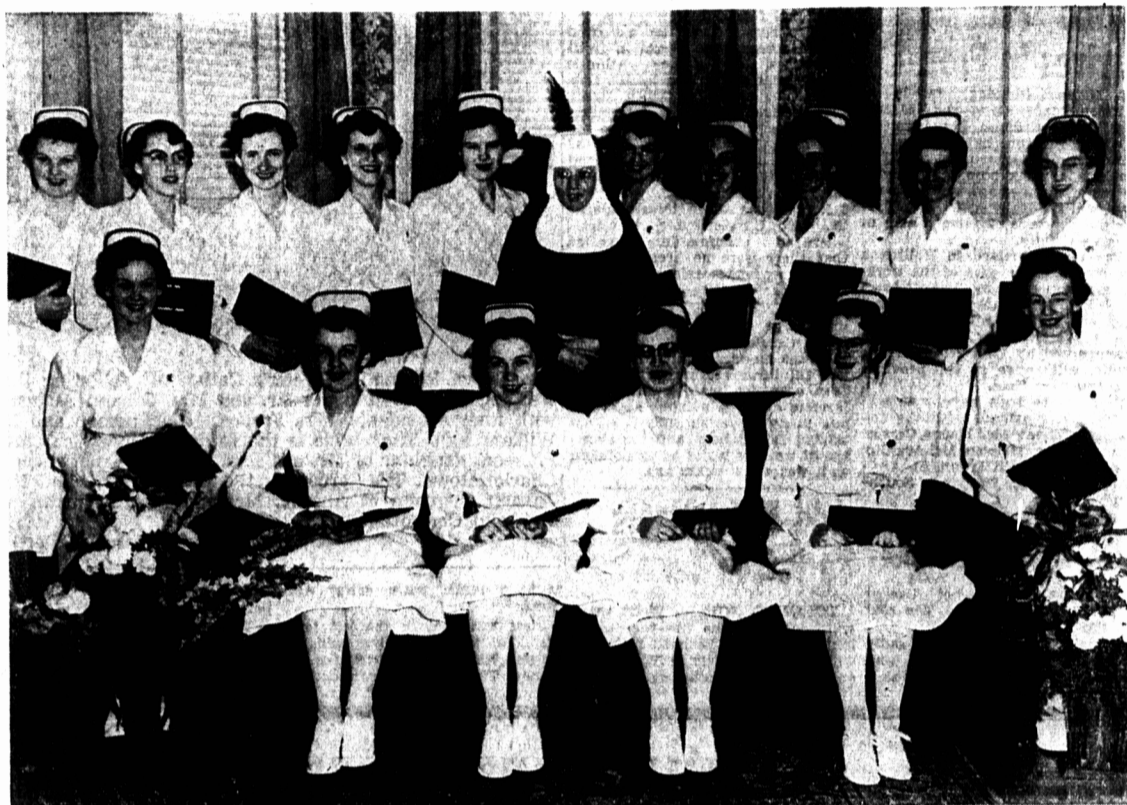
A. J. Brooks (PC—Royal) said: "The principle is the same whether there are a few cases or 100."

Coming Events

- Dance in Millview Hall, every Friday.
Dance in Graham's Road Hall, Friday evening, May 21st.
Dance in St. George's Hall, Friday, May 21st.
Reserve July 1st. Lobster Supper, Chepstow School.
St. Theresa's play, Cardigan hall, Thursday, May 20. Sale of candy.
Rummage sale, Ladies Auxiliary Y.M.C.A. Friday, May 21, 2:30 p.m.
Reserve Wednesday, June 2nd for Crapaud Women's Institute concert.

De Valera's Party Lagging In Irish Election Vote Tabulation

Graduating Class At City Hospital



Pictured above is the class of nurses which graduated from the Charlottetown Hospital school for nurses at last night's ceremonies. They are: seated, front row, left to right, Roma Cavanagh, Charlottetown; Maureen Curran, Peakes Station; Anne McCormack, Souris East; Joan Kelly, Fort Augustus; Beatrice Doucette, North Rustico; Florence Callaghan, Charlottetown. Standing, left to right, Theresa McIsaac, Rockbera, Geraldine MacDonald, Cardigan; Martha O'Holloran, Greenfield; Alvira LeClair, North Rustico; Pauline Morrissey, East Royalty; Sister Marie Monica, Charlottetown; Donna White, Emerald; Mary Morrison, Saint John, N. B.; Leona Devine, Peakes Station; Helen Theriault, Halifax; Colleen McCarthy, Tig nish.

DUBLIN, (CP)—Prime Minister Eamon De Valera's Fianna Fail men of destiny party fell slowly behind early today in Irish Republic's general election.

The counting of ballots from Tuesday's voting had not reached the halfway mark before it was apparent opposition leader John Costello had a good chance of winning a majority in the Dail Eireann.

Political observers said that about all the gaunt, nearly blind De Valera could hope for was to gain enough seats to allow him to exercise the same kind of slim parliamentary control he had had for the last three years. Both De Valera and Costello won re-election to the Dail, De Valera by acclamation. The popular vote for the 71-year-old prime minister was not as large as usual, however. Fianna Fail was running against the entire field. It lost three seats to Costello's Fine Gael (United Ireland) party and two to Labor.

The count thus far completed showed the parties had returned the following number of members to the 147-seat Dail: Fianna Fail 40; Coalition 45 (including Fine Gael 30; Labor 12; Clann Na Talmhan (farmers) 2; Clann Na Poblachta (republicans) 1; Independents 3.

Pretty Teen-Ager Becomes 100,000th Dutch Immigrant

By MEL MORRIS Canadian Press Staff Writer. MONTREAL (CP)—A slim 19-year-old girl Wednesday became the 100,000th Dutch immigrant to arrive in Canada since the end of the Second World War and immediately began practising her English with top government and diplomatic officials.

Pretty Jacoba Gerardina (Koojie) Bol was greeted by Immigration Minister Harris and A. H. J. Lovink, Netherlands Ambassador to Canada, in a multi-language ceremony aboard the liner Groote Beer. Shyly, the blue-eyed girl replied to their welcome in Dutch and in hesitant English.

Mr. Harris, who described Miss Bol as "representative of the friendliness between the Netherlands and Canada," met the challenge with a brief speech in Dutch and English. Mr. Lovink added a short address in French. Miss Bol, a high-school graduate who worked as an apprentice librarian before leaving Holland, was accompanied by her parents, a 17-year-old sister and two brothers. (Continued on Page 15 col. 3)

Report Little Hope At Geneva Talks For Arranging Peace In Indo-China

By Lynn Heinzel GENEVA, (AP)—Hope of achieving peace in the jungle war of Indo-China faded almost to the vanishing point at the Geneva conference Wednesday night.

East and West suspended negotiations for an armistice for one day after devoting more than three hours to wrangling over an old dispute-recognition of the so-called "phantom governments" of Laos and Cambodia.

peace in Indo-China. A further meeting in restricted session will be held in May 21. Britain's Foreign Secretary Eden proposed the one-day "cooling off" (Continued on Page 15 col. 3)

R. C. M. P. Close Narcotics Trap

TORONTO (CP)—In simultaneous moves in Toronto and Montreal Wednesday the RCMP closed a drug-peddling trap they said may smash a narcotics ring with Canada-wide and international connections.

Nine persons, including two women, were arrested in raids in the two cities. Officers said other arrests are expected shortly.

French Bombers Cut Highway

HANOI, Indo-China, (Reuters)—French bombers Wednesday cut vital highway 41 with a torrent of high explosives aimed at Communist rebel spearheads advancing along the road link toward the Red river delta.

They blasted the highway in defiance of rebel charges that the agreement for evacuating wounded French prisoners from Dien Bien Phu.

But more injured defenders of the captured stronghold arrived in Hanoi Wednesday night, bearing out rebel promises to continue the evacuation. Five other survivors of the fortress' desperate stand reached French outposts in northern Laos after piercing Vietminh lines and marking 10 days through rebel-infested jungles.

Charged With Theft Of Municipal Funds

OTTAWA, (CP)—A charge of stealing \$7,507 in municipal funds was laid Wednesday against Jean Paul Beaulieu, 36-year-old rentals administrator at the Rockcliffe emergency shelter.

The charge was laid by police after consultations with Crown Attorney Raoul Mercier and a special audit team named by him said today it is difficult to look into shortages in the shelter's funds. Beaulieu appeared before Magistrate Glenn Strike and elected to take his case before a high court judge and jury. Bail was set at \$5,000.

17 Nurses Receive Diplomas At City Hospital Graduation Last Evening

Seventeen nurses of the Charlottetown Hospital were presented with their diplomas and pins at a beautiful graduating ceremony held at the Community Centre last evening. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, K.C.S.G., chief of the medical staff was chairman. The valedictorian was Miss Florence Jean Callaghan and the address to the graduates was delivered by Dr. John C. Theriault.

Present for the graduation were Lieutenant Governor T. W. L. Prowse and Mrs. Prowse; Premier A. W. Matheson, Mayor J. D. Stewart and Hon. B. Earle Macdonald, Minister of Health and Welfare, all of whom spoke briefly.

Says Atomic Engine For Planes Ready

DETROIT, (CP)—The Detroit News said Wednesday it has learned from officials of the National Association of Manufacturers that "the world's first known atomic aircraft engine is in production or at least in a production stage."

It also says it learned that an atomic railroad engine is ready for production now. The newspaper says the atomic aircraft engine is being worked on by North American Aviation Inc., at its plant in Downey, Calif.

Propose Price-setting Ban Be Lifted

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association proposed Wednesday that Parliament remove the ban against retail price setting by suppliers of branded goods to eliminate the "evil" of loss leader selling.

The association, in a submission to the restrictive trade practices commission, maintained that though loss leader selling is a "definite evil," it would be difficult to define it satisfactorily for legislative control.

Veteran N. S. Lawyer Dies At Sydney

SYDNEY, (CP)—Colin McKenzie, 73, one of Nova Scotia's oldest practising lawyers and a prominent Liberal party supporter, died Wednesday at St. Rita's Hospital after an illness of several days.

Son And Companion Sought In Murder Of Storekeeper At North Sydney

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S. (CP)—Storekeeper Clarence Flander, 70, was savagely beaten with a black-jack and robbed of \$16,000 Wednesday and police issued warrants for the arrest of his 16-year-old son and another youth.

Police said the robbery took place about 6:30 p.m. when Flander was alone in his small confectionery store in downtown North Sydney. One of his assailants is believed to have entered and

locked the door behind him while the other kept watch outside. Highway patrol officers put up roadblocks between North Sydney and Canso Strait to prevent the fugitives from escaping to the Nova Scotia authorities said Cape Breton Island. Authorities said they were seeking a North Sydney taxi driver who was missing along with his cab.

Police found the homemade black-jack on the floor of the store near where Flander lay with blood oozing from deep cuts on his head. Hospital officials said his condition was serious but not critical. The warrants obtained by police charged assault and robbery. Police said there were not witnesses.

Flander is a Newfoundlander but his home town was not given.

BOAC President Declares Causes Of Jetliner Crashes Remain Mystery

By ARCH MACKENZIE LONDON, (CP)—Sabotage has not been ruled out as the cause of the troubles of Britain's ailing Comet jetliner but the head of the British Overseas Airways Corporation said today it is difficult to see what sort of sabotage could have taken place.

BOAC president Sir Miles Thomas reviewed the Comet's tragic history Wednesday and said intensive investigations are continuing into the three separate but similar air disasters involving the aircraft.

Sir Miles told a luncheon meeting he has unbounded confidence that the Comet will fly again. It might develop that the crashes were due to something as simple as the tire blowouts that used to mystify the automobile industry.

and on a fuel leak. The Comet crash off Elba Jan. 10 happened so suddenly that the radio operator broke off in mid-message. Suggestions about crash causes had been arriving by letter at the rate of 160 a day up to three weeks ago. Theories ranged from the mingling of Bikini A-bomb dust with volcanic gases from Vesuvius to death rays sent by Communist-controlled fishing boats

A prize to the graduate who has shown the greatest promise of professional development during her period of training, awarded by "The Canadian Nurse" was won by Miss Martha O'Holloran, Greenfield. A bursary for post graduate study in surgery, donated by The Saint Charles Auxiliary, was awarded to Miss Joan Kelly, Alvira LeClair and Geraldine MacDonald. A bursary for post graduate study in obstetrical nursing, donated by the Junior League, was awarded to Miss Mary Theriault. (Continued on Page 15 col. 1)

52 SUEZ ATTACKS LONDON (AP)—The government reported Wednesday there have been 52 attacks on British subjects in the Suez canal zone in the last six weeks. One British soldier was killed and four seriously injured. Foreign Undersecretary Arthur Dodder-Parker told a Conservative questioner in the House of Commons.

Employment Increase Seen Lagging

OTTAWA, (CP)—Canadian unemployment went down in April, but more slowly than in usual with the onset of warm weather. Government figures issued Wednesday indicated employment was up from March but down from April of 1953. Unemployment was sharply higher than a year earlier.

The figures produced renewed demands from Canada's two largest union organizations—the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and the Canadian Congress of Labor—for federal action to stem unemployment or ease its effects.

The government survey, issued jointly by the labor department and the bureau of statistics, showed these figures: 1. At April 15, there were 549,028 persons looking for work through the government's national employment service offices was only 3.6 per cent, a drop to 549,028 on April 15 from 569,898 on March 18, Mr. MacDonald said. In the same period last year the decline was 8.7 per cent to 372,520 from 408,033.

out work and looking for jobs in the week ended April 17 totalled 308,900. This compared with 318,000 a month earlier and 165,000 in the same week of 1953.

CCL Declares Unemployment Problem More Than Seasonal; Demands Action

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Canadian Congress of Labor said Wednesday latest unemployment figures indicate Canada's unemployment problem is more than seasonal. The government therefore has no further excuse for delaying assistance in creating more jobs, it says.

April's figures show that the government's belief that unemployment would pass is "unrealistic," Donald MacDonald, CCL secretary-treasurer, said in a statement. The month's decline in unplaced applicants at national employment

service offices was only 3.6 per cent, a drop to 549,028 on April 15 from 569,898 on March 18, Mr. MacDonald said. In the same period last year the decline was 8.7 per cent to 372,520 from 408,033. "We have repeatedly warned the government that this year's unemployment was not fictional or seasonal," Mr. MacDonald added. "The government has no further excuse for delaying improvements in unemployment insurance, developing a large-scale public works program and joint government-labor-management planning for full employment."

Falls 60 Feet And Survives

MONTREAL, (CP)—Army Sgt. Bill Whalley, recovering from a fall off a fourth-storey window ledge, says he is alive today because he remembered the parachute school rhyme: "If I fall on my head I'll be dead."

Whalley was washing the windows of his fourth-storey apartment last week when he slipped and fell 60 feet to a cement walk below. He broke both his ankles and his wrists and cracked a couple of vertebrae. In his hospital bed, Whalley recalled that when he started to fall he did not panic. He said he put his arms over his head, curled up in a crouch and managed to do a roll on landing.

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office here says a disturbance southeast of Cape Cod is moving very slowly northeast. Another disturbance has formed in North Carolina and is moving northeastward to reinforce the first one. As a result, little change in the weather of the Maritimes is expected Thursday.

Regional forecasts: Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John river valley: Cloudy with occasional rain; cooler; light winds. Low-high at Charlottetown and Moncton 45 and 60, Fredericton and Saint John 40 and 62.

Upper St. John river valley, Bay of Chaleur: Cloudy with occasional rain; not much change in temperature; winds north east 15. Low-high at Edmundston and Campbellton 40 and 62.

Cloudy with occasional rain; visibility 10 miles lowering to four miles in rain; not much change in temperature.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 12:44 a.m. and 11:35 p.m. Summer tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. Sun rises today at 4:39 a.m. and sets at 7:40 p.m.



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 3 columns: City, Min, Max. Rows include Dawson, Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Saint John, Moncton, Halifax, Charlottetown, Sydney, Yarmouth, St. John's.