

Rail Arbitration Scope Unsettled; Cabinet May Settle Problem Today

OTTAWA, (CP)—Scope of action for the union in the rail-way contract dispute remains unsettled as the cabinet and the unions prepare to deal with the issue at meetings today.

While both sides have reached a strike-averting agreement to accept rulings of a government-appointed arbitrator, informants said Tuesday that as yet neither has expressed its views to the government on terms of reference for the arbitrator proposed by the cabinet last Wednesday.

The cabinet hopes to get general agreement on these terms—defining the powers of the arbitrator—before writing them into an order-in-council and announcing the closely-guarded name of the appointed arbitrator last week.

But whether this can be done today is problematic. The cabinet could not promptly if its tentative terms were accepted, but there is no certainty that they will not need revision.

UNION COMMITTEE MEETS

While the ministers meet here, the 105-man general conference committee of the 14 unions in the dispute will go into session at Montreal to discuss the terms of reference and other questions relating to the dispute that threatened a strike until the unions' negotiating group agreed Aug. 18 to arbitration under pressure of a prospective emergency session of Parliament.

The arbitrator's terms of reference as proposed by the government have not been disclosed, but government informants say they are basically in line with the expressed views of the unions and

Military Groups Replace Reserve Force Brigades

OTTAWA (CP)—Formation of 25 militia groups to replace reserve force brigades is scheduled for completion Dec. 31, army headquarters announced Tuesday.

The reorganization of the Canadian army reserve force, now called Canadian Army Militia, is the result of recommendations made after a survey earlier this year.

Three of the new militia group headquarters will be in Toronto and two in Montreal. Central of the east will be at St. John's, Nfld.; Charlotte-Town, Sydney, N.S.; Halifax, Moncton, N. B.; Saint John, N. B.; Quebec; Lévis, Que.; Sherbrooke, Que.

Gunman Fails In Bank Holdup

MONTREAL, (CP)—A masked gunman fled Tuesday following an unsuccessful attempt to hold up a Notre Dame street west branch of the Bank of Montreal.

Police said the bandit, believed to be a youth, entered the bank late this afternoon and shouted "holdup."

He fired a shot into the floor when the bank's 16 employees and about a dozen customers failed to pay attention to him.

When a customer made a dash at him he turned and ran.

Labor Paper Takes Slap At Aneurin Bevan

LONDON (AP)—The Daily Mirror Tuesday called Aneurin Bevan "the irresponsible master of the indefensible statement" and urged him to keep quiet when he has "nothing useful to say."

The Mirror, a big-circulation tabloid which supports the Labor party's moderate element, recalled left-winger Bevan's recent denial of statements attributed to him in the Japanese press and added:

"Why doesn't he try a little self-denial? Why for example did he open his mouth in Japan to say this: 'We believe we in Britain have much to be ashamed of in our imperial past. You also have much to be ashamed of in your imperial past?'"

"Why didn't he remind the Japs that India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma have all achieved self-government since the war?"

"Why must he say the wrong things in the wrong place at the wrong time?"

"He insists on remaining the tragedy of the Labor party. The flamboyant word juggler whose words drop like bricks. The man whose promise always outruns his achievement."

"It is ludicrous that he should aspire to be labor's leader."

INDIANS RETURN

MONTREAL (CP)—A group of Mohawk Indians from the nearby Caughnawaga reservation will return home Tuesday following their annual pilgrimage to Auriesville, N. Y., during the week-end.

Auriesville is the original home of the Caughnawaga Mohawks who migrated to Canada after their conversion to the Roman Catholic religion.

Suggest Solar Energy Best Future Source of Power, But Sound Warning

ROME (AP)—Fast-multiplying mankind was told Tuesday to look to solar energy rather than atomic power as a substitute for his steadily dwindling natural resources.

But experts on both those power sources warned the United Nations conference on population that no era of cheap and widespread solar or nuclear energy "is just around the corner."

Ship Fire Report Possible Error

VIGO, Spain (AP)—Maritime monitors throughout Europe heard a report Tuesday night that a large unidentified freighter was ablaze off the northwest coast of Spain. But vessels which rushed to the area could find neither the stricken ship nor the one which reported the fire.

The first report of the blaze came from the British fishing vessel Suzy, which reported the ship was burning some 15 miles north of Cape Villano.

The Suzy said she sighted an explosion followed by fire aboard the vessel at 8:05 GMT (4:05 p.m. EDT), but that because of heavy seas was unable to approach the burning ship.

A short time later the Spanish coastal radio station here received a message from the 5,686-ton Israeli freighter Henrietta Szold saying she had proceeded to the position given by the Suzy and could find neither the blazing ship nor the fishing vessel. The Israeli ship said she sighted only three Spanish boats engaged in normal fishing operations.

Other rescue vessels reported no sightings as yet.

CCF Views On Textile Plants

OTTAWA (CP)—David Lewis, CCF national chairman, said Tuesday the federal government should take action to prevent the closing of textile plants.

In a statement commenting particularly on a shutdown at Milltown, N.B., he suggested:

1. Reviewing textile requirements of government departments—especially defence—and giving priority to any available orders to plants threatened with closure.

2. Removal of the 10-per-cent sales tax from clothing.

Mr. Lewis also called for federal help in the establishment of new industries in communities where textile plants have closed and there is no likelihood of their early reopening.

rather low concentration," but they warned the population experts.

"It is not likely that by 1975 atomic power will have made a major contribution towards supporting expanding populations."

Highway Officials Plan Conference

HALIFAX (CP)—Highway officials of the four Atlantic provinces will meet at Ingonish, N. S., next Tuesday and Wednesday for their 24th annual meeting of the Eastern Canadian Association of Highway Officials.

J. L. Wickwire, chief engineer of the Nova Scotia department of highways, will preside. The association, formed last fall, will discuss problems common to the four provinces.

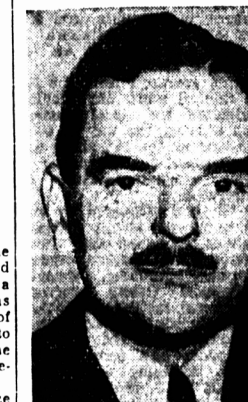
REPEL IMAGINARY REPS

KARS, Turkey (AP)—NATO's "kevissor" manoeuvres testing the defences of southern Europe wound up Tuesday with Turkey's 3rd army turning back a simulated Russian invasion across its eastern border. Six thousand Turkish reservists took part in the manoeuvres in which United States, British, Canadian, Italian and Greek forces joined.

HALIFAX (CP)—The Sheet Harbor bridge spanning the East river will be replaced next year, highway officials announced Tuesday. One of the longest spans in the province, it will cost approximately \$200,000.

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Governor Dewey

NEW YORK (AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey said Tuesday night that under no circumstances would he be a candidate for re-election this fall.

The Republican governor said in a prepared 15-minute television speech:

"After the most thorough and even painful consideration I have concluded that the time has come for me to return to private life."

He did not indicate whom he would support to succeed him in the post of governor, which he has held for 12 years.

Fire Destroys Huge Goodyear Store

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y. (AP)—A \$500,000 fire Tuesday destroyed a huge store of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and damaged adjacent property. Seven persons, including four firemen and a power company repairman, received minor injuries.

News Briefs From Home And Abroad

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The Soviet Union is expected to make a strong diplomatic counter-attack in the Security Council to meet the United States' call for UN action in the shooting down of an American bomber by Russian planes.

NEW YORK (AP)—A plan is being considered to erect "the largest structure in the world" on the site of Grand Central terminal, Robert R. Young, chairman of the New York Central Railroad, said Tuesday. This would mean raising of the present terminal building.

BONN (Reuters)—Konrad Adenauer, the West German chancellor, Tuesday proposed postponing the British-sponsored European conference on European Defence to Sept. 17 or 18, an authoritative source said Tuesday night.

LIVERPOOL, England (Reuters)—Roman Catholic Archbishop Gerald Berry of Halifax arrived here Tuesday to spend a few days in England before setting off for Lourdes and Rome, where he hopes to see the Pope.

OTTAWA (CP)—The cabinet meets today and is expected to set Oct. 25 as the date for by-elections to fill six vacancies in the House of Commons.

SAINT JOHN, N. B. (CP)—A man believed to have been long-lost Joseph Coyle, 52, of Saint John lost his life Tuesday afternoon when he fell into the harbor from the big, new Pugliese terminals.

Population Figures Given

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Expect Cut In Wheat Crop Estimate

OTTAWA (CP)—The government next week will reduce its 1954 wheat crop estimate possibly by 300,000,000 bushels or more in the wake of heavy prairie rust and continuing bad harvesting weather.

Federal authorities said Tuesday it will be the most drastic cut in many years, with deteriorating harvest conditions forcing a slash of the original \$13,000,000-bushel crop estimate.

Nevertheless, federal authorities feel that the anticipated production drop, combined with a strengthening of overseas markets, will help stabilize Canadian wheat prices and possibly reduce the delay in closing up the 1953-54 wheat pool.

They said that Britain, Canada's top wheat customer, already is increasing orders for Canadian wheat. A London dispatch Monday quoted financial experts as saying

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(By Graham Jenkins) MANILA, (Reuters)—All but one of the eight countries taking part in the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization talks here are reported ready to sign the pact today which would bring a new defence system into being.

The eighth country is Pakistan. Its decision on whether to sign the security pact for Southeast Asia and the southwest Pacific is not expected until the treaty has been referred back to Foreign Minister Sir Mohammed Zafullah Khan.

Nine of the 10 articles in the United States sponsored treaty were approved Tuesday by the foreign ministers and ministers of state attending the closed talks which opened Monday.

Today the delegates will hold another closed session in the morning before the conference is thrown open to the press for the formal signing.

In addition to Pakistan, the countries taking part are the United States, Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand and the Philippines.

SET UP ADMINISTRATION

Under the treaty, a military planning administration will be set up to decide how any aggression in the treaty area should be met.

Although Manila will serve as a home for Southeast Asia Treaty Organization documents, the military planners are not expected to have a permanent headquarters. Instead, they probably will hold periodic meetings in member countries.

The vital article four of the pact has been divided into three parts. The first provides that in the event of attack anywhere in the treaty area the member countries would take action in accordance with their own constitutional processes.

The Philippines had pressed for a clause which would have made an attack on one of the eight countries an attack on all.

The second part of article four provides for consultation on subversion from outside the treaty area.

The final part enables member countries to name other areas to come into the scope of the treaty if the areas named approve.

In the military planning, member countries would be free to take part or abstain as they saw fit.

SHANNON AIRPORT, Ireland

(AP)—A KIM spokesman said Tuesday night a quantity of diamonds and "much other valuable cargo" was still aboard the airline's Super-Constellation which crashed into the River Shannon Sunday, causing 28 deaths.

BONN, Germany, (Reuters)—West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer asked that the nine-power conference on European defence proposed by Britain for Sept. 14 should be put off for three or four days.

TEHRAN (AP)—A new wave of arrests swept through the Iranian air force and federal police Tuesday. The total number under arrest in the two-week drive to break up a Communist spy ring passed the 400 mark.

SAIGON (Reuters)—Gen. Paul Ely, French commissioner-general in the west crop year, purchased some 82,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat and flour, just about two-thirds of the 122,000,000 bushels she purchased in 1952-53 crop year.

VIENNA (Reuters)—Australian Chancellor Julius Raab, will pay an official visit to Canada in December as the guest of the Canadian government, it was officially announced here Tuesday.

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WIFE, UNCLE FRITZ THERE

Waiting for Meyer when he walked out of Werl prison was a Canadian from Moncton, N. B., who would identify himself only as Uncle Fritz. With him were Meyer's wife and about 10 well-wishers bearing flowers.

"Uncle Fritz" (identified in Moncton as Fred Lichtenberg) gave Meyer a warm welcome and told reporters he believed the German had been illegally imprisoned. It was he who paid for legal moves instrumental in setting Meyer free.

Friends said Meyer plans to take a vacation with his wife and five children, who now live in Niederkruechten, North Rhine-Westphalia, and then go to work. Former comrades said he probably would take a position with a large brewery in Hagen.

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