

ITALIAN SENATE APPROVES PARIS TREATIES DESPITE BITTER COMMUNIST OPPOSITION

ROME, (AP)—The Italian Senate voted 139 to 82 Friday night to approve the Paris agreements to rearm the West Germans and make them partners in the Western European Union.

The decisive Senate vote completed Italian parliamentary action on the accords. It made Italy the eighth of the 15 nations involved to complete such action. Italy's Lower House, the Chamber of Deputies, approved the treaties Dec. 23 by 335 to 215.

In addition to providing for German troops as part of the Western lineup against the threat of Red aggression, the accords restore West German sovereignty and admit West Germany into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The vote came after two weeks of Senate debate that saw fist fights break out on the floor of the chamber. There also were noisy disorders on the streets of Rome.

BITTER OPPOSITION The Communists have bitterly opposed Western union and fought ratification of the accords here to the end.

Only the Communists and the Italian Socialist party voted against ratification.

Living Costs In Maritime Cities

OTTAWA (CP)—Living costs increased slightly January in three regional Maritime cities, the bureau of statistics reported Friday.

Food prices were lower in Canada as a whole except for Montreal and St. John's, Nfld. News continued up in four of the 10 regional cities but were unchanged in the other six.

Consumer-price indices, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, on Feb. 1 with the Jan. 3 standing in brackets:

Halifax 114.6 (114.3); Saint John, N. B. 117.6 (117.4); St. John's, Nfld. based on Jan. 1951 equalling 100, 102.7 (102.6).

The indices show changes in retail prices in goods and services in each city. They do not indicate whether it costs more or less to live in one city than another.



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 2 columns: City, Min, Max. Rows include Dawson, Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Montreal, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, Saint John, Moncton, Halifax, Charlottetown, Sydney, Yarmouth, St. John's.

HALIFAX (CP)—The Dominion weather office here says temperatures in the Maritimes Friday afternoon reached their highest values in several months.

At Greenwood airport the mercury climbed to near the 60 degree mark while Moncton's 53 made it the mildest March 11th on record in that city.

Strong southerly winds developed over the eastern Maritimes and gusts were recorded as high as 60 miles per hour during the evening.

Colder air from the west is now entering the western regions. Its arrival is preceded by a band of showers which is now crossing the Maritimes. On Saturday the colder air will cover all the district and fine, sunny weather is forecast for all regions.

The next disturbance approaching from the west will likely cause rain and snow over the district early on Sunday.

Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties, lower St. John River valley: Saturday sunny clearing over in the evening; much colder; northwest winds 25 becoming light in the afternoon.

Early morning and mid-afternoon temperatures at Charlottetown 40 and 35, Moncton 35 and 32, Fredericton 35 and 32, Saint John 38 and 35.

Outlook for Sunday: Rain ending, then clearing.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 1.14 a. m. and 1.04 p. m. Sun rises today at 6.32 a. m. and sets at 6.14 p. m.

Discoverer Of Penicillin Dies Of Heart Ailment

LONDON (AP)—Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin and thus one of mankind's greatest benefactors, died Friday of a heart ailment. He was 73.

The famed bacteriologist collapsed shortly after having breakfast in bed at his home, Lady Fleming, 43, a Greek war heroine and scientist, was at his side.

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Opposition Leader Scores Highway Dept. Activities And Other Gov't Policies

Strong criticism of the policies of the Department of Highways was voiced by Opposition Leader R. R. Bell, Q.C. when he spoke on the Budget debate in the Legislature yesterday.

"Roads have always been a burning question in this Province," said Mr. Bell, "and of course all the more so at election times." He pointed out that there is a big difference between districts. "Some have a thousand trucks and cars while others have only 200. The problem is what to do so as to satisfy everybody and to know that the Minister has a difficult job."

The first matter dealt with by the Leader of the Opposition was in regard to an exception taken by the Minister to certain questions being asked in the House which he termed "cheap politics."

"Everyone is interested in knowing how the money is spent, where it went and who got it, and if it was included in the report of the Department, there would be no need for me to ask," said Mr. Bell.

Hon. Mr. Clark: "That's only curiosity."

Mr. Bell: "All right, its curiosity just as people are interested in knowing what your mileage report of the Minister calls it 'cheap politics' but under the Conservative Government everything was published—every dollar that was spent and who earned it. This was so at one time under the Liberal Government because of a report of what Mr. MacIntyre's report of what was done then, and that is, as it should be now."

Mr. Bell went on to show from the reports of the Government of New Brunswick that, every detail of expenditure is itemized.

Hon. Mr. MacKinnon: "Is the honourable gentleman a mis-taken? I get these reports and I don't see any of that information in them."

Mr. Bell, reading from the New Brunswick report, "It is here," Mr. Bell said that one of the questions asked the Minister was how much it cost to move a

man said about 10 planes will be in the air today and a helicopter and other aircraft will stand by.

An army ground party Friday night continued to probe the dense forest around Boisotown between here and Fredericton after a resident of the district said he heard a low-flying plane, then an explosion during the morning.

There were no other reports that might pinpoint a possible crash site.

HEAVILY WOODED The central part of the province where the aircraft is believed to have crashed is heavily wooded and flat. No major lakes or streams are in the district. The triangle the jet was to have flown has a perimeter of roughly 200 miles.

A night-long vigil was kept at the air station here and helicopter crews were kept ready in case of reports during the night.

Wednesday, another Sabre on a routine flight out of Chatham, crashed north of the base. F.O. J. H. Gagnon, 22, of Leonard, N. B., bailed out safely.

RENEW SEARCH TODAY Search and rescue aircraft, an Otter, Lancaster and Canso from the RCAF station at Greenwood, and a Sabre jet and propeller-driven aircraft from Chatham in search flights over the Sabre's route all day Friday.

The air search was called off at night fall, but will begin at first light today. An airforce spokesman said about 10 planes will be in the air today and a helicopter and other aircraft will stand by.

Damage in Pennsylvania was estimated well in excess of a million dollars. Damage also was expected to pass the million-dollar mark in Louisiana. Indiana counted nearly \$750,000 damage in urban areas alone.

The crest of the most severe Ohio river flood in seven years drifted toward the stream's mouth Friday, leaving \$14,000,000 in damage to its first display of mercy, the muddy river levelled off at Louisville, Ky. Friday considerably under the crest it had promised. The damage upriver to Pittsburgh already had been set at \$13,000,000. About 25 square blocks in Cincinnati were flooded before the river crested there Thursday morning.

AGAIN NO PROGRESS LONDON (AP)—Sources said Friday east-west disarmament talks here have made practically no progress since they began Feb. 25. The meetings appeared foundering on old differences about the kind and scope of any effective disarmament program. Represented are Canada, Britain, the United States, France and Russia.



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Princess' Wedding Rumors Die Down

LONDON (Reuters)—The wall of official silence which has met all rumors of an impending marriage between Princess Margaret and Group Capt. Peter Townsend began to break results Friday.

The gossips showed signs of becoming discouraged as royal and government officials continued to hold out against all rumors of news of the reported romance.

Even those most strongly convinced of the truth of the reports at the beginning of this week began to waver.

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Legion Asks Allowances For More First War Vets

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Officials of the veterans' affairs department estimated that some \$2,000 Canadian soldiers who served in First World War overseas service in England only are still living and that approximately 11,500 of these could qualify for the allowances. They also estimated cost of extension of the allowances to these men at about one-third the cost of the allowances now being paid.

A Legion brief read by Very Rev. John Anderson, M.C. Anglican dean of Ottawa and Legion president, was presented to the Commons veterans affairs committee which now is studying a bill to raise war veterans' allowances for some 41,500 recipients.

The legislation would increase the monthly benefits to \$60 from \$50 for needy single veterans and to \$108 from \$90 for married veterans or their widows.

Persuasive ceilings on overall annual income to enable a veteran to qualify for the allowances would be increased to \$840 from \$720 for single veterans and to \$1,140 for those married. The ceilings would include the allowances now being paid.

The Legion again asked that the monthly benefit be raised to \$120 for married veterans or their widows and that the respective an-

New Zealand Told Little Room For Cheese Here

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada has informed New Zealand she has not much room for imports of surplus cheese. Agriculture Minister Gardiner said in an interview today.

Dairy talks between the two countries were held here Thursday. Participating were Mr. Gardiner, Trade Minister Howe and W. W. Marshall, chairman of the N. Z. dairy products marketing commission.

Canadian farm groups have been complaining that a January import of 2,250,000 pounds of New Zealand cheddar last January were the first since early 1952, when New Zealand agreed to halt exports to Canada because of a surplus in this country.

It is understood New Zealand has agreed to export only tiny quantities of cheese to Canada in future.

Try New Method To Repel Cold

LONDON (AP)—The air ministry disclosed Friday a substance made from urine that has been turned into a nonsecret weapon for the Royal Air Force. The flying men use the stuff—glycolic acid—to repel the common cold.

The ministry said its doctors issued handkerchiefs treated with the acid to 256 men in one squadron at a training station. Untreated handkerchiefs were handed out to 256 men in another squadron.

During the four-week experiment only 14 men with the doctor's handkerchiefs caught colds. In the second squadron 34 developed the sniffles.

There's just one hitch—the acid (also found in leaves of the Virginia creeper) causes handkerchiefs to fall apart when laundered.

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It will be the first time in about a year that the cabinet has met on a Saturday, usually a government off-day. Only in times of fast-moving issues of national importance has the cabinet held three formal sittings in a week.

The stimulus at the moment is that Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Ltd. needs quick backing for its huge project if construction is to get

under way by spring.

RAN INTO SHOWDOWN The company asked the government several weeks ago to guarantee its bonds, after it ran into a slowdown in getting supply and sales contracts necessary to one of the biggest private financing jobs in Canada's history.

Without assurances of financing, it cannot get final go-ahead from the federal board of transport commissioners and the Alberta petroleum and natural gas con-

Prince Member Hopes For Major Airport Extension At S'ide In Near Future

OTTAWA (Special)—J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal M.P. for Prince, told the Guardian Friday night that he is very hopeful a major extension of the Summerside Airport will get under way in the near future.

The Department of Transport, he said, has plans for extension of one runway of the Summerside establishment involving an outlay of half a million dollars.

Plans for the airport extension, the Prince member said, date back to last year. The Summerside airport enjoys greater freedom from fog than almost any other airfield in the Maritime Provinces and it is on this ac-

To Install Latest Radar Equipment On Car Ferries

OTTAWA (Special)—Transport Minister Marier informed J. Watson MacNaught, Liberal member for Prince Friday that new radar equipment of the latest design will be installed on the M.V. "Abegweit" and the "Prince Edward Island" when the vessels go to a routine engineering depot this year for their annual overhaul.

While radar equipment on both vessels is efficient, it is somewhat below the standards of latest radar devices designed by Canada's National Research Coun-

Red-Striped Bacon Wrappers Must Go

OTTAWA (CP)—The government has given meat packers until May 9 to eliminate red-striped wrappers from the bacon trade.

Dr. C. A. Morrell, director of the health department's food and drug division, said Friday he sent a letter to the packers last Friday. His letter of Feb. 7 said the department considers red-striped transparent wrappers on bacon as false and misleading packaging and that they should be removed.

Housewives and MPs have complained red stripes make bacon look leaner than it is.

Dr. Morrell said the government might be more favorably inclined to blue-striped packaging or even black stripes.

Coming Events

Variety concert Vernon River hall, Thursday, March 17.