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STORIC EVENTS—Canada's top political leaders were asked by The Canadian Press to pick the most historic event during the 21st Parliament elected June 27, 1949. Prime Minister St. Laurent said the presence of Newfoundland's first representative in Parliament was tops. George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, picked Parliament's 1950 decision to back United Nations action in Korea. M. J. Coldwell, CCF leader, and Solon Low, Social Credit leader, listed legislation providing pensions of \$40 a month to all Canadians 70 and over. This photo shows Prime Minister St. Laurent and Sir Albert Walsh (top left) signing the agreement that brought Newfoundland into Confederation; Canadian troops departing for Korea, and an old age pension cheque. (CP PHOTO)

U.S. Actors To Invade British Stage

LONDON (Reuters) — Two United States actor-producers are planning a major American invasion of the British stage and screen world for Coronation year.

Between them if all goes well, Sam Wanamaker and Joe Ferrer, hope to have six plays, a musical comedy and a movie in production here by Coronation time next June 2.

The 33-year-old Wanamaker is setting the wheels in motion for three plays and a movie version of one of them.

Here to play in his own production of Clifford Odets' "Winter Journey" known also as "The Country Girl," Wanamaker found himself with lots of time to plan when the show closed unexpectedly a couple of weeks ago.

First on his list is Sean O'Casey's anglophobic "Purple Dust," which has never been seen in London since the Irish playwright wrote it seven years ago. Plans on this adventure are still uncertain; producer and author still are negotiating.

Then there's Maxwell Anderson's "Anne of the Thousand Days," in which Rex Harrison made a big hit in New York a few years back. Wanamaker hopes to get British actors Trevor Howard and Joan Greenwood for the lead roles and to make a movie version with the same cast.

Last on the Wanamaker list is Tennessee Williams' "The Rose Tattoo," in which he will play a sensual Sicilian truck driver.

GOLDEN TOUCH

Ferrer, the 40-year-old Puerto Rican with the golden touch, has three plays and a musical on the books. He is working hard after finishing the movie "Moulin Rouge," in which he plays the mis-shapen artist, Toulouse Lautrec.

His plays are "The Shrike," "Stalag 17" and "The Silver Whistle." The last gave Ferrer a choice part as a philosophic tramp who turns an old folks' home upside down.

The musical is "Cabin in the Sky," which he hopes will go down well here following the outstanding success of the other Negro musical, Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess."



OPENS PARLIAMENT—Governor-General Vincent Massey is greeted by Prime Minister St. Laurent on his arrival at the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa at the opening of the seventh session of Canada's 21st Parliament. It is the second time Mr. Massey has officiated at the opening. At left is Lt. A. Titus, RCAF aide-de-camp to the Governor-General. (CP PHOTO)

News Agency Gets Conviction For Selling 'Obscene' Books

OTTAWA (CP)—County judge A. G. McDougall today convicted the National News Agency of 11 charges of distributing obscene literature to Ottawa news-stands.

The company, brought into court several weeks ago after authorities ordered a seizure of a quantity of books on news-stands, was fined \$100 and costs on each charge.

J. M. McLean, counsel for the company, announced an appeal would be made.

The convictions followed a long trial that ended Oct. 17. At the hearings, expert witnesses gave conflicting testimony as to the literature qualities and the question of obscenity involved in the books.

Dealing today with one of them Erskine Caldwell's "Tragic Ground"—Judge McDougall said it deals from beginning to end with the subject of sex.

"The language is lewd and filthy, and the actions and habits of the characters in the book are in the same category," he said.

"In my opinion, the tendency of the book would be to deprave and corrupt many of those into



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Cheap Gold' Spells Ruin For Industry

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OTTAWA (CP)—A world-wide "rush" for gold is threatening to snap the tough pioneer spirit of Canada's north.

Thousands of Canadian gold miners have closed, thousands of others have left homes in search of new jobs and unemployment has settled on some two-thirds of the thriving northern communities.

Inspectors once lured to the north in search of the precious metal now are turning to uranium. But not with the same enthusiasm as before.

There is no substitute for gold mining on a "rush" to the vast untapped bushland. Gold, in the north, has been the main force to break Canada's northern barrier.

Now the pioneers have gold unproductive and the industry has withered.

At the roots of this threat is the pioneering and expansion of Canada's North is the policy of the official world market of gold. It has been held at a fine ounce in United States funds for two decades.

Production costs have more than doubled.

Under this rigidity in price the world crisis in finance and the threat of a new industrial might, has that crisis is overcome.

Unbalanced world trade, and with the United States' industrial might, has the U.S. the world's greatest producer of gold.

The U.S.—with some \$23,000,000 in gold reserves and the world's greatest creditor—is the most powerful force in deciding the official price of gold. And she has decided that the price will not change.

Officially, the official price of gold is set by the International Monetary Fund.

Free Drink Offer Made With Reserve

BOSTON (CP)—Hundreds of curious citizens descended on Professor G. C. Drew of the University after he had issued an open invitation to a round of drinks.

The professor's generosity, they had a catch: all accepting the invitation to drink the merry must take a driver's license in a contraption simulating a car speeding along a road at 70 miles an hour.

The experiment, carrying the approval of the Medical Research Council, is to find out how much intoxicating liquor a human can absorb before he can no longer drive safely.

The experiment, extending over a period of some 18 months, is being recorded for scientific purposes by a team of research

Monetary Fund, the world agency for stabilizing national currencies. But since the U.S. is practically the only country with sufficient dollars to buy all gold offered, and already holds two-thirds of the total \$36,000,000,000 held by the countries in the free world, she is in the driver's seat.

Russia is a great gold producer, but no one is quite sure how much she holds. Russia has kept out of the fund and so far has kept out of the world gold-price issue.

Canada, South Africa and other gold-producing countries have repeatedly asked the U.S. to boost the official price to, perhaps, \$50 an ounce. The Americans hold this move would be inflationary. And it would not help those countries which do not produce the precious metal.

As an alternative, gold-producing countries have sought higher prices on the so-called "free" or industrial markets, which mostly cater to private hoarders.

At one time the "free" price

hovered between \$50 and \$60 an ounce. But once gold from South Africa and then from Canada moved into the market the price fell and now hovers between \$37 and \$38.

The free market still offers a good market for low-cost producers. Those who sell on the free market must debase the gold with an alloy so that its difference from pure monetary gold can be easily detected.

And those who sell on the free market lost their chance to obtain the government cost-aid subsidy, established in 1948 to aid the high-cost mines.

If it were not for that subsidy—which currently averages about \$2.80 a fine ounce—Canada's gold production would have fallen sharply. But the industry now finds that even that is not enough. It has appealed for an increase and the government has promised sympathetic consideration.

But whether even this possible increase will curb shrinkage in the \$200,000,000 industry is still uncertain. It's the high-cost little mines and not the low-cost big ones that are feeling the pinch.

There is little doubt about the impact of low selling prices on the search for gold. For two years now, 1951 and 1952, there have been no new mines opening. And industry spokesmen say this trend is having its impact on base metal discoveries too. Many of Canada's biggest base metal mines have been discovered by prospectors searching for the yellow metal.

Wage Talks May Open In Logging

VANCOUVER (CP)—Pay talks in the lumber industry may open next month.

President Stewart Alsbury of the International Woodworkers of America CIO suggested in a broadcast speech here the time had arrived for "reconsideration of our wage rates."

Under the arbitration settlement of the 45-day summer strike, Chief Justice Gordon Sloan said either party to the contract could "re-open negotiations for either an increase or decrease in the basic wage upon the then known prevailing market and other relevant factors."

Alsbury said: "Nothing disastrous has happened since June 15 which would prevent another objective examination of the wage rates in relation to the surplus earnings of the industry."

The Sloan settlement provided for re-opening negotiations on the master contract between Dec. 1 and Jan. 1.

"All the factors give good grounds for much greater optimism regarding future market prospects," Alsbury said.

He noted the lessened demand from the United Kingdom, but said it was not the deciding factor in production statistics to meet Canadian and United States home-building programs.

John Billings, spokesman for the operators, said there has been no discussion on the possibility of re-opening the contract.

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Big Company Lawyer Cites Defence Against Government Anti-Trust Suit

CHICAGO (AP)—A lawyer defending the multi-million dollar du Pont interests in federal court today asserted "bigness is not yet an offence under the anti-trust laws."

John Harlan made the opening statement for the defence in the government's civil anti-trust suit against three huge corporations, 117 members of the du Pont family and three du Pont holding companies.

"The government seems to feel that the du Pont company is just too big," Harlan said.

The du Pont family runs the vast E. I. du Pont de Nemours

and Company. The government claims the family, through stock holdings, also controls two other defendant corporations, General Motors Corporation and the U.S. Rubber Company.

The government seeks to force the du Ponts to sell their stock in General Motors and U.S. Rubber. It has charged that the defendants violated the Sherman Anti-Trust Act by restraining trade and discouraging competition.

The German balloonist, H. Kaulon, stayed aloft 87 hours in a free balloon in 1913.

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