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**Currie
Debate
Persists**

**St. Laurent, Drew
Exchange Letters**

OTTAWA (CP)—The heated debate over the Currie report on army services continued in the exchange of letters between George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, and Prime Minister St. Laurent.

The exchange—two letters by Drew and one by Mr. St. Laurent—picked up where the previous session left off Wednesday when it adjourned until 12. All letters were issued to the press.

In a 1,200-word letter, Mr. St. Laurent reiterated his request for a general investigation into the most unbelievable inefficiency in the Defence Department which he said was disclosed in a report by George S. Currie, central chartered accountant and wartime deputy minister of national defence.

It is "neither necessary nor desirable" for the report to be dealt with by the Commonsense Expenditures Committee, he said.

PORT REPLY
In a 200-word reply, Mr. St. Laurent said the report will be the "first item of government business" when the House resumes.

A spokesman in the Prime Minister's office said this morning to Mr. St. Laurent's motion now on the order paper to establish a defence expenditures committee.

Meanwhile, there have been new developments in the report yesterday in the Ottawa edition which said the Prime Minister was expected to make a "spectacular cabinet shuffle." Mr. St. Laurent has heard from the Defence Minister that he is resigning his post as a result of the report's charges.



Heading For Korea

THREE CANADIAN RED CROSS girls are taking films of the Grey Cup football championship game with them to Japan for showing to Canadian servicemen. Left to right are: Ina McGregor of Fort William; Lise Laurendeau, St. Gabriel de Brandon, Que., and Naomi Griffin, Penticton, B.C. First audience for the films will be patients convalescing in Tokyo hospital. Girls will serve in Korea and in the Maple Leaf Club in Tokyo.

Power Question Is Major Issue Before '53 Council

A major issue facing the incoming city council is the controversial electric power question: who will be the supplier to Prince Rupert after the Northern B.C. Power Company's 20-year franchise expires in March, 1954?

Will the present supplier be granted a new franchise, or will the B.C. Power Commission be asked to take over?

The answer is needed soon if there is to be no interruption in the city's supply of power.

While aldermen are waiting for "further clarification" from the Power Commission, they are studying answers to some 20 questions asked of the Commission last week by city delegates Aldermen George Hills and Mike Krueger.

The further clarification was asked when it was found in going over the questions at a council meeting that some answers appeared to contradict certain sections of the Electric Power Act of B.C. which governs the administration of the Commission.

OTHER ANSWERS
Meanwhile, there are other answers to the questions to be considered, as well as a personal report by Ald. Krueger.

While the Commission would not commit itself on any of the direct questions, certain answers are highlighted below:

Q. If the commission acquired the assets of the company would the amount paid for such assets

B. C. Government Abolishes 5-Man Labor Relations Board

Unions, CMA Plan Protest New Move

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia is to have a part-time Labor Relations Board.

Labor Minister Lyle Wicks announced Thursday the full-time five-man board will be abolished in January and replaced by a part-time board on a per diem rate.

Chairman D'Arcy Baldwin will continue in his \$8,000 a year post on a full-time basis.

"We believe a part-time setup will save money and be more efficient," said Mr. Wicks.

Four members of the present board will retire Jan. 12. They received \$6,500 year salary plus travelling expenses.

Both management and labor have been represented on the board and they will be asked to nominate members for the new board.

Members of the part-time board, Mr. Wicks said, will be paid \$15 day plus "reasonable" travelling expenses.

Labor and management are prepared to protest.

Spokesmen for major labor groups said last night they plan to ask the government to "reconsider" its plan.

A spokesman for the Canadian Manufacturers Association said his organization favors the full-time board operation rather than the new setup.

BULLETIN

MONTREAL—Settlement of the big railway union wage dispute was announced just before press time today.

A joint announcement from the railways and 177 brotherhoods said they have agreed to a wage increase of seven per cent plus seven cents an hour for the 144,000 non-operating employees, effective retroactive to last Sept. 1

Giant Dam Collapses Into Creek

VANCOUVER — The giant steel coffer dam used in construction of Vancouver's new \$14,000,000 Granville Street Bridge collapsed today.

Tons of water from False Creek, in the downtown industrial section, poured into the dam, destroying machinery and sweeping out timbers.

No one was injured. Fortunately, no workmen were at the dam when heavy water pressure blew inside.

The day shift was just preparing to report when the 100-foot by 30-foot structure collapsed.

The dam, constructed on the bottom of False Creek, was used for underwater work on one of the main piers.

Injured Man Waits 2 Hours For Assistance

A Prince Rupert man is in good condition following a two-hour wait yesterday afternoon on a lonely roadside for help after his car veered off the Skeena Highway near Tyee and hit a rock bluff.

Earl Roberts suffered a gash on his skull and chin in the accident which smashed the front end of his car and shattered the windshield.

Bleeding profusely, Roberts walked a quarter of a mile to a Canadian National Railways lineman's cabin where linesman Bill Brechin offered first aid and telephoned for help from Prince Rupert.

Dan Lippett, of Dan's Service Station, arrived at the scene with a towing truck to find the damaged car "in a pile of rocks."

Lippett said the road in the vicinity "was like glass."

He gave the injured man a lift back to the city but when the truck proved too rough for Roberts, transferred him to a bus at Rainbow Lake auto camp.

WEATHER

Forecast
North coast region — Gale warning continued. Cloudy with showers today and Saturday. A little colder tonight. Westerly gales 35 will subside to 25 this afternoon and to southerly 20 Saturday. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy and Prince Rupert 35 and 44; Sandspit 38 and 44.

Siamese Twins Cling To Life

CHICAGO ©—The tiny Brodie Siamese twins, medical history's first survivors of a head-to-head surgical separation, clung to life today by the slenderest of threads.

Police Warn Motorists, Pedestrians

A word of caution and warning to motorists as well as pedestrians came today from the RCMP, with particular emphasis laid on those using street crosswalks.

"Crosswalks are designed for a particular purpose—to make crossing a street safer for the pedestrian—but the way some people make use of them, they are courting death," said Sgt. Harry Norman, head of the city detachment.

He explained that he had noticed many people taking to the crosswalks from the sidewalk without stopping to see if any traffic was near. Here lay the danger, said the sergeant.

"Cars can't always stop on a dime, especially if the street is icy. One of these times a pedestrian is going to find himself under the car."

The sergeant cautioned all pedestrians to look both ways when stepping into a crosswalk, then walk directly across. Don't loiter, or hesitate.

He also had a word for the motorists, the usual warning about not mixing liquor with gasoline.

"This city has a lot of taxis," he said, "if a man must drink during the festive season, let him take a cab and get home safely."

"The police want everyone to have a Merry Christmas, so this is just a little reminder that may help."

Jaycees Elect Bert Jeffries New President

A well-known and popular Prince Rupert businessman last night was elected president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce here for 1953. He is J. H. (Bert) Jeffries, first vice-president, who succeeds G. Neely Moore.

Other officers are Jerry Lemire, first vice-president; Sid Gonick, second vice-president; Roy Brown, treasurer, and Gerry Pettenuzzo, Hugh MacKenzie, Dr. A. A. Miller, John MacDonald, J. S. Burns and Bill Gordon, executive officers.



CANADIAN TROOPS with the NATO formation in Germany line up to send Christmas parcels back home. At the Army post office in Hannover, with Cpl. Fred O'Hara of Ottawa behind the counter are, left to right: Pte. Richard Watson, Moncton, N.B.; Pte. Leo Gollogly, Kingston, Ont.; Rfm. Julien Dulle, Kitchener, Ont., and Pte. Eric Luman, Kingston.

Navigator Holds Reins

OTTAWA — This week the Royal Canadian Air Force is again playing Santa Claus to the lonely weather detachments in Canada's Arctic, by dropping 3,000 pounds of parcels and mail to the Department of Transport's isolated weathermen.

Christmas air drops this year will be made at such widely scattered spots as Nottingham Island, Resolution Island, Isaachsen, Arctic Bay, Cape Hopes Advance, Mould Bay, Eureka and Alert, all located in Santa's backyard.

The most northerly station, Alert, is just under 600 miles from Santa's workshop at the North Pole.

Taking over from Saint Nick this year are two RCAF squadrons, 426 transport squadron based at Dorval, and 412 transport squadron based at Rickcliffe, Ontario. White 426 North Star aircraft visit the stations farthest from the mainland in the western and far northern Arctic, 412 Dakota's will make the drops in the eastern Arctic.

Preparations for the Christmas drops started last October when the Department of Transport notified each family concerned that a Christmas delivery would be made by the RCAF. They were also advised to have any parcels and mail in the hands of the RCAF by mid-November for parcelling in the special heavy canvas containers used for dropping purposes.

While some supplies are parachuted to the detachments, the majority are "free-dropped" and are therefore subject to damage if not wrapped securely.

PARCELS READY

Earlier this month heavily-bundled gifts were assembled at Fort Churchill, Man., and Goose Bay, Labrador.

Weather is the chief factor in Arctic flying and the aircraft must be ready to take-off at a moment's notice.

Oddly, weather reports that the aircrew use to plan their flights are assembled from the weather detail sent out by the very people who will receive the

Santa Heads For Arctic Stations

Christmas parcels. Dropping supplies is always an exciting time for the weathermen. For months the only sign of civilization has been the summer supply ship which made its yearly visit to unload heavy equipment and rations in August. With the help of the Eskimos who live near the weather

shacks in their igloos, large oil drums are carried to a clear area away from the buildings, to mark the dropping zone. Roaring fires are lit in the drums as a guide to aircraft.

FIRES NECESSARY
Due to the small amount of daylight at this time of year—roughly two hours of twilight in December—fires are a necessity if the aircraft is to find the dropping area.

The landscape below the aircraft is one of unending whiteness, broken only here and there by a few rounded hills. Only the navigator huddled over his charts can successfully guide the plane to its destination.

Dropping the bundles is an exacting job. To make a successful drop the aircraft must fly no more than 50 feet from the ground.

The pilot first makes a preliminary run over the oil barrels to survey the dropping area and check the wind speed and direction. When he has made his decision on the best approach angle, he throttles back the engines to make the run over the area at the lowest possible speed.

As the last of the bundles fall the whole detachment runs forward to retrieve them, the Eskimo children and huskies running in front, while the Department of Transport men can be seen waving to the aircraft as it thunders overhead.

Leaning Tower 18 Feet Out of Line But Won't Topple For 150 Years

PISA, Italy (AP) — Getting worried the leaning tower of Pisa might fall before you are able to visit it?

After this year's final examination of the tower's steadily increasing tilt, public works director Edmondo Natoni announced:

"There is no immediate danger it will fall."

The tower's slant is increasing at the same rate as recorded for the last 25 years. At that rate, it will not topple for another 150 years, experts predict.

The 700-year-old tower now leans almost 18 feet out of line.

CPR Freighter Drifting Helplessly Off Coast

VANCOUVER ©—Canadian Pacific Steamship's freighter Maplecove, her rudder damaged, is drifting helplessly in a north-west gale, 1,260 miles off the British Columbia coast.

The tug Island Sovereign steamed out of Vancouver Thursday night to rush aid to the stricken ship.

At full speed, it would take the tug at least four days to reach the 10,000-ton Maplecove, carrying a crew of 50.

The Maplecove radioed late Thursday that the crew couldn't control the ship, but that she was in no immediate danger.

Search Stopped for SOS Signal

VANCOUVER (CP)—Air-ground search for a mysterious flashing light reported sighted on Mayor Mountain on Vancouver Island has been abandoned by the RCMP and RCAF.

A light, flashing SOS distress signals, was reported Wednesday by Capt. Robert MacKenzie of Pan-American Airways.



DECONTAMINATION SQUAD at the Chalk River atomic plant explores the area with geiger probes and a radiation survey meter are shown checking for excessive radiation which leaked through a pin-point hole in the big atomic pile last week and forced evacuation of the 350 workers. Left to right are: Campbell Tait, head of the radiation hazard control branch; Dr. A. L. Cipriani, director of the division of biology and radiation hazard control, and Charles Cleveland, radiation supervisor.