

Western Europe Must Pay For Defence

Foreign Exchange Control Ends

Restrictions Terminated

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian government Friday abruptly ended twelve years of control over foreign exchange. Canada now has the same freedom of money exchange as enjoyed by only two other countries, the United States and Switzerland.

Finance Minister Douglas Abbott made the announcement in the House of Commons as the exchange markets closed for the day. He said an order-in-council had been passed ending foreign exchange control and that cover legislation will be introduced in Parliament next spring. This action means that all restrictions have been eliminated on movement of money in and out of the country.

For instance, Canadians now can buy—if they have the money—securities on the New York market and accumulate all the United States funds they want.

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TANKER LAUNCHED—The Imperial Woodbend, 620-foot tanker which will carry Alberta oil to eastern refineries was launched—sideways—Wednesday at Collingwood, Ont. A huge backwash swept several spectators off their feet. Built for Imperial Oil Ltd., and named for an Alberta oilfield, she is a sister ship of the Imperial Leduc and Imperial Redwater, world's largest freshwater tankers. She will transport about 5,000,000 barrels a season. (CP PHOTO)

Three Percent Qui Made

Prince Rupert Receives Interim Payment of \$45,685

VICTORIA (CP)—Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb announced today that interim payments totaling \$4,500,000—\$500,000 more than last December—will be paid to British Columbia municipalities for their share of the three percent sales tax.

The distribution is an advance of the amount for the full year. The balance will be distributed in the after the close of the fiscal year March 31, 1952.

The minister of finance noted that, because full census figures are not available, old estimated figures of municipal population had been used again.

"This will make no difference in the ultimate distribution, the present payment being only an advance," Mr. Anscomb said.

Amounts to be received by various centres include:

Prince Rupert, \$45,685.
Prince George, \$30,848.
Dawson Creek, \$14,471.
Smithers, \$5,704.
Quesnel, \$5,604.
Fort St. John, \$4,535.
Terrace, \$3,365.
Burns Lake, \$2,020.
Vanderhoof, \$1,972.
Stewart, \$1,901.
McBride, \$1,483.
Pouce Coupe, \$1,402.

Fatalities in Forests

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Workmen's Compensation Board reported Friday that seventy loggers have been killed in British Columbia industrial accidents this year.

Accidents totalled 9,295 in comparison with 62 deaths and 125 accidents in 1950.

Members of the International Brotherhood of America charge that the increase in deaths and accidents has been caused by untrained immigrants working in the woods but Arthur Francis, chief safety inspector for the board, denied this.

"It's not the foreign element, it's not machines," said Francis. "It's just the men's lack of regard for their own welfare. Shipping and falling were the chief causes of accidents."

TIDES

Sunday, December 16, 1951	
High	3:19 18.7 feet
Low	14:47 20.3 feet
	8:52 9.2 feet
	21:31 3.8 feet

Britain Eases Controls Upon Foreign Money

LONDON (CP)—Britain eased her iron-handed control over the buying and selling of foreign monies today with the aim of restoring world confidence in her weakened currency.

The Bank of England authorized private individuals to trade British pounds for foreign money—including the dollar—subject only to government limitation of prices.

For twelve years the bank itself has handled all dealings in other currency, always at official exchange rates. The action, which relaxes but does not end exchange control restrictions, was regarded as a small first step by Britain to let the pound find its real value on the money markets of the world.

The official dollar value of the British pound remains at \$2.80 and the official price of gold remains pegged at \$35 per fine ounce.

An official bank statement announced the foreign exchange market will be reopened in London Monday for dealing both in spot and forward currencies. It has been closed since 1939.

The wide loss of confidence in the value of the pound led to revaluation September 18, 1949—in which Great Britain trimmed the official value of the pound from \$4.03 to \$2.80. It changed the effect only in the mechanics of exchanging pounds sterling for other currencies.

The government will retain its rigid controls over what Britons may buy abroad and in what quantities. Thus, there will be no increase in British spending in the United States or elsewhere although imports and exports now will be able to take some advantage of fluctuations in exchange rates.

Truman Preparing to Meet British Premier

Several Disagreements, Washington Fears, May Develop

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

Washington (AP)—President Truman has ordered detailed preparations made for his talks with Prime Minister Churchill here next month despite Churchill's reluctance to propose a list of problems for discussion.

American officials said today the United States side of the two-power meeting is being worked up on the assumption that Churchill will want to go into the whole range of policies governing relations between the two big western powers and Russia as well as specific Anglo-American issues.

Churchill sent word about two weeks ago that he did not plan to draw up an agenda for his series of meetings with the president, beginning Jan. 3. The American embassy in London has been directed nevertheless to seek the fullest possible information on what the prime minister has in mind in coming here.

Washington authorities believe that unless some specific information about Churchill's concept of the talks is forthcoming in advance, the results may not be as profitable as they could be. Even at best, it is expected that several disagreements will develop over such issues as the Churchill proposal for a meeting with Generalissimo Stalin of Russia, the organization of western European defenses and Anglo-American differences of policy in the Far East.

Present indications are that Truman will bear down heavily on all three of these questions.

The president has said repeatedly that he does not look forward to a meeting with Stalin unless the Soviet premier comes to Washington—something everyone here considers a practical impossibility.

Recent Churchill statements bearing on the defence build-up in western Europe are described by administration leaders here as disappointing. Churchill has said that he does not consider the danger of war with Russia as great now as it was at the time of the Berlin crisis three years ago. American officials are apprehensive that this means he believes there is less urgency than they see in getting on with the task of rearmament; they believe the danger of an aggressive Russian move is greater now than it was three years ago.

The difference between the two countries in the Far East revolves around their basic at-

Adrift in Snowstorm

VANCOUVER (CP)—In a blinding snowstorm, the 130-ton motor vessel Bonabelle drifted for an hour last night in Howe Sound with sixty passengers aboard. She was finally picked up by a tug and towed to port.

Her engines disabled, the Bonabelle, a former West Vancouver ferry, was off Point Brunswick, twenty miles northwest of here, when she sent out a distress call.

Princess Pat Coming North

VICTORIA (CP)—Canadian Pacific Railway's British Columbia Steamship service Princess Patricia is to serve as a Santa Claus special for 1400 construction workers at the big Aluminum Company of Canada development at Kitimat and Kemano.

The steamer left at noon today to make two round trips to the northern development and bring out workers for Christmas and New Year.

The Patricia will return the men by making two more sailings after the New Year.

Walter Wanger Free on Bail

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal. — Walter Wanger, film producer, was released on bail of \$5000 yesterday after being booked on suspicion of assault with intent to commit murder following an episode yesterday when he is alleged to have shot down Jennings, Lang agent of his wife, Joan Bennett, the screen star. He had said that Lang had broken up his home. Lang is not seriously injured.

Second Grain Ship Coming

Yamateru Maru Due December 28 to Take Large Cargo at Elevator

Second vessel of the season to load grain from Prince Rupert elevator will be the Japanese steamer Yamateru Maru which is due here December 28, it was learned at elevator offices this morning.

The Yamateru Maru, larger than the Kiyokawa Maru, the first ship which was here a few weeks ago and took 315,000 bushels, will load 360,000 bushels.

The cargo will go to Japan.

The Yamateru Maru is coming to Prince Rupert from Vancouver and is already lined.

As reported earlier in the week, the local elevator now has enough wheat in its bins to load two vessels and it is still moving in steadily.

Fifty percent of the wheat being moved here is tough and the drier at the elevator is working twelve hours a day.

Two more grain ships will be here in January, the elevator expects.

Ford Strike Comes to End

WINDSOR (CP)—A twelve-day wildcat strike of 9,000 workers at the plants of the Ford Motor Co. of Canada has ended.

Company and unions have accepted a settlement plan providing for arbitration in cases where men were dismissed for inciting work stoppages.

Dismissal was the strike issue.

Britain To Pay Loans

LONDON (CP)—Great Britain announced today she will begin paying off both interest and principal of her multi-billion American and Canadian loans on December 31.

A treasury announcement said the government had decided not to take advantage of its right to postpone payment of interest on both the 1946 loans.

Britain will also repay capital and interest on outstanding lend lease debts to the United States.

The total to be paid United States and Canada is \$62,600,000. The Canadian total is \$37,710,000.

Home to Phoenix Bill Banbury Goes

TRAIL—William H. Banbury, who lived in Phoenix for many a year after everyone else had gone and who recently died here in hospital, has returned to Phoenix. That is, his body has. Mr. Banbury, at his own request, was returned to rest in a cemetery on a hillside near the old copper mine's glory hole.

Nations Bluntly Warned by Chief Of United Nations

PARIS (CP)—General Eisenhower bluntly warned rebellious west European nations today that, to have security, they must increase their military spending. The supreme allied commander made a personal appearance before the treasurers of the North Atlantic Treaty organization. A spokesman said he told them:

Winter Hits BC-Canada

Lush Fraser Valley Covered With Deep Snow—Blizzards in East

VANCOUVER (CP)—Wintry weather came to British Columbia today, leaving only small sections of the coast in the green belt.

In the Fraser Valley agricultural districts there was from two to three inches of snow. Six inches fell in coastal mountains and interior districts reported fresh snow.

Vancouver had snow flurries during the night but, by morning, they had been replaced by rain.

In far northern British Columbia, Smith River was the coldest spot in Canada—52 below zero.

STORMS IN QUEBEC

Storms also struck in Quebec, Ontario and the Maritimes and in the United States a mid-west blizzard created havoc and caused at least twenty-seven deaths.

Far below zero temperatures were reported on the Canadian prairies, hitting as low as minus 32.

Separate Radio Body Rejected

OTTAWA (CP)—The radio committee in the House of Commons today rejected a request of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters for a separate regulatory body for radio and television. The committee recommended that control be left in the hands of the CBC.

It also recommended that further steps be taken by the CBC to improve coverage in outlying areas not receiving service and to equalize service to different parts of Canada and that, when radio broadcasts deal with controversial subjects, the fullest opportunity be given listeners to hear all sides.

YULE GIFTS FROM NORWAY

OSLO (CP)—This city is sending two large Christmas trees to London and Reykjavik, Iceland, as gifts from the municipality. The Norwegian National Travel Association, meanwhile, will send a 45-foot Christmas tree to Rotterdam.

Espionage By Britons?

VIENNA (CP)—Prague radio said Friday night that Czechoslovakian secret police had wounded and then arrested a British embassy officer and a woman stenographer as they allegedly were engaged in espionage activities in a forbidden area outside of Prague.

The broadcast here said that Robert Neil Gardner, second secretary in the British embassy, and Miss Daphne Gregory Main, embassy stenographer were shot by police as they attempted to escape arrest. They were taken to police headquarters, the radio said.

It was added that Czechoslovakia had dispatched a note of protest to the British embassy, demanding immediate recall of the two.

A British Foreign Office spokesman in London said that no official word of the incident had yet been received there.

Next Moves For Korea

WASHINGTON (CP)—President Truman and top military and political advisors are understood to have agreed on the next moves to be made in the Korean truce negotiations, now moving into a decisive period.

Responsible informants said a review of the whole Korean situation and its ramifications for American foreign policy throughout the world was the business of the meeting which Mr. Truman held with defence and state department officials after cutting short his Key West vacation to return to Washington.

It appeared that as a result of the review, new instructions were going out to General Matthew B. Ridgway, United Nations commander in the Far East.

Truce Talks Get Nowhere

Reds Lambasted at Munsan Conference

Munsan (CP)—A United Nations command truce negotiator today accused Communists of trying to win at the conference table what they could not win in battle.

Other United Nations delegates reported "no progress at all" in the negotiations concerning an exchange of prisoners.

Major General Howard Turner lambasted the Reds after rejecting a six-point Korean truce supervision plan calling for limited troop rotation.

Women No Slouches In Calgary Voting

CALGARY (CP)—Women do so vote! That was clear after Calgary's civic election.

Out of nearly 34,000 votes cast, there were only 30 fewer women voters than men.

Normally the number of men voters as compared with women is not tabulated, but Carl B. Cummer, assistant city clerk decided to have the figures broken down.

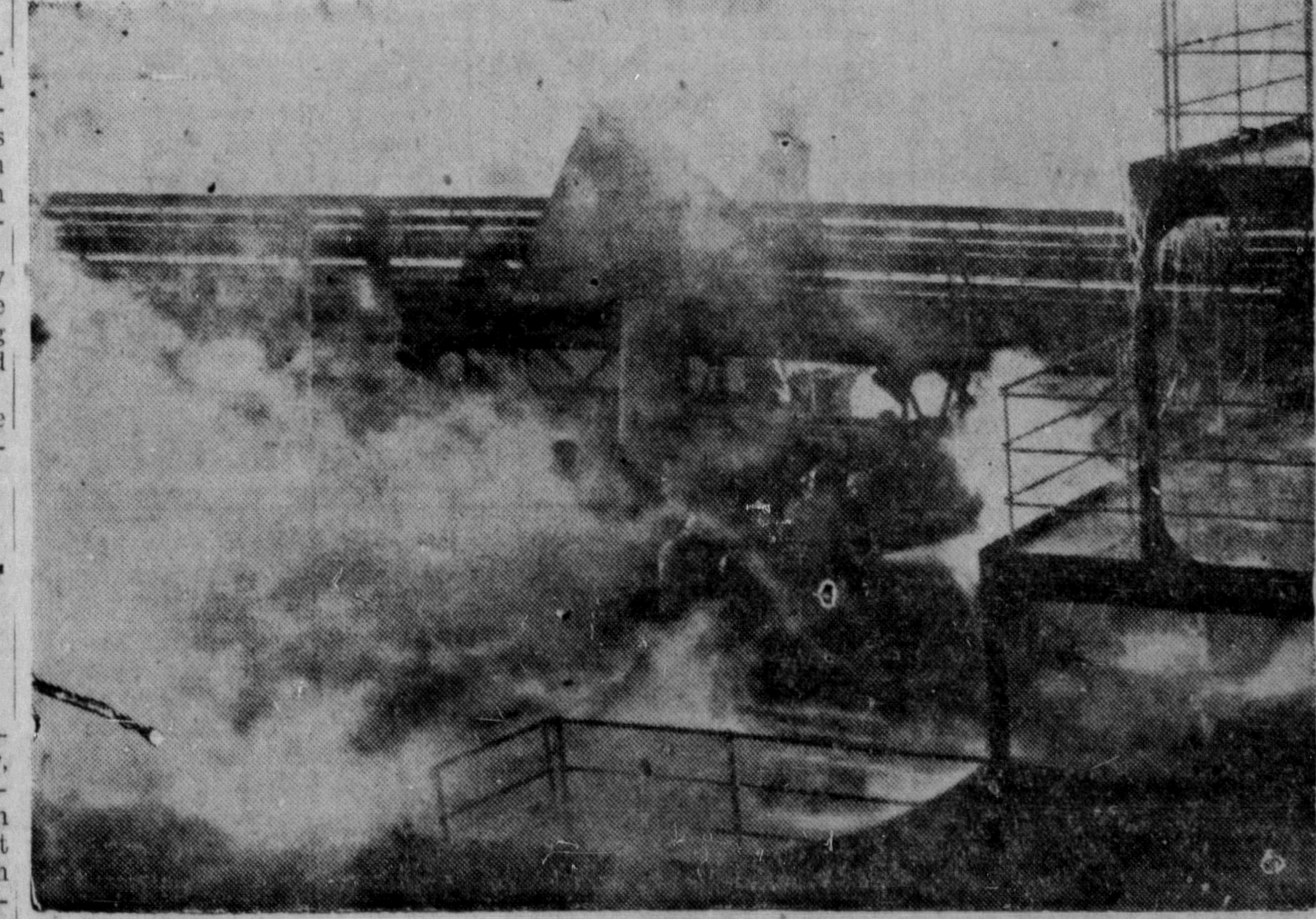
The result was 16,990 men, 13,960 women. At almost every poll, the figures were about even.

Dunwell Mine Developments

STEWART—An official of the Dunwell organization has been in Stewart during the past week to make preliminary arrangements in connection with the future of that pioneer local property on which possible new developments have been rumored.

Ernest Love Acclaimed

STEWART—Ernest Love was returned by acclamation as a commissioner of the village of Stewart when nominations closed recently. He was the only nominee to succeed himself.



TANKER ON FIRE—Firemen fight flames aboard the huge \$4,000,000 oil tanker Imperial Leduc Monday following two explosions as the ship lay tied up at the Imperial Oil Company's dock at Sarnia, Ont. Three men were taken to hospital with injuries suffered in the blasts and fire which followed. Workmen were cleaning the Leduc tanks in preparation for its sailing to Toronto with a load of fuel oil. (CP PHOTO)