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Leopold's Come-back Belgium

Results of Belgium's Election appear to Favor Return

BRUSSELS—Three-quarters Sunday's election returns are in and the results indicate that Leopold will be asked to return to his throne on the strength of a victory by the Catholic party.

The Catholic party is the only Belgian party which entered the election campaign with return of the king as part of its platform.

Latest returns show that the Catholic party won 92 seats, the Socialists (government) 70, Communists, 23, and Liberals, 16. The leader of the Catholic party will be called upon to form a government.

MARITIME DISASTER

Twelve Members of Crew of Freighter Perish in Bay of Fundy

HALIFAX—Twelve persons have lost their lives in one of the worst maritime disasters ever to occur in the waters of the Bay of Fundy. The 12 died from exposure to frigid weather conditions as they crouched in an open lifeboat in the Bay of Fundy after their ship, the Robert G. Cann, foundered near Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick. The sole survivor was Captain Arthur Ellis of Port Granville, Nova Scotia, the owner. Capt. E. S. Peters, the master, is among the dead.

MRS. ROOSEVELT IS VISITING EIRE

LONDON—Bad weather has turned back Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's plane from Dublin and she now is grounded in London. Mrs. Roosevelt says she plans to continue to Eire sometime today where she will spend one night with her aunt, Mrs. David Gray, wife of the U.S. Minister to Eire. She plans on leaving for the United States tomorrow.

Trial By Canadians

Eight Alleged German War Criminals to Appear Before R.C.A.F. Tribunal

LONDON—Eight Germans are expected to appear next month before a Royal Canadian Air Force court-martial at a series of war crimes trials involving the alleged murder of four Canadian airmen and the wounding of a fifth. The trials are expected to open at Aurich March 15. During the trial the names of the dead Canadians will not be disclosed.

The trial concerns airmen who parachuted to earth after their bombers were crippled by flak. Group Captain Walter Martijn of Toronto has been appointed judge advocate-general.

CLASHES IN MANCHURIA

Trouble Between Chinese Communists and Nationalists Reported

CHUNGKING—A Communist spokesman says clashes have begun between Nationalist and Communist troops in Manchuria. The spokesman says the government seized two towns from the Communists, drove them out and now are out to take five other towns under Communist control.

Meanwhile Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has been promised American aid in moving more Nationalist troops into Manchuria. Chinese authorities now believe that Russian occupation forces may stay on until the end of May. They were supposed to be out of Manchuria by the beginning of February.

Letins

Canada's Espionage Conspiracy

OTTAWA—Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers are reported to be conducting raids in Canadian cities from coast to coast following the disclosure of a Russian espionage ring in the Dominion involving some "fairly prominent" officials in the Canadian government service. Three arrests are unconfirmedly reported to have been made in Edmonton, Ottawa reports are of 27 persons, said to be "more than mere witnesses," being in custody. Secret information divulged to "unauthorized persons" is said to have concerned radar and aviation conditions. One official is said to have given himself up and made revelations after finding his premises had been searched. Some of those involved started with innocent but indiscreet actions. Russia is said to have been building up a large espionage service in Canada, "almost of fifth column proportions."

Russia Invokes Veto

LONDON—Russia Saturday invoked the power of the veto on the majority decision directly with complaints of their interference in Syria and Lebanon. Thus ended the work of the security committee for the present session. It will convene again in New York in April.

Maritimes Marine Disaster

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Twelve members of the crew perished Saturday when the coastal steamer Robert G. Cann sank in a storm at the mouth of the Bay of Fundy. The vessel had a \$50,000 general cargo. Capt. Arthur Ellis, the owner, was the only survivor.

CAIRO SITUATION

CAIRO—University students paraded again in Cairo today with "anti-British" slogans. The founder of Egypt's People's Party which favors complete independence from Britain has been called upon by King Farouk to form a new government.

TRUMAN NEGATIVE

WASHINGTON—President Truman Saturday denied reports that he had said he would not run for re-election in 1948.

NEWSPAPERMAN ROBBED

WINNIPEG—Frank Williams, Winnipeg Free Press telegraph operator, was bound to a press and robbed of \$25 cash, a cigarette lighter and pen and pencil set by four burglars who were endeavoring to open the office safe.

ELECTION TROUBLE

BOGOTA, Colombia—The presidential election campaign in Colombia has started on a disorderly note. The initial campaign appearance of the Liberal party candidate brought a clash between Liberals and Independent Liberals. Police used tear gas to quell the fighters.

OPEN PRESS HAILED

LONDON—The British minister of state, Philip Noel-Baker, is hailing the open press policy of the first United Nations assembly meeting. Noel-Baker declared that the open meetings are one of the best signs for the organization's success.

JEW PROBE DENIED

BUDAPEST—The Hungarian government, because the Russian government is not willing, has denied entry to an Anglo-American committee which would investigate conditions of the Jews in Hungary.

PRESIDENT'S CRUISE

WASHINGTON—President Truman was back at his desk today after a week-end cruise on the Potomac aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg. His family was with him.

WEEK-END FARES

OTTAWA—Restrictions on special week-end travel fares in Canada will be lifted as from March 15.

FISH UNIONS HOLD MEETINGS

The Deep Sea Fishermen's Union met Sunday afternoon in the Fishermen's Hall, considering "routine business," according to Union Secretary George Anderson. The United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union met Sunday night in the Fishermen's Hall to discuss their negotiations for an agreement with Adin Fisheries and Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co., which are at present awaiting conciliation in the south.

BAKER'S DOZEN

The term baker's dozen dates back to early days in England when tradesmen, fearing anti-fraud laws, gave 13 articles to the dozen.

BRITISH SAILORS STRIKE

NEW YORK—Seven hundred British sailors, crew on the mighty liner Queen Mary, staged a two-hour work stoppage Friday night. They walked off the ship to protest what they called "overcrowding" in their quarters. They went back when officers assured them that their accommodations will be improved aboard the Cunard-White Star liner.

INTERNATIONAL POLICE

OTTAWA—Prime Minister Mackenzie King's announcement that the 35,000-man occupation force will be withdrawn from Germany this year is not taken as an indication that Canada will not fulfill security obligations asked by the United Nations. However, such a force would be part of an international police force or at least a permanent Canadian unit.

ARGENTINA'S REPLY

BUENOS AIRES—Argentina's foreign minister, Juan Cooke, issued a reply today Cooke, has announced that his government will reply today to the United States' "Blue Book" charges. The United States government charged that the Nazis have been able to make plans to start again in Argentina. Cooke charges United States with interference in the forthcoming elections of the Argentine and declares that the "Blue Book" is a violation of good neighbor policy.

HOWE IS COMING

VICTORIA—Hon. C. D. Howe, coming west for a holiday, will be in Victoria on the occasion of the opening of the Legislature.

FEDERAL AIR ENDORSED

CALGARY—Thirty-one boards of trade in leading Canadian cities have endorsed a Calgary resolution calling for a federally-aided highway system in Canada.

FLYING HOME

LONDON—Edward Stettinius, head of the United States delegation to U.N.O., took off this afternoon on his return home across the Atlantic. His plane was to stop in Eire to pick up Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who has been paying a brief visit there.

CANADA IS COURAGEOUS

United States Urged to Be Equally Prompt in Dealing With Espionage

WASHINGTON—A member of the American Senate's Foreign Relations Committee—Senator Bridge—has demanded a counter-part to the Canadian espionage investigation in the United States. Senator Bridge says he understands that the trail of leakage uncovered in this country may lead to the United States. Bridge demands that the United States take up the investigation with the same courage and dispatch as did Canada.



CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE HOLDS MEETING—Photo shows, left to right, V. S. Milburn, secretary of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, A. H. Mercer, Vancouver, general manager of the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, and W. J. Parker, Winnipeg, vice-president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture and also president of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, as they met at the Canadian Federation of Agriculture annual convention held in London, Ont., Jan. 21-26.

NATIONALISTS BLAME RUSSIA

For Resumption of Chinese Civil War in Manchuria

CHUNGKING—Nationalist newspapers said today that Red activities in Manchuria, re-kindling the Chinese civil war, had killed the possibility of a Sino-Russian agreement.

DISASTER IN INDIA

This Is Seen as Result of Food Shortage

CALCUTTA—There is the prospect of disaster in India because of food shortages. The spiritual leader of the Congress party, Mohandas K. Gandhi, urges the government and the public to approach the food crisis patiently and courageously.

In Washington, the Indian information officer, Ta Raman, said that India faces stark, complete hunger, Raman said: "We cannot tighten the belt because, even now, there is little between belt and bones."

Vancouver-Prince Rupert Air Service

According to advices received in private quarters here today a commercial air service is to be instituted between Vancouver and Prince Rupert in two weeks by a Vancouver concern. Passengers are already booked for the first flight.

MEMORIAL FOR BISHOP BUNOZ

Monument to Be Erected in Cemetery and Stained Glass Window in Cathedral

The memory of the late Rt. Rev. Emil M. Bunoz, revered pioneer missionary and bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, who died last year, is to be honored by the joint effort of clergy and laity. Headed by Bishop Anthony Jordan, his successor as vicar-apostolic of episcopate of Prince Rupert, a committee has been formed with the objective of raising a memorial fund which will be used to finance the erection of a monument over the late bishop's grave in Fairview Cemetery and the installation of a stained glass window in the Pro-Cathedral Church of the Annunciation. It is hoped to have the monument blessed at a public memorial service to be held in May or June of this year.

President of the Memorial Fund is Bishop Jordan and the treasurer is Rev. Father W. F. Prince Rupert. Miss Marie Ant-Lantagne, parish priest at adio is secretary and other members of the committee are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Balagno, Mrs. J. L. Blain, Mrs. E. J. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. P. Doinon, Mrs. M. P. DeJong, Mrs. J. J. Gillis, Mrs. M. P. McCaffery and Louis Amadio.

Twenty Insane Patients Perish In Kingston Hospital Fire

Fatal Sequel to Trouble in Jamaica Institution—Forty Lunatics Still at Large

KINGSTON, Jamaica (CP)—Fifteen male inmates of Kingston Mental Hospital were burned to death Sunday night in a fire which destroyed the infirmary ward of the institution. The blaze was one of several in the hospital during the night, believed to have been set by mental patients. The fire started in an unused clothes room adjoining the infirmary. During the turmoil scores of inmates were occupied and more than forty are still at large.

ELDERLY NATIVE DROWNS AFTER BEACH MISHAP

Jacob Cooper, 84-year-old native of Port Simpson, was drowned in Metlakatla Passage about 6 o'clock Saturday night when he fell into the water while attempting to climb into a dinghy during clam digging operations near Metlakatla village. His body was recovered by two companions after it had been in the water for more than an hour. According to the story told to the provincial police by George and Roger Powell, who had been digging clams along with Cooper, on the mainland near Wearmouth's Island, the elderly man lost his footing when he tried to climb into a dinghy and fell into the water. The current carried him away from shore.

The Powell brothers managed to get onto George Powell's troller Rubina but were unable to start the engine and, after several unsuccessful attempts, they used boards to row the trolley boat to where Cooper's body was drifting.

More than an hour was said to have elapsed before Cooper's body was recovered. Efforts to revive him were unsuccessful. An inquest into Cooper's death was held today at Metlakatla by Coroner M. M. Stephens.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert—Cloudy with scattered showers, winds moderate to fresh southeasterly. Maximum temperature today 40, with minimum of 36 degrees tonight. Tuesday—Partly cloudy with scattered showers. Winds moderate. Maximum temperature 40 degrees.

GALE WARNING

A gale warning issued this afternoon said there would be winds of 65 miles per hour in the Straits of Juan de Fuca and 40-mile northeast winds over the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Local Tides

High 3:30 21.0 feet
15:37 20.4 feet
Low 9:35 5.4 feet
21:48 4.3 feet

Contracts For Russia Reported To Be Halted

Canadian Espionage Conspiracy Still Centre of News Spotlight—Further Official Statement Is Expected Soon

OTTAWA—Following disclosures at the week-end of the Russian espionage activity in Canada involving officials of the Canadian government, a news service reported last night that an order had been issued calling for the halting of contracts for the manufacture of goods in Canada for Russia.

The Canadian Press said last night that it had been authoritatively informed that Soviet Russia was behind the espionage activities of which Prime Minister King made a statement at the week-end without naming the power.

The Ottawa Journal said today that a former member of the Russian embassy staff was being held.

Twenty-seven persons are now being detained, according to the latest reliable reports, twelve of these having been arrested Friday. They are being held at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police barracks outside of Rockcliffe, a suburb of Ottawa. The nerve centre of the investigation of leakage of secret official information by two Supreme Court judges is on the ninth floor of the Justice building.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents from the United States are already here and dispatches from London say that Scotland Yard is assisting in the investigation.

An official statement in regard to the progress of the investigation is expected within a day or so in order to "clear the air" of rumors.

Investigating Sordid Story

Meantime the government investigation of a sordid story of Canadians being blackmailed into betraying their country's state secrets to a foreign power continued unabated today. There have so far been no clearcut statements since Prime Minister King's announcement late last Friday.

An unimpeachable authority told the Canadian Press that a virtual Russian fifth column was being built up in Canada.

At Montreal the Star newspaper said in a news page story that six persons were arrested there Friday by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and those taken to police headquarters included a member of the National Research Council staff and an official of the Labor-Progressive party. The Star said that the raid had been ordered by Ottawa authorities and was carried out at McGill University, the Foreign Exchange Control, the Bell Telephone Co. building and the University of Montreal where the National Research Council is located.

NEW C.N.S.S. HEAD NAMED

Capt. R. A. Clarke Appointed to Succeed R. B. Teakle

MONTREAL—Captain R. A. Clarke, assistant general manager, Canadian National Steamships, has been appointed general manager of the line. R. C. Vaughan, chairman and president of the National System, announced here today. He succeeds R. B. Teakle, who has retired after 27 years service with the company. The appointment is effective immediately.

HOSPITAL SHIP FINAL VOYAGE

HALIFAX—The hospital ship Lady Nelson completed her 30th and last voyage as a mercy ship at the week-end. The Nelson's career as a hospital ended, she slid practically unnoticed into Halifax harbor late Saturday night with 468 Canadian overseas casualties and three babies aboard.

The Lady Nelson, which has sailed 190,000 miles as a mercy ship, now is slated for transatlantic service, carrying brides and children of Canadian service personnel.

Played Up In London

Newspapers in Britain Give Front Page Display to Discovery of Canadian Espionage Plot

LONDON—Sunday newspapers gave prominent front page display to the disclosure in Ottawa that Russia was maintaining an espionage organization in Canada and that arrests had been made in connection with the leakage of information to a foreign power. Most papers carried the story under flaring headlines.

The Sunday Pictorial said: "Russia named as spying on atomic secrets."

The Times said: "Russians accused of spying in Canada."

CONFER ON RHINELAND

British and French Authorities Are Now in Session

PARIS—French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault says that he will confer today and Tuesday with British authorities on the future of the Ruhr and the Rhineland. France is demanding that these two German industrial areas be internationalized. Bidault also expressed hope for progress in talks among France, Britain and the United States over a possible diplomatic break with Franco Spain.

Prince Rupert's Secret Station

OTTAWA—Prince Rupert on the Pacific coast was among several places in Canada and Newfoundland where secret radio stations were operated during the war, it has been revealed here in an official statement. There were also secret stations at such points as Quebec, Churchill and St. John's.

BOSTON MAYOR GOES TO JAIL

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Representative James M. N. Curley, 71, who is also mayor of Boston, was today sentenced to six months' to a year and six months' imprisonment and to pay a \$1000 fine for mail fraud. He was released on bond of \$2500, however, after appeal had been entered.

ELEVATING CARDINALS

Important Ecclesiastical Ceremonies at Vatican—Archbishop of Hungary—There After All

ROME—Ceremonies of elevation of 32 archbishops and bishops from various parts of the world to the rank of cardinal commenced at the Vatican today. His Holiness, the Pope, leading in the files, Archbishop J. P. McGuigan of Toronto was among them.

Archbishop Josef Mindszenty, who was reported on Saturday to have been detained by the Soviet authorities from leaving Hungary, was given a clearance finally and arrived today aboard an American transport plane. Two of the cardinals-designate were prevented by illness from attending.