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Liquor Problem Vexes Legislature

Britain-France Sign Aid Treaty

PARIS, France (AP)—Britain and France today signed a 50-year alliance designed to provide mutual protection against any future aggression in Europe. The agreement was signed by Foreign Minister Bevin and French Foreign Minister Bidault. The pact provides for the transfer of a huge amount of military and naval equipment to France. Britain will lend or sell to France the bulk of its fleet of submarines. In Berlin, the people heard their political leaders raise increasing voices for a voice in the coming deliberations on the foreign ministry council in Moscow.

UNANIMITY OF EFFORT TOWARD BROADER DEVELOPMENT

Message of Optimism and Good Cheer Given to Chamber of Commerce By Newspaper Publisher

Touching his remarks before the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night in a vein of optimistic good cheer as to the certain and inevitable progress along substantial lines of the port of Prince Rupert and the whole of central and northern British Columbia with its abundance of natural resources and potentialities, unmatched anywhere in the world, H. G. Perry, newspaper publisher of Prince George and Prince Rupert, gave rousing admonition to the people here and throughout the area to rise above their immediate personal interests and, with broad vision and community of effort, to work unitedly towards expediting a realization of true destiny and greatness of this God-given country. It was, he declared, a duty to make fuller use of this great new hinterland and its land and resources. "It is a heritage which if we do not make use of ourselves we then have no one to blame but ourselves if someone else comes along and takes it from us," he declared. He advocated, first of all, striving to get in primary industries which he had found meant the coming in of secondary industries and services at a ratio of 4% to one. "Let us not point daggers and bayonets at each other in considering only our own personal advantages. Let us, instead, in spirit of good comradeship and mutual endeavour toward the common good, work toward the realization of those things that will redound to the benefit of us all."

KILLED IN RIOTS

DELHI, India (AP)—At least 50 persons were killed and 50 wounded when Hindus and Muslims clashed with Moslems in several districts in this Punjabi province today.

Police fired on Hindu and Muslim students demonstrating in Pakistan, the independent Moslem state sought by the Moslem League. Troops called out to deal with the disorder.

RED AID IS SENT TO U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—State Secretary Marshall said today that Greece is a matter of prime importance to the United States. He said that the matter received the "urgent attention" of President Truman and been discussed with cabinet leaders.

As well as the United States has been bending every effort to aid Greece," he declared, adding that final decision on further steps the United States may take to bolster its stability will rest with President and Congress.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Temperatures were generally overcast and northern British Columbia this morning. Cold air mass now over the province is expected to move eastward with a gradual change to milder weather. Overcast skies prevail tonight over the southern regions while clear skies prevail elsewhere. A storm moving northward from the Gulf of Alaska bringing overcast skies with the north coastal region Wednesday afternoon. Clear weather will be general over the remainder of the province.

Forecast
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlotte and North Coast—Clear and overnight. Increasing overcast Wednesday morning, with overcast afternoon evening. Intermittent rain Thursday and northern coast after midday Wednesday night today and Wednesday morning. Southerly (15) after. Little change in temperature. Frost tonight. Lows tonight: Port Hardy 32, Massett 28, Prince Rupert 28, Halls Wednesdays, Port Hardy 48, Massett Prince Rupert 46.

Arts, Crafts AND Hobby Show

Thursday and Friday
March 6 and 7—2 to 10 p.m.
Upstairs at CIVIC CENTRE
• Admission Free •
All exhibits to be in place by early Wednesday afternoon.

IN LOW IN ARGENTINE

More Earnings You Make Less Government Takes—Pilot Leads "Riley Life"

MONTREAL (AP)—Dig your teeth into this one, folks.

Choice steaks at 10 cents per pound, as much butter as you want at the same price, houses and apartments obtained easily, and the more you make in earnings, the less the government takes away in income tax is the story of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

William (Bud) Gillespie of Moncton, N.B., brings this utopia to light to Canadians and he knows what he is talking about.

The 24-year-old flier, working for the Argentine government, has been living on and off in Buenos Aires since June and says he "leads the life of Riley."

Gillespie reports such things as no rationing and the price of domestic goods incredibly low. A 1946 American automobile can be picked up but at twice the American cost because it is imported.

There is no housing shortage. No one pays more than three per cent of his year's salary in income tax.

Believe it or not, the higher the salary is, the less the government deducts.

Possibly the greatest boon is that filing returns is no worry. Gillespie said as far as he knew no income tax returns were made out. The amount is deducted from the cheque and the matter ends there.

Despite a heavy surface traffic, Buenos Aires's subway system has eliminated congestion. There are no traffic lights or traffic policemen.

However, one situation that would cause trouble if adopted in Canada is that at intersections the automobile travelling the fastest gets the right-of-way.

HAIFA HAVING MORE BOMBINGS

JERUSALEM (AP)—Five hand-grenades were hurled into the British military office at Haifa Monday night shortly after the Jewish underground movement proclaimed that open warfare existed in Palestine. The British government said there were no casualties in the attack.

Anti-British violence claimed new victims in Palestine today. Five British soldiers were wounded, two seriously, when a military truck was wrecked by an explosion today.

Four Arabs were injured when a Royal Air Force vehicle was blown up by a road mine near Ramle.

Jewish underground assertion that "open warfare exists in Palestine" brought a statement from Lt. Gen. G. H. A. MacMillan that "there is no question of the army being at war with the Jewish population or anyone else in Palestine."

ETNA ERUPTION LOSS \$75,000

ROME (AP)—Damage caused by the eight-day Mount Etna eruption is estimated at almost \$750,000, with chief damage done to vineyards and forests. The interior ministry assured Sicilians last night that the eruption was over. The flow of lava, however, was expected to advance a few feet before it cooled and hardened.

COURT CONTEMPT BRINGS ADDED YEAR IN JAIL

OTTAWA (AP)—Judge A. G. McDougall today sentenced David Gordon Lunan, already convicted of espionage activity, to one year additional for refusal to testify in the case of Israel Halperin, former Queen's University professor, charged with conspiracy to communicate confidential information to Russia. Lunan was held in contempt of court. The one-year term will be additional to the five years he is serving for espionage.

SICKNESS BENEFITS DISCUSSED

VICTORIA (AP)—J. H. Crosbie (CCF—Peace River) in the Legislature yesterday called on the government to introduce stricter control of the activities of death and funeral benefit associations and mutual sickness benefit groups. He said that a recent Royal Commission report on their activities showed some were soundly managed. Others openly admitted to be run largely for gain and some were most unbusinesslike.

The extent to which the public supported them was clear in indication, Mr. Crosbie said, of the popular demand for a plan of health insurance.

NEW PLANE TO CARRY BIG LOAN

LONDON (AP)—A new British transport plane with 11-ton payload on relatively short hauls developed from studies made with Hamilcar military glider fitted with engine has been announced by General Aircraft Co.

Known as the Universal Transport, the four-engined plane has an all-up weight of 87,300 pounds and is built for bulky loads, its freight-carrying capacity being 10 feet by 15 feet by 36 feet.

Equipped with tricycle landing gear to give level loading floor, the Universal has a built-in loading ramp that retracts into the fuselage in flight and an overhead loading rail with travelling hoist running the length of the cargo compartment.

The manufacturers plan a two-deck, 90-passenger adaptation.

Estimated operating costs, based on 75 per cent load factor, are about three cents a mile for passengers and 25 cents a mile per ton of freight.

Cruising speed of between 170 and 190 miles an hour is provided by four Bristol Hercules engines.

For carrying firearms at the Salt Lake without a license, Frank Bird was fined \$10 yesterday by Stipendiary Magistrate W. D. Vance. The prosecution was brought by the Game Department.

Plebiscite Is Proposed By Victoria Women Members

VICTORIA (CP)—Mrs. Nancy Hughes, Coalition member for Victoria, called on the government yesterday to hold a plebiscite on the controversial liquor problem on which some thirty members have already expressed opinions. "No matter what we might decide to do in the House we shall never achieve any improvement in the liquor situation until we have the people solidly behind us," she said.

Mrs. Hughes said she was appalled at the province's soaring drink bill, the frightening increase in serious crime by youthful offenders, broken homes and lives. However, people could not be legislated into sobriety. That comes only from education in the home, school and church. Obviously people wanted to drink. The Legislature should ensure that they get liquor only under the least harmful conditions.

GUERRILLAS ARRESTED

Clean-up Made in Subversive Movement by Greek Government

ATHENS (AP)—Police announced today that 200 persons had been arrested here and charged with recruiting youths for guerrilla bands and sending arms to guerrilla forces which are battling the government in northern Greece. Arrests were made in a series of raids during the night, the announcement said.

RAIL OFFICIAL IS RETIRING

VANCOUVER—Purchasing agent of the Canadian National Railways in British Columbia since May, 1929, Harold L. Taylor, of Vancouver, retired today after a career of more than 40 years with the National system.

Mr. Taylor, a native of Ramsgate, England, started railroad work in Canada with the Canadian Northern as a clerk in the local freight office at Winnipeg. During construction days he was a buyer for MacKenzie and Mann, railway builders later, he became assistant purchasing agent in Winnipeg for the Canadian Northern Railway and worked in that capacity until his promotion to Vancouver.

During World War II, Mr. Taylor's department here was responsible for purchasing vast quantities of equipment and supplies for all cargo vessels built in British Columbia shipyards. His department was called in to assist in organizing of Canadian Red Cross Society purchasing in this province during the early part of the war.

To mark his retirement, the veteran official was honored by his railway associates at a presentation ceremony.

FEEDER AIR LINES TO ISLANDS AND NORTH FROM HERE BEING PLANNED

Not only does the Canadian Pacific Airlines intend to institute a scheduled main line air service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert by way of Port Hardy and Sandspit early this year but the Queen Charlotte Airlines, which operated a charter service between here and Vancouver last year, contemplates inaugurating two scheduled feeder services out of Prince Rupert as base—one to the Queen Charlotte Islands and the other to Stewart and Observatory Inlet and the Naas River, it was disclosed by George Standbridge, local representative of Queen Charlotte Airlines, at the meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night. Applications for licences for all these services have been before the Air Transport Board of Canada at a recent hearing in Vancouver.

Licences, it was suggested at the meeting, might be expected to be granted within the next month or so in which case operation of the services would probably get under way during the spring or early summer.

The Chamber was advised of effective representation which it had been given at the session of the Air Transport Board in Vancouver in supporting the need of air services to Prince Rupert by R. M. Winslow, former president of the local chamber, now residing in Vancouver, and W. A. Rundle, chairman of the transportation bureau of the Vancouver Board of Trade. Letters of appreciation are to be sent to Mr. Winslow and Mr. Rundle.

The Queen Charlotte Airlines, at the outset, was also in the field for the licence for the main line service between Vancouver and Prince Rupert but later withdrew, an official of QCA explaining that "we felt the public interest and convenience could best be served by the other operator."



Canada Earns Peace Right

Should Be Entitled to Full Share of Drafting Peace Treaties For Germany and Austria

OTTAWA—Defence Minister Claxton told the House of Commons Monday that Canada had gained on the battlefield the right to engage in the drafting of German-Austrian peace treaties. He said there was no proof that withdrawal of Canadian occupational troops from Germany last year had affected that right. The Canadian government had decided it would be better to send food to Europe than keep a small force in Germany where Canada was assigned no zone or effective role in handling the defeated nation.

Mr. Claxton was making reply to a charge by Gordon Graydon, Progressive-Conservative, Peel, that the government had weakened Canada's bargaining position by the withdrawal of troops.

LON FORWARD—who made a "hit" at Ketchikan at the week-end when he assisted the residents of the Alaskan city in laying the groundwork for a Civic Centre which they hope will be as satisfactory as Prince Rupert's. (See story on page 2.)

THREE LEAP TO DEATH IN FIRE

CHICAGO (AP)—Two men and a woman leaped to death and one man was fatally burned in a fire that swept a rooming house here today. Six others suffered injuries as almost 100 tenants fled from the four-storey structure. The trio jumped from third-floor windows in the panic which gripped the tenants as they were aroused by the heavy smoke.

BLIZZARD IS BLOWING OUT

Big Storm in Eastern Canada Nearly Over—Communications and Transportation Are Disrupted

TORONTO (AP)—One of the worst winter blizzards in Eastern Canada is blowing itself out today after snarling up communications and stalling road, rail and air traffic from western Ontario to the Maritimes.

A record fall of 30 inches of snow tangled the Ottawa district, a 66-mile-an-hour wind blew at Quebec City.

Major cities bearing the full blast of the storm were Halifax, Saint John, Moncton, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

There were long periods of power failure in Halifax, Moncton and Quebec.

Plane services were grounded and communications were badly interrupted.

More than 100 rural schools were closed in eastern and western Ontario.

Motorists were warned to stay off all Ontario highways.

Substantial Tax Lowering Is Anticipated At Ottawa

Pleasant Surprise Expected to Be Implemented By Finance Minister Abbott

OTTAWA (CP)—Hopes for a balanced budget have led to speculations here that substantial tax reductions may be expected this year to become effective almost immediately. Observers believe the government will be able to announce reductions, not only in income tax but possibly in the number of war-imposed levies such as taxation on cigarettes, soft drinks, entertainment and the twenty-five per cent jewelry tax.

Finance Minister Abbott said recently he hoped to give a "pleasant surprise" with regard to tax reduction prospects.

Government revenues topped expenditures by more than \$275,000,000 during the nine months of the current fiscal year ending March 31.

BELFAST (AP)—Exports and imports for 1945 were valued at £220,306,000 (\$881,224,000)—highest in Northern Ireland's history—the Ministry of Commerce announced.

Prices Increases Are Being Felt

OTTAWA (AP)—A Prices Board spokesman said last night that first price increases sanctioned by the board recently on cotton, wool and rayon wearing apparel were being felt in various parts of Canada as new allotments of non-subsidized materials were being stocked. It is estimated that actual retail price increases will run from five to twenty-five per cent.

Hockey Scores

National League
Chicago 9, Rangers 4.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	Toronto
Bralorne 12.25	Athona 30
B. R. Con. 08	Ammaque 58
B. R. X. 12	Beattie 90
Cariboo Gold 2.75	Bevcourt 1.18
Dentonia 25	Bobjo 24 3/4
Grull Wihksne 10 1/2	Buffalo Canadian 30
Hedley Mascot 1.15	Cons. Smelters 87.00
Minto 05 1/2	Conwest 1.14
Pend Oreille 2.95	Donalda 1.31
Pioneer 4.00	Eldona 70
Premier Border 06 1/2	Elder 1.11
Premier Gold 90	Giant Yellowknife 6.85
Privateer 52	God's Lake 1.50
Reeves McDonald 1.45	Hardrock 56
Reno 10	Harricana 17 1/2
Salmon Gold 28	Heva Gold 85 1/2
Sheep Creek 1.45	Hosco 59
Taylor Bridge 66	Jacknife 10
Whitewater 02	Joliet Quebec 65
Vananda 41	Lake Rowan 21
Congress 06	Lapaska 34
Pacific Eastern 65	Little Long Lac 2.10
Hedley Amalgamated 11	Lynx 25
Spud Valley 20	Madsen Red Lake 3.55
Central Zeballos 02 1/2	McKenzie Red Lake 80
Oils—	MacLeod Cockshutt 2.06
A. P. Con. 13	Moneta 55
Calmont 31	Negus 2.15
C. & E. 2.20	Noranda 49.00
Footfalls 2.45	Pickle Crow 3.15
Home 3.30	San Antonio 4.10
	Senator Rouyn 50
	Sheritt Gordon 4.20
	Steep Rock 2.34
	Sturgeon River 25
	Kamlac 23
	Bright Red Lake 07
	Regina 03 1/2