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## Moscow Conference Outlook Is Gloomy

### Big Four Foreign Ministers Are Bogging Down on Most of Issues

MOSCOW (CP)—Hope for agreement on final European peace treaties during the current Moscow conference faded into gloom today as Big Four foreign ministers bogged down on major issues as well as minor ones. It was disclosed that Russia last night rejected an American proposal to tackle immediately the definition of German assets in Austria.

### Bulletins

**BOX CAR CONTROL**  
OTTAWA—Transport Minister Chevrier announced on Wednesday that extension of three wartime orders aimed at stretching scarce boxcar facilities is being sought when the authority of the federal transport controller ends on April 1.

**CEILINGS STILL ON**  
OTTAWA—Justice Minister Hsley told Commons yesterday that probably 70 to 75 per cent in volume of all goods are still subject to price ceilings, although "great numbers of categories" had been released.

**APPEALS LIFE SENTENCE**  
HAMILTON—Appeal against a sentence of life imprisonment upon Mrs. Evelyn Dick after being convicted on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of an infant child said to have been her own is being started. There will be no appeal against the verdict of manslaughter.

### Control Of Atom

Canadian Government Views on Matter Revealed

OTTAWA—The Canadian government maintained Wednesday that there were "manifest advantages to be reaped under a system of effective control of atomic energy" but indicated that it thought such control should go no farther than that to go to guarantee international security.

### BURGLARS MET THE CHAMPION

VANCOUVER—Two would-be burglars of the home of Robert Butler, 2335 Hemlock Street, had a surprise last night. John Wylie, the former British welterweight boxing champion, living therein, heard tampering with the door. He went to investigate and encountered two "tough-looking men. Although 70 years of age, he knocked one down the stairs. The two men made a hasty retreat.

**MAY TIE UP RADIO**  
NEW YORK—The nationwide walkout of telephone workers scheduled for April 7 may have the effect of forcing American broadcasting stations off the air. Broadcasting engineers and technicians have pledged their support to the telephone walk-out by refusing to work with non-union telephone workers.

### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES IN

C.N.R. Deficit of \$9,000,000 Is Revealed

OTTAWA—Finance Minister Abbott yesterday tabled in Commons supplementary estimates totalling \$55,839,512 to cover unforeseen expenditures for the 1946-47 fiscal year ending March 31. In addition, he tabled a supplementary estimate of \$6,100,000 to be added to the 1947-48 estimates, increasing the latter to \$2,001,978,634.

Mr. Abbott indicated that Canadian National Railways had completed the calendar year with a deficit of close to \$9,000,000.

### ALASKA BOAT HERE APRIL 7

The 400-ton coastal steamship, Southwestern, of the Briggs Steamship Co., which will ply between Prince Rupert and the Alaska ports in cargo service, will make her first visit to this port April 7 according to advices received here. The Southwestern, which is being fitted out in Seattle, was originally due to have come north late this month, but was delayed in her final preparations.

### STEELE BLOCK SOLD BY CITY

Don Brown Outbids Two Other Prospective Purchasers  
The city-owned Steele Block on Third Avenue West was sold at public auction this morning by City Clerk H. D. Thain to Don Brown for \$6,000. Mr. Brown outbid two other prospective purchasers, H. S. Whalen and Harry Freisen, for the 50 by 80 foot building, the lower floor of which was occupied by the Royal Canadian Engineers during the war. The lot and building are assessed at \$6,200.

### THE WEATHER

**Synopsis**  
Cold air was pushing southward across northern British Columbia this morning. Already skies are overcast along the northern coast with intermittent rain as far south as Kelchikan. The southern and central areas of the province will remain clear today but cloudiness will increase tonight in advance of the cold air. Intermittent rain will commence over southern Vancouver Island and the lower mainland Friday morning. Rain showers are expected in the interior tomorrow.

**Forecast**  
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Southern section clear, becoming overcast during afternoon; intermittent rain commencing this evening. Friday—Cloudy with rain showers. Milder tonight. Northern section overcast with intermittent rain today. Friday—Cloudy with rain showers. Colder tonight. Winds whole region light, increasing to northwest (20) tonight and Friday. Minimums tonight—Port Hardy, 37; Massett, 34; Prince Rupert, 32. Maximums on Friday—Port Hardy, 45; Massett, 45; Prince Rupert, 45.

**PARLEY IN INDIA**  
NEW DELHI—Lord Louis Mountbatten, new viceroy of India, is calling Moslem leader Jinnah and Hindu Nationalist leader Gandhi into a three-cornered conference.

### Opposition Bills Get Rough Time

VICTORIA—Opposition motions received rough treatment in the Legislature Wednesday as government members amended or defeated them.

An amendment by B. I. Johnson (CLN—New Westminster) to Opposition Leader Winch's motion that the government urge Ottawa to call a social security measures conference "as soon as possible" was passed. The amendment approved a recent statement by Premier Hart that he intended to urge the necessity of calling a conference of all provinces.

The second division since the Legislature opened was forced by Mr. Winch in an effort to refer Speaker Whittaker's report on standing orders to the appropriate house committee. Earlier, the speaker had reported that the revision of orders was unnecessary.

### DIVISION OF 35 TO 11

The motion was defeated on a straight party line vote of 35 to 11. Winch said that, under present orders, opposition motions on the order paper could stand till the last day and "die" there unless the premier was willing to have them called.

Six weeks of spasmodic discussion on the establishment of a medical school in the province culminated Wednesday in a unanimous resolution of the house expressing the opinion that the university authorities should proceed immediately to set up the proposed faculty.

Juvenile delinquency was discussed in the House as a C.C.F. bill for classifying motion pictures according to their suitability for various age groups came up for second reading.

The debate adjourned after Attorney General Gordon Wismer said the censors had received the fullest co-operation from the distributors and that the bill would be the wrong principle to put into the statutes since it could not be changed except by a further act and the Lieutenant Governor already has power to make any regulations considered advisable.

Mrs. Tilly Rolston (CLN—Point Grey), chairman of the Legislature's social welfare committee, said that "if these powers are inherent in the act, the attorney general and his department have had time enough to attempt some form of classification."

"Something must be done this year to stop young people from going to movies that can't be good for them," she said.

The House gave third reading to the Consumer Credit Act of 1947.

### Prairie Sparrows Are Seen in City

A pair of brown sparrows, such as those that are common deep in the interior and on the prairies, were seen fitting on Third Avenue at the Fourth Street corner today. Local persons interested in ornithology say they are rare here. Possibly, they imply a change in weather conditions here of which there have been other signs in Prince Rupert.

### STUDENTS RETURN

TORONTO—Pupils of Malvern High School, who had been on a strike in protest at the dismissal of their principal, returned to classes today. Their parents are carrying on the fight for return of the principal.



DEAD IN JAP TRAIN WRECK WHICH TOOK 160 LIVES—Sprawled in an uneven pattern near Takasaki are some of the bodies of victims in Japan's worst train wreck in history. Hundred and sixty persons died and 250 were injured when a passenger train sheared a pin between the first and second cars while approaching a down grade and tumbled into a canyon not far from Tokyo. The cars smashed roof downward into rice paddies.

### Servants Dismissed

### British Drive on Espionage Proceeds

LONDON—Some members of the civil service have been dismissed on orders of military intelligence, the British undercover anti-espionage organization, it was learned today. Some of these workers are connected with development of atomic energy research.

### MEAT TO BE CONSERVED

No Abundance as Yet so There Will Still Be Control, Although Rationing off

OTTAWA—Although meat rationing is lifted in Canada as from today, Hon. Douglas Abbott, minister of finance, in his announcement to this effect yesterday, made it known that meatless Tuesdays and Fridays in public eating places will continue and households will also be asked to observe them. The Prices Board will also continue area distribution of meat in the effort to insure equitable distribution of available meat supply to specified domestic areas.

Price control over all meats will also remain in effect.

Mr. Abbott said: "It will require full co-operation of the public to prevent supplies of each area from being too rapidly exhausted, thereby causing spots of temporary shortages."

Rationing of meat is not lifted because of meat being any more abundant but because of shortage of staff to administer the rationing.

### Nova Scotia's Tax Proposals

HALIFAX—Premier Angus Macdonald announced in the Legislature Wednesday his government's latest tax proposals—vacating by the Dominion of minor tax fields with no subsequent increase in provincial levies, and modification of his earlier demands for fixed, annual conferences among the signatories.

### U. F. A. W. DANCE

Oddfellows' Hall  
MARCH 28  
Dancing 10-1 A.M. Adm. 50c  
Everybody Welcome.

### Leafs in Detroit

TORONTO—Toronto Maple Leafs local opening honors last night by winning the first game of the annual play-off series against the Detroit Red Wings three to two in a tight match. The Leafs and Boston Bruins are playing the second game in their bracket tonight, with the Leafs having won the first.

### RUSSIA SNUBS U. N. COUNCIL

Ignores Opening Session Of Trusteeship Council

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y.—Soviet Russia yesterday ignored the opening session of the United Nations trusteeship council whose designated mission is to look after the interests of the world's non-self-governing peoples.

Absence of a Soviet delegate caused concern among United Nations officials.

Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko refused to make any statement on Russian plans.

### DAYLIGHT TIME GREETED CALMLY IN PR. RUPERT

Reaction in Prince Rupert to the Victoria announcement on Tuesday that daylight saving time is to be made on a mandatory province-wide basis on April 27 ranged from indifference to gratification that the change is to be on an organized basis, thus avoiding time confusion in districts within the province at least.

Mayor Nora E. Arnold expressed herself as opposed to local option in the matter of daylight saving but in favor of it being done on a province-wide scale. "This matter was mooted last year at the convention of the Union of B. C. Municipalities and it was agreed then that it could only properly be done on a province-wide arrangement," she said. "I favor the idea."

Schools Secretary Mrs. E. E. Roper could not see that it would make any difference to school children during the summer.

"During the war when we had daylight saving in the winter it made it difficult in the schools because the children started the day in darkness," she said. "However, I can't see that it will make any difference in the summer."

### SPORT FRATERNITY WELL SATISFIED

Art Murray, president of the basketball association and an ardent baseball and basketball promoter, piloted the gratification of the sporting element who, in spite of the fact that Prince Rupert has long northern summer evenings, feel that they need more playing time.

"It's a wonderful idea," he declared. "We were going after it on a local basis anyway. Last summer we had to cut our ball games to five innings because of darkness. Now we will get an hour more playing time in the evening."

Canadian National Railways Divisional Superintendent C. A. Berner said that, since the daylight saving arrangement will only be on a province-wide basis, the railway "will be operating an hour behind everyone else."

W. J. (Joe) Scott, one of Prince Rupert's most enthusiastic daylight saving advocates and spokesman of the outdoor sportsman, received the news of mandatory daylight time with much enthusiasm. "It will save me a lot of trouble trying to get it through the Chamber of Commerce," he humorously commented, recalling unsuccessful battles of the past to get it approved by that body.

He thought the extra evening hour of daylight would be a great thing for the sport fisherman who would be able to get to their haunts in time for the dusk fishing, for the lawn bowlers and for the softballers, permitting of evening double-heads.



VICHY AMBASSADOR ON ROAD TO DEATH—Fernan de Brion, Vichy ambassador to German occupied authorities in France, is shown, centre, being brought into the courtroom for the opening of his trial before the high court of justice at Versailles. The court pronounced the death sentence on him for treason.