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Union Of Newfoundland With Canada Is Out

C. GASOLINE PRICE JUMPS THREE CENTS

National Convention Thumbs Down Proposal

Only Option Now Is Continuation of Commission or Return to Responsible Government

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland (CP)—Weary members of the National Convention today defeated by a vote of 29 to 16 a motion put on the question of Confederation with Canada before the people of Newfoundland in a referendum.

Following the action, the convention, elected to consider and recommend future forms of government for Newfoundland, adjourned until tomorrow to draft recommendations for submission to the British government.

An official said the Convention's decision meant that the people of Newfoundland will have no opportunity to express their views on Confederation when they go to the polls in May to select a future form of government. The people would be limited to the alternate choices of continued commission government or return to responsible government abandoned in 1934.

INTERIM BOOST IS ALLOWED PREMIER JOHNSON ANNOUNCES

VICTORIA (CP)—An interim gasoline price increase of three cents a gallon effective tomorrow was announced by Premier Byron Johnson following a meeting of the cabinet. The increase has been granted on recommendation of the Fuel and Petroleum Commission, pending establishment of an automatic adjustment formula. Heads of oil companies have been meeting in Victoria in connection with setting up of the new rates.

PRINCE GEORGE JUDGE PRESIDES AT CASE HERE

Judge Eric D. Woodburn of Prince George is presiding over a civil case in County Court today in which Charles Anders, a carpenter, of Prince Rupert, is seeking payment of money allegedly owed to him from Mrs. Loretta Barnhardt and Diamante Zarelli for carpenter work performed on property belonging to the defendants.

The case is being heard by Judge Woodburn because, prior to his elevation to the bench last year, Judge W. O. Fulton had acted as counsel for Mrs. Barnhardt and Zarelli. J. T. Harvey is appearing for the plaintiff and Roderick MacLeod for the defendants.

FOUR-AND-HALF MILLION DOLLAR CAR BUILDING PLAN, TRANSCONA

WINNIPEG—There was good news for the West in the arrival here Tuesday of E. R. Battley, chief of motive power and car equipment, Canadian National Railways, Montreal. He announced a \$4,500,000 car building program to be completed at Transcona shops here this year.

DAMAGED U.S. PLANE RELEASED

Took Off From Sandspit Today After Unauthorized Landing

The Mount McKinley Air Service DC-3 plane which made a forced landing at Sandspit last week took off today to resume its journey to Anchorage after being released by a Canadian Customs officer from Prince Rupert who made a special trip to the Island air strip today.

The plane took off with Jack Scavinus, president of Mount McKinley Air Service, at the controls. Scavinus flew to Sandspit this morning by C.P.A. from Seattle.

Customs Officer S. P. Woodside, who flew to Sandspit this morning, released the plane which has been held by the Canadian authorities since it was repaired last week-end.

When the plane made its forced landing at Sandspit on January 10, its six passengers and two crew men, enroute from Seattle to Anchorage, were picked up by another plane which made an unauthorized landing, unknown to Customs officials.

A third plane, which brought in a new engine and two mechanics last week was released yesterday by Customs Officer Oscar Smith, who flew to Sandspit for that purpose.

LOCAL TIDES

Thursday, January 29, 1948		
High	3:45	21.6 feet
	15:45	21.7 feet
Low	9:41	5.4 feet
	22:05	2.4 feet

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Main and family of Sunnyside returned on the Prince Rupert this morning from Vancouver where they have been visiting for the last few weeks.

HAND-MADE CARS
R. E. Aolds turned out 3,000 cars by hand methods in his Michigan plant in 1902.

THIRTY-THREE DIE IN CRASH

FRESNO, Cal. (AP)—Thirty-three persons are believed to have perished today as a chartered air liner crashed in the diablo section of the Coast Range near here. There were no survivors. Most of the dead were Mexican agricultural workers. The plane carried a crew of four.

RUSSIA READY TO DEAL NOW

Hopes For Settlement of Austrian Peace Treaty Said Brighter

VIENNA (AP)—Russia was reported yesterday to be ready to deal on a peace treaty for Austria. An Austrian government spokesman said hope for a settlement of the country's future, long blocked by the east-west deadlock, now appeared brighter.

Russia still wants oil field concessions and payment of \$200,000,000 within two years for all other German assets in Austria now controlled by Austria.

Oil Embargo And Canada

Would Be Bad Blow For Dominion, Ottawa Agrees

OTTAWA (AP)—It would be a calamity of the first order if the United States applied an embargo on the export of petroleum products to the Dominion, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of trade and commerce, said in the House of Commons yesterday. The minister said that Canada produced only eleven percent of its consumption of oil products. He pointed out that the Dominion in January had voluntarily reduced its petroleum imports by fifty percent and was prepared to reduce even more. This, he expected, would be taken into consideration before the embargo was actually applied against Canada.

Canada would be knocked groggy if the spigot was closed on her imports of United States petroleum products but a high administration official said there was little fear that this would happen. Pointing to the wartime Hyde Park agreement that called for integration of Canada and United States natural resources, the official said, since the creation of the agreement, Canada had been regarded as "another United States state so far as imports of their materials were concerned."

TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver	
Bralorne	10.50
B. R. X.	09 1/2
Cariboo Quartz	2.25
Dentonite	.14
Gruhl Wikksne	.05
Hedley Mascot	.83
Minto	.03
Pend Oreille	2.40
Pioneer	3.30
Premier Border	04 3/4
Privateer	.27
Reeves McDonald	1.15
Reno	.11
Salmon Gold	21 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.02
Taylor Bridge	45 1/2
VaVnVanda	.18
Congress	03 1/2
Pacific Eastern	.07
Hedley Amalg.	02 1/2
Spud Valley	11 1/2
Central Zeballos	01 1/4
Silbak Premier	.44
Oils	
Calmont	45 1/2
C. & E.	3.85
Home	6.00
Toronto	
Athona	.07
Aumaque	.21
Beattie	70 1/4
Bevcourt	.55
Bobjo	14 1/4
Buffalo Canadian	.12
Consol. Smelters	96.50
Conwest	.86
Donalds	.76
Eldona	.73
Elder	.60
Giant Yellowknife	5.75
God's Lake	.85
Hardrock	.14
Harricana	.07
Heva	.16
Hosco	.35
Jackknife	04 1/2
Joliet Quebec	.36
Lake Rowan	.11
Lapaska	.09
Little Long Lac	1.25
Lynx	.08
Madsen Red Lake	2.90
McKenzie Red Lake	.58
McLeod Cockshutt	1.27
Moneta	35 1/2
Negus	2.25
Noranda	46.50
Louvicourt	1.30
Pickle Crow	2.25
Regcourt	.07
San Antonio	4.15
Senator Rouyn	.53
Sheriff Gordon	2.70
Steep Rock	2.50



ARABS THREATEN TO DESTROY "WAILING WALL"

Jerusalem's "wailing wall" sole remaining relic of the temple destroyed in 70 A.D.—symbol of the glory that was once Judea's, has been threatened with destruction by the Arabs. The wall, to which Jews come from all over the world to pray and bemoan the dispersal, is shown here. Arabs warned that if Jews carry through plans to blast through Jerusalem's walls to relieve 1,500 isolated compatriots, they, the Arabs, will blast down this wall and scatter it to the four winds.

CITY YOUTH OFF FOR NAVY CRUISE IN TROPICAL WEST INDIES WATERS

How would you like to cruise the tropical waters of the British West Indies for three months? That is the treat ahead for Louis Campagnola, ordinary seaman of the R.C.N.V.R. establishment here, the H.M.C.S. Chatham, who left the city by SS Catala Tuesday for Vancouver, enroute to Esquimalt, Vancouver Island.

Seaman Campagnola is one of scores of volunteers from navy establishments in British Columbia to be chosen for training aboard Canada's latest cruiser, H.M.C.S. Ontario.

FORM PART OF CREW FOR H.M.C.S. CAYUGA

Four fellow-seamen left here a week ago Monday for Halifax to serve aboard H.M.C.S. Cayuga, destroyer, which will be sailing through the Panama Canal to Esquimalt. Members of the R.C.N.V.R. are: Chief Petty Officer Douglas McGillivray, and Able Seamen Howard Lavigne, Peter Petersen and Neil Sheppard.

Training courses of this nature are held periodically, and are open to any recruit. All expenses are paid by the Navy, which provides uniforms and places the trainee on regular pay the moment he leaves his home town.

At Esquimalt, Seaman Campagnola will report to H.M.C.S. Naden, from where he will be drafted to H.M.C.S. Ontario. Steaming out from Esquimalt Harbor, the cruiser will head for the Canal zones and in all probability will join the British West Indies fleet for winter manoeuvres. Likely points of call during manoeuvres will include historic Jamaica, Panama City, Balboa and Trinidad.

For Seaman Campagnola and scores of other British Columbians the training course will be crammed with interest and excitement as the Canadian cruiser sails the old Spanish Main.

Sets Punjab Death Toll At 100,000

NEW DELHI (AP)—K. C. Neogy, Indian Minister of Relief, said at the opening of Parliament today that nearly 100,000 Hindus and Sikhs were not accounted for in the west Punjab state of Bahawalpur. "It is presumed that they were victims of forcible conversions, or were killed," he declared.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Rain is falling over the Northern British Columbia coast today in advance of a storm which is approaching the coast from the southeast. This storm will result in increasing cloudiness and some rain over the southwestern sections of the province. Intermittent snow is reported from the northern interior today where snow flurries are expected tomorrow. Intermittent snow is expected over the southern and central sections of the province on Thursday.

Milder weather is in store for most of the southern half of B. C. tonight.

Forecast
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Overcast with rain today and showers tomorrow. Winds southeasterly (25 m.p.h.) early Thursday. Normal temperatures with lows tonight and highs Thursday. Partly cloudy 37 and 43, Massett 37 and 43, Prince Rupert 33 and 43.

French Devaluation Might Help Canada

OTTAWA (AP)—Canadian government financial men are inclined to the belief that devaluation of the franc will result in increased trade between France and Canada, permitting a greater flow of French goods, particularly luxury goods, to Canada.

MARINE MINE CLAIMS 306

Disaster In Inland Sea of Japan

TOKYO (AP)—Allied Military Government officials reported today that 306 Japanese had perished today in the sinking of the 400-ton freighter Joo Maru, which struck a floating mine in the inland sea and went down in 20 minutes with her whistles blowing. The Kyodo news agency earlier placed the death toll at 250 with 50 bodies recovered.

Queenie Is Slated For Gas Chamber

The shadow of the gas chamber has fallen upon Queenie, the jail-hardened female police dog whose past is spotted with delinquencies which have made her a bane to the peace of mind of City Constable George Redhead.

Queenie is in "stir" again. She was picked up this morning by Constable Redhead on Fourth Avenue. Her actions, he said, definitely supported a charge of vagrancy. This time he has hardened his heart to her soft eyes and gentle manners.

Queenie, owned by an unknown fisherman, was saved from the gas chamber two months ago when a story in the Daily News located her owner, a fisherman. She had been making a neighborhood nuisance of herself after escaping from her owners' boat.

"Unless her owner picks her up and makes proper arrangements for her confinement, Queenie will be done away with at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning," said Constable Redhead. "This thing has gone far enough."

LITTLER IS DISMISSED

Relieved of Command After Being Found Guilty of Negligence In Naval Disaster

HALIFAX (AP)—Commander J. C. Littler, D.S.C., of Victoria, was dismissed from command of the destroyer Micmac and severely reprimanded after a naval court-martial Tuesday found him guilty of "negligently or by default hazarding" his ship.

The court-martial arose from collision off Halifax Harbor six months ago between the Micmac and the 10,000-ton freighter Yarmouth Coast and followed a Transport Department inquiry which fixed the blame but attached no criminal negligence for the accident on Commander Littler. Eleven naval ratings were killed in the crash. Littler retains his commission.

GARBAGE TO BE PROBED

Question of "Missing" Accounts Aired in City Council

Charges of lack of co-operation between the city treasurer's department and the city engineer's department were aired in city council Monday night after the reading of a letter in which City Treasurer H. M. Foote demanded an investigation into the facts behind a newspaper story that 1,000 homes had been "lost" from the city garbage collection rolls.

Mr. Foote's letter demanded that the investigation be made for the purpose of either exonerating or censuring the staff of his department for inefficiency which he claimed was suggested in a Daily News story on January 15.

The newspaper story suggested that the 1,000 homes were "lost" because the list which had been prepared last October showed 1,366 collection points, while the telephone and water list which the city engineer's department obtained this month as the basis of its current survey, contained more than 2,400.

"I am told now that the garbage list has more than 1,900 names on it," Mr. Howe declared. "The list that was given to me contained 1,366. I can't understand how there can be a difference of 600 names in a four months."

"If there were 1,900 names on the collection list last fall, I can't understand why that figure was not given to me," Mr. Howe said.

(The difference was at least partially accounted for by subsequent additions to the garbage collection list resulting from Wartime Housing sales).

In answering complaint that he had exceeded his authority in giving the information to the press, Mr. Howe said that he had not been aware that he had been talking for publication. However, he would not say that he had not been told by the reporter that the information was to be used for publication.

"I may have been told that it was going to be published, but I don't remember it," he said.

Mr. Arnold then declared that information coming from city departments should channel in future through the mayor's office.

The matter was deferred until completion of the current garbage investigation.

HOME OF RELIGIONS

Palestine has a unique place in the history of three religions—Judaism, Christianity and Islam.