

Further Freight Rate Increase Is Authorized

Federal Rent Controls Ruled Valid

Atom Is Rendered By Canada's Supreme Court

OTTAWA (CP)—The Supreme Court of Canada, in a unanimous decision, today upheld the validity of federal rent controls. Decision of the court was rendered by Chief Justice Thibault and Rinfret. Justices each rendered opinions. All agreed that parliament has the right to enact the

which deals with emergency arising out of the time necessary to the court is in an opinion and is a federal question put

means that the government can ask the courts to extend controls. The controls expired March 31, 1949. The court has ruled that the extension is valid for one year to 1950.

Are Citizens

Rupert W. Hagg, (Grand Forks) making a speech here, re-emphasized the need for the mountain and the turning out to be. He also remarked that the member of the council should declare that he is for the Japanese coast fishing.

Seven Year Sentence for Traitor-Scientist

OTTAWA (CP)—Klaus Fuchs, brilliant German physicist, was sentenced today to seven years imprisonment after pleading guilty to passing his adopted country by turning over to the American atom bomb secrets to Russia.

Upside Down Native Fined

Native James Lawson was able to appear in city police court Wednesday morning in person. He could have been lying in a wooden box.

Two constables of the city police squad picked him up at 6:30 p.m. dangling head first from the Fishermen's Wharf at Cow Bay. The constables noticed a leg protruding through the railing of the float.

Investigating, they discovered Lawson unconscious and in the peculiar position. He was taken to the police station and booked on a drunk charge.

Asked by Magistrate W. D. Vance where he had obtained the liquor, the accused replied that a white man gave it to him before sailing for Vancouver on the Chilcoot Tuesday.

Magistrate Vance reminded the accused he was lucky to be alive and fined him \$20 and costs of \$3.50.

SPOKANE HOTEL FIRE
SPOKANE—The well known Redpath Hotel here was nearly destroyed by a \$1,000,000 fire early today after a six-hour fight by firemen. More than 250 guests fled from the building or were carried to the street.

R.C.M.P. IN B.C.
OTTAWA—It was learned last night that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police may take over policing of British Columbia within a few months. The province has opened preliminary discussions with the federal justice authorities into the possibility of the R.C.M.P. taking over the B.C. Police Force. As yet, however, no formal application has been made for such a move.

NE BAND CONCERT
March 3, 8:15
Students 35c



SEEING DEMOCRACY AT WORK—Touring the U.S. to observe democracy at work, members of the Japanese Diet visit the U. S. defence department offices in Washington. The delegation chairman, Takeshi Yamazaki, shakes hands with Louis Johnson (right), defence secretary. This is the group that was refused admittance to the Boston city council.

COOP BURNED BUT CHICKENS SURVIVE

Fire Chief Earl Becker and firemen had their hands full of chickens early this morning. Responding to a call by W. A. Jones of 704 Seventh Avenue West at 2 a.m., they arrived to find Mr. Jones' tool shed ablaze. The fire was confined to the small structure.

The fire chief considered the five hens and rooster as "cooked geese" but, when he shoved a water hose through a hole into the chicken coop section, loud protesting cackles and squawks emitted from within the interior.

Apparently the feathered fowl were allergic to showers that early in the morning. Like the skippers of doomed craft, they did not budge from their domain until a stream of water aided their escape.

There was talk among the firemen on the scene regarding the inhalator squad. But the chickens survived and their condition today is reported as "good".

Damage was caused to the interior of the shack by the flames and some of Mr. Jones' tools were burned.

Vancouver 3, Victoria 0.
San Francisco 0, Fresno 2.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver			
Bayonne	93 3/4	Bevcourt	30
Bralorne	9.30	Bobbo	13
B. R. Con	.02	Buttalo Canadian	99 1/2
B. R. X	.05	Consol. Smelters	95.25
Cariboo Quartz	1.42	Conwest	1.10
Congress-New	.23	Donalda	.56
Hedley Mascot	.22	Kidona	.32
Pacific Eastern	.07	East Sullivan	5.10
Pend Ocellie	5.30	Giant Yellowknife	6.15
Pioneer	3.25	God's Lake	.33
Premier Border	.02 1/2	Hardrock	.36
Privateer	.13 1/2	Harriana	.05
Reeves McDonald	2.05	Ileya	.06 1/2
Revo	.02 3/4	Hosco	.08 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.10	Jacknife	.37
Silbak Premier	.37	Joiet Quebec	.67
Vananda	.12	Lake Rowan	.05 1/2
Salmon Gold	.06	Lapaska	.04 1/4
Spud Valley	.04	Little Long Lac	.53 1/2
Oils		Lynx	16 1/2
Anglo Canadian	3.85	Madsen Red Lake	3.10
Atlantic	1.35	McLeod Cockshutt	3.25
C. & E.	7.05	McKenzie Red Lake	.53
Central Leduc	1.10	Moneta	.36
Home Oil	10.75	Negus	1.50
Mercury	.09 1/2	Noranda	69.75
Okalla	1.30	Louvicourt	20 3/4
Pacific Pete	4.20	Pickle Crow	1.90
Princess	.32	Regcourt	.04
Royal Canadian	.06	San Antonio	3.60
Royalite	9.30	Senator Rony	.27
Toronto		Sheriff Gordon	2.25
Athona	.08	Sleep Rock	2.35
Aumaque	.13	Sturgeon River	.21 1/2
Beattie	.60	Silver Miller	.65
		Upper Canada	3.30

Flash

LEOPARD DEAD

OKLAHOMA CITY—Oklahoma's now famous leopard died in his cage last night fifteen hours after he had been captured following a concentrated hunt. "It is hard to say what caused death," said Julian Farzier, zoo director, who led a 61-hour hunt which ended in the jungle cat's passive capture. The animal was captured after eating two hunks of drugged meat.

NEWSPAPER STRIKE?

VANCOUVER—Vancouver Local 226 of the International Typographical Union (AFL-TIA) has applied for permission to take a strike vote against the Vancouver Sun and Vancouver News-Herald. The I.T.U. said yesterday. The union has rejected recommendations of a conciliation board set up to negotiate a wage dispute.

BURNED IN BOX CAR

HAMILTON—The bodies of a man and a woman, burned beyond recognition, were found today in a box car on a railway siding at the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. plant. The car contained bales of crude rubber. Police believe the pair may have been trapped in the car through error and started a fire to attract attention.

INVASION OF FORMOSA

TAIPEI—As the Chinese Communist radio was forecasting an early invasion of Formosa to "liberate the country," Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek announced he has agreed to appeals to resume the presidency of Nationalist China.

NEW POWER TREATY

OTTAWA—Signing of a new treaty between Canada and the United States which will provide for an increase of fifty percent in hydro-electric power at Niagara Falls and a beautification program for the falls was announced by Minister of External Affairs L. B. Pearson. George Drew, Progressive-Conservative leader, gave his approval and expressed hope of an early consummation of the whole St. Lawrence waterway project which has been bogged down for years in the United States Senate.

ELIMINATE SASKATCHEWAN

OTTAWA—Irwin Studer, Liberal member for Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, proposed in the House of Commons yesterday that Saskatchewan be eliminated as a province and be divided up between Manitoba and Alberta with the dividing line somewhere between Regina and Moose Jaw. He was protesting at the excessive taxation imposed by the present provincial government.

Parliament Opens— British House Convenes Again

Cabinet Changes Made By Attlee to Strengthen Position

LONDON—Parliament opened today following the general election after Prime Minister Clement Attlee had reshuffled his Labor cabinet along strong political lines to meet a threatened Conservative challenge in the House. Col. W. Douglas Clifton, Conservative, was re-elected Speaker. At a party caucus, the Prime Minister was re-elected leader of the Labor Party.

As the House opened, the government heard words of "Cheer Up" from the Conservatives.

Prime Minister Attlee, whose Labor party majority in the 625-member House of Commons was cut to a scant seven in last week's election, kept his top cabinet aides—Herbert Morrison, Deputy Prime Minister; Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps.

However, Mr. Attlee made some fifteen changes in lower brackets in a move obviously aimed at strengthening the party for new elections which most observers feel will be held in a few months at most.

Emmanuel Shinwell goes from ministry of food to defence.

Hugh Dalton gets a move up from Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Piery Aneurin remains as minister of health and John Strachey at the office.

Afraid Of Aluminum

Senator Tom Reid Also Sees Jap Menace to Fisheries

OTTAWA—Thomas Reid, bagpipe playing British Columbia Senator, yesterday startled the Senate with the assertion that two dangers now threaten his province. One danger, Reid said, was the possible exploitation of the fishing industry by the Japanese. The other danger was an attempt by aluminum interests to "grab off" hydro-electric power along the Fraser River.

The Senator, referring to the aluminum danger said the British Columbia government was about to hand over one of Canada's "most wonderful heritages" to one of the "world's largest combines."

(In Victoria there was no official comment from the government on the Senator's charges. He was presumably referring to the Aluminum Company of Canada Limited.)

LOCAL TIDES

Thursday, March 2, 1950		
High	0:25	18.0 feet
	12:06	20.5 feet
	6:07	8.0 feet
Low	18:40	2.7 feet

Hike of 7.4 Percent Is Granted to Railroads

OTTAWA—(CP)—A general increase of 7.4 percent in railway freight rates was authorized today by the Board of Transport Commissioners. The Commission ruled that the interim eight percent increase granted to the railways last September should be boosted to sixteen percent over rates prevailing before the award.

This amounts to 7.6 percent over current rates and sixteen percent over the rates before the interim increase.

The increase is applicable to most traffic within Canada except grain and grain products moving within Western Canada which are exempted and coal and coke upon which the Board authorized an increase of 7c per ton on top of 8c awarded in September.

The award, it is estimated unofficially, will yield the railways a gross of about \$28,000,000 a year.

The new rates may be put into effect by the railways on fifteen days' notice. The increased rates are expected to be put into effect between March 20 and 25, as soon as tariffs can be arranged.

Commissioner F. M. McPherson felt it might have been desirable to be given special consideration to long haul traffic.

The latest increases represents a 41 percent boost over wartime rates including a 21 percent hoist in 1948.

Paardeberg Day Is Celebrated

VANCOUVER—The fiftieth anniversary of the turning point in the Boer War was observed here when fifty recognition was given the surrender at Paardeberg, February 27, 1900.

Veterans marched in parade, there was the placing of wreaths and a civic dinner at Stanley Park. It was not long after the surrender that the relief of Ladysmith was announced.

The first contingent to Africa, from Canada was the Royal Canadian Regiment which, as part of the 19th Brigade, took part in the operations around Paardeberg. The unit, which was in action about three months after enlisting, sailed from Quebec late in October, under Colonel W. D. Otter, aboard the freighter Sardinian which had been converted into a temporary troopship.

The landing was at Capetown. In Monday's celebration here, Red Cross colors were joined with those of the veterans, for it was with the Royal Canadian Regiment on the Sardinian, that a Canadian Red Cross first went overseas. Their first post, under Surgeon General G. S. Ryerson, was set up at Orange River Crossing. He was the only Red Cross representative at Kimberley. Fifty years ago there were no field ambulances. Instead, there were oxen. Enteric fever raged in Bloemfontein. About five thousand were stricken. For a while, deaths averaged about thirty a day.

Contempt Trial Is Going Ahead

WASHINGTON D.C.—The government went ahead today with the contempt trial of John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers of America amid still more talk of the possible government seizure of the mines and continuing spread of troubles from the coal shortage.

One government official offered the personal view that government seizure would appear inevitable if there is not real progress today toward a settlement of the strike.

Meanwhile, the coal shortage became more serious than ever with the unemployed, as a result, mounting by the thousands and the nation's coal pile diminishing alarmingly.



NOT WORRIED ABOUT ATOM BOMBS—Optimism and cheerfulness in spite of atom bomb and cold war problems were the keynote of meetings of western force commanders in Holland when Lieut. Gen. Sir Charles Keightley, commander of the British Rhine Army, left, and Gen. de Lattre de Tassigny, commander in chief of western uni on land forces, had talks with Gen. H. J. Kruls of the Dutch Army.

THE WEATHER

Southeast gale force winds, 50 to 60 miles per hour, were occurring over the eastern portion of the Gulf of Alaska this morning and extended as far south as the Queen Charlotte Islands. These winds are expected to subside gradually today as the water disturbance moves inland over the north coast.

Skies were mainly clear over the southern portion of the province this morning. However, the continued eastern motion of the Pacific storm will bring increased cloudiness to all sections of the province with some light rain to the southern coast tomorrow.

Forecasts

North Coast Region—Cloudy today with intermittent rain commencing about noon. Cloudy with showers tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds—southeast (25) today, occasionally reaching (50) at exposed positions. Southwesterly (25) tonight and tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow at Port Hardy 40 and 45; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 36 and 45.

Northern B.C. region—Cloudy with snow flurries today and tomorrow. A little milder tomorrow. Wind light. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—at Telegraph Creek 15 and 25.