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DEFENCES STRONG AND PARLIAMENT TO RECESS

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(CP)—British parliamentarians hope a week summer recess July 30 with the assurance that the country's defences are ready in event of emergency.

Leader Winston Churchill in the Commons last week asked the government for a statement on the military situation before the House adjourns. It may be made when international affairs are debated in both the Lords and the Commons Wednesday.

Churchill made his request after Foreign Secretary Bevin reiterated in the Commons that Britain, the United States and France intend to stand firm in Berlin despite the communications difficulties created by the Russians.

Churchill said it is "very important that the military aspect should not be out of line with diplomatic procedure."

Detailed figures of Britain's operative ships, guns and planes no longer appear in the estimates placed before Parliament. But the published program provides that manpower in the armed services will drop from 940,000 last March 31 to 616,000 on the same date in 1949. Defence expenditures during the same period will be cut from £200,000,000 (\$1,000,000,000) to £692,000,000.

Britons, with a vivid memory of the Battle of Britain in 1940 when their fast fighters fought and stopped German bombers, recently were assured by Air Secretary Arthur Henderson that the jet-powered successors of the Hurricanes and Spitfires of the Second World War are "the best in the world."

He added that re-equipment of all Fighter Command Interceptor Squadrons with the latest jet types is virtually completed.

Churchill in March said he protested as "foolish" an announcement that the British Home Fleet consisted of only one cruiser and four battle destroyers. But the government program provides that next December Royal Navy ships in commission will include four battleships, three fleet carriers, five light fleet carriers, 17 cruisers, 56 destroyers and numerous smaller craft.

The defence program provides for an army regular force 200,000 strong by March, 1949, in addition to compulsory service young men and the territorial army. The objective is to have the regular army so trained and equipped that it would be able to proceed overseas at short notice.

The Territorial Army, co-operating with the civil defence organization now being revitalized, must provide the bulk of anti-aircraft and coast defences.

CONVENTION DATES SET

OTTAWA — September 30 to October 2 will be the dates of the Progressive - Conservative national convention. It was announced last night by the national executive following the selection of Ottawa as the convention venue. The convention, which is expected to be attended by more than 4000 delegates, will be held at the Coliseum in Lansdowne Park, the same place as the Liberal convention.

LOCAL TIDES (Standard Time)

Wednesday, July 28, 1948
High 5:48 16.1 feet
 18:24 17.8 feet
Low 11:50 7.1 feet

Price of Paper Takes Jump, Increasing Daily News Costs

The Daily News was notified yesterday of another increase in the price of newsprint. This time it is up from \$95 to \$99 per ton. Four years ago the price was \$57 per ton.

This is only another of a series of increases along the line in the cost of newspaper production. Recently, the Daily News granted its staff a substantial cost of living bonus.

In spite of increased costs of production, the Daily News has been endeavouring to hold its own price line for advertising and circulation.

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Taking Case Direct to Stalin

Western Powers Going To Top

Two Police Chiefs In Berlin—Anti-Red Demonstration

LONDON, (CP)—Direct approach to Prime Minister Stalin by the three western powers to discuss a way out of the existing Berlin deadlock is believed to have been discussed in detail by French, British and American representatives today.

Purpose of the meeting was to work drafts of an initial approach to Stalin and possibly decide upon an alternative, such as separate three power notes, if Stalin says he is unable to meet the western representatives for direct talks.

A diplomatic official said today that the western powers had decided to present personally to Foreign Minister Molotov proposals for settling the crisis.

Meanwhile blocked Berlin turned up with two police chiefs today, setting the stage for a new test of strength between east and west. Chief Paul Markgraf, suspended by the anti-Communist city, continued to receive the backing of the Russians who appointed him originally.

Dr. Johannes Stumm, anti-Communist deputy, was ordered dismissed by the Russians but the missed by the Russians but the and the city is run by four power.

Four persons were arrested today after a scuffle with police who broke up a demonstration of some 600 persons in the Russian sector of Berlin. The demonstration was in protest against the slowness of the currency exchange organization of the Russians.

Russ Forces Are Massing

BERLIN, (CP) — German press reports said today that the Russians are increasing substantially the number of their fighter planes, including jets, stationed in the zone around Berlin. Reports also said that large Russian summer army manoeuvres, involving 350,000 men and full transport and combat equipment, are taking place in the Russian camp.

NEWFOUNDLAND IS CONSIDERED

OTTAWA, (CP) — The Canadian cabinet met today to consider the result of Newfoundland's national referendum on Thursday last. The discussion was informal as the official returns have not yet been presented. No decision was, therefore, made on the question of whether or not to admit the island to Confederation.

Almost complete returns have given Confederation a 6000 vote majority over responsible government.

SKEENA M.P. RETURNS TO CITY NURSING CAR MISHAP INJURY

Harry Archibald Not Particularly Impressed With Work of Last Session of Parliament

Harry G. Archibald, Member of Parliament for Skeena, drove into Prince Rupert Monday night in a somewhat battered condition resulting from a high-way collision near Sudbury, Ontario, two weeks ago. With him on his return from Ottawa were his wife and small daughter neither of whom received severe injuries in the accident.

"We were held up 12 days on account of the accident," said Mr. Archibald, nodding a cloth to his nose which has been bleeding with periodic profusion ever since the collision. "Mrs. Archibald received a bruised arm, but the baby was unhurt."

Only slightly less pleasant than the accident was the session of parliament which began last November and concluded in June. Mr. Archibald intimated it was a session in which domestic problems were constantly overshadowed by the darkening world situation.

Interviewed in his apartment at No. 11, Killas and Christopher Block this morning, the Skeena member said that he looks forward to spending the next six

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HURT IN AUTO SMASH—H. G. Archibald M.P., home from session of Parliament.

HIGHER RATES, TAX BOOST SEEN NECESSARY FOR NEW PHONE SYSTEM

Utilities Committee Completes Report on Rehabilitation of City's Worn Out Telephone Service—Cost to Exceed \$500,000

Recommendations by the civic utilities committee for methods of financing a \$500,000 loan which it estimates as necessary to rehabilitate Prince Rupert's worn out telephone system are in the hands of the aldermen and will come up for consideration at a council meeting early in August.

The report has been turned over to the aldermen for decision on a course of action at the first council meeting when the full eight council members and the mayor are present. This probably will be a special meeting shortly after August 9. At least two of the aldermen are expected to be away at the time of the regular August 9 meeting.

Based on the fact that "the present plant has outlived its normal life expectancy and that further extension of services with existing equipment is impossible," the report recommends the floating of a loan "which may be slightly more than \$530,000 and which probably will amount to nearly \$556,000" for reconstruction along lines contained in a report made several months ago by Assistant Telephone Superintendent F. M. Kempton.

With present funds in the telephone trust account, the committee expresses the hope that the amount to be borrowed can be held down to \$500,000.

Based on a twenty-year serial issue of bonds bearing four per cent interest, on \$500,000, the average annual sum required for retirement of principal and payment of interest would be \$37,169 and the highest amount would be \$37,900.

With a new telephone system, it is estimated that the reduction of annual expenditures, through reduction in the number of operators, maintenance staff and material would be \$18,349. With the addition of 277 new telephones, for which applications have been made, the increase in revenue would be \$6,117.

"A combination of the anticipated reduction in annual ex-

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ECONOMIC SANCTION

Western Germany Rail Blockade Against Russia Not Much Itself, May Have Ramifications

FRANKFURT, (CP)—British and American officials last night orally termed the rail stoppage against Russia in western Germany an "economic sanction." They said the rail commerce between the Soviet zone and western Germany "does not amount to much." However, a United States military government official said the action may have "far-reaching economic and political ramifications."

All but the international mail train are banned to travel to or from the Soviet zone. The Allies claim that Russia has failed to return 16,000 of their railway cars.

Many Demands of Congress Made By Chief Executive

Price and Wage Control, Excess Profits Tax Among Measures to Avert Depression

WASHINGTON, (CP)—President Truman today demanded of the special session of Congress, which he called, limited price control and resumption of excess profits tax to help check the rising cost of living in the United States and avert "another great depression."

Fined \$10 On Driving Charge

K. F. Hill, a visitor from Seattle, was fined \$10 and costs in city police court Monday on a charge of dangerous driving. The charge resulted from a mishap in which a small girl, Lillian Sylvester, received bruises when struck by a car. She was admitted to hospital but released a short time later.

Coupling a plea for power to hold wages in line with the price control recommendation, Truman said "Communists, here and abroad, are counting upon the present prosperity turning into a depression. That would cut the ground from under the free nations of Europe."

The price control program will be followed up with an administration bill later this week.

The President also asked for more and cheaper housing, restoration of consumer credit controls, regulation of inflationary bank credit, prevention of "unwarranted rent increases" and authority to limit wage increases where they would force a break in the price ceiling.

The President also asked the special session for a new displaced persons bill to provide for the admission of 400,000 refugees into the United States during the next four years.

Federal aid to education, Senate ratification of an international wheat agreement and increase in old age retirement benefits are also asked.

Bulletins

MARIE IS ENDORSED

PARIS—France's new Premier, Andre Marie, today won Parliamentary approval for his new cabinet by a vote of 375 to 197. Earlier Marie had presented members of the newly formed cabinet to President Vincent Auriol.

BASEBALL STAR DIES

ORLANDO, Florida—Joe Tinker of the double-play Tinker to Evers to Chance baseball fame died suddenly in hospital today of a respiratory illness. Today was the sixty-eighth birthday of the famous old Chicago Cub shortstop.

COMMUNISTS AT U.B.C.

VANCOUVER—The News-Herald newspaper said that there were 20 Communists on the staff of the University of British Columbia. This had been ascertained from an investigation by a former Royal Canadian Air Force secret service operator, Dean F. M. Clement, acting president, said he knew of no Communists on the University staff.

MOVIE ATTENDANCE OFF

TORONTO—Moving picture show attendance in Canada is falling off, said a prominent picture executive today. The reason given is the pinching of the family pocketbook by the mounting cost of living.

CANADIAN SNUBBED

MOSCOW—Group Captain L. H. Randall, Canadian air attaché here, was not invited to the Soviet air show although United States and British representatives received invitations.

ST. ANDREW'S MOVE UP

EDMONTON—Vancouver St. Andrew's and Winnipeg Fort Rouge will meet in the Western Canada senior soccer playdowns. St. Andrew's made it two straight by winning over Edmonton North Side Legion 5 to 0 last night while Winnipeg defeated Regina Legion 3 to 1.

MARIE FORMS NEW CABINET

PARIS—Premier Andre Marie was successful last night in forming a new cabinet for France. Socialists finally agreed to give support thus ending the political crisis in the country for the time being at least. Former Premier Robert Schuman is the new foreign minister in succession to Georges Bidault.

Marie today presented the members of the new coalition cabinet to President Vincent Auriol.

The cabinet contains no Communists or DeGaullists. It is made up of members who favor the cause of the western allies. Marie's party is a moderate centrist.

The announcement of the formation of the cabinet Monday night came after more than 36 hours of negotiation with the Socialist party.

The one major change in the make-up of the cabinet is the replacement of George Bidault who represented France as foreign secretary in important international affairs since 1945.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

The storm which moved inland over the British Columbia coast during the night brought a fresh outbreak of cool moist Pacific air into the province. More than half an inch occurred at the Vancouver airport in the past 24 hours to bring the total to date to 1.93 inches and a record since the airport opened. There will be some improvement during the next 24 to 48 hours but considerable cloudiness is likely to persist and afternoon temperature will remain somewhat below the late July normal.

Forecast

Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Cloudy today and Wednesday. Widely scattered showers this morning and intermittent rain Wednesday afternoon. Winds northwesterly (15 m.p.h.), little change in temperature. Lows tonight and highs Wednesday. Port Hardy 48 and 62, Massett 47 and 60, Prince Rupert 48 and 62.



92 YEARS OLD—George Bernard Shaw, noted British playwright and humorist, celebrated his 92nd birthday yesterday at his home in Hertfordshire. "I am enjoying my favorite pastime of being more than ninety," he said and I expect to continue enjoying it for a long time." His health was never better, said G.B.S.