

Britain Is Trying Out First Atomic Weapon in Australia

Policy Speech Due Wednesday

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Byron Johnson will make his important policy speech in the Legislature Wednesday afternoon. This will open the debate in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Premier Johnson, when giving his policy speech actually will be moving the motion in reply to the Speech from the Throne. This is a departure from tradition. Thomas King, Liberal member for Golden, will be the seconder.

There is a growing feeling in the Legislature's ranks favoring a fresh man from the people on the government bench. The government has expressed the same sentiment. Legislators have also been buzzing about an alternative host-ess scheme—probably Dominion government.

Canada's New Governor Home

TRENTON, Ont. (CP)—Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Canada's Governor-General designate, arrived here by plane Sunday at 11:10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. He left London Saturday after attending the King's funeral. Mr. Massey was met at the airport by the minister of health, Paul Martin, and left immediately for his home near Port Hope. He will be sworn in as governor general February 28 at the opening of Parliament.

Person to Take NATO Job

LISBON (CP)—Reuters News Agency today quoted official sources as saying they understand Hon. L. B. Pearson, Canadian minister of external affairs, has indicated willingness to accept the post of permanent Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The report from official sources followed speculation in London newspapers last week that Pearson might be appointed to head NATO's international staff.

If the minister should take the job he will have to leave the Canadian cabinet.

Plant Tied

...of 9,000 Workers ... Factory ...

...Nine thousand ... workers went on ... Sunday night to enforce ... demands upon the Ford ... Company of Canada.

...walk-out, second in three ... as a climax to a ... that started eleven ... on the proposed ... continued all ... p.m., deadline for ... Canadian director ... mobile Workers ... announced the start ... He said if all night ... showed up they ... by a picket line.

...y Minister of Labor, ... Daly, came here ... day for talks with ... of company aimed at ... of the dispute. He ... negotiations on both ... up to the point ... they could go' to ... settlement. They ... in good faith.

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...well-known former Prince ... bert resident and fisherman ... suddenly Saturday while on ... at Claxton, Oregon, ac ... ing to word reaching here ...

...ay. He was Capt. John K. ... son, 73, 282 West Forty-Fifth ... nue, Vancouver.

...rs. Iverson accompanied him ... the holiday tour.

...born in Norway, Capt. Iverson ... fished the west coast for ... re 37 years after he ... he to Prince Rupert from the ... lances. While here he ... his family on Beach ...

...left the city seven ...

...Capt. Iverson was expected to ... but took out his halibut ... McVie last year for one ...

...des his widow, he is sur ... by two daughters, Mrs. ... (Agnes) Anderdahl and ... Stanley (Lillian) Johansen; ... son, and all of Van ...

...eral will be held Wednes ... from Mt. Pleasant funeral ... in Vancouver.

Announcement Made by Prime Minister Churchill

LONDON (CP)—Britain will test her first atomic weapon in Australia this year, Premier Winston Churchill announced this morning at his residence. No specific rate was given. It only specified "an atomic weapon."

Whether it is a bomb or some smaller atomic weapon is left to conjecture.

The test will be conducted in close co-operation with the government, and Commonwealth of Australia the announcement said, but the weapon itself will be produced in Britain.

No exact site for the test was given.

Australia has one area suitable for atomic testing—her vast central desert where guided missiles have been tested for years.

Four Burned in Apartment Fire

VANCOUVER (CP)—Four persons were injured, three seriously, when fire early Saturday forced tenants from an eight-suite apartment building in the West End.

The three most seriously injured jumped about 25 feet from a third floor suite after being trapped by flames.

They were Jack Kemp, 47, Beryl, 47, his wife, George Downes, 48. Hospital attendants reported both Mr. and Mrs. Kemp in poor condition.

The fourth victim was Mrs. Mary Cavanaugh, 40, of Alder-grove, who had her hair badly burned.

Fred Giles, another tenant, found Mrs. Cavanaugh on a chestfield where she had been overcome by smoke. He carried her to safety.

Germany Restricted

LONDON (CP)—American, British and French foreign ministers agreed Sunday to bar Germany from entering the Atlantic Pact as a full member for the time being. However, they decided to offer Germany a seat on the projected four power appeal board which will have the power to review and modify sentences affecting more than a thousand German war criminals.

The western Big Three are expected to tell the West German chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, of their decisions today.

Norway Leading Winter Olympics

OSLO (CP)—Norway swept into first place in the Winter Olympic Games team race today. Scoring a brilliant double victory in the 18-kilometer cross-country race and the Nordic combined. Halgeir Brenden travelled 18 kilometers in the fastest time ever made for the distance.

Simon Slaetvik, winner of the ski jumping half of the combined event, yesterday travelled a 11-mile hill and dale course in 1:05.40 seconds to clinch the victory in the two-event competition with unofficial point total of 450.

Heikki Hasu, defending champion from Finland, had 444½ points.

Twenty points for the first two places alone vaulted Norway from third place in the unofficial team race past Austria, the previous leader, and the runner-up United States.

Tragedy After Utah Wedding

KAYSVILLE, Utah (CP)—An old sedan, carrying a wedding party, collided head-on with a semi-trailer truck Sunday, killing seven passengers from Ogden, Utah.

The party had been celebrating the wedding of Martin Edward Green, 22, and his bride of Saturday, Nellie Wilson Green, 16, both of whom were killed.

The other dead included Mrs. Edna Wilson, 39, mother of the bride, and Mrs. Wilson's sister, M.S. Phyllis Christensen, 38.

TIDES

Tuesday, February 19, 1952			
High	6:48	18.9 feet	
	20:34	14.6 feet	
Low	0:18	9.6 feet	
	14:01	6.8 feet	

Legislature Opens Tuesday

But Its Nature Not Yet Disclosed—Election To Follow

VICTORIA (CP)—Third session of the 22nd British Columbia Legislature opens tomorrow. It will be the last before a provincial general election.

The Liberals met in caucus today to make final plans for the sitting and there was still no definite indication of whether it will be a full dress or a stop-gap session.

The coalition of Liberals and Progressive Conservatives, born in 1941, ran the government until last month when the union collapsed.

The Liberals, the bigger party in coalition, became the government and the Progressive Conservatives, the official Opposition, supplanting the CCF.

The present standing in the 48-seat House is: Liberals, 23; Progressive Conservatives, 11; CCF, 8; Coalition, 3; Independent, 2; Labor, 1.

Since Liberals and Progressive Conservatives were elected to power together, the break-up of coalition necessitates a general election. It will probably be held in midsummer. June 16 has been mentioned as a possible date.

The Liberal government has not yet announced whether it will hold a brief session which would merely pass money bills to carry on the government business or try to go ahead with the usual full program.

1954 Vote Foreseen

OTTAWA (CP)—All signs point to either 1953 or 1954 for Canada's next general election, with some political circles favoring 1954.

There was talk last fall that the Liberal government would go to the polls this year, but informed political observers say they see no such trend in governmental thinking.

They suggest 1953 or 1954 appear more likely as the choice for general election year and say they expect the government will fill out its full constitutional term of five years. That would bring the election some time in 1954, probably in early summer.

These sources say there are a number of factors against a general election this year.

For example, they say it is not usual for a government to go to the country in the third year of its term—the last election was in 1949—unless it is in political hot water or has difficulty maintaining control in the House of Commons.

There is not, they add, any great current issue which would warrant the government in appealing to the country and, so far as the Commons is concerned, the government now enjoys the greatest majority of any party at any time in Canadian history.

United States Rejects Russia

MUNSAN (CP)—The United States Command Saturday vetoed the Communist nomination of Russia as a neutral power to help police the Korea armistice.

United States accepted two Soviet satellites—Poland and Czechoslovakia—as other Red representatives on a neutral behind the lines inspection teams.

An Allied staff officer said the reason for the rejection of Russia should be obvious.

He did not elaborate.

However, the Russians have supplied Communist armies in Korea with fighter planes, tanks and other war materials.

Canada Wins Second Game

OSLO (CP)—Canada's representative, Edmonton Mercury's, won their second game in Olympic hockey last night, defeating Finland 13 to 3. They had won 15 to 1 over Germany Saturday.

Happiest Days Here

HALIFAX (CP)—Lord Alexander, just before leaving Canada's shores for England, said Sunday night that he and his family had spent their happiest years in this country which, he declared, is standing on the threshold of a golden future.

He lauded the choice of Canadian born Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey as his successor as Governor General.

Canada, said the former Governor General in a farewell address, had become a second home for himself and family and they would always look upon it as such.

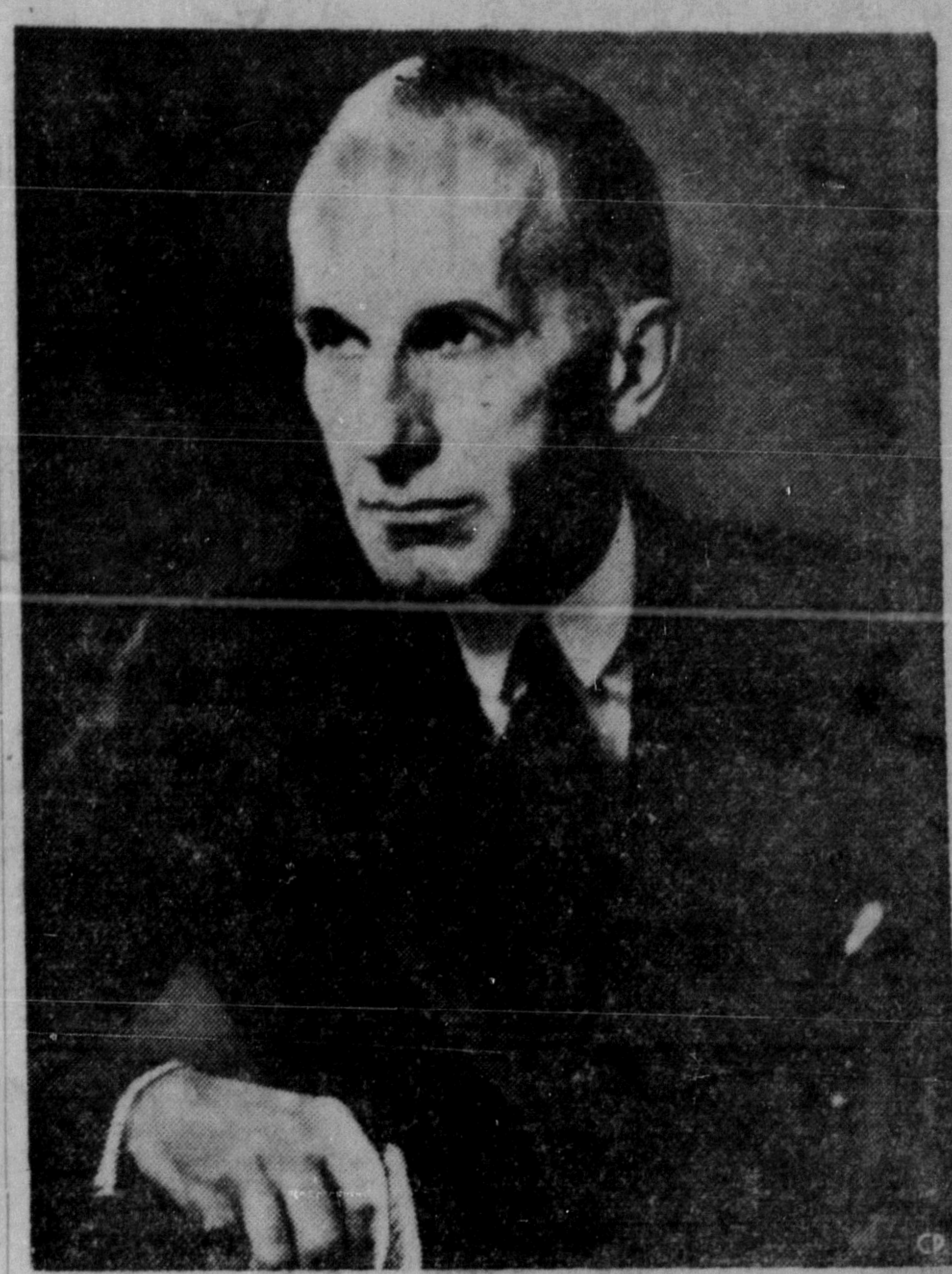
He and Lady Alexander, son, Brian, and adopted daughter, Susan, sailed for England aboard the liner Franconia. Lord Alexander said he had hoped to make a farewell tour of Canada but had to go with great regret before his term expired because "it is my duty to take on other responsibilities." He is joining the British cabinet as defence minister March 1.

Alexander urged Canadians in their material wealth not to forget moral and spiritual values.

S. C. Thompson left on today's plane for Vancouver.

Viscount Alexander in Farewell Address to Canada

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GOVERNOR-GENERAL DESIGNATE—This is a recent photo of Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, Governor-General designate of Canada. He arrived in Canada yesterday from England and will be sworn in on February 28 in time to open the session of Parliament.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

Three-Man Commission On Hospital Insurance

VICTORIA (CP)—A three-man commission to operate the British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service is recommended in a voluminous report of the special legislative committee which has been investigating the controversial scheme.

The service now is run by one commissioner, Lloyd Detwiler.

It was learned Saturday the inquiry committee favors formation of an independent commission, free from political influences.

The inquiry committee, in making its decision, has taken note of the growing public dissatisfaction with the principle of one man commissions.

Abolition of co-insurance, an unpopular system ever since its inception last year, is recommended by the inquiry committee.

Implementation of the committee's recommendations would see 300 employees of the British Columbia Hospital Insurance staff dismissed.

Jack Breen Ski Victim

Second Serious Accident of Season on Snow Slopes

Second victim this year of a skiing accident on Mt. Hays was brought down from the peak yesterday afternoon in less than two hours. In Prince Rupert, General Hospital is Jack Breen, 26, 625 Fifth Avenue East, with a badly fractured right leg.

Break is below the knee. It occurred suddenly at 3 p.m. on Prince Rupert Ski Club's tow hill in a patch of deep powder snow.

Skiers rallied to the rescue immediately. Larry Stanwood and Harold Eldsvik raced to the Department of Transport relay station for blankets while others, in charge of Odd Eldsvik and Leiv Husoy, placed Breen in the stretcher toboggan. The tricky descent was made possible with the aid of Nels Menzies, John Beale, Jack Eby, Ed Dawes, Fred Kennedy, including the others mentioned.

Ambulance, telephoned from the DOT station, met the rescue party at the foot of Mt. Hays. Hospital was reached before 5 p.m.

Breen is a laboratory technician at Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd. pulp mill. He is single, living at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Breen.

New Electric Converter

Drastic Economies and Uses Claimed by Scientists

VANCOUVER (CP)—European scientists claimed here Saturday they have developed an electric power converter that will produce aluminum cheaply, improve radar and television, break rocks and attract fish.

New electric energy is being used to produce pure aluminum at the pilot plant of the British Columbia Aluminum Company in N.W. Westminster, said the Danish-born president, Alfred Vang. He said the new "quantum" electricity utilizes a "square" wave current, instead of the usual alternating and direct current systems.

"It is a means," he said, "of ultra use of electricity."

"Magnaquantum," as it is called, has power to attract fish of different sizes and species and to stun them for "milking" or for transfer to hatching or spawning beds.

Mr. Vang, who says he worked with the New York firm of Stevenson Jordan and Harrison on an atomic energy program in the second world war, said he will leave Sunday for Ottawa to see Minister of Fisheries Hon. R. W. Mayhew.

Jet Order For Canada

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian government announced Sunday night that Canada has received a contract to produce F-86E sabre jet fighter aircraft for the United States Air Force.

Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Defence, Production, and Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of Defence, said in a joint statement deliveries will start almost immediately out of current production at the big Canadair jet aircraft production plant at Montreal.

The number of planes and the value of contracts have not been disclosed but informants say it will all mean a flow of many millions of dollars to Canada, sufficiently large to help Canada materially in balancing her military purchases in the United States.

Highway to Open Soon

Although definite date cannot be predicted, Prince Rupert-Terrace highway is expected to be opened shortly. Provincial Public Works Department announced today.

Snow-clearing crews have been operating steadily to cut through slides and drifts over a 40-mile distance.

Ketchikan Has Rental Houses

KETCHIKAN—Applications are being received in Ketchikan for fifty units of low income group housing. To be eligible, the applicant cannot be making more than \$4,500 net yearly. Units are unfurnished, except for electric stove, refrigerator and bathroom fixtures. The project furnishes heat, water, garbage disposal and a community centre. Fire protection is given on a contract basis. The fifty units were built by the Alaska Housing Authority at a cost of \$990,000.