

# Japanese Give Evidence At Kamloops on Monday

VANCOUVER, Dec. 3 (CP)—The curtain rang up today on Canada's latest "Rosen" Commission—an investigation into Japanese-Chinese complaints of abuses of their property rights in the Federal Government during the World War—and the days and the weeks and the months of their evidence were expected.

It is the Japanese Property Claims Commission, set up by the Federal Government with Mr. Justice Henry L. Ford of the British Columbia Court of Appeal as the one-man commission. Its findings will be submitted to the secretary of State in Ottawa.

After today's proceedings the commission adjourned to next Monday at Kamloops, B.C.

Of Canada's 30,000 Japanese, many thousands of whom were forcibly evacuated from West Coast "protected" areas during the war, more than 1,500 have filed complaints against the Dominion Government, claiming compensation for the disposal of their property.

Today, officials said that will claim living in at a rate of between \$1,000 and \$10,000, each averaging \$3,000, the commission will deal with an expected 3,000, totaling in value more than \$10,000,000.

At an expected six hearings a day, it will be impossible to go through the complete submission in less than a year and although will extend from Vancouver to Montreal.

Already Mr. Justice Ford has had to order two additional sessions in British Columbia, originally slated to have had two, Kamloops and Nelson. Now Grand Forks and Vernon have been added. Also to be visited are Lethbridge, Alta.; Moose Jaw, Sask.; Winnipeg, Toronto and Montreal.

The commission's decision is to be a "final" one, and the responsibility at one stage of the day's proceedings.

# Arrest Three Of Escapees

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 3 (AP)—An earlier decision to fix, instead of waiting, just a police station led to the capture today of three escaped Okinawa prison convicts. Four of the youths who escaped from the prison farm near Vancouver are still at large.

Police gave chase when they saw three men dashing pell-mell down the street early this morning. They caught the last, Eddie Mason, 30, Vancouver. The other two, William Bradley, 26, Victoria, and Allen Todd, 17, Vancouver, climbed on an incoming train, but were arrested at Arlington, Ore.

Police Chief M. E. Cox said the three admitted robbing a store north of Spokane, and stealing a getaway car. The prison farm at Okinawa last Saturday. The last was left here.

At Vancouver it was reported that two guards at Okinawa prison farm have been suspended following the break last Saturday of 14 youthful prisoners.

Names of the suspended guards have not been announced although it is understood that the suspensions were made by Attorney-General Gordon S. Wilson, Minister of Justice and Commissioner John Strama of the British Columbia Police are investigating the break.

# Prayer Change Under Dispute

LONDON, Dec. 3 (Reuters)—A stirred controversy as to why the words "The Duke of Edinburgh" should be inserted into the prayer for the Royal Family in the Anglican Book of Common Prayer instead of "Princess, Duke of Edinburgh" was raised today in the House of Commons.

Richard Morrison, leader of the House, said: "The words were inserted in the prayer for the Royal family because they were not only legitimate but also consistent with modern precedents."

Morrison added that no correction could be made. The precedents were clear. Under George III, the Duke of Cumberland was referred to as "The Duke."

William Galacher, Conservative, asked: "Are we to take it free this question that the wording might have some doubt about the subject?"

Morrison returned amid laughter: "I think that after the recording angel must have some doubt about Galacher."

# Early Outlook For Food Dark

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization reported today that adverse weather forecasts the early outlook for next year's world food production.

FAO said dry weather, which cut down 1947 production of corn in this country and of cereals and other crops in Europe, still persists in vital producing areas of North America and Europe.

FAO said, however, it is still possible that world production next year may exceed the year's critically short output, providing the weather improves.

# Sadler Campaign Will End Friday

Tomorrow is the official closing date of the Sadler Substitution Fund campaign.

However, the young veterans and his family, who sustained such a severe loss in the recent fire at their home on Beaver Lake, require all the help the citizens of Greater Victoria can extend to them.

Anyone wishing to make further donations after the tomorrow's closing of the various contribution booths may take them to the Sadler's office, 701 View Street.

Tomorrow night's Sadler Committee meeting in the Chamber of Commerce board room has been canceled until next week, P. Felix announced last night.

# Oak Bay Council Tables Hospital Plea for Aid

A report for financial assistance from the Royal Jubilee Hospital was tabled by the Oak Bay Council last night at the last meeting at which time the clerk was instructed to report on the possibility of Oak Bay making a special grant.

Reeve Walter M. Walker pointed out that the council had made a special grant of \$5,000, in addition to the per diem charge of 70 cents per day per patient, this year and stated "We have no more money this year."

Chairman P. A. Blair, Oak Bay representative on the hospital board, said the institution was in extreme financial straits.

"Hospitality are refusing to give further credit to the hospital," he said. He mentioned that one local firm had refused to deliver more fuel until the hospital account was paid.

He stated that it may be necessary to raise the 70 cent a day charge to "perhaps \$1.40" in 1948 to meet rapidly increasing costs.

In answer to a question he said collections of money for hospitalization were approximately 90 per cent of the total, adding that he

# Trial Witness



Witness at war crimes trials in Yokohama is Wing Commander Conrad J. Birchall of R.C.A.F. After completing testimony, Wing Commander Birchall will travel to Ceylon for travelling of ceremonial in honor of himself and two comrades who were captured Japanese spies. He is from St. Catharines, Ontario.

# Molotov Suggests Parley Delay Bidault Stand Causes Change

LONDON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Foreign Minister Molotov of Russia started today with a proposal that each of the Big Four Powers propose their own drafts of a German peace treaty and submit them to the council in two months.

The suggestion brought from Russian Minister Beria of France the quick observation that if the council accepted the idea of a 180-month delay it might just as well go home now.

The proposal started and apparently foreshadowed some new move in Soviet tactics.

Bidault, who was presiding, asked: "If our governments are to be asked to state their views within two months, it is understandable that a quick end of this session since our purpose here is precisely the preparation of a German peace treaty. If we are to follow Mr. Molotov's course our presence in London will become superfluous."

Marshall and Beria said nothing. Molotov then replied:

"The Soviet Government does not share the chairman's interpretation of our agenda but among the other members have not given their support to the Soviet proposal I will not insist on its consideration."

**PROBABLE MOTIVES**

There are the most widely canvassed guesses as to Molotov's motives:

1. He wishes to see more clearly the results of the political crisis in France and Italy.
2. He wishes to know the exact results of the United States Congress decision on long term aid to Europe under the Marshall plan.

Before the meeting adjourned, it took up the Austrian treaty.

Berlin associated Britain with the French compromise proposal on German assets saying Britain decided nothing from Austria except that she be made an independent power again.

In the debate meeting the Russians have opposed the French compromise which would give them one-third of the Austrian oil fields in case war, virtually all the Trieste shipping and \$100,000,000 in goods from current production.

# Requests Labor Forego Boosts

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (AP)—Earl Bunting, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, asked labor to forego demands for further general wage increases today shortly after President Philip Murray of the Congress of Industrial Organizations announced in Washington that his union would ask "substantial" pay increases when present contracts expire.

Bunting's request was a part of an N.A.M. program presented at the association's 12th annual congress of American industry under the slogan—"Production—key to world peace and prosperity."

The N.A.M. president urged labor to forego new general wage demands without corresponding increase in productivity, "except in cases of gross inequity."

Murray said in Washington that the C.I.O. proposal was aimed at offsetting high prices.

# Trading Used To Avoid Tax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Clinton Anderson, secretary of agriculture, declared tonight that more than 800 traders are using United States commodity futures markets for the purpose of avoiding income taxes on profits made in commodity trading or from other sources.

The fact that taxes can be avoided in this manner has constituted Anderson said, in an increase in speculative trading in grain and other commodities during this year's sharply-rising markets.

Anderson said neither he nor the department is in a position to say whether any of the operations violate income tax laws. He said some aspects of the situation will need the cooperation of other branches of the Government and of Congress.

He stated that most of the operations appear "legitimate in nature" and should be eliminated from the markets.

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