

Miners Launch Labour Unity Move: Executives of the United Mine Workers in the Maritime provinces say they have gained enthusiastic support for their approach to the American Federation of Labour centre in Halifax with "proposals for unity action." A District No. 26 convention of the U.M.W., meeting at Truro, N.S., was told that the move had been well received by other unions in the seaside provinces.

The U.M.W. is affiliated with the Canadian Congress of Labour and many telegrams expressing approval came from organizations affiliated with the other major Canadian group, the Trades and Labor Congress, affiliated in turn with the A.F.L. U.M.W. officials described their action as the first step toward co-operation between the two big union groups. A message from Capt. Ben Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Fishermen's Union (T.C.L.), said the U.M.W. "call for unity of labour in Nova Scotia should be an inspiration to the entire labour movement." (CP)

Quebec Legislation Declared Ultra Vires: A Privy Council decision in London has declared ultra vires Quebec provincial legislation which claimed for the provincial treasury bank deposits in that province which remain unclaimed for 30 years. The decision ends a six-year dispute between the Dominion and the province. In 1944 parliament passed amendments to the Bank Act providing that all deposits unclaimed after five years should be reported in a Parliamentary return and all unclaimed after ten years should be turned over to the Bank of Canada. The deposits, usually small sums, had reached an aggregate total of \$4,158,000 for all Canada by 1945. (CP)

Food Poisoning Affects 300: Authorities in Montreal are conducting a widespread investigation into the cause of food poisoning among 300 members of 60 families in the city's east end. There were no fatalities and all are considered out of danger, but health inspectors are examining samples of meat and bread and police were called in when traces of arsenic were found in bread. A streptococcus contamination was found in some of the meat samples. Police say they are unable to rule out the possibility the poisonings were not accidental. (CP)

Maritime Dealers Told Swedish Lumber Prices Lower: H. Cyril David, representing the British timber controller, told a meeting of Maritime province lumber dealers at Moncton, N.B., that eastern Canadian prices were above Sweden's highest soft lumber prices. He said he wanted to obtain a price fair both to producers and British buyers, but Britain would not pay fancy prices. The dealers advised him that other export markets were attractive at present, but a 10 per cent increase in the price of soft wood for export to Britain would be satisfactory. (CP)

High Prices May Limit Australian Imports: Prime Minister J.B. Chifley of Australia says that a reduction of imports from North America probably would be inevitable owing to high prices. The London Times quotes him as saying Australia's difficulties in making dollar purchases in Canada also had been aggravated by the recent adjustment of the Canadian dollar to parity with the United States dollar.

Inter-Provincial Tourist Conference Ends: The three-day conference of provincial tourist officials at Ottawa arranged by the Canadian Travel Bureau has ended with a call by the Bureau's director, Leo Dolan, for continued efforts to improve food, sanitation facilities and accommodation. He said a Dominion-wide show of courtesy to visitors was equally important.

The majority of the 20,000,000 visitors from the United States this year had been pleased with Canadian hospitality and particularly with price controls, but the occasional dissatisfied tourist could do great harm. The conference was called to co-ordinate provincial and Dominion tourist programs for 1947. (CP)

First Squatters Appear In Montreal: In the first appearance of a squatting movement in Montreal, five families of war veterans -- 18 persons in all -- have taken possession of a 10-room house on McGill College Ave. (CP)