

WORLD

Canadian tax plan riles Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. administration and a growing number in Congress are raising alarm over a bill before Parliament that could create a major tax headache for U.S. businesses with significant property ownership in Canada.

A proposed change in the definition of taxable Canadian property would essentially expose some U.S. companies to double taxation during certain transactions, such as sale of a major-ownership stake in the business, experts said.



IF YOU WON'T SLOW DOWN FOR PHOTO RADAR, DO IT FOR THEM.

Spring Break is over and children are back in school. As a reminder to slow down, photo radar cameras will be in certain school zones between March 24 and April 4. You can find out which locations are affected by checking your local media reports. The posted speed limit in school zones is 30 km/h between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. So please drive carefully.



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IRA mounts bomb attacks in Britain, Northern Ireland

LONDON (AP) — Three explosions in Britain and Northern Ireland on Wednesday raised fears of a IRA bombing campaign in the days before Britain's May 1 general election.

After twin explosions at a major British rail artery Wednesday morning, a man fired an explosive device late Wednesday at a police station in Coal Island, a town in central Northern Ireland, police said.

Police returned fire, hitting a 19-year-old man, who was in serious condition with a gunshot wound to the abdomen, said a spokesman for South Tyrone Regional Hospital in nearby Dungannon. It was not immediately clear if he was the man who fired the device.

Two women also were admitted to the hospital after being hurt in an ensuing scuffle, said the spokesman, who spoke anonymously. One was treated for a minor back injury and the other

for shock.

The morning blasts, in Wilmslow, 257 kilometres north of London, occurred hours after a telephone warning from a man claiming to represent the Irish Republican Army and a day after Scotland Yard warned of possible pre-election IRA attacks.

In response, Labor and Conservative party leaders broke a longstanding commitment to stand united when it comes to Northern Ireland, sniping at each others' policies on dealing with IRA violence.

Wilmslow is a major junction on Britain's western north-south rail artery, and the explosions seemed pinpointed to cause maximum economic damage, recalling previous IRA attacks in London's business district. The blasts tore up track and damaged signalling equipment at the station, which will spoil travel for the Easter holiday weekend.

Canadian to stand trial

TEIGNMOUTH, England (CP) — A fugitive who fled Canada six years ago has been ordered to stand trial in Britain for the murder of the man whose identity he had taken on.

There is enough evidence to suggest Albert Walker murdered Ronald Platt to justify taking the case to trial, Magistrate Philip Wassall ruled Wednesday at the conclusion of a three-day committal hearing.

"As I see it, the jury... could form a view that you're guilty," he told Walker after hearing from nine witnesses and studying more than 500 pages of statements from nearly 80 others.

Walker, 51, showed little emotion throughout the hearing and didn't display disappointment when Wassall announced his ruling.

The Crown contends Walker killed Platt last summer, probably July 20, when the two were sailing off the coast of Devon on Walker's yacht, the Lady Jane.

Easter Bunny Schedule



**Wednesday,
March 26**
11-12, 1-2,
3:30-4:30

**Thursday,
March 27**
11-12, 1-2,
3:30-4:30, 6-7

**Friday,
March 28th
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**Saturday,
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2:30-3:30, 5-6



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Kid's rights ignored: report

LONDON (AP) — Forty million children live on the streets. Twelve million die each year before their fifth birthday, most from preventable diseases. And 250 million are forced to labor for long hours and low pay.

Furthermore, according to a British human rights group, wars in the past decade have killed two million children, injured six million and turned almost 30 million into refugees.

The figures from aid agencies show that despite an all-embracing UN treaty protecting children, their rights are being increasingly ignored, Index on Censorship said in a report to be published April 2.

The seven-year-old UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history, yet most of the evils it promised to remedy have worsened, said Caroline Moorehead, who studied the convention for the London-based group.

Belarus says: 'Give us Stalin'

MINSK (AP) — President Alexander Lukashenko tightened control over Belarus on Wednesday, saying people have asked him to take on dictatorial powers.

"People are saying: 'Mr. President, give us a dictatorship. Give us Stalin's times,'" Lukashenko said in a television broadcast with regional administrators and state-farm directors.

Lukashenko, who is trying to forge a union with Russia, announced the revival of the Soviet tradition of "subbotniks" — unpaid mandatory labor on weekends, mostly in street clean-up.

He called for the first subbotnik April 22, birthday of Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin.

Peace mission greeted with rocks

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinians threw stones and burned U.S. flags in the streets of the West Bank on Wednesday, rejecting a new attempt to salvage the disintegrating Mideast peace process.

U.S. President Bill Clinton sent envoy Dennis Ross to try to stop the rioting and bloodshed that started after Israel broke ground for construction of a Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem.

But Palestinians have grown suspicious of the United States' motives in peacemaking, because it blocked UN Security Council censure of the housing project.

Supporters of Yasser Arafat led protests here and in the West Bank city of Bethlehem.

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