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JUNE 27 SEEN PROBABLE FEDERAL ELECTION DATE

\$85,000 FIRE AT SUMMERSIDE LAST NIGHT

Will Try Photography In Effort To Locate Missing Air Force Plane

OTTAWA, April 25 — (CP) — For the first time in its peacetime history the R.C.A.F. has decided to employ air photography in an elaborate effort to trace the whereabouts of an R.C.A.F. aircraft with seven men aboard, missing since Thursday.

Four service aircraft — two De Havilland and two Lancasters — it has been decided, will take off from suburban Rockcliffe air station at dawn tomorrow to photograph from the air a vertical strip, covering some 7,200 square miles, and stretching from Presque Isle, Me. to Chatham, N.B.

Thirty R.C.A.F. men and officers will be employed in the photography job, while another 10 or more men will be put on a special night job to develop and print the film at the Rockcliffe air station. The entire job is expected to be completed in one day, weather permitting.

To Continue Search

Meanwhile, some 26 R.C.A.F. private and American planes will continue the search over the wooded and hilly area between Presque Isle and Chatham for a trace of the seven men aboard the aircraft that disappeared on a routine communications flight from Ottawa to Chatham.

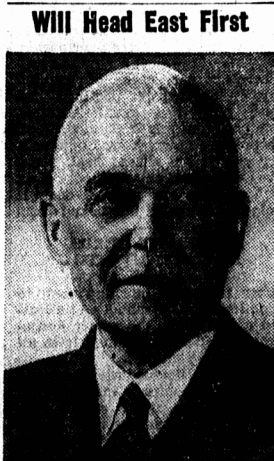
The missing aircraft — a Beechcraft Expediter — was last reported over Presque Isle Thursday morning.

The photos, which will be taken tomorrow will be rushed to completion the same day and two army

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Coming Events

- **Mail your Films to Garnham Photo Studio, Charlottetown.
- **Starting Cleaning Grain April 25th. Jack Gillis, Flat River.
- **Dance, Fort Augustus School, Wednesday, April 27th. Good music.
- **Jimmy Power's variety concert in Harrington Hall, Tuesday, April 26, 8.30.
- **Dance Mount Stewart Legion Hall Thursday, April 28th. Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- **The Stanley Bridge Players in "Mr. Beane From Lima" at Summerfield, Tuesday, April 26th.
- **Variety Concert with two one act plays in Sea View Hall, April 27th. If not fine the following night.
- **Barton Lodge is bringing Winslow plays to Milton Hall, Tuesday, April 26th. Sale of cake and candy.
- **The Morell Creamery Annual Meeting will be held in Morell Hall, Thursday, April 26th, at 9 P. M.
- **We require quantity of hay. Apply Swift Canadian Livestock pens, Railway Wharf.
- **Play by Charlottetown Players in Vernon River Hall, Wednesday, April 27th. Curtain 8.30. Specialties.
- **See Charley Chan in The Trap, plus Stoggles, plus Superman, at MacDonald Bros. Theatre, tonight.
- **No. 2 Mixed Clover Seeds, 70% Timothy, 30% clover—27 cents. Rush your bookings. McGuigan and Boyle.
- **See Indian River-Kensington Dramatic Club present Lighthouse Nn in Morell Memorial Hall on Wednesday, April 27th, 8.30 P. M.
- **Don't miss "Mr. Beane From Lima" in Clinton Hall, Friday, April 28th, by Stanley Bridge Players. Good specialties.
- **Come to see Winslow Play, Pownall Hall, April 26th. Also Specialties and Auction. Sponsored by Cross Roads Women's Institute.
- **Don't miss the second big Dance of the season. Islanders Country Club, Traveller's Rest, April 26th. Orchestra. Western Rhythmic Boys.
- **Feeds: The following is our prices on feeds: 18% Pig Starter \$3.85, 16% Hog Grower \$3.30, 15% Hog Finisher \$3.20, 17% Laying Mash \$3.35, 17% Growing Mash \$3.55, 18% Chick Starter \$4.40. Other feeds in accordance. Buy Shur-Gain Feeds and be sure. Bags included. Phone or write your order. E. J. MacDougall, Vernon.



Will Head East First

OTTAWA, April 25 — (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent hasn't got his general election campaign mapped out yet, but it can be assumed he'll head into the Maritime Provinces first.

He told reporters tonight following his announcement of the impending dissolution of Parliament that he will remain in the capital "for a few days" after the dissolution to tend to matters which have to be dealt with here.

"Then," he said, "we will plan a leisurely campaign."

Mrs. St. Laurent, who was with the Prime Minister, nodded to a reporter, winked and repeated dryly: "Yes, a 'leisurely' campaign."

She has just returned with Mr. St. Laurent from a quick two-weeks run through the Western Provinces.

Good Progress Being Made At London Conference

By Alan Harvey

LONDON, April 25 — (CP) — Commonwealth delegates who met twice today have reached agreement on most points before them. It was reliably learned late tonight.

It was understood that Canada's delegate, L. B. Pearson, External Affairs Minister, and his colleagues had made "very good" progress toward unravelling the knotty problem of India's constitutional future.

They are in full agreement, "subject to two or three quite important points still to be straightened out," the Canadian Press learned.

The decisions reached at the conference — which continues tomorrow morning — will probably be embodied in a brief document which will not be issued until after the talks are complete, it was learned from a source close to the conference.

Self-Confessed Russian Spy Ordered Deported

WINNIPEG, April 25 — (CP) — The deportation to Russian territory of Dimitry Leshchenko, self-confessed Soviet spy, was reported here today to remove but one of a number of espionage agents operating in Canada under orders from the U.S.S.R.

Leshchenko's deportation order was announced today in Ottawa by Justice Minister Gagnon. The 36-year-old Calgary bag factory worker was arrested last Tuesday by R.C.M.P. and army intelligence officers on charges of having entered Canada by misrepresentation.

He confessed to having operated as a Russian spy in the British zone of Germany and that he had entered Canada as a Latvian displaced person following instructions from his superiors to join the intelligence service of some democratic country.

Shortly after the Ottawa announcement that Leshchenko would be deported, the Winnipeg Free Press published a front page story saying that a displaced person in the service of the Russian secret police had been operating in Win-

Family Allowances Bill Revives Old Arguments

OTTAWA, April 25 — (CP) — An election-conscious Commons returned today from a two-week Easter recess and promptly revived the old political argument on the attitude of the various parties toward family allowances.

Health Minister Martin charged that the Progressive Conservatives had opposed family allowances in 1944 and he asked that George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, state definitely that a government under him would not renege on the legislation.

Gordon Graydon (P.C.—Peel), acting leader of the Opposition, denied that the party had ever opposed the allowances and said that as far as he was concerned the act would not be repealed by a Progressive Conservative government.

The argument developed on a resolution to a bill making two

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Increase In Old Age Pensions Is Planned

By John LeBlanc

OTTAWA, April 25 — (CP) — Basis of the federal contribution to old-age pensions will be increased under legislation to be started through the Commons tomorrow by Health Minister Martin, it was learned today.

A proposal to increase the basic pension from \$30 to \$40 a month will be the sole major change introduced by the government, it was learned after the Minister had informed the House he would give notice tomorrow of a resolution outlining government policy.

That would make possible pensions as high as \$50 a month in some provinces which pay supplementary allowances running up to \$10 a month above the basic pension.

It was understood the government did not plan at this time to make any change in its "means test" for pensioners, which limits single pensioners to a total of \$600 a year, including pension and married persons to \$1,080. Somewhat higher incomes are allowed for blind pensioners.

The qualifying age for obtaining pensions now is 70 years.

Under the present system, the Dominion pays 75 per cent of the basic \$30 a month with the provinces bearing the other 25 per cent. Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Nova Scotia pay a supplement of up to \$5 a month.

Quebec, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island do not have supplementary payments.

The basis of the Newfoundland pension set-up has not yet been worked out.

News In Brief

MONCTON, N.B., April 25 — (CP) — Veterans Affairs Minister Gregg today told a Moncton delegation an announcement would be made tomorrow in Ottawa to clarify the status of Moncton Airport.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25 — (AP) — The Chinese Communist radio today broadcast a demand the British Government must pay compensation and apologize to the Communists for last week's battle involving four British warships in the Yangtze River.

LONDON, April 25 — (CP) — The Admiralty announced tonight that the 8,000-ton cruiser Jamaica has been ordered to the Far East from Bermuda. The announcement came after official sources said Britain is reinforcing her fleet in Chinese waters, but intends to avoid any new clash with advancing Communist armies.

PARIS, April 25 — (AP) — The Communist-sponsored World Peace Congress tonight decided to establish a permanent organization on Communist lines to fight the United States in a propaganda war. The 2,000 delegates at a closing session voted unanimously for a resolution for creation of a world-wide committee.

WASHINGTON, April 25 — (AP) — Senator Patrick McCarron (Dem. Nev.) said today a senate judiciary sub-committee has "conclusive and alarming evidence" of "extensive subversive activity" being carried on in the United States under direction of foreign agents.

NEW YORK, April 25 — (CP) — The United Nations Assembly today formally urged Russia to lift the ban which separates wives from their husbands outside the Soviet Union. Russia was not expected to abide by the request.

Doukhobor Fires Reported In B. C.

VANCOUVER, April 25 — (CP) — Fire, symbol of Doukhobor protest, has flamed again across the skies in British Columbia.

In the latest outbreak of Doukhobor terrorism—blamed on the Sons of Freedom, radical branch of the sect—an \$85,000 school was destroyed, and three other incendiary fires were reported during the week-end.

At each fire, police found evidence of incendiarism—fuses made of a foot-long cloth, and a torch soaked in gasoline. Each fuse had matches attached to one end.

Renewal of the fire raids which in the 50-year history of the Doukhobors in Canada, have caused property losses exceeding \$1,000,000 and the loss of 10 lives, may mean another terror reign through the rich Kootenay lands.

Ford Sales in Canada Set All-time Record

WINDSOR, Ont., April 25 — (CP) — More Ford-built passenger cars and trucks were sold in Canada in the first quarter of this year than in any three-month period in the company's history, president Douglas B. Greig told today's annual meeting of the Ford Company of Canada, Ltd.

The company expects 1949 to set a sales record. This follows a total sales volume in 1948 exceeding \$168,000,000, which was 12.7 per cent greater than the previous record year 1947, and almost four times the annual average of 1936-39.

Wood Islands Sailor Is Acquitted Of Murder

SAINT JOHN, N.B., April 25 — (CP) — George McLeod, 19, charged with murdering Joseph Morrissey, was acquitted late today by a jury in the Saint John circuit court. The jurors deliberated 55 minutes, and the young seaman from Wood Island, P.E.I., was released from custody after the verdict.

He had been a prisoner since Jan. 23, the day that Morrissey, 26, a native of Nordin, near Newcastle, N.B., was found dead in a bedroom of his Pond Street flat here. The victim had suffered numerous knife wounds.

An all night drinking party of several men and women preceded the fatality.

Mr. Justice W. Arthur I. Anglin spoke for an hour and 55 minutes in his charge to the jury. He directed a verdict of either conviction for murder, conviction for manslaughter or acquittal.

When the verdict was announced, Mr. Justice Anglin thanked the jurors for "having done your duty."

Russia Makes Offer To Lift Berlin Blockade

LONDON, April 24 — (Tuesday) — (AP) — Russia said today she will lift the blockade of Berlin if the Western Powers will set a date for the Big Four foreign ministers' meeting in Germany.

The Soviet announcement came on the heels of last night's disclosure in Frankfurt that German anti-Communist leaders and the Western military governors of Germany have reached agreement to rush formation of a separate West German state.

Russia long has opposed formation of a West German state.

Palmer And Williams Plant Is Destroyed

One of Summerside's most spectacular and disastrous fires occurred last evening when the combined warehouse and office of Palmer and Williams Co. Ltd. on Willow Avenue West was completely destroyed by fire, along with a large stock of plumbing and heating equipment, electrical wiring supplies, bathroom fixtures, fifteen thousand feet of Masonite, tools and equipment.

The origin of the fire, which broke out at six o'clock, is uncertain but it believed that it was caused by sparks from a blow torch used to remove paint from a motor launch housed in the building, sparks which smouldered and later broke out in flames when the staff had left for supper. There was no one in the building at the time the fire was first noticed by a passerby, who turned in the alarm. Along with the large amount of stock and equipment housed in the warehouse there was also the motor launch valued at \$6,000, badly damaged by fire and water and one oil tanker truck also valued at \$6,000, which was badly damaged.

Just before closing time Mr. Palmer's building had been run into the building to have the tires changed and although it was just inside the main doors firemen experienced great difficulty in moving it because of intense heat, thick billows of smoke and also that one wheel had been removed. The car was finally hauled from the burning building and suffered much damage from fire, smoke and water.

N. S. Election Late In May Or Early June

KENTVILLE, N. S., April 25 — (CP) — Premier Angus L. Macdonald said tonight a Nova Scotia general election will be held when "the Annapolis Valley apple blossoms are in bloom."

To farmers in this capital of the valley apple belt that meant anytime after the last of May—probably early in June.

Addressing a Liberal nominating convention here, Mr. Macdonald said "the choice of voting Liberal or Conservative will be shortly before you."

"The provincial election" will be held on a cold dreary December day, but rather than the sun is shining and the beautiful Annapolis Valley apple blossoms are in bloom."

His reference to a "cold, dreary December day" went back to an earlier remark in which he said Nova Scotians should not be disheartened by what occurred in the December Annapolis-Kings. A Progressive Conservative carried the riding.

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Parliament To Be Dissolved By End Of Week

(By D'Arcy O'Donnell)

OTTAWA, April 25 — (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent tonight told the Canadian Press—with as much force as he could without over-stepping the bounds of official discretion—that the general election date is to be Monday, June 27.

Asked if he could indicate a definite date for the contest, he told a CP reporter:

"Here is the situation, we want an election as early as possible and June 27 is the earliest possible date."

A few minutes earlier, he had told the Commons that Parliament will be dissolved at the end of this week.

Pressed by Opposition members for the closely-guarded election date, the Prime Minister told the House it would be improper for him to give the date now.

But, he added, members could see that under the Election Act it would be "possible" to hold the balloting June 27. An uproar of cheers from all sections of the House greeted his announcement of an early election, and immediately the leaders of all the Opposition parties arose and said they welcomed the step.

Opposition Reaction

Reaction from the major Opposition groups:

Gordon Graydon, acting Progressive Conservative leader, declared members of his party were "gleeful" and said the government, facing a want-of-confidence vote in the House, had been "chased to the people." The non-confidence motion is on the budget.

M. J. Coldwell, C. C. F. leader, said the people of all Canada — including Newfoundland — have the right to elect representatives. He hoped they would "choose wisely, progressively and well."

Solon Low, Social Credit leader, said he had hoped Parliament would complete its session before the calling of an election but he nevertheless welcomed the reference to the people.

Both Mr. Coldwell and Mr. Low expressed regret that Mr. St. Laurent did not announce the date.

To that, the Prime Minister replied it would be "improper" for him to announce a date until the Governor-General had taken his advice on dissolution.

But, he added with a broad smile, if members consult the Election Act, they would learn for themselves that it would be possible to have the election on June 27.

At that, there was a thunderous eruption of desk-thumping and cheers from the Prime Minister's followers.

Present standing of the 245-member House is as follows:

Liberals, 124; Progressive Conservatives, 89; C. C. F., 32; Social Credit, 12; others, 7; vacant, one.

Under last year's redistribution, there will be 262 seats in the

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Red Troops Enter U. S. Embassy

NANKING, April 25 — (CP) — J. Leighton Stuart, United States ambassador, was awakened at 6:40 a.m. today by the abrupt entrance of armed Communist soldiers into his bedroom.

The first three soldiers spoke rudely to the ambassador, but were joined later by several others who explained more civilly that they wished to inspect the premises.

The ambassador, his staff and property were not otherwise molested.

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