



PRIME MINISTER and Mrs. Harold E. Holt jubilate in Melbourne, Australia, over returns indicating he is the winner in the national election. Holt upheld American military intervention in Viet Nam. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Melbourne)

Voters In Australia And N.Z. Back Military Aid In Viet Nam

SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters) Prime Minister Harold Holt swept back into power Saturday with what appeared to be a tighter grip on the Australian Parliament after an election in which he campaigned to keep fighting in Viet Nam.

Returns flowing in from polling stations as far apart as London and Cairo showed a triumph for the Liberal party-Country party coalition that has ruled Australia 17 years.

It seemed certain the coalition had increased its majority in the 124-seat House of Representatives. But because of Australia's complicated electoral system, the exact result was not known election day.

The latest count gave this tally: Liberal and Country parties—79; Labor party—42; Independent—1, undecided—2.

In the previous Parliament the lineup was: Liberals 52, Country party—19, Labor 52, Independent 1.

Political commentators agreed that voters had plumped for maintaining the alliance with the United States. There has been speculation that the Holt government, if elected, would increase the Australian force in Viet Nam to three from two battalions.

The Viet Nam issue thrust domestic matters into the background, with anti-Viet Nam war demonstrators vociferous throughout the campaign.

For Arthur Calwell, 70-year-old leader of the Labor party, it was a severe rebuff. He had pledged to bring Australia's troops home if elected. Now it appeared he would have to give way to a younger man as party leader before the next elections, due in three years.

For Holt, on the other hand, the result was a major personal triumph. Now 58, he spent many years in the shadow of the redoubtable Sir Robert Menzies, who in January retired as prime minister and leader of the Liberal party at the age of 71.

"It was my first election and was very heartening," Holt said.

The Country party and its leader, Deputy Prime Minister John McEwen, firmly supported Holt's Viet Nam line.

The argument behind this policy was that Australia's treaty involvement carried responsibilities as well as benefits—and that this responsibility included defending South Viet Nam.

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (Reuters)—Prime Minister Keith Holyoake's National party retained its majority in general elections Saturday and proclaimed the victory a mandate to keep New Zealand troops in Viet Nam.

The National party won 44 of the 80 seats—one less than last term. The lost seat went to the Social Credit party, which supports the government's Viet Nam policy but campaigns for monetary reform.

The Labor party again finished with 35 seats—winning one from the National party and losing another to a Holyoake supporter.

Holyoake said in an interview he would pass by a vote of about 65 to 40, with 35 abstentions. Some opponents estimated a vote of about 59 to 58 against, with only four absentions. The voting will come late today or early Tuesday.

IS WORLD'S FIRST Tidal Power Station Is Opened In France

DINARD, France (Reuters)—President de Gaulle pressed a button Saturday and officially opened the world's first hydroelectric power station driven by the sea tides.

The power station is built into a 2,430-foot-dam wall spanning the Rance River near where it enters the English Channel between the Brittany resort towns of Dinard and St. Malo.

The 24 turbines will generate 544,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity annually.

They will be driven by the four rises and falls of the tide every 25 hours.

The Rance River project took six years to build and cost more than \$200,000,000—a \$500,000,000.

The difference in water level at the entrance to the Rance, on the north coast of the Brittany Peninsula, may vary as much as 44 feet as the tide waters sweep in and out, one of the highest level changes in the world.

In the French project, a dam with locks measuring 2,400 feet has been built across the Rance River, separating the sea from the reservoir created behind the dam. The locks permit maritime traffic.

Deep within the dam, 24 turbines are being installed. These have reversible blades to generate power as the water rushes in, and then when it flows out. Only five of the generators now are operating. The rest will be put into service during the next year.

The top of the dam will serve as a highway to link Dinard and St. Malo on either bank of the Rance. Up to now, a ferry has been the only direct connection between the two towns.

Construction on the tidal power plant was started in 1961. When it is in full operation it will supply enough electricity for about two-thirds the needs of a city like Marseille with 700,000 inhabitants.

Although engineers say that the cost of power from the Rance plant is competitive with other types of electricity plants, they say that the ever lowering cost of atomic power may make it impractical ever to build another such plant.

De Gaulle called the plant "one of the most impressive accomplishments of the century." He said the perfection of the generators was "a great technical victory."

LIKE GODDY PLAN Since 1919 there has been talk of a similar project at Passamaquoddy Bay on the U.S.-Canadian border between Maine and New Brunswick.

In 1963 the cost was estimated at \$1,000,000,000 with construction requiring 15 years but there has never been agreement on whether the project was economically sound.

Tory Leadership In N.B. Is Won By Van Horne

P.E.I. Centennial Queen Proposed By Organization

By RALPH CAMERON
A Centennial Queen for the province next year and a Miss P.E.I. in future years will result if a new plan submitted over the weekend is adopted.

It has been proposed that the idea of the Summerside Lobster Carnival Queen be enlarged to make the choice on a province-wide basis in 1967 to provide the Island with its Centennial Queen. The winner would then go to the Miss Canada Pageant under the auspices of the Centennial Committee as has already been planned. In future years the winner would be the Miss P.E.I. entrant in the national beauty contest.

The proposal was advanced over the weekend at a meeting of the directors of the P.E.I. Tourist Association held at the Charlottetown Hotel with newly-elected president Harry MacLauchlan in the chair.

It was agreed by the directors the proposal would supply the answer to criticism of the lack of an entry from this province in the big pageant and they pledged support of their organization towards making it a success.

Discussions Dec. 7 will involve processors from the livestock and dairy segments of the processing component of agriculture.

The final day will concentrate on producers of small fruit, honey and maple products, nursery and greenhouse operators and the poultry and hatchery segments of the industry.

Farm Seminar Is Scheduled

TRURO (CP)—The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council has completed plans for the last in a series of seminars on the functional analysis of agricultural employment in Atlantic Canada.

Meetings to be held at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College here Dec. 6-8 will focus on the opinions of farm operators. Opening-day discussions will be held with producers in the beef, dairy, hog, sheep, forage, field crop and fur farming segments of the agricultural industry.

At the same time it was agreed to make a change in the form of the annual tourist map given to all visitors to include the mileage from the two ferry terminals at Wood Islands and Borden to the main provincial centres and resort areas.

The map has long been the main project of the Association, and president MacLauchlan asked A.B. LePage to again be chairman of the committee in charge. He has headed the group for several years and his efforts have always been successful. With him on the committee will be George Chandler and David Rodd.

The tourist directors also went (Continued on page 3 col. 4)

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MIGRATION OF MICE ENDED BY FIRE, POISON

SANTIAGO, Chile (Reuters) Health officials here destroyed a mass migration of mice which reached the edges of this Chilean capital, ravaging crops and terrifying local peasants.

The mice marched some 25 miles from their breeding grounds in the mountains and destroyed wheat crops over 250 acres, causing damage estimated by health officials at more than \$280,000.

The mice marched on for a week past hundreds of peasants who tried to fight them with sticks and dogs.

Cats mobilized against the horde disappeared.

Finally health service experts stopped the mice with barriers of fire and poison chemicals.

The migration was believed caused by a massive increase in the breeding rate of the mountain rodent, a cousin of the sewer rat.

N.B. Woman Dies In Fire

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP)—Dean P. Crawford, 46-year-old wife of the head of the physics department at Mount Allison University, died Saturday night when fire severely damaged the interior of the Crawford home.

Cause of the blaze in the two-storey brick home was not known.

Mrs. Crawford's husband, a daughter and son were not at home at the time.

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THIS SERVICE IS DIFFERENT

VANCOUVER (CP)—There was something different about the Friday night service at University Hill United Church here.

Maybe it was the 100 teenagers dancing in the aisles, or the swirling colored lights projected on the wall behind the altar, or the blonde gogo dancer imported from a downtown cabaret.

Or Rev. Jim McKibbin reading poetry by T. S. Eliot, Lawrence Ferlinghetti and W. B. Yeats.

The service, explained Rev. Harold Mackay, was an attempt to capture the religious experience associated with the drug LSD.

"We call it psychedelic worship," he said.

No LSD actually was used.

Vote Is Climax Of Bitter Feud

By PIERRE VENIOT
FREDERICTON (CP)—J. C. Van Horne, elected leader of the Progressive Conservatives in New Brunswick, vowed Saturday he would destroy the ruling Liberals.

"At the next provincial election the Robichaud government won't have a single, solitary seat in the house," he roared above the din of more than 1,000 party supporters.

"The people are with me and I want you to be with me. Let those who have no stomach for this fight stand aside and let us pass."

Reliable sources said Mr. Van Horne received 458 votes in the secret ballot in contrast to 135 for Richard Hatfield, member for Carleton, and nine for Roger Pichette, former development and industry minister.

Two Children Are Killed With Hatchet

VANCOUVER (CP)—Two children are dead and their father is in hospital with throat wounds, following what police described Saturday as a double hatchet murder.

They said they believed the throat wounds were self-inflicted.

Josephine Novak discovered the bodies of her two sons, Andrew, 5, and Richard, 4, in the family home. One of the children was in the basement, where a small blood-stained hatchet was also found, and the other was in the bathroom.

The children's father, Joseph Novak, a 28-year-old unemployed glass glazier, was in the bathtub, bleeding profusely from throat wounds. He was taken to hospital, where doctors reported he was in fair condition.

Air Canada Strike Is Over

MONTREAL (CP)—The strike by 5,200 mechanics against Air Canada is over. Regular shifts resumed Sunday and the publicly-owned company resumes flying operations today.

The company, which has 86 planes, calculates its internal and foreign operations will be back to normal Wednesday.

The 12-day strike, first in Air Canada's 29-year history, began Nov. 14.

The strikers, members of the International Association of Machinists, gave their ratification Saturday in a secret ballot to an agreement reached Thursday by company and union negotiators.

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French MP Gives Views On N. Viet Nam Bombing

The following story was written by Jacques Duhamel, a French member of parliament who has just returned from a trip to Hanoi during which he spoke with many highly placed officials. Duhamel, a middle-of-the-road politician, described his trip as strictly personal.

By JACQUES DUHAMEL
PARIS (AP)—Do United States bombings directly or indirectly affect, in a more or less decisive manner, the military and economic activity in North Viet Nam?

The aerial attacks are aimed principally at the routes of communications used for the materials, if not by the men, that the North furnishes the South. The Americans have never sought to raze the country, but only to strike at these routes. Has their objective been attained?

"I cannot possibly answer. However, reliable observers who have travelled from the South to the North have told me that where the trip once took three days, it now requires three weeks. Traffic is retarded, not interrupted. From one point to another, distance is not reckoned in kilometres but by the number of bridges.

But it has been noted that the repairs and substitutions of bridges, for traversing rivers or valleys, have been astonishingly quick and ingenious.

The "dispersion" organized for the inhabitants of certain North Vietnamese cities also applies to the factories. This precautionary measure was conceived, in my opinion, as a proof of determination. It is a question of showing that the North is ready for any eventuality.

STILL CRAFTWORK
This decentralization is being carried out systematically but progressively, which lessens the inconvenience. It is being applied to an economy that is more agricultural than industrial and to an industry which, already partially regional, is still largely of a craftwork nature.

Nevertheless, it would be exaggerated to conclude, as did certain of the people I talked with, that the incidence of bombings, the destruction which they provoke and the dispersals they cause, are insignificant.

More realistic and very sedate, Nguyen Con, president of the planning commission, recognizes the obstacles occasioned by the bombings of routes of communication and electricity plants—of which the principal one seems to have been destroyed, since the Soviet experts assigned there have gone home.

He admits the inherent inconvenience of mechanized industries and the demands imposed by a reorientation of the national economy.

GIVES NO FIGURES
Nguyen Con replied freely and easily, but without figures, to the questions that I put on the economy or industrial production, which represented only 10 per cent of the national product in 1954 and now amounts to 45 per cent.

He explained to me that the backward nature of Vietnamese industry, which constitutes an inconvenience in time of peace, can present an advantage in time of war. Since it is not very concentrated, it is not very vulnerable.

Moreover, the whole-hearted effort of the people seems to have already compensated for the interruption of production inevitably brought on by these transfers, which started two years ago. Furthermore, the help of sister socialist countries has been intensified, formerly in the form of loans, now in the form of gifts.

The North affirms that it is sure of its external supports, of its economic resources, and its popular forces. The country appears to be really unshakable. It is moreover, decisive that it should be recognized as such. Because of this determination in the minds of others, is the essential condition for a negotiation.

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John City, will act as house leader for the Conservatives.

The leadership convention also climaxed a bitter feud between the 45-year-old former member of Parliament for Montserrat-Madawaska and Mr. Pichette, a co-resident of Campbellton, N.B.

Mr. Pichette, interrupted by boos during his speech on party solidarity to defeat the Liberals, suddenly lashed out angrily at Mr. Van Horne.

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