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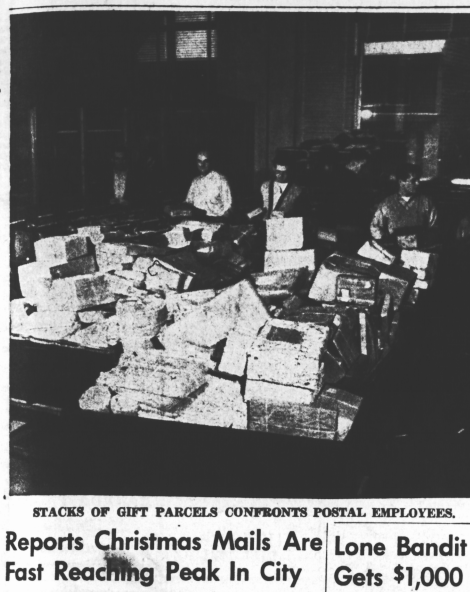

STACKS OF GIFT PARCELS CONFRONTS POSTAL EMPLOYEES.

Vote To End Strike In N. Y. Subway

NEW YORK (AP) — Striking motormen voted Monday night to end an eight-day subway strike, the worst in the city's history, and they planned an immediate return to their jobs.

Normal operations along 228-miles of New York City subways was expected within a matter of hours for the first time since the strike began Dec. 9.

The back-to-work decision came with a great roar of approval at a mass meeting of more than 1,500 motormen.

The board of directors of the independent Motormen's Benevolent Association recommended an end to the strike. It cost the transit system more than $2,000,000 and cut into downtown Christmas shopping sales by untold millions.

For three days early last week, the strike created the greatest chaos in the history of the city's transportation. Then it leveled off and subway service gradually edged back toward normal.

Diefenbaker Urges NATO To Negotiate With Russia

PEI Named 1st Brucellosis Certified Area In Canada

OTTAWA, (Special) Prince Edward Island has been declared a brucellosis certified area, Dr. K. F. Wells, veterinary director-general for the Department of Agriculture, announced Monday.

The Island is the first area in Canada to be declared "Certified" under the brucellosis control regulations.

Dr. Wells said a certified area represents the highest standard of freedom from brucellosis disease, which attacks cattle. Cattle from such an area can qualify for export with a minimum of restrictions.

An area may be declared certified if the number of infected cattle is not greater than one per cent of the total cattle population and the number of herds with infected animals does not exceed five percent of all herds in the area. This status is determined by blood testing all susceptible cattle.

Exempt are cattle up to the age of 36 months that have been officially vaccinated with brucellosis vaccine, calves under eight months of age, sprayed heifers and steers.

Cattle showing a positive reaction to brucellosis blood tests are removed from the herds and slaughtered. Compensation for infected cattle is now paid to the owners by the Federal Agriculture Department.

ASKED FOR BY PROVINCE

(Dr. George C. Fisher, Provincial Veterinarian, told this paper last night that the Brucellosis test was asked for by the Provincial Department by Hon. C.

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Canadian Prime Minister Speaks At Paris Meeting

PARIS (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker urged the NATO nations Monday to continue to demonstrate "willingness to negotiate" with the Soviet Union.

This statement, prefaced by a qualification, was one of the most striking in the Canadian prime minister's 15 - minute address at the first plenary session of the NATO summit conference.

It came amid indications that several European and Scandinavian countries are increasingly uneasy about closing the door on talks with Russia.

Diefenbaker, in an apparently unrehearsed aside, also suggested that NATO consider the possibility of establishing a food bank for surplus products which would ultimately be distributed in underdeveloped countries.

The prime minister glanced across at the United States delegation at this point and undoubtedly the significance was not lost on the Americans, whose giveaway programs have disturbed the Canadian government.

The Canadian leader said he believes the possibility of holding negotiations with the Russians might be considered at a later date if progress could be made beforehand in fields such as human, scientific and cultural relations.

SHOULD SEEK TRUCE

He spoke after Premier Einar Gerhardsen of Norway urged NATO leaders to seek a cold war truce with Russia—even if it means direct negotiations between the United States and Russia on key world issues.

Before his keynote speech, Gerhardsen conferred in turn with Diefenbaker, Danish Premier Hans Christian Hansen and French disarmament chief Jules Moch.

The idea of new talks with the Kremlin appeared to win backstage support from other Atlantic Pact statesmen including in a lesser degree West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, although there were few explicit expressions of how such talks should be conducted.

The Norwegian Socialist premier's suggestion came as a surprise to the assembly of statesmen. Seldom has the chief of an allied government proposed direct exchanges between Washington and Moscow.

The Russians themselves long have favored such direct talks. Premier Nikolai Bulganin's recent notes to all members of the United Nations and to Switzerland, which is outside the world body.

WILL STUDY REPLY

Foreign ministers of the 15 Atlantic allies have arranged to meet today to discuss the form of the concerted reply they will make to Bulganin.

The Soviet leader, couching h proposals in polite terms, did not specify the sort of meeting he wanted. He spoke mainly of the importance of personal contacts and put up some specific ideas which he said would help reduce East-West tensions.

But to the Swiss the Soviet leader hinted Moscow really would like the neutral Swiss to offer facilities—as they did 13 months ago at the time of the Hungarian and Suez incidents—for another East - West summit conference. Bulganin also invited the Swiss to send along any proposals they might care to think up in the interest of world peace and promised to study them with "great care."

Diefenbaker said he feels Russian proposals for an East-West meeting "must be measured in the light of earlier refusal of the U.S.S.R. to participate further in the (United Nations) disarmament commission."

'MUCH CAN BE DONE"

But he said he feels "there is much that can be done to further understanding between Russia and the West in the spheres of human, scientific and cultural relations.

"I believe that if enough progrss can be made in this and other ways, then consideration could be given to the possibility of holding further negotiations on matters of substance at a later date. . . ."

However, Diefenbaker said, "no nation should shut the door to any proposal that might offer the prospect of a solution to major problems or that might lead to a decrease of international tension."

Gerhardsen said the allies have nothing to fear from political talks with the Russians and should be ready to meet Moscow halfway in the quest for a cold war settlement.

Adenauer said he recognized the "moderate" tone of Bulganin's letters and, without commenting on its terms directly, suggested inquiring "through diplomatic channels" what precisely the Kremlin is getting at. But the German leader made it clear he rejects Bulganin's thesis that nuclear weapons must be kept out of Europe.

WILL INQUIRE FURTHER

Behind the scenes of this conference other statemsn planned to press the idea of investigating what Bulganin may be getting at. Evidently they plan in mind the idea of using the interval between the present and the time when American medium - range rockets may become available to Europe—at least a year hence—to investigate the Kremlin mood, possibly at a new conference.

But as of now, the United States and Britain are understood to be against any new high-level meeting with Russia for the time being. Both countries feel the West would be negotiating from weakness if they entered talks at a moment of disunity and strategic uncertainty.

Mild Weather For Byelection

WHITEHORSE, Y.T. (CP)—A family good turnout was indicated Monday in federal byelection voting fell in some regions and cloud covered the entire territory of 200,000-square miles.

Polling hours were 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Yukon time, (1 p.m. until 11 p.m. AST).

About 5,200 persons were eligible to vote in the two-way race between Liberal Aubrey Simmons who has held the seat since 1949, and Progressive Conservative Erik Nielsen.

Ike Has Busy Day, Looks Well But Skips Dinner

PARIS (AP)—President Eisenhower made two major speeches Monday and sat through two crowded NATO sessions, one lasting nearly five hours, but cut a dinner he had planned to attend Monday night.

It was one of the busiest days Eisenhower has put in since a mild stroke three weeks ago.

But 20 minutes after the afternoon meeting Press Secretary James C. Hagerty summoned a press conference and announced the president was tired from "a long day" and had decided to skip the dinner.

Hagerty said the cancellation was "not a medical decision" an there had been no deterioration in Eisenhower's health. The president's physician earlier described Eisenhower as "feeling fine—very fine."

Hagerty said it was just that Eisenhower "wants to go to bed early tonight" and personally informed the host, NATO Secretary General Paul-Henri Spaak of his decision.

Eisenhower's voice was loud and vigorous, his complexion ruddy as he addressed the opening NATO summit conference.

But there was a world difference of opinion as to the speech difficulty which Eisenhower developed from his stroke.

NOTE SPEECH TROUBLE

Eisenhower's doctors report that difficulty virtually cleared up but some effect remained they detected as many as two dozen instances where Eisenhower had trouble saying certain words. Others said they noticed no difficulty.

"I think he slurred only one word — abborrent," the doctor said.

Hagerty reported Eisenhower laughed about stumbling over "abhorrent."

Hagerty said he counted what he called four "fluffs." The press secretary termed that "perfectly natural," and said he told Eisenhower that "this was at least two less on the average than when he makes a broadcast from the White House."

At the outset of his own address Eisenhower thanked French Premier Felix Gaillard and Prime Minister Joseph Bech of Luxembourg for "your good wishes for my good health."

Eisenhower plans to confer with West Germany's chancellor Konrad Adenauer today in advance of making a visit to the headquarters he directed in 1951-52 when he was supreme commander of North Atlantic forces in Europe.

Dr. C. T. Bissell Is New Head Of Toronto University

TORONTO (CP) — Dr. Claude T. Bissell, president of Carleton University in Ottawa, was named Monday president of the University of Toronto, Canada's largest university.

Mr. Bissell succeeds Sidney Smith who resigned Sept. 12 to become external affairs minister.

Col. W. E. Phillips, chairman of the University of Toronto board of governors, announced the appointment, effective July 1, 1958.

Moffat Woodside, dean of arts, will continue as acting president until Dr. Bissell takes over.

In Ottawa, Dr. Bissell said: "In considering the invitation I discussed the matter carefully and frankly with senior colleagues on the board of governors and on the faculty.

"As a result, I reached the conclusion that the invitation to take on one of the key educational jobs on the continent, particularly at this time of rapid expansion and basic evaluation, could not be declined."

C. J. MacKenzie, chancellor of Carleton University, said he was "naturally disappointed that President Bissell will be leaving, but we can find some solace in the fact that when the largest university in the Commonwealth needed a president, it was Carleton's president who was drafted."

James E. Coyne, chairman of the Carleton board of governors, said the university had made notable progress during Dr. Bissell's two-year tenure.

THIRD CARLETON HEAD

The 41-year-old president, who was also vice - chancellor, was named Carleton's third president July 1, 1956.

Dr. Bissell's wife, Christine, is a native of Scotland. They were married in 1945 and have a young teen-aged daughter, Deirdre.

Dr. Bissell was connected with the University of Toronto for 25 years off-and-on prior to his Carleton job. He sas vice - president of U. of T. when he went to Carleton.

In 1954, Dr. Bissell spent five months in Australia as representative of the Canadian Humanities Research Council.

At one time he made a study of university administration in Canada, the United States and Great Britain under a Carnegie Corporation grant.

Dr. Bissell has been connected with the National Conference of Canadian Universities for years, and is now chairman of its finance committee. The conference is responsible for distributing the government's annual $16,000,000 grant among Canadian colleges and universities.

Lone Bandit Gets $1,000

TORONTO (CP)—A lone bandit Monday held up a downtown branch of the Royal Bank of Canada and escaped with $1,000.

The man stuffed the money into his pocket and rushed from the bank as a Salvation Army band played Silent Night, Holy Night outside.

Teller Joyce Zorn, 22, said the man came to her wicket with one hand in his pocket as if he had a gun and ordered her to hand over the money in the till. About 40 customers were in the bank at the time.

Reports Christmas Mails Are Fast Reaching Peak In City

Capt. J. J. Connolly, Charlottetown Postmaster, Monday afternoon reported that the mails handled in the local office is fast reaching its Christmas season peak. Up until the beginning of last weekend he said the volume was well behind previous years, but on Sunday and Monday there was a decidedly heavy upswing.

Sunday night's street collection was the heaviest in years, this paper was informed by Mr. Miller MacDonald. This state of affairs, he said are expected to continue for the next several days. The collection amounted to well over ten thousand letters and cards.

To cope with the increased volume of mails, fourty-five extra men have been taken on for duty in the sorting rooms. For the street deliveries there are an additional fifteen carriers.

Shown above is a section of the parcel sorting department, where a mountain of packages is bagged for distribution every twenty-four hours.

Floor Price For Sugar Beets

OTTAWA (CP) — Agriculture Minister Douglas Harkness Monday announced provision for deficiency payments of up to $13 a ton to sugar beet growers for this year's crop.

He told the Commons the agricultural prices support board has been authorized to make the payments if the average price of sugar beets goes belqw $13 a ton.

The subsidy payments would go direct to growers should they become necessary. Mr. Harkness said growers will continue to make deliveries under their contracts with the factories.

But if these prices rise more than $13 a ton for beets with at least 17-per-cent sugar content, the prices support board will make up the difference.

Council Moves To Take Spring Park Into City

Charlottetown's City Council moved last night to lay the groundwork for the amalgamating of Spring Park with the City following the results of the late November plebiscite in which the people of that area decided to come into the City. The move was made at a special meeting of the Council called to deal with the problem of amalgamation.

The Council decided to ask the government to pass legislation to abolish the present Sewer and Water Commission and bring control of these matters directly under the Council.

It also decided to call for applications for a new City engineer and that the City surveyor be retained, at will of Council, in an advisory capacity. Several of the Councillors emphasized that although they were voting for this motion they wanted to pay tribute to the many years of faithful and useful service which the present City Surveyor has given to the City and felt that his services will still be valuable in an advisory capacity.

The resolution for the water and sewers was as follows:

"That the Legislature be petitioned to legislate to place the Charlottetown Water, Sewer works and Sewerage Acts under the City Council of Charlottetown."

The Council showed its approval of the idea of amalgamation by adopting the following resolution:

"That the Council is in favor of amalgamation with Spring Park on the basis set forth in the Metropolitan Committee's report on which the amalgamation by-law is based, on the assumption that the Provincial Government will assist financially in proportion to the amount set forth in the Premier's letter of undertaking of September 17, 1957 and it is further in favor of immediate preliminary steps being taken to effect amalgamation."

PREMIER'S SUGGESTION

The Premier's letter of September 17th suggested that the amount of money asked for or suggested, in the Metropolitan Committee's report, $450,000, be paid in ten yearly installments instead of in six installments as suggested in the report.

The Council felt that since Spring Park has voted to amalgamation and Parkdale voted to stay out, the province should contribute one-half the amount

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IN THE MARITIMES

TCA IN NFLD.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Regional sales manager W.W. Fowler announced today (Monday) Trans - Canada Air Lines will establish a sales district in Newfoundland to meet "a continued increase in demand for air transportation of passengers, freight and express."

PORT BUSINESS SLOW

HALIFAX (CP)— Jack Campbell, president of the Halifax Longshoremen's Association, said Monday employment at this port up to Nov. 30 was the "poorest in 20 years." He said employment dropped 50 per cent.

ISOLATION ENDS

NEWCASTLE (CP) — Almost a week of near isolation has ended for the community of Price Settlement on the Miramichi River. A temporary road into the village was opened Monday by-passing areas flooded by the rain-swollen river.

CALLS AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX (CP) — The 20,000-ton liner Sylvania, newest of the Cunard steamship line's Canadian "big four", made her first trip to this port Monday. The liner made her maiden voyage in July, crossing to Montreal from the United Kingdom. Since then she has been operating with her sister ships Saxonia, Ivernia and Carinthia between Canada, the U. K. and the continent.

RETIRED ENGINEER DIES

KENTVILLE, N. S. (CP) — William (Bert) Hartlen, 82, a former town councillor, died here Monday. A retired locomotive engineer, he resided here 60 years.

Pension Boost Seen For Former Civil Servants

OTTAWA (CP)—A government spokesman gave a strong indication Monday that increases will be made in pensions of former federal civil servants.

Richard A. Bell, parliamentary assistant to Finance Minister Donald Fleming, said in the Commons that increases are "possible, feasible and just."

He spoke on a resoltion sponsored by Rev. Dan McIvor, 84-year - old Liberal member for Fort William, which urged increases for civil servants and former members of the RCMP who retired when salaries were low, in order to bring their pensions into line with those now being granted.

Mr. McIvor, who plans to retire from politics before the next election, said pension adjustments are "an outstanding need."

"I have come to the place where I don't care very much which party grants this increase" he said. Civil servants who retired years ago on low pensions would not be treated fairly unless they were granted pensions in line with those paid civil servants now retiring.

Mr. Bell's speech left the impression that the government will go ahead as soon as a formula is worked out which would be fair for all former civil servants.

Frost Damage In Florida Is Reflected In Prices Here

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS

Frost damage to fruit and vegetables in Florida and the state embargo on produce are reflected on the Canadian market.

Wholesalers say vegetable and fruit prices are increasing, by as much as 25 per cent.

The embargo on Florida-grown citrus fruits was imposed while a state commission investigated the frost damage caused last week when temperatures dipped sharply. California, the other main U.S. source of produce, was reported increasing prices now that Florida competition has diminished.

In Windsor, Ont., prices of citrus fruit and greens were reported 20 to 30 per cent higher than last week.

"The market has gone crazy," the wholesaler reported. "In some cases prices have nearly doubled. We expected an increase but not this much."

A Toronto company, however, said the embargo applied only to citrus fruit. California naval oranges were quoted 50 to 75 cents a case higher, the steepest increase.

Cucumbers, radishes, cabbages and cauliflower were selling at prices generally about 25 per cent higher than last week.

OTTAWA JUMP STEEP

Ottawa orange prices jumped for the fourth time in a week to about 35 per cent more than a week ago.

Winnipeg wholesalers report orange prices have risen three times in the last week and are 20 per cent higher than a week ago.

Edmonton's price increases, notably on oranges, were attributed directly to the Florida embargo. The changes will probably be passed on to the retail stores during the next two or three days.

Fruit and vegetable dealers in Montreal say organes and grapefruit, already in short supply in California, will be the produce most affected by the embargo. Oranges may go up 75 cents a case and grapefruit are expected to increase 15 cents a dozen. Smaller increases are anticipated for cucumbers, green onions, beets, tangerines, tomatoes, radishes and new cabbages.

MARITIMES OKAY

The most encouraging news for housewives and breadwinners, however, comes from the Maritimes.

Halifax wholesalers do not expect any increases until after Christmas or New Year's. Because of the distance from production areas, stocks were ordered early and in most cases are already in the hands of the retailers. Increases are expected when new orders are placed, however.

When the increases do come grapefruit are expected to be the most affected and oranges to go ahead as soon as a formula is worked out which would be fair to all farmer civil servants.

Great Lakes Shipping Circles Ponder Decline

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shipping on the Great Lakes, keenly anticipating the St. Lawrence seaway, locked up for the season this week with a decline in shipping totals to ponder.

Indications were that bulk cargo tonnages would be lower at most ports, a sharp contrast to the steady upward trend of recent years.

To a trade that has hailed the seaway as a means to even greater totals, the slump is both surprising and disturbing.

T. J. Ryan, superintending engineer of the Welland Canal, said 9,147 ships had gone through the eight-lock, 28-mile route between Lakes Erie and Ontario when the 1957 season closed Sunday at midnight. Last year 9,360 ships went through.

Tonnage totals were also expected to be lower. At the end of November, 21,800,000 tons had gone through, compared to 22,300,000 at the same time last year. Mr. Ryan said the difference would carry over to the total. Last year's final figure was a record 23,060,000 tons.

A. H. Parker, superintending engineer of the Cornwall - Williamsburg canal system in the St. Lawrence River, said bulk tonnage dropped 1,488,406 tons this year from last year's record 12,872,466. Tonnage this season was 11,384,000.

ALL CATEGORIES DOWN

Mr. Parker said the reduction was noted in all main commodity items, including grain, oil products, coal and iron ore.

Lakehead officials noted a considerable drop from last year. Two days before the ports closed Sunday 1,058 grain boats had been billed from the terminal elevators, 275,000,000 bushels.

Toronto officials said tonnage would be between 5,000,000 and last year's 5,500,000 petroleum, iron and cement totals were down.

Harbor commission officials stressed that overseas package freight totals were still climbing with probably 210,000 tons being handled this year. Last year's total was less than 180,000 tons. A factor in the drop was the recent pilots' strike in the Montreal-Kingston district.

The drop in grain loadings reflects reduced overseas loading and a switch to Vancouver for some export shipments.

American cities, many of which had expected this to be a record year in Great Lakes shipping, also reported lower tonnages.

Determined Effort To Fire Atlas Missile Called Off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The U.S. Air Force failed Monday in a determined effort to fire the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile.

A "countdown" on the Atlas, a 108-ton missile designed to haul a hydrogen bomb across the seas at fantastic speed, was started early Monday. For hours, the "Big A" could be seen towering up on its launching platform.

Then, about 1 p.m., feverish activity around the missile ceased and a report spread among "bird watchers" along this island's white sand beaches that the big shoot had been put off.

This would have been a perfect day to fire the Atlas, for it would have given President Eisenhower the opportunity to open the NATO meetings in Paris with news that the United States had matched Russia in perfecting an ocean-spanning H-bomb missile.

It was obvious when daylight broke over the missile firing range that a supreme effort was going to be made to get Atlas into the air. Through binoculars, watchers from afar could see the Atlas crew working busily.

Suggests More British Tractors

LONDON (CP)—The president of the Canadian Interprovincial Farm Union Council said Monday Canadian farmers have a definite responsibility to buy British-made tractors and other farm implements.

James Patterson of Winnipeg said in an interview that if farmers want to sell more wheat and other foodstuffs, "they will have to give more consideration in the future as to where their machines come from."

Patterson, a member of the Canadian trade mission, said he was deeply impressed with the design and strength of British equipment. There had been some criticism in the past but now Britain had overcome design problems.

NATO AT A GLANCE

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEAPONS

President Eisenhower offered medium range missiles and atomic warheads to European NATO members. Some regarded the issue as a hot potato. Reaction ranged from approval by the Dutch through opposition by Denmark and Norway to a suggestion by West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer that any decision be postponed until spring.

COLD WAR

Strong sentiment developed in some quarters for fresh East-West peace talks. British Prime Minister Macmillan said the West should be ready to discuss and debate Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's recent proposals, which included a bid for a new summit parley.

CANADA

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said the West "must continue to demonstrate a willingness to negotiate with the Soviet Union." However, Canada felt "particularly frustrated by the lack of co-operation by the Soviet Union in the field of disarmament."

IKE'S OPENING

From Eisenhower's opening speech: "We are here to rededicate ourselves to the task of dispelling the shadows that are being cast upon the free world. We are here to take stock of our great assets—in men, minds and in materials. We are here to find ways and means to apply our undoubted strengths to the building of an ample and safer home for mankind here on earth."

SCOPE

French Premier Felix Gaillard proposed that responsibilities of NATO members against Soviet threats be extended "to the world around the world; reiterated French demands for greater political consultation within NATO.

AFTER-HOURS

Secretary - General Paul-Henri Spaak was host to government chiefs at a NATO ceremonial dinner. Absent was Eisenhower. He cancelled the engagement to get to bed early in preparation for another active day Tuesday. His doctor, Maj. - Gen. Howard M. Snyder, said there was "nothing medically wrong."

Find Wreckage Of Small Plane

VANCOUVER (CP) — The wreckage of a small plane which vanished Sunday on a flight to Cambridge, Alta., with a man and woman aboard was sighted Monday at the 5,400-foot level of Mount Thynne 125 miles northeast of here.

The wreckage was seen by a helicopter pilot taking part in the search for Roger Sujir of Calgary and an unidentified woman.

The pilot reported no sign of survivors.

The couple were flying in a single - engine Beech Bonanza owned by the British Columbia Aero Club.

Jaffet is 125 miles northeast of Vancouver.