

Pearson Gets Ovation On Campbell's Motion

Leadership Test Opposed By PM

By RONALD LEBEL

OTTAWA (CP)—The national Liberal conference opened Monday with an emotional speech by Prime Minister Pearson and a swift vote of confidence in his leadership.

Close to 1,000 delegates stood up, cheered and whistled when Premier Alex Campbell, 35, of Prince Edward Island made an unscheduled intervention and proposed the vote of confidence.

Possible Medicare Split Headed Off At Convention

OTTAWA (CP)—Any major split between the Liberal cabinet and the Liberal party was headed off Monday by a recommendation that the party urge the government to get on with medicare not later than July 1, 1968.

They expressed regret at the need for delay and determination that the program go ahead as soon as conditions permit, "certainly not later than July 1, 1968."

Hundreds of voting and non-voting delegates to the party's joint policy conference and national convention jammed a hotel ballroom to hear a two-hour debate on the government's plans to delay medicare by one year.

Only a handful of delegates recorded votes against the resolution. The overwhelming nature of support indicated that plenary sessions of the Liberal Federation would endorse it by the same wide margin.

Legislation now before Parliament would authorize the federal government to pay half any province's per capita costs for acceptable medical care insurance plans, effective July 1, 1967.

Mr. Sharp was given more than the normal three minutes to put his case before the delegates. He warned that it would be "illiberal" to insist on July 1, 1967, as a starting date if that undermined the economy and the government's budgetary position.

Finance Minister Sharp took the floor in a policy workshop Monday to defend his announcement that the effective date would be delayed to July 1, 1968, partly as a measure to combat inflation and rising government spending.

The legislation would go ahead in the Commons Tuesday, he said, and demonstrate that the Liberal party fulfills its promises.

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He said the cabinet reached the "inescapable conclusion" that the country couldn't pay for medicare and additional income support for the aged in one year.

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PREMIER GAVE SUPPORT
He was backed by a number of speakers, including Premier Louis Robichaud of New Brunswick and Revenue Minister Edgar Benson. Mr. Benson said that if medicare isn't in force by the new date he will quit the cabinet.

DEPARTMENT PROPOSED TO PROTECT CONSUMERS

OTTAWA (CP)—Creation of a federal department to protect consumers was proposed Monday by a workshop at the Liberal policy conference.

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About 100 delegates passed a resolution favoring a department of consumer affairs that would have the power to regulate credit, product standards, advertising, packaging and labeling.

Several delegates argued that the consumer affairs department should have the power to review price increases. They included Senator David Croll, co-chairman of the parliamentary committee on consumer prices and credit, and Lloyd Francis, former MP for Carleton.

Procedural confusion plagued the workshop and only four resolutions were passed in nearly three hours of discussion.

The other motions called on the government to:

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Free Trade Proposal Passes After Fight

OTTAWA (CP)—Free traders from Western Canada won the day Monday as the Liberal policy conference voted to try to link Canada with the United States in a North American free-trade area.

Minister Nicholson and Trade Minister Winters, endorsed the principle of the free-trade area.

A resolution, passed after a brief floor fight, called on the Canadian government to start negotiating now for a free-trade agreement. The G.A.R.I.B. would also be included.

Mr. Nicholson said he believes in free trade and hopes the convention would pass the resolution unanimously.

Ray Perrault, the British Columbia party leader, spearheaded the fight for the resolution. After it was over he told reporters "it was the strongest mandate for free trade ever given a Liberal government."

He got it on the floor when the resolution that was overwhelmingly approved earlier in the markets workshop was hit with two amendments.

If the government acted now, he said, a free trade policy with the U.S. could be carried out, allowing 10 years to cut tariffs during the transitional phase.

Both, in effect, mitigated Canada's involvement with the U.S. in favor of overseas countries. Both were defeated in votes.



MARITIME DOCTORS MEET HERE

A total of 98 doctors have registered for the second joint scientific assembly of the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Chapters of the College of General Practice which opened in Confederation Center on Monday. The assembly is to continue until this afternoon with discussions involving endocrinology. A dance last night at Memorial Hall, Confederation Center was part of the recreation provided during the three-day meet. Seen here in the receiving line are (FROM LEFT) Mrs. D. Earl Hunt and Dr. Hunt, president of the College of Gen-

Communists And Neutrals Press For End Of Bombing

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Communist and neutral nations pressed Monday for an end to U.S. bombing of North Viet Nam as a means of breaking the deadlock on peace talks. A British peace plan got a promise of careful U.S. consideration. Poland and Sweden were among nations suggesting in the General Assembly that a stop to the bombing might open a door to negotiations.

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Canada's Holiday Death Toll Reaches At Least 114 Killed

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Canada's accidental death toll reached at least 114 by late Monday afternoon, the worst Thanksgiving weekend holiday toll on record and the third worst for long weekends since the Canadian Press began keeping records in 1953.

A survey showed 100 persons died in traffic accidents, including 49 in Quebec. There was one death by drowning, two in fires, three in hunting accidents and eight in miscellaneous accidents.

The Canadian Highway Safety Council predicted that between 65 and 75 persons would die on Canadian roads during the holiday weekend that began at 6 p.m. local time Friday and ended at midnight Monday.

The worst previous Thanksgiving was in 1965, when 104 persons died accidentally, 81 in traffic.

Accident Probe Is Made

MONTREAL (CP)—A CNR spokesman said Monday that signals and protective barriers were working properly when a freight train smashed into a school bus at a level crossing in nearby Dorion Friday night, killing 19 persons.

"We are getting close to the end of an exhaustive investigation and have not found any abnormalities in the function of the signals or crossing protective devices," the spokesman said.

A report with this finding—barring any last-minute discovery—is to be delivered shortly to the board of transport commissioners.

Dorion police said Monday they will continue to investigate every possible aspect of the accident which occurred at a crossing marked by signals and road barriers.

A mass funeral will be held today at Cite des Jeunes, the technical school which most of the 19 victims attended. The Roman Catholic service will be conducted in the school gymnasium by Archbishop Perceval Casa of Valleyfield.

WILL ATTEND FUNERAL
Paul Gerin - Lafoie, Liberal MLA for the area, and cabinet minister Marcel Massé, representing Premier Johnson, have said they will attend.

The bus load of teenagers was struck squarely by a 100-car three-train freight which had authorization to go through the crossing at 50 miles an hour.

A CNR spokesman said the speed limit is set by the board of transport commissioners, which also decides what warning and protective devices are needed at a crossing.

CNR President Donald Gordon Monday sent a letter of sympathy to Dorion Mayor Jean-Charles Vallee.

Five Aboard Missing Boat

TRACONIE, N.B. (CP)—A marine search began Monday for the cabin cruiser Muddy Joe, missing with five persons aboard on a trip from Campbellton, N.B.

The air-sea rescue centre in Halifax said the Canadian survey ship Kapuskasing was searching for the vessel in the Bay of Chaleur.

The Muddy Joe left Campbellton early Sunday on the nine-hour trip.

Reported aboard the cruiser were Dr. and Mrs. N. Nadeau, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Targett and Jean Guy Vermette, skipper of the vessel, all of Campbellton.

12,000 Doctors Due At Congress

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The world's biggest surgical meeting opened in San Francisco Monday with more than 12,000 expected to attend the 52nd annual clinical congress of the American College of Surgeons.

The latest advances in surgery will be described, demonstrated and discussed during the five-day meeting.

Some 1,350 young surgeons will be initiated into membership in the college Thursday night when they will be addressed by Dr. Walter C. Mackenzie, a native of Cape Breton now living in Edmonton, incoming president.

The American College of Surgeons, founded in 1913, has 27,000 members in 83 countries.



CAMPBELL PROPOSES VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Liberal Premier Alex Campbell, 35, of Prince Edward Island proposes vote of confidence in leader, Prime Minister Pearson, at start of national Liberal convention at Ottawa. Mr. Pearson can be seen in background. (CP Wirephoto)

Early Viet Nam Victory Is Urged By Eisenhower

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH
GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—Former president Eisenhower still insists "we must do whatever is necessary to win" fast in Viet Nam. But he calls it silly for anyone to conclude this means he favors U.S. use of nuclear weapons.

The general of the army who led allied forces to victory in Europe in the Second World War says in an interview it is an entirely different kind of war in Viet Nam — a guerrilla type which exposes friend and foe alike to any weapons used.

Eisenhower says his only advice is that President Johnson's policy ought to be a strategy aimed at winning quickly and putting an end to loss of American lives.

Clarifies Remarks
But to anyone who got the idea — and some did — that in recent remarks he was calling for or even suggesting use of nuclear weapons to achieve a swift victory, Eisenhower — in response to a request for comment — has this to say:

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In Washington three days later newspaper men again sought amplification.

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"Personally, I would say whatever the president finds out he must do, I shall not criticize him. I do not know whether this war is going to escalate or de-escalate or anything else."

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HEIRESS DORIS DUKE

Accident Kills Heiress' Escort

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP)—Police Chief Joseph A. Radice said Monday he is satisfied that Eduardo Tirella, 42, escort of tobacco heiress Doris Duke, was killed accidentally by a car Friday at Miss Duke's estate.

The chief made the announcement after Lieut. Frank H. Walsh questioned the 53-year-old tobacco-estate heiress at her mansion Sunday.

Tirella was crushed to death when a station wagon driven by Miss Duke crushed him against a heavy iron gate and carried the body across an avenue until the car hit a tree.

Radice quoted Miss Duke as saying Tirella, who had been driving, got out of the car to open the gate and she got behind the wheel to drive through.

At that point, she said, "suddenly the car leaped forward and I was on top of him."

She was found by passersby wandering in a dazed condition near the scene, and was treated for shock and minor facial cuts.

Radice said Capt. Paul J. Sullivan, chief of detectives, reported he found no evidence of foul play.

Tirella was a resident of Dover and Los Angeles, Calif., and made his living as an interior decorator and actor.