

Danish Navy May Have To Co-operate With W. Germany

COPENHAGEN (Reuters)—The Danes, traditional doorkeepers of the Baltic, are reluctant to admit that to maintain their watch effectively they must accept close naval co-operation with West Germany.

Observers believe, however, that the events in Hungary are gradually effecting a change in the attitude of the man-in-the-street to this defence partnership.

Denmark, which was invaded and occupied by Nazi Germany, at the moment is the only North Atlantic treaty power with a navy in Baltic waters. This consists mainly of minelayers, motor-torpedo boats and a small number of modern frigates.

Russia's naval force in the area is estimated to be 20 times as

WINNIPEG (CP)—All but one of the 47 provincial ridings in Manitoba will be changed under a redistribution plan announced Wednesday by an independent commission. The ridings of Brandon remains unchanged.

The commission, headed by Chief Justice J. E. Adamson of the Manitoba court of appeal, was appointed by the legislature but does not include any member of the legislature. Redistribution of seats usually is drafted by a committee of the legislature.

The commission must present its report to Premier Campbell by Feb. 1 and approval by the legislature is expected to be routine.

Proposed changes were revealed Wednesday with publication of a preliminary map which will be the basis for public hearings on the subject.

A key result of the redistribution will be the strengthening of the representation of the greater Winnipeg metropolitan area by four seats to a total of 20 and the reduction of rural representation by six to 36. There will be 21 urban seats and 36 rural seats.

Four multiple-member ridings in the Winnipeg area will be broken up into single-seat constituencies, giving the province 57 single constituencies instead of the present 47, some of which have four members.

Two new ridings will be formed in the rapidly-developing northern part of the province, which now has two seats.

Present House standing is: Liberal-Progressive 35; Progressive Conservative 11; CCF 5; Social Credit 1; Independent 3; Independent Progressive Conservative 1, and Labor-Progressive 1. Total 57.

New Competition For Fishermen

OTTAWA (CP)—An era of intensified competition for the fish stocks off Canada's coasts is shaping up for Canadian fishermen as a result of expansion of international fleets, George R. Clark, deputy fisheries minister, said Monday.

If Canadian fishermen are to be able to compete for their share of the catch, he told the opening session of the three-day annual meeting of the fisheries research board, it is imperative that they keep up with modern developments in vessels and gear.

Mr. Clark said increased competition is coming not only from an expansion and modernization of fishing fleets already operating off Canada's coasts but also from the "very likely" entry of other nationalities into these prolific fishing grounds. He did not name what other countries might be involved.

He also offered the fisheries department's thanks to four board members whose term of office expires this year. They are: Dr. W. A. Clements, Vancouver; I. M. Fraser, Saskatoon; K. F. Harding, Prince Rupert, B.C. and J. H. MacKichan, Halifax.

Attending the meeting for the first time was W. L. Williamson, a new board member from St. Andrews, N.B.

Presley Passes His Army Medical

MEMPHIS, Tenn., AP — Rock 'n' roll idol Elvis Presley passed his army pre-induction examination with flying colors.

Capt. Elwyn P. Rowan, commander of the army's Memphis recruiting station, said Tuesday he took a look at Presley's mental and physical test scores and decided "he's in the I-A class."

"Physically he's an W-profile, and that's as high as you can go," Rowan said.

Mentally? "Can't give you the exact score, but Presley's score was about average", the captain said.

Seek Increased Size For Lobsters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator Frederick Payne (Rep. Me.) Monday announced he is introducing legislation to impose a minimum size on lobsters which may be shipped in interstate commerce or imported into the United States.

The bill also will define the word "lobster" for purposes of the Federal Food and Drug Act to assist lobster fishermen in meeting "unfair" foreign competition and states in enforcing their own laws relating to lobster fishing.

Payne said virtually every lobster-producing state has a minimum size limit on lobsters taken or possessed within the state and his proposal would make it illegal to ship in interstate commerce lobsters that are illegal under the laws of the state in which they are taken or possessed.

If there is no state law governing size, the bill would fix 3 1/16 inches along the centre of the body shell as a minimum.

Payne's bill would provide that a label only on the species Homarus Americanus, the lobster common to the Atlantic coastal waters northward from Cape Hatteras, N.C., into Canada.



THE STAFF of the Family Allowance and Old Age Security office in Charlottetown are left to right: Assistant Treasury officer Arthur Proude; Welfare officer John E. Green; Supervisor of Welfare Services, H. W. F. Hughes; Regional Director, Alfred S. Tail. Standing: Mr. Herbert W. F. Hughes, Supervisor of the flow of work and looks after personnel matters. The other clerks are L. Allison MacLeod, Beverley P. Fitzgerald and Leona C. Noonan. There are four stenographers, namely: Helen A. Miller, Jeanette R. Duncan, E. Marie Russell and Elizabeth Gillis.

Functions Of Family Allowance; Old Age Security Explained

Mr. Alfred S. Tail, Regional Director of Family Allowances and Old Age Security, states that the highlight of the office's activities for 1956 was the move in October to its new quarters in the Confederation Building from its old quarters in the Jordan Building.

In January, 1945, the Family Allowances Division started operations and in the first few months a tremendous amount of work was done in order to get out the first Family Allowances cheques to Prince Edward Island families in July of that year. By the fall of 1951, the regional office staff was increased with the inception of the Old Age Security programme. The first Old Age Security cheques of \$40 per month to eligible persons 70 years of age or over were issued from the local office in the month of January, 1952.

PRESENT STAFF

The present staff establishment is ten. Besides the Regional Director there is the Supervisor of Welfare Services, John Eldon Green, who substitutes for the Regional Director in his absences, and is responsible for all welfare matters arising from the administration of the Family Allowances and Old Age Security Acts in the

not wish to lose payments for any of the months following the month of birth of their children. Fifty-five parents lost Family Allowance payments for one month or more during the year due to the delay in receipt of the registration forms in the regional office.

This figure represents a decrease in loss of payments over previous years. Under the legislation a parent is allowed thirty days to make application on behalf of a new born child in order to effect payment of allowances commencing with the month following the month of the child's birth. When the registration form is not received in the regional office within thirty days of the child's birth, payment of allowances commences with the month following the month that the registration form is received in the regional office.

Registration of a child for Family Allowances and registration of a child's birth with the Vital Statistics authorities, are two separate operations. In other words, birth registration does not constitute registration for Family Allowances. Registration forms for Family Allowances are available at all post offices, hospitals and at the regional office.

IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

Under the Family Allowances legislation no provision is made for payment of allowances for an immigrant child until the child has lived in Canada for one full year. Commencing with April 1, 1956, the Department of Citizenship and Immigration of the federal government, was given authority to pay Family Allowance for the first year's residence in Canada for each child under 16 years of age at the rate of \$60 per year to eligible immigrant families who apply.

For those parents who are in receipt of Family Assistance on behalf of their children, it is necessary that the parents apply for Family Allowances at some time

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, CHARLOTTETOWN

FAMILY ALLOWANCES

The following table shows the number of Prince Edward Island families and children and the amounts paid out of federal government funds during each month of 1956 from the local office.

Month	Families	Children	Payment
January	13,155	36,074	\$218,101
February	13,151	36,106	219,464
March	13,151	36,144	219,306
April	13,149	36,198	219,986
May	13,154	36,194	219,714
June	13,188	36,212	219,725
July	13,199	36,274	220,151
August	13,247	36,376	222,433
September	13,200	36,272	220,503
October	13,192	36,247	220,149
November	13,151	36,211	220,252
December	13,110	36,187	220,146
Total			\$2,639,930

During the past year allowances were stopped completely on behalf of 1,724 children who attained the age of 16 years, and for 61 children who died. In the same period payments on behalf of 2,646 children were paid for the first time.

The largest individual cheque issued in the past year was in the amount of \$81 on behalf of a thirteen child family.

APPLY PROMPTLY

The Regional Director urges parents to apply promptly for new born children if the parents do before the year's residence in Canada is completed to prevent loss of Family Allowances due to delayed registration.

No parent is entitled to receive Family Assistance if the parent can qualify for Family Allowances on behalf of a child, and no parent is entitled to receive simultaneously on behalf of a child, both Family Assistance and Family Allowances.

VERIFICATION OF BIRTH

After registration, Family Allowances are ordinarily instituted immediately for a new born child pending verification of birth. Verification of the details of birth of each child born in Canada and registered for Family Allowances is necessary, as it must be established that the child exists and is the age claimed. It is necessary also that it be established that allowances are being paid only for each child.

Arrangements have been made with the Provincial Vital Statistics authorities to have all births checked against their records. If the birth cannot be verified from the Vital Statistics records, a parent is asked to submit documentary proof of birth.

One of the continuing eligibility factors for Family Allowances is that a child must attend school as required by the laws of the province where the child resides. The Regional office has a working arrangement with the Provincial Department of Education, through its School Attendance Officer, to have forwarded regularly monthly reports of unsatisfactory school attendance.

Upon receipt of these reports, payments of allowances are stopped, and no payments are made again for any of the children reported until a report is received by the Regional Director that the child has returned to satisfactory school attendance. Under the legislation a parent is not entitled to allowances for any of the months for which a child's school attendance is considered as unsatisfactory by the Provincial school authorities. During the year, 322 parents of this province lost one month or more Family Allowance on account of their children's unsatisfactory school attendance.

OLD AGE SECURITY

The following table shows the number of P.E.I. pensioners and payments made out of federal government funds for each of the months of the year 1956.

Month	Pensioners	Payment
January	6,852	\$274,455
February	6,851	274,815
March	6,884	275,578
April	6,918	281,215
May	6,952	282,865
June	6,982	283,100
July	6,998	281,300
August	7,020	281,755
September	7,028	281,875
October	7,012	281,195
November	7,025	281,785
December	6,966	279,065
Total		\$3,359,000

There are certain requirements which have to be met before a resident of Canada is eligible to receive the \$40 monthly Old Age Security pension. First of all, an application must be completed and received in the office of the Regional Director of Old Age Security.

Application forms are available at all post offices and at the regional office. Under the Old Age Security legislation any completed application form received before a person reaches the age of sixty-nine and a half, is not considered a valid application, and the person will be asked to re-apply some time after he becomes the age of 69 years, six months.

In the event that a person is unable to complete an application

form owing to infirmity, illness or some other valid reason, an application may be filled out and forwarded on his behalf by any responsible person.

AUTOMATIC ELIGIBILITY

In the case of a person who is in receipt of assistance under the Old Age Assistance Act, or an allowance under the Blind Person's Act or Disabled Person's Act it is unnecessary for that person to apply himself for Old Age Security, as application will be made on his behalf by the provincial government authorities after the person reaches the age of sixty-nine years, six months. In the past year, the regional office received 175 applications for Old Age Security from the local Division of Old Age Assistance, Blind Pensions and Disabled Person's Allowance.

Secondly, an applicant must prove his age to the satisfaction of the Regional Director. The most acceptable documents as proof of age are birth or baptismal certificates which are registered within five years of applicants date of birth. If these documents are not available, the applicant must produce two pieces of documentary evidence corroborating each other.

TIME TO APPLY

Any person who is sixty-nine and a half years of age and who desires to apply for the Old Age Security pension, should forward a completed application form to the office of the Regional Director even though he has no proof of age at the time. The regional office will give assistance and direction to the applicant in obtaining whatever documentary proof of age may be available.

The tribunal is the best example of the lengths to which the department will go to see that a person entitled to the pension receives it as soon as possible. A tribunal is a committee of three private citizens who inquire into all facts, circumstances or evidence, documentary or otherwise, which would establish applicant's date of birth and make a recommendation to the Regional Director as to an acceptable date of birth.

PROOF OF RESIDENCE

Thirdly, he must have lived the required number of years as a resident of Canada as required by the Old Age Security Act. Frequent inquiries are received in the regional office concerning residence requirements in order to qualify for the pension. There is no problem when the applicant

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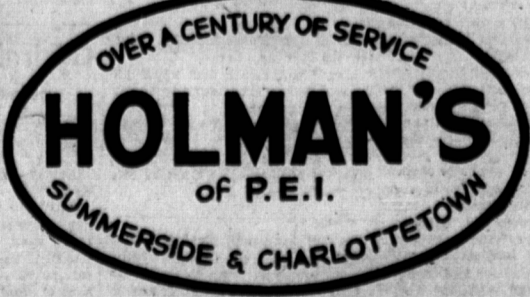
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