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HEAVY GENERATOR PART UNLOADED

As part of a program to increase capacity of the Maritime Electric Company Ltd. plant in Charlottetown, a 50-ton stator section of a generator arrived yesterday at the railway wharf. The equipment had been shipped from England, then by rail from Halifax. Due to its tremendous weight, it had to be unloaded by a giant CNR crane. Budget for the entire project has been set at $3.5 million.

MANY EXCEPTIONS

90 Cents Per Hour Wage Set Minimum For P.E.I.

The provincial government yesterday approved a minimum wage of 90 cents per hour for men in the province.

The wage order, drawn up by the provincial labor relations board, also provides that the minimum will rise to 95 cents an hour on Nov. 1, and to $1 an hour on May 1, 1964.

The 90 cents per hour minimum becomes effective as soon as the wage order is published in the Royal Gazette.

The order, however, fixes the minimum wage of male employees of processing plants at 80 cents an hour and provides for no increases in November and May in this category.

Processing plant, according to the order, means "any factory, business or establishment for the adapting or processing of fish, or other products of the sea, or fruits or vegetables or the by-product thereof, or for the canning or packaging of such fish or sea products, fruits or vegetables when adapted or processed."

DO NOT QUALIFY

In addition, the order lists seven groups that do not qualify for coverage under the general 90-cent minimum.

These are: Any person employed in farming and fishing;

Any person employed in the grading, bagging or packaging of potatoes on farm premises;

Students employed during the school term and outside regular school hours;

Any person under the age of 21 years;

Any person whose wages are fixed and established under a labor - management contract signed under the provisions of the Trade Union Act, or the Industrial Relations Act, existing and in force at the date of the minimum wage order;

Any person eligible for membership in the civil servants' association of the province; and registered apprentices.

According to the order, "all time required by the employer to be spent by the employee either at work or awaiting or available for work, whether on the premises of the employer, or elsewhere as directed by him, shall be counted as time worked, and any part of an hour so spent shall be paid for at at the full hourly rate."

Except in the case of seasonal or casual employees, the minimum wage becomes effective 60 days from the date of the hiring of an employee.

The order provides that handicapped employees must be paid equivalent to the minimum wage. Compensation on account of disability must be added to by the employer to bring wages up to the minimum.

The minimum wage order for men is the result of a number of hearings by the labor relations board when groups representing many facets of the province's economy made representations.

Yanks To Guard Warheads

OTTAWA (CP) — American military personnel will mount a close guard on U.S. nuclear warheads stored on Canadian bases, Prime Minister Pearson said Wednesday.

The bases will have a so-called "outside security" guard of Canadian troops, he added. He emphasized that the American personnel will be small in numbers—"I wouldn't like to say troops, because troops gives the impression of formations."

Mr. Pearson made the statement at the luncheon break of a day-long cabinet meeting on the eve of today's ceremonial opening of the 26th Parliament.

In other comments, Mr. Pearson said:

1. The government is worried about "the very grave possible deterioration" of the Haitian situation and the number of Canadians — mostly missionaries still there.

2. The government is currently studying the best procedures in negotiations with British Columbia and the United States on revision of the Columbia River treaty.

3. Letters are being mailed to provincial governments suggesting plans for the federal government's royal commission enquiry into bilingualism and biculturalism.

Cooper Given Go Ahead To Try At Least 17 Orbits

CONVOCATION FRIDAY

PWC Pass List Is Announced

Forty-four students will receive diplomas in arts, science and education when Prince of Wales College holds convocation exercises in the college auditorium Friday morning.

Prizes and diplomas will be presented by Lieutenant- Governor F. Walter Hyndman.

Including high school students a total of 280 students will receive diplomas and certificates as evidence of a successful year's work.

The address to the graduates will be delivered by John Fisher, commissioner of the National Centennial Commission. One of Canada's best known public speakers, Mr. Fisher was for a number of years executive director of the Canadian Tourist Association.

A Georgetown girl, Miss Ruth LeLacheur, is class valedictorian.

Chairman of the board of trustees, Education Minister L. G. Dewar, will preside and a report of the year's activities will (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

NAVY TO KEEP BOSUN'S CALL

LONDON (CP)—The Royal Navy plans to keep the traditional bosun's call, but its use may be restricted.

An admiralty spokesman asked to comment on suggestions that the navy plans to abolish the call, said Wednesday the reports probably arose out of news that a work-study team has been put aboard a British destroyer to determine whether the number of calls can be reduced.

The call is sounded on the bosun's pipe to announce meals, tell the men when they can smoke, and issue general orders.

"There has been a bosun's call ever since there has been a British navy," said the spokesman. "The call will go on."

Astronaut Tries Eight Hours Rest

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronaut Gordon Cooper shattered the U.S. record for cosmic travel Wednesday night, then calmly began an eight-hour rest period during which he hoped to sleep.

And earth - bound monitors were cautioned to remain silent while Cooper took his space siesta as he spun on and on in his marathon flight. If he overslept, an electronic alarm clock, triggered from the earth, was to wake him up.

The rest period started during the ninth of Cooper's scheduled 22 orbits. It began over the southeast Atlantic as Cooper's Faith 7 spacecraft was approaching the west coast of Chile.

Five minutes later, heart beat and respiration signals received at a tracking post on Ascension Island in the South Atlantic indicated he had gone to sleep or was close to it.

Two orbits earlier, the seventh—which was a "go" or "no go" point in the astronautical log book—he was doing so well officials told him to try for at least 17 orbits.

Zipping along at nearly five miles a second more than 100 miles above the earth, Cooper broke the U.S. mark established by astronaut Walter Schirra, who did six orbits of the world last October.

EVERYTHING FINE

Everything pointed to a remarkably successful flight. As he settled down for a night of rest, Cooper reported he was in excellent condition. Faith 7 was in equally good shape.

At the time, he had 80 per cent fuel remaining in the automatic capsule control system and 91 per cent in the manual system. The flight plan called for him to have at least 50 and 65 per cent, respectively, remaining in each tank for the critical re - entry manoeuvre during the 22nd orbit.

Cooper and ground trackers threw around such words as "excellent," "beautiful," and "perfect" in describing the flight.

The astronaut had many chores as he swept round and round the globe. Included was the releasing of a small satellite which followed him in orbit, sending out a flashing light that he observed in a space-distance judging test.

Everything went well: A blastoff time only four minutes behind schedule, an ideal entry into orbit and then around and around the world every 88 minutes 45 seconds.

If all plans are met, he will come down at 7:23 p.m. today 80 miles southeast of Midway Island in the Pacific.

So splendidly were men and machinery behaving that Cooper, nestled in his tiny craft as it sped along at 17,546 miles an hour, soon took an unscheduled nap.

And because Cooper on earth is the most matter-of-fact of all astronauts he quickly became the most matter - of - fact in space.

The first American in space, Alan B. Shepard, speaking to Cooper from Cape Canaveral: "You sound pretty casual."

Cooper from space: "Well I am."

OTHERS EXCITED

But if the 36-year-old U.S. Air Force major was nonchalant, others took a more excited view.

A note of exultation crept into the voices of those who were talking with Cooper. "Overjoyed" was one word used to tell Cooper the reaction of his technicians.

In Houston, Tex., his wife and their two daughters had several television sets turned on. When blastoff time neared, Mrs. Cooper is said to have gone into another room to watch it alone.

By herself she saw this always terrifying moment, just as her husband, cradled on the huge, smoking Atlas booster, also faced his moment of terrible truth alone.

Mrs. Cooper had a special radio set so that she could listen in on astronautical talk when he whizzed within range.

She summed up her reaction to the takeoff in one word: "Beautiful."

In Tecumseh, Okla., his mother, Mrs. Hattie Cooper, said: "Don't you know Gordon is thrilled."

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Duvalier Denies Rumors Of Flight

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—President Francois Duvalier gathered a score of U.S. correspondents in this ornate white palace Wednesday and told them emphatically: "Haiti will continue under my administration."

As followers of the 56-year-old strongman set up a din of whistles, horns and bugles outside, Duvalier appealed for better relations with the United States.

He spoke acidly of the comments of certain men" in the United States "who should have directed their efforts toward understanding Haiti and its people."

The appearance of the grey-haired Duvalier surrounded by his cabinet ministers seemed intended to dispel reports that he was getting ready to flee in the climax of a crisis over his continued rule.

G.L. Monkley Appointed To Head CS Commission

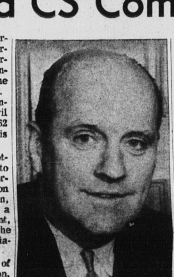
G. Lorne Monkley, Summerside, has been appointed chairman of the provincial civil service commission, it was announced yesterday, following the weekly meeting of the cabinet.

Hon. J. D. Stewart, provincial secretary, said the Civil Service Act, passed at the 1962 session of the Legislature, is now in effect.

The act provides for the setting up of a commission to handle all government-civil service relations. The commission is to be made up of a chairman, appointed by the government; a representative of government, and a representative of the P.E.I. Civil Servants Association.

Last night, the president of the civil servants' association, Dr. J. J. Higgins, said that his organization has decided on a representative to sit on the commission but declined to give his name until it has been approved by the cabinet.

Mr. Stewart said that the public works and I have not yet reached any conclusions on the causeway," Mr. MacNaught explained.



MR. MONKLEY

third man on the commission, the government appointee, will not be named until after the association representative has been named.

First duties of the commission will be to consider the job evaluation of the civil service carried out recently by the Toronto firm of Payne-Ross Limited.

Armed Forces Get Increase In Pay

OTTAWA (CP) — Pay increases for all ranks in the armed forces were announced by the government Wednesday. They are retroactive to Oct. 1, 1962.

The last general increase in wages and salaries for the forces was in October, 1960.

Wednesday's announcement by Associate Defence Minister Lucien Cardin added that procedural changes have been made so that increases can be "granted at more frequent intervals than heretofore."

Increases also will result from a revision in the system of trades pay. This, too, is retroactive to last Oct. 1.

The revisions apply to both the regular and reserve forces.

The boost in basic pay means an annual increase of $48 for the first four ranks in each of the three services.

Other examples of boosts:

Leading seaman, and army and air force corporals — an increase of $96 a year.

Navy lieutenant, army captain and flight lieutenant — a $420 increase.

Rear-admiral, major - general and air vice marshal — $1,008 more annually.

The statement said additional allowances now will be provided for legal officers in the armed forces, along the lines of increases granted previously to medical and dental officers. No details were announced.

Sir Winston Makes Second Commons Visit

LONDON (Reuters)—Sir Winston Churchill lurched and almost fell as he was leaving the House of Commons chamber Wednesday.

The 88-year-old statesman was paying his second visit to Parliament on successive days since he recovered from breaking a thigh bone last summer.

After listening to proceedings for 90 minutes he shrugged off assistance as he walked to the exit.

But he faltered as he turned to give the customary bow to the Speaker and lurched to his right.

Dudley Williams, a Conservative party member, and an official quickly took his arms and helped him recover.

There had been rumors that Tuesday's appearance, when he was given a standing ovation, might be his last following his recent decision not to run again for Parliament.

But he discounted them Wednesday, looking hale and hearty and smilingly acknowledging the welcome that greeted his arrival.

NEW FERRY PLANNED

Causeway Not Dropped, Cabinet Minister Reports

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA —Construction of a new ferry on the Borden - Cape Tormentine run does not mean the Liberal government has abandoned the Prince Edward Island causeway, J. Watson MacNaught, solicitor general, said here Wednesday. He said that initial planning for the new ferry is now underway between the Canadian National Railways and the department of transport.

It is proposed that the new vessel will be designed in such a way that it can be transferred and used elsewhere in the future if the causeway is constructed and ferries are no longer required," the Prince MP told the Ottawa Bureau of the Guardian. He said that pressure of other business has made it impossible for him to dig very deeply into the entire causeway proposal.

"I have not yet seen the report on the causeway feasibility prepared by the department of

way and when plans are sufficiently advanced they will be submitted to the cabinet and the treasury board for approval of the necessary expenditure.

Mr. MacNaught said it was hoped to push the new ferry to a point where tenders can be called some time late this year. As to cost, he said he was not in a position to hazard a guess.

HONORED FOR 25 YEARS AT SEA

Ambrose B. Steele, at the wheel, was yesterday presented with a button and a formal letter from the Department of Transport for over "twenty - five years of loyal and faithful service." With Mr. Steele at the time of the presentation aboard the icebreaker Tupper was ship commander J. R. Baldwin. The presentation was made by E.K. MacNutt, district marine agent, on behalf of G.W. Stead, Transport Department. Mr. Steele hired on as a deck hand on the Brant, a lighthouse and buoy service ship, Nov. 1, 1935. He was promoted to quarter master in 1942, and has served in that capacity for the past 24 years.

Economic Growth Program To Be Spelled Out Today

By ALAN DONNELLY

OTTAWA (CP)—A program to accelerate Canada's economic growth will be spelled out today as the new Liberal government meets the 26th Parliament for the first time.

An array of new economic legislation, plus efforts to build better relations between French and English Canada, are expected to highlight the work of the newly elected Parliament opening in colorful ceremony.

The program of Prime Minister Pearson and his cabinet, in office as a minority government after six years of Conservative rule, will be outlined in the speech from the throne read by Chief Justice Robert Taschereau.

It will embody the main points of the Liberals' "90 days of decision", including a new department of industry, low-interest loans for municipal development, a fund to power industrial expansion, and an economic council to chart future economic goals.

Few surprises are expected as Chief Justice Taschereau, substituting for Governor-General Vanier who is recuperating from a mild heart attack, reads the throne speech document in the mid-afternoon ceremony in the Senate chamber.

This will launch Parliament on a life of indefinite duration. The Liberals have 129 of the 265 Commons seats—a scant four members short of majority control.

NAME SPEAKER

The government's working strength will be reduced by one today with the election of Alan MacNaughton, 59 - year - old member for Montreal Mount Royal, as Speaker of the Commons. The Speaker can vote only in the event of a tie.

The Progressive Conservative opposition under John Diefenbaker has 95 members. The 24 Social Crediters elected April 8 have already lost one with the decision of their former whip, Dr. Guy Marcoux, to sit as an independent-Social Credit MP. The New Democratic Party is back with 17 members.

The new Parliament faces a busy two months of work before an expected mid-summer recess, returning in September to finish the work of the first session.

Opening Schedule

OTTAWA (CP)—Schedule of events for today's opening of the 26th parliament:

10 a.m. — Senate meets to swear in three new members, including Speaker Maurice Bourget.

2:30 a.m. — Commons meets, is summoned to the Senate chamber and instructed to elect a Speaker. Senate, Commons adjourn.

2:45 p.m.—Senate summoned.

3 p.m.—Commons summoned to Senate.

3:30 p.m.—Chief Justice Robert Taschereau, Administrator of Canada, reads speech from the throne

Crammed into the opening period will be the key legislation the government wants to have passed urgently, plus Finance Minister Walter Gordon's budget speech expected about mid-June.

However, the session will get off to the traditional leisurely start. On Friday two newly elected Liberal MPs, Pauline Jewett (Northumberland) and Auguste Choquette (Lotbiniere) will make speeches and present the traditional motion for approval of the throne speech.

Monday, Opposition Leader Diefenbaker, starting a round of speeches by the four party leaders, will give the first indication of what tactics he'll follow in his avowed goal of returning to power. He has the opportunity of presenting the first non - confidence motion in the eight-day throne speech debate.

There are some lively issues for the politicians to fight over, on top of the inevitable rehashing of election campaign disputes.

On top of the list is the nuclear weapons question on which the New Democrats are strongly opposed to government policy. Other issues include the recent opening of certain Pacific fisheries—under terms of an international treaty—to Japanese fishermen, and Conservative anger over the Liberal decision not to reappoint pension commissioner Ken McKay after his one-year term expired.

Most of the talking, however, will be on the new government's program.

N.B. Legislature To Meet May 28

FREDERICTON (CP) — The New Brunswick legislature, possibly with seven seats unfilled, will meet May 28, Premier Louis J. Robichaud announced today.

Expressing his regret at the situation, the premier said in a statement that the public business can no longer await the outcome of recounts under way in Saint John City and Restigouche.

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Stop Gap UN Financing Suggested By U Thant

UNITED NATIONS (CP)—Secretary-General U Thant said Wednesday he hopes for a "complete military disengagement" of the United Nations force in The Congo by the end of the year. He called for a temporary financial plan that would keep troops there—and in the Middle East—at least that long.

Long-term measures to pull the world body out of its financial morass may have to wait a while, he indicated.

Speaking to the General Assembly's 111-member budgetary committee, the secretary-general said:

"I sincerely hope that the search for a more permanent solution will not be relaxed, although it is open to debate, perhaps, whether the moment is ripe for any real breakthrough."

Thant underlined his concern in a financial report issued to the committee just before the session opened. It said that unless a solution is found, the UN's cash on hand by the end of the year may be down to $10,000,000—not enough to pay one month's bills.

PLEA FOR PAYMENT

In a related development Haiti's Ambassador Carlet R. Auguste said he expects to pay the UN $22.500 by the end of the week and thus assure his country a vote in the assembly.

Haiti is $144,882 in arrears but with the payment would no longer be two full years behind. The UN charter specifies that any member two full years in arrears may lose its vote.

The financial dilemma was handed to the budgetary committee shortly after the special assembly session opened Tuesday. The committee in turn decided to break off sessions until the start of next week in hopes that intense behind-the-scenes negotiations can produce a solution.

A 21-member study group tried to accomplish the same end in meetings this spring but could not reach agreement.