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Cabinet Unity Is Queried In House War Of Nerves

UNITED FUND IS DECISION

Prince Edward Island will have a province-wide United Fund, was the final decision reached at the concluding organizational meeting for United Appeal held at City Hall last night. Prominent during the proceedings were Archibald Jackson, (left) executive director of the Halifax—Dartmouth United Appeal, and Russell Seller, chairman of the local organizational group. Mr. Jackson was present to answer questions concerning the working of the organization. (See story on page 3.)

CFA Gives Okay To Care Plan

BANFF, Alta. (CP) — A national compulsory medical care insurance program on a contributory basis was approved in principle today by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

A policy statement, approved by the CFA annual convention despite objections from Atlantic provinces delegates, said:

"The CFA recommends that the national office investigate this matter and make representations to the royal commission on health services on the basis of the following principles:

"That long distances and scattered population be taken into account in the organization of health services;

"That the federal government adopt as a policy implementation of a national, compulsory medical care insurance program to be carried out in co-operation with the provinces;

"That public medical insurance be implemented on a basis that is contributory to a reasonable degree, rather than fully supported from general revenue but that the basis of contributions be such that no unreasonable burden is imposed on any family or persons.

CHOOSE DOCTOR

"That the principle of the right of the patient to choose his own doctor be retained;

"That the terms and conditions of such plans permit development of co-operative, joint provision of medical services such as group practice, co-operatively owned and operated clinics and the like;

"That the commission recommend ways of achieving co-ordinated planning of all services and conditions related to health;

"And that the principle be accepted, and means of implementing it recommended, that the provision of psychiatric services should be essentially provided by means of public services rather than through private practice."

Lincoln Dewar of Charlottetown, secretary-manager of the Prince Edward Island Federation of Agriculture, said he favored the CFA policy except that the medical care plan should not be contributory.

"The Maritimes," he said, "cannot afford to finance such a scheme on a contributory basis. It should be financed entirely from general revenue."

Yanks Push Plan To Isolate Cuba

PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay (Reuters) — The United States bucked stiff opposition Thursday and demanded that Organization of American States members blockade pro - Communist Cuba economically.

State Secretary Rusk made the demand at the OAS foreign ministers conference on Cuba here despite the Brazil - led bloc's opposition to any immediate sanctions against Premier Castro's regime.

The Brazil - led bloc, which maintains Cuba has forefeited its OAS membership, has controlled eight votes at the conference. Any proposal requires 14 votes to become obligatory to all 21 countries linked together in the OAS for mutual defence and welfare.

Cuban president Osvaldo Dorticos meantime prepared to take the floor for the first time.

U.S. PLAN

Rusk put forth this plan to end the Cuban "tragedy" and manoeuvre of "petty tyrant" Castro.

1. Exclude Cuba from the Inter - American Defence Board and interrupt a "limited but significant flow of trade between Cuba and the rest of the hemisphere, especially in arms."

2. Recognize Cuba's communist bloc alignment and declare its commitment to extend communism in the hemisphere incompatible with the inter-American defence system and a danger to peace.

3. Exclude Cuba from participating in the inter-American system organs, with the OAS council directed to implement the decision.

4. Mount a defence against Cuba's indirect and political aggression in the hemisphere.

STORK DERBY PRIZES GIVEN

TORONTO (CP) — Mrs. John Franz, the mother of nine children, has won $1,250 in the third Thomas Foster baby derby.

Five other mothers, each with eight children, will receive $250 each.

When former Toronto mayor Thomas Foster died in 1945, he left an estate of $1,168,550 which was to include a series of four derbies with legacies going to the mother having the most children in a 10-year period.

The fourth and final derby covers the period ending 1964. Only people living in the city of Toronto are eligible.

Minister Denies CCF Charges

OTTAWA (CP) — Defence Minister Harkness was accused Thursday by Erhart Regier (CCF—Burnaby - Coquitlam) of going out of his way to "put the knife" into disarmament efforts of External Affairs Minister Green.

"Complete nonsense," Mr. Harkness replied.

Mr. Regier drew other angry replies from Mr. Harkness as he entered the Commons throne speech debate to attack the government's defence and foreign policies.

The British Columbia MP also stated flatly that there are nuclear weapons on Canadian soil, and he refused to accept Mr. Harkness' denial.

There were other references to the question of cabinet unity as the debate continued through its fourth day of what one MP called an "electoral war of nerves."

Lionel Chevrier (L—Montreal Laurier) called the Progressive Conservative government "the most incompetent . . . since Confederation" and said it is impossible to have confidence in a government whose cabinet ministers lack confidence in each other.

CLAIMS DESPERATION

Justice Minister Fulton countered that the government's record of accomplishment is a result of teamwork—"there is a team in the present cabinet, a team that works well together, a team that is proud to work under the present prime minister." He accused the Liberals of being carried away with their desperation.

Mr. Regier, who was a parliamentary observer at the last United Nations General Assembly session, said he admires the "tremendous efforts" of Mr. Green for good at the UN. But Canada's prestige there was rapidly and decidedly declining."

"Nonsense," interjected Veterans Minister Churchill.

Mr. Regier said it couldn't be otherwise when Prime Minister Diefenbaker refused to support Mr. Green's views and Mr. Harkness "goes out of his way to put the knife" into the position held by the external affairs minister.

He said Mr. Harkness had appealed to Canadian servicemen "to support him in his battle inside the government."

ENTERS DENIAL

Mr. Harkness said that statement was without justification.

Mr. Regier said government policy on acquiring nuclear warheads for Canadian weapons is to delay the announcement until after the election.

"We in Canada have nuclear weapons today, but the government doesn't have the guts to tell the Canadian people."

Mr. Harkness demanded, unsuccessfully, that Mr. Regier be forced to withdraw the statement since it had been "categorically denied" by himself and the prime minister.

Mr. Regier retorted that he doesn't have to accept the minister's statement.

"It's even possible the minister doesn't know."

Mr. Regier said that if there weren't nuclear warheads in Canada for Bomarc missiles, the government would be proved to be completely irresponsible since it hadn't even placed orders for conventional warheads for the missiles.

Lesage Queried On Border Issue

QUEBEC (CP) — Premier Lesage said Thursday the only agreement he had with Newfoundland Premier Smallwood over the Labrador boundary dispute was that the affair must be settled as quickly as possible.

He told the Legislative Assembly he had asked Mr. Smallwood for a copy of the throne speech read in St. John's Wednesday which said the border issue had been settled.

Mr. Lesage was replying to questions from Opposition Leader Daniel Johnson who said that last Tuesday the premier had told the assembly the question is not urgent.

It is a "vital question" said the opposition leader. "I demand that the premier clear us up on this question."

"Tuesday the question was not urgent," replied Mr. Lesage. "I admit that the question is different now. I was the first to be surprised to learn from the newspaper men that the Newfoundland throne speech mentioned an agreement between Quebec and that province.

GIVES OUTLINE

"This is what happened. Last December, during lunch with Mr. Smallwood in Quebec, I said there would be no sense in continuing the policy of the Union Nationale which consisted of leaving the question of the border aside, of making sure Quebec and St. John's did not take their responsibilities, of leaving a private company to fix the limits between the two provinces. Because that is exactly what the Union Nationale did.

"It is the iron ore company which determines to which province it will pay royalties on the ore it draws from the soil of Labrador. It's a shame. It's a scandal to let a company take the responsibilities belonging to governments.

"The only agreement between myself and Mr. Smallwood was that the border must be settled as soon as possible."

Mr. Johnson asked if the question will be negotiated between the two governments or if the decision will be left to the Quebec assembly.

Mr. Lesage replied the government's decision will be made known "in due time."

Retired Horseman Dies In Saint John

SAINT JOHN, N.B. — (CP) —Alec Long, familiar trainer and driver of race horses around Maritime tracks for the last 45 years, died here Thursday at the age of 75. He retired from harness racing about six years ago.

Expert Extinguishes B.C. Oil Well Fire

FORT ST. JOHN, B.C. (CP) Red Adair nonchalantly put out an oil well fire Thursday then flew back to his home state of Texas to take on another.

"Ya hate to come out for babies like this," said the 46-year - old Texan later. "It's like eating between meals."

"But, it was mean and dirty and they needed me," added the man regarded as the world's foremost oil-well fire fighter.

Adair donned an asbestos suit Wednesday night and walked through the flames of the burning Blueberry 29 at Mile 101 on the Alaska Highway, 50 miles north of here.

With the help of others he doused the flames with chemicals, then filled the well with a special mud to stop the oil from flowing.

JUST DUCK SOUP

"It was duck soup compared to some of the fires I've fought," said Adair.

How much the Sun Oil Company of Calgary, which brought in the well recently, will pay him has not been announced. But an official said the company had already spent $100,000 before he arrived—the fire broke out Friday—and any fee charged would be worth it. Adair was brought here from Algeria.

The events that led to the extinguishing of the fire:

Adair and Sid White of Jasper, Alta., fired a high-power rifle at the stem pipe of the well, attempting to knock off a small valve. They managed to make a hole in the pipe, sending much of the oil and flame belching in one direction.

Adair then donned the asbestos suit and walked into the inferno.

"If Adair is sent to hell, he won't burn," said one awestruck worker.

National Power Grid Seen Possible Vision

OTTAWA (CP) — Federal plans for a national power grid may be "another vision," Lionel Chevrier (L—Montreal Laurier) said Thursday in the Commons.

He quoted H. Lee Briggs, a member of the national energy board and former chief engineer of the British Columbia power commission, as telling an engineering conference that no advantage is clearly established to warrant building such a national transmission system.

A major objection, Mr. Briggs was quoted as saying, was that of interrupting power when the only economic way to carry it over 500 miles or more was by direct current. Alternating current is used in Canadian homes and industries.

Instead of a national grid, all efforts should be directed to tapping remaining isolated sources of power, Mr. Briggs had said.

In reply to a question, Prime Minister Diefenbaker reiterated Thursday that the provinces have been asked to attend a federal-provincial conference on the subject. The throne speech at the opening of the parliamentary session announced that the letters had gone out.

Non-Confidence Motion By Liberals Is Defeated

OTTAWA (CP) — A Liberal non-confidence motion charging government "failure to bring forward policies to deal with the real problems confronting this country" was defeated 144 to 42 in the Commons Thursday night.

The vote followed party lines, with the small CCF-New Democratic Party group supporting the motion made last Monday by Opposition Leader Pearson as a proposed amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

A vote on the reply itself is not expected until next week.

The debate is scheduled to be suspended today as the house considers supplementary spending estimates of $82,390,000 for the current year that ends March 31.

Included in the estimates are $42,000,000 in acreage payments for western farmers, $40,000,000 for the winter works program and $200,000 for a make-work scheme to aid Newfoundland fishing settlements where income is down due to low catches.

PRIEST PRAISES SOLDIER

Survivor Of Massacre Tells How Life Spared

LEOPOLDVILLE (Reuters)— The sole survivor of a New Year's Day massacre of 22 Roman Catholic missionaries said Thursday he was saved by a quick-thinking Congolese soldier who hid him from berserk Congolese troops.

Rev. Jules Darmont, a Belgian, described his escape after being brought here from the Kongola mission in North Katanga by a British United Nations officer.

Father Darmont said that when it was his turn to be taken out and shot, the Congolese soldier screamed: "You are going to the cellar," claiming loudly that Darmont would point out Katanga troops hiding there.

When the priest protested there were no secessionist troops in the cellar, the soldier pushed him into another room and whispered:

"Be quiet, I want to save you."

The soldiers later left him alone because they thought he had a charmed life, the priest told the Catholic press agency DIA.

The priest said the soldiers after their rampage were ashamed and filled with self-disgust.

BEAT NUNS

He said they beat some of the 35 nuns at the Holy Spirit mission but when some of the troops attempted to rape one of the sisters all of the other soldiers started to scream out against it.

In other attempted rapes soldiers were held back from the assaults by other soldiers.

Father Darmont said the mission was bombarded by mortar fire on Jan. 1 for one hour and the church, the priests' quarters and parts of the school building were completely destroyed.

Although the nuns' dormitory was hit "as if by a miracle no nuns were wounded," he said.

The soldiers also murdered Dr. Pierre Honore Moreau, head of the Shinkolobwe hospital in south Katanga and when one of the soldiers saw this he exclaimed: "Ah that's too much. Why do we have to kill the doctor?"

The priest praised the heroism of two Congolese priests including the general vicar, Msgr. Gerard Kabwe, who together with Abbe Gervai demanded to be beaten themselves when the soldiers began lashing the European missionaries.

Father Darmont also confirmed that many Congolese civilians were killed but could not give their number.

Hockey Meet Set For U.S.

CP from Reuters-AP

GENEVA — The world hockey championships will take place as planned in Colorado Springs, Colo., the vice-president of the international hockey federation said Thursday.

Federation chief John Ahearne of Britain refused to comment on the visa holdup threatening to bar the East German team from competing in championship but said the event definitely will take place as scheduled in Colorado Springs from March 9 to 19.

House Speakers Plan Conference

OTTAWA (CP) — Seven Speakers, all politicians who rarely have an opportunity to speak for themselves in parliamentary debate, will gather here this weekend to discuss common problems of parliamentary procedure.

They are the presiding officers of the House of Commons and the legislatures of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta.

They will attend a two-day council meeting of the Canadian Parliamentary Association, over which Commons Speaker Michener will preside.

Moon Shot Set Today

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — With the weatherman's blessing, the United States prepared a one-two space punch Thursday: To fling an astronaut into orbit around the earth Saturday, and fire a Ranger satellite today to snoop at the moon.

But there were also ominous signs in the long-range weather picture that could put off for days the orbital flight of Marine Lt.-Col. John Glenn if it should miss its Saturday date.

And the time is fast disappearing for the Ranger satellite shot to be properly aimed for the moon.

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Transportation Report Given N.B. Backing

OTTAWA (CP) — This week's recommendations of the MacPherson royal commission on transportation could be "a great blueprint of the future for the Maritime provinces," Thomas M. Bell (PC—St. John-Albert) said Thursday in the Commons.

Mr. Bell, parliamentary secretary to Justice Minister Fulton, said in the throne speech debate that the commission's report was excellent.

The New Brunswick MP especially welcomed two proposals.

One suggested that freight subsidies on shipments from the Atlantic provinces to central Canada be given for all types of carriers and not just railroads. The other was that any special transportation aid to the eastern provinces might well be aimed at manufactured products which would have the greatest effect in generating new employment.

Mr. Bell said, however, that some industries might be harmed by the proposal to end freight subsidies on traffic moving within the Atlantic provinces.

Mr. Bell said the port of Saint John watches "with a great deal of fear and sincere apprehension" efforts to maintain winter navigation on the St. Lawrence River by ice-breaking.

However, the "old excuse" that the ice - breaking was needed to prevent spring floods was no longer being used.

Mr. Bell said he is "more optimistic than I ever was" about the Chignecto Canal proposal to link the Bay of Fundy and Northumberland Strait by a ditch across the Isthmus between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

If a study of related power possibilities were favorable, then a full-scale survey would be made.

"If the power and industrial possibilities can be told, then I feel we will get this canal."

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PAST ZONE COMMAND MEDALS PRESENTED

Past zone command medals were presented to six members of the Royal Canadian Legion, southern Kings zone of Prince Edward Island Wednesday at a zone meeting in Montague. The presentations were made by Hamilton Douglas, Mt. Stewart, provincial president and Bruce Stewart, Souris, Dominion representative. Here the six members are shown with Mr. Douglas and Mr. Stewart. From left to right are, Seated, Marcellus Gotell, Georgetown branch; Judge J.S. DesRoches, Montague branch; and A.H. Stewart, Georgetown branch; Standing, Mr. Douglas, Hurmon Martin, Roderick Martin, both of the Montague branch, J.W. Lavers of the Georgetown branch and Mr. Stewart.

Kennedy Requests Broad Powers To Slash Tariffs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy asked congress Thursday for unprecedented new tariff-cutting powers which he said are needed quickly to deal with Europe's emerging economic giant, the Common Market.

A major legislative battle is expected over Kennedy's plea, in a strongly worded special message, for five-year authority to:

1. Wipe out tariffs completely on many manufactured goods.

2. Slash all other duties up to 50 per cent.

3. Provide federal subsidies instead of tariff relief for U.S. businesses and workers hurt by imports.

In the House of Representatives, which acts first on tariff bills, Speaker John McCormack (Dem. Mass.) pledged Democratic leadership support and Chairman Wilbur Mills (Dem. Ark.) of the tariff - handling ways and means committee introduced the Kennedy legislation.

But John H. Dent (Dem. Pa.) voiced opposition to free trading with Europe where he said workers earn 85 cents an hour compared with Americans' $2.96.

Concern by individual congressmen over [illegible] of home-district industries foreshadowed opposition from within both parties for Kennedy proposals to water down existing safeguards.

Kennedy told the legislators they should act this year before the tide of European union sweeps past the United States.

He said the choice lies between his proposed "wholly new instrument" allowing a trade partnership with the Common Market and a growing split with non-communit allies.