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CHARLOTTETOWN CANADA, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1957

Union Leaders Guarded By Police In Murdochville

Gang Rumored Planning To Capture Officials Of USWA

MURDOCHVILLE, Que. (CP)—Provincial police took up posts outside the local hotel Tuesday "to stop a gang" from reaching three officials of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) in a room inside.

Police armed with nightsticks asked all persons with no specific business there to leave the hotel. They said they were warned that a gang planned to invade the hotel and capture Roger Bedard, USWA official who came here when the strike started five months ago; Theo Gagne, president of the USWA's Murdochville local and Bruno MacDonald, another official of the union.

One union officer from Montreal, Jean Gerin Lajoie, telephoned the Quebec attorney-general's department in Quebec City and told an official the union will hold the provincial government responsible "if anything happens to the men."

Mr. Lajoie said the official said he would get in touch with provincial police immediately.

It was the termination of Mr. Gagne's employment with Gagne Copper Mines Ltd., that brought about the strike after a long smouldering dispute. The USWA claimed he was fired for his union activities. The company said his job had ended and it had no other employment for him.

Earlier provincial police Sgt. Rene Marchand and Guy Buckley, local police chief, met with the union officials in their room at the hotel. Mr. Bedard said afterwards he was told he and other union men should leave for their own safety.

Lieut. Edward Boisjoly, in charge of a 120-man provincial police detachment here, said he had not heard of the reported threat.

Mayor Emile Duhamel, who ordered a curfew between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. following outbreaks of violence Monday, declined to comment on the union statement.

But a qualified municipal official who asked that his name be withheld said he had been told "trouble can be expected until the union officers have left town."

Mr. Bedard said he told Sgt. Marchand and Chief Buckley he will not leave Murdochville until "Gaspé Copper Mines signs a collective agreement with the USWA."

The atmosphere was taut Tuesday as non-striking employees returned to the company plant for work and a handful of strikers milled about the street.

SMASHED OFFICES

Late Monday the USWA offices were ransacked and pillaged by a wild gang of about 100 men shortly after some 450 labor representatives from throughout the province left the town after picketing the plant.

During the picketing the labor delegation, which had travelled to the area in 70 cars and three buses, was stoned by some 200 non-striking employees. Six of the union men were injured and three cars were returned in (Continued on page 11, col. 9)

Pleased With Causeway Talk

"I was very well pleased with the talk I had today with Hon. George Hees, Federal Minister of Transport, about the causeway proposal," Premier A. W. Matheson told the Guardian last evening. Although Mr. Hees made no definite commitment to build the causeway between Borden and Cape Jourdain, N. B., the premier said that he was pleased with the Minister's reaction to the proposal.

Premier Matheson showed Mr. Hees some of the samples of rock he has in his office. They were taken from the cores brought up by a diamond drill in the Bayfield area of New Brunswick this year. Actual distance is less than two miles from the New Brunswick end of the proposed causeway—Hon. Mr. Matheson feels that the causeway could be built within the estimate of \$50,000,000 which O.J. McCulloch, causeway engineer made several years ago.

Mr. McCulloch said at the time that it would require forty millions tons of fill. That was for a causeway with an eighty-foot top which would be twenty-five feet above low water, with a paved surface and a rail line. Mr. Matheson is also writing to Hon. Howard Green, Minister of Public Works, urging upon him the necessity of completing as speedily as possible the survey his department is making.

Although there never has been any official statement from Federal authorities indicating how high an expenditure could be made on the proposed causeway on a basis of economic feasibility, the Guardian has learned unofficially that some of the top Departmental economic advisors have suggested that an expenditure as high as \$70,000,000 could be accepted as economically feasible. That means that it would pay the government over a period of years to substitute a causeway for the present type of transportation. They based this estimate on a number of things. They included the annual operating deficits on the car ferries, depreciation on boats, docks and other installations and on a number of other things.

The operating deficit for the past year was estimated at more than \$1,800,000. And this did not allow for depreciation.

When Premier Matheson spoke on the project in the legislature he suggested that by the time the causeway is built there might well be a quarter of a million cars crossing on it a year.

LAA Reg't First Canadian Army Unit To Get Missiles

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Minister G. R. Peakes announced Tuesday that the 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment will be the first Canadian Army unit to be equipped with guided missiles.

He said the regiment, with headquarters and two batteries at Picton, Ont., and one battery at Work Point, Esquimalt, B.C., will be reorganized before being equipped with missiles.

The regiment likely would be equipped with ground-to-air guided missiles of a type similar to the anti-aircraft Nike Ajax system of the United States Army.

However, it is understood here that Canada is not satisfied with the performance of this particular missile. The one eventually selected likely would be a development of the Nike.

"It is the intention, as soon as suitable modern anti-aircraft weapons become available, to re-equip the light anti-aircraft regiment to meet any immediate requirements of the regular army," Mr. Peakes said.

NO DECISION

"It is intended that units of this regiment should be equipped eventually with missiles. No decision has yet been taken regarding the type of missile system that will be adopted."

Earlier Tuesday a defence department spokesman said Canadian Army chiefs are aware of Britain's development of a ground-to-air guided missile known as the Bloodhound. He said officers have been sent to Britain to watch its performance but there are no plans for Canada to adopt it.

Since 1952 a total of 72 officers and 150 men of the artillery, ordnance corps, army service corps and electrical and mechanical engineers have received special training on ground-to-air and surface-to-surface guided missiles or rockets at various U.S. Army schools.

The navy also says that 10 of its officers have received or are receiving advanced training on guided weapons in the U.S. and Britain. The air force has declined to say how many of its airmen have received similar training.

The defence department has on order the U.S. Navy Sparrow air-to-air missile for use in the CF-100 jet interceptor or the personal CF-105, still in the development stage.

Mr. Hees Told Ch'town Wants Increased Airport Facilities

The urgent need for a 7,000 foot runway to accommodate four engine planes was brought to the attention of Hon. George Hees, Minister of Transport during his visit to the island yesterday.

Mr. Hees, accompanied by assistant deputy minister, C. S. Booth; private secretary, Jack Hess; executive assistant, Mel Jack and chief of navigational aids, W.J. Manning, arrived at the Charlottetown Airport, yesterday morning at 9:00 o'clock. He was met at the airport by local M.P.'s and M.L.A.'s and immediately started on an inspection trip of Departmental establishments in Charlottetown.

Although Mr. Hees was definite at the outset of his inspection trip that he was here for familiarization purposes only, the Minister later stated that he looked with favour on the possibility of providing Charlottetown with a 7,000 foot runway.

He explained that it would be a matter of getting the item in the estimates as soon as possible and promised that he would do his best to see that the airport facilities of the City were brought up to standard.

Mayor J. David Stewart, who has been pressing for extension of the Charlottetown airport facilities for some time, stressed to the Minister the fact that Prince Edward Island is the only province that does not have a Department of Transport airport with a 7,000 foot runway.

His Worship told Mr. Hees that the present situation was a drawback to Maritime Central Airways who would in all probability service many of their four engine planes in Charlottetown if they could land here.

The fact that Gander Airport in the Spring of the year is often fogbound would put Charlottetown in a very favourable position as a stopover for Trans-Atlantic planes and at the same time be a great boon to the Charlottetown hotel which at that season has many vacant rooms.

This along with many other advantages were stressed to Mr. Hees by Mayor Stewart who went on to point out that with the tremendous development taking place at Ungava, the Island is in the natural position of supplying much of the produce needed in the Ungava area. The Mayor told the Minister of Transport that none of these things could become a reality unless the airport had a 7,000 foot runway.

At a noon luncheon Mr. Hees met with and discussed problems pertaining to his Department as they applied to the local situation.

Sets Record In Outer Space

CROSBY, Minn. (AP)—A U.S. Air Force doctor - pilot landed safely late Tuesday near Ellendale, N.S., after probing outer space for a record 32 hours in the gondola of a huge plastic balloon.

Observers said Dr. David Simons brought the aluminum gondola to earth safely on a bluff overlooking Elm Lake at 6:28 p.m. ADT.

Ground and air parties, including helicopters, were en route to the scene of the landing, delayed many hours because of brisk ground winds.

Simons took off from a mine pit here at 10:30 a.m. ADT Monday and reached an estimated record altitude of 102,600 feet.

Col. John T. Stapp, in Fargo, N.D., explained that a 70-knot wind at 40,000 feet made it necessary to delay the descent and that Simons also had been waiting out a line of squalls.

He reported that Simons had advised by radio that he was comfortable, though the temperature in his tiny, instrument-filled gondola dropped to 37 degrees at one time.

Simons top altitude, as reported to headquarters in Minneapolis, was 6,000 feet higher than the record set in June when Capt. Joseph Kittinger rose 96,000 feet testing the equipment that Simons is using. Other unconfirmed reports were that Simons had reached 118,000 feet.

Strike Delaying Ferry Settled

PICTOU, N.S. (CO)—The strike of 375 workers at Ferguson Industries Ltd. here was settled late Tuesday.

Thirty-six electrical workers, reported dissatisfied with their former refusal to return to their jobs Monday afternoon. The rest of the plant walked off in sympathy Tuesday morning after working one hour.

No details were released on settlement of the strike mediated by J.P. Bell of the Provincial Labor Department.

The strike had tied up work on the \$2,000,000 ferry Lord Selkirk being constructed for the Northumberland Strait run between Wood Islands P.E.I. and Cariboo, N.S.

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GREET TRANSPORT MINISTER

On hand to greet Hon. George Hees when he arrived yesterday to inspect Transport Department establishments on the island were a group of federal, Provincial and municipal politicians who discussed with the Minister matters relating to the Province. Left to right are, Frank Myers, M.L.A. (First Queen's); John A. MacDonald, M.P. (Kings); Heath Macquarrie, M.P. (Queens); J. David Stewart, Mayor of Charlottetown; Dr. Orville Phillips, R.R. Bell Q.C. Leader of the Provincial Opposition; Mr. Hees;

Russia Says U. S. Has Noose For Arab Neck

MOSCOW (Reuters)—Russia Tuesday charged the United States with using the "Dulles-Eisenhower doctrine" to try to put the colonial noose around the neck of the Arab people.

The charge came in a statement on events in the Arab Persian Gulf territory of Oman issued by Soviet foreign ministry spokesman Leonid Ilyichev at a press conference.

British forces aided the sultan of Muscat and Oman to put down a rebellion led by the Imam of Oman, a religious leader.

The Soviet statement accused Britain of using "inhuman" methods in the Oman fighting and urged the United Nations to stop "intervention of the colonizers" in the Arab territory.

The statement said the "attitude of the United States in the Dulles-Eisenhower doctrine, with the help of which the United States is trying to put the colonial noose on the neck of the Arab people."

"Implementing that policy, the United States organized a reactionary coup d'etat in Jordan, anti-government conspiracies in Syria and Egypt, and provocations against Arab countries by the extremist circles of Israel."

An official source said here the representative has been instructed to make clear "the serious results which will prejudice peace in the Middle East if such plots continue."

Britain Will Defend Bomber Bases Only

LONDON (Reuters)—Defence Minister Duncan Sandys Tuesday followed the line of established British policy when he said Britain would defend only her bomber bases in a nuclear war, a British defence ministry spokesman said.

Speaking in Canberra, Sandys said Britain had decided "not to defend the whole country but to defend only our bomber bases."

A government policy statement in April said it must be "frankly recognized that there is at present no means of providing adequate protection for the people of this country against the consequences of an attack with nuclear weapons."

The policy statement added that though fighter planes might be able to take a heavy toll of enemy bombers in a nuclear war, some bombers would inevitably get through.

"Even if it were only a dozen, they could with megaton bombs inflict widespread devastation."

The statement said that this made it more than ever clear that the overriding consideration in all military planning must be to prevent war rather than to prepare for it.

Sandys, who is conferring with Australian officials on the intermeshing of Commonwealth defence, said Britain is working on more advanced weapons than those produced by the United States.

HARDLY THE RIGHT METHOD

PORTSMOUTH, England (Reuters)—Being straight out of prison Alan Haines decided he needed more than the £20 (\$56) in his pocket.

Magistrates were told Monday that Haines, 24, used £20 as a deposit on a 257 motor-cycle as deposit on a £150-bigger motorcycle then used that one to "buy" a better motorcycle for £244.

Then he turned from two wheels to four and "bought" a £475 (\$1,330) automobile with his motorcycle as a deposit. Finally, Haines traded in the car for a new one worth £700 and received £25 in cash as well.

He was committed for sentence on four charges of stealing vehicles and three of false pretences.

WOOL PRODUCT DOWN

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian production of wool declined in all provinces except Newfoundland in 1957. Total drop was two per cent to 6,050,000 pounds from 6,165,000 last year, the bureau of statistics said Tuesday. The drop was attributed to fewer sheep sheep shorn this spring and lighter average fleece weight.



THESE POINTS of impact brought death to the driver of the 1954 convertible (shown left) crashed against the foot of a telephone pole on the St. Peter's Highway about four miles East of the city limits. The post at right, which is about 300 feet west of the telephone pole, shows distinctly the striking place of the timber being carried in the vehicle which initiated the series of mishaps that caused the death of Leith Chappell, 51-year-old native of Stanhope.

New Scallop Beds Reported In Gulf Area

New possibilities for Canadian scallop draggers off the Atlantic coast have been opened up by the discovery of two previously unknown scallop beds, reports the Fisheries Council of Canada bulletin. The new beds are on the southern part of St. Pierre Bank east of Cape Breton and south of the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

They were located in July by scientists of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, who have been directing exploratory fishing on a vessel chartered by the Industrial Development Service of the Federal Department of Fisheries. The beds are described as small but promising, and are in from 24 to 26 fathoms of water. The larger of the two is about 12 square miles in extent, the smaller about four square miles. Commercially profitable catches of good-sized scallops, with large, firm meats, have been made.

Although the new beds are smaller than those found by Research Board scientists on the northern part of St. Pierre Bank in 1954, the concentration of scallops is as high as has been found anywhere, holding promise of good fishing immediately.

Dr. George Dewar In Race For P. C. Leadership; Report Mayor Stewart Will Not Run

Dr. L. George Dewar, member of the Provincial Legislature for the Second District of Prince, last night told a meeting at O'Leary that he would be a candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative party in this Province. He was speaking at the annual meeting of the Progressive Conservative Association for Second Prince.

At the same meeting Dr. O.H. Phillips, member of the House of Commons for Prince, said that he had been asked by Mayor J.D. Stewart of Charlottetown to announce that he would not be in the running for the Conservative leadership.

A party convention is scheduled to be held next month. Following is the statement by Dr. Dewar:

"I have decided, not for personal ambition but for the good (Continued on page 11, col. 4)

Former U. S. Stock Broker Denies He Was Russian Spy

PRAGUE (Reuters)—American stock broker Alfred Stern says he and his wife renounced their United States citizenship for Paraguayan nationality two months ago to avoid being deported from Mexico to the United States.

The couple arrived in Prague July 21 via Montreal from Mexico, which they left the day before.

In a statement to reporters, Stern dismissed as "fantastic" allegations that he and his wife were Russian agents. His wife is the former Martha Dodd, daughter of the late William E. Dodd, U.S. ambassador to Germany from 1933 to 1938.

Stern said such charges, made before the House of Representatives in an American anti-communist committee by movie producer Boris Morros, were aimed at "furthering the spy hysteria in the United States."

In his statement, Stern said he was briefly associated with Morros in 1944 in a small music publishing company.

"I have not seen Morros since 1945—12 years ago."

Stern said he and his wife and son renounced their American citizenship because the U.S. "wields great influence in Mexico and can even handicap the free travel of citizens there."

Stern said Morros, accusations were lies and Morros a publicity seeker.

"We believe that this character is fuelling the spy hysteria in the United States so that war budgets can be passed, disarmament full to existence deferred.

The United States ambassador in Prague, Alexis Johnson, said no action against the Sterns is contemplated.

If the Sterns have Paraguayan passports, as they claimed, "there is nothing in any case we could do."

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