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WEATHER
Clearing by evening; winds northerly 20, gusts to 48, light in afternoon. Low-high 16 and 25. Saturday: cloudy.

Pension Predicament Seen For Government

Stormy Session Is Held Of Prudential Creditors

TORONTO (CP)—In a stormy session that brought frequent curses and even a cry for a lynching, creditors of Prudential Finance Corp. Ltd. had their first meeting Thursday and learned that their position shapes up as even worse than had been expected.

J. L. Biddell, president of Clarkson Co. Ltd., trustee for the company placed in bankruptcy Dec. 5, told creditors that losses now known stand at $17,000,000 — and more will come.

Warning that it will take many more weeks to sort out details, Mr. Biddell said losses will run between $19,000,000 and $20,000,000. When Prudential Finance was first reported in trouble a month ago, it showed a book value of $25,000,000.

The meeting, attended by about 800 of the 8,500 noteholders in Canada, heard expressions like "bloodsuckers," "good - for - nothing gangsters," "corrupters" and "four-flushers."

When one speaker—who identified himself only as a Mr. Davis — called for a lynching, many applauded.

There were repeated demands that the federal or provincial governments—or both—bail out the creditors.

Resolutions were passed calling for the presence at the next creditors' meeting of Premier John Robarts and Attorney-General Arthur Wishart of Ontario and C. C. Carrothers, London, Ont., lawyer who was a Prudential Finance director and is a partner in the law firm to which Mr. Robarts belonged.

DEBATE WILD

When a debate started on appointing trustees for the bankrupt company, a woman at the back of the orchestra seats in the Royal Alexandra Theatre where the meeting was held yelled:

"What the hell good are trustees?"

Another woman who asked whether lawyers are honest and answered herself with a shouted "No!" also got loud applause.

One speaker, Spurge C. Near of Toronto, who reported losing $10,000 in what he called the fiasco, said some important and honorable names were being smeared, and creditors were blaming the government for their own investment failures.

He was shouted down and finally gave up trying to speak.

It took 90 minutes to pass the first resolution — confirming Clarkson Co. as trustee—and 3½ hours had elapsed when Mr. Biddell finally adjourned the meeting.

Missing from the theatre was Joseph Benoit Brien, 51-year-old president of Prudential Finance who faces six charges in connection with the investigation of the matter conducted by the Ontario Securities Commission.

The charges include theft and forgery.

Mr. Biddell said Brien's lawyers had explained he was ill and unable to attend.

Mr. Biddell gave this outline of Prudential Finance's situation:

In the period since 1962 when Brien took control, the company's books show an operating loss of $900,000. Clarkson's investigation had indicated an operating loss — aside from losses on subsidiaries—of about $11,000,000.

HEADS INQUIRY

Mr. Justice C. Rhodes Smith of the Manitoba Appeal Court has been appointed to conduct a federal government inquiry into the West Coast ports tie-up. (CP) Wirephoto)

Plans By Que. Pose Problems

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Diefenbaker told the Liberal government Thursday it is in "a frightful predicament" because of Quebec's announced intention to take over old age pensions in the province.

Until the government declares what it will do if Quebec passes pension legislation, the Commons should withhold its approval of the government's guaranteed income for needy old folk, the Conservative leader said.

He spoke as the Commons resumed debate on clause - by-clause study of the government measure under which old age pensioners will receive up to $30 more a month in addition to their regular $75 pension.

Mr. Diefenbaker said there is no doubt that the British North America Act gives provinces the right to the old age pension field.

If Quebec pursued this right, would Ottawa provide a subsidy to cover its old age pension?

ACTED HASTILY

He said the federal government had acted hastily to bring in its guaranteed income plan after Quebec announced its plan to have its own pension plan.

Gerald Baldwin (PC — Peace River) also posed the constitutional issue. He said the BNA Act declares that federal pension legislation must not interfere with any existing or future provincial act.

Mr. Baldwin suggested the matter be referred to the Supreme Court of Canada for an opinion.

Robert Simpson (PC—Churchill) said the federal government will set a poor example if it withdraws some of its assistance to Indians who will receive the extra $30.

Mr. MacEachen said he had conferred with Indian Affairs Minister Laing and was satisfied Indians would be "better off" under the plan.

Mr. Simpson replied that MPs now are concerned with provincial welfare payments will be cut off to old age pensioners who receive the increase.

GIVES ASSURANCE

If Mr. MacEachen couldn't assure the Commons that the federal government would not cut off supplementary payments, what hope was there that the provinces would not follow suit?

Creditiste Leader Caouette said it was clear that the BNA Act gives the provinces jurisdiction to legislate on pensions. However, the provinces had neglected to act in the field and the federal government properly stepped in.

Martial Asselin (PC—Charlevoix) asked Mr. MacEachen to give a clear answer on how the federal government views the jurisdictional question. There was a possibility of double taxation for Quebec residents if both governments enacted pension legislation.

UN Decides To Retain Cyprus Force

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — The Security Council decided unanimously Thursday night to keep the UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus for at least another six months, until June 26, 1967.

The 15-member council accepted the request of Secretary-General U Thant, who said withdrawal of the force this month would almost certainly have resulted in a war between the Greek-and Turkish-Cypriots.

The UN force, sent to Cyprus in March, 1964, includes Canadian troops. Until the council acted Thursday, its mandate was to have expired Dec. 28.

Ottawa At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

THURSDAY, Dec. 15

Revenue Minister Benson reported progress in negotiations to settle a threatened air traffic controllers strike without government intervention.

Mr. Justice C. Rhodes Smith of the Manitoba Appeal Court was named to head an inquiry into the West Coast ports tieup that ended last week.

Solicitor - General Pennell said a decision on possible extradition of Hal Banks from the U.S. has been turned over to the Ottawa Crown attorney.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said the government is in a "frightful predicament" over a jurisdiction conflict on pensions with Quebec.

A Senate finance committee hearing on the CBC heard senators condemn the program Sunday for showing immoral and obscene films.

FRIDAY, Dec. 16

The Commons meets at 11 a.m. to debate supplementary old age pensions, transport legislation and possible emergency legislation to block the scheduled air traffic controllers' strike. The Senate meets at 3 p.m.

R. H. Bailey Dies At 80

EDMONTON (CP) — Robert H. Bailey, 80, a founder of the Dairy Farmers Association of Canada, died in hospital Wednesday following a stroke.

Mr. Bailey was made a member of the Order of the British Empire in 1946 for his contributions to Canadian agriculture and was at one time recognized as owner of the largest dairy farm in Alberta.

A native of Orangeville, Ont., he moved to Edmonton in 1908, farmed in two rural areas of Alberta and was first president of the Alberta Dairy Producers Association between 1934 and 1953.

Skinner's Pond To Have Pasture

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — An ARDA pilot project has led the way for the development of an 800-acre tract of land at Skinner's Pond as a community pasture, Federal Forestry Minister Maurice Sauve announced here Thursday.

Mr. Sauve and P.E.I. Agriculture Minister Daniel J. MacDonald said that the success of the pilot project had prompted the farmers in the Skinner's Pond area to seek ARDA support in providing similar facilities for their use.

The estimated cost of the pasture development is $80,000 and will be shared equally by the federal and provincial governments. The project will enable the farmers to enlarge their herds to viable units.

For a number of years the farmers have been engaged in a farming-fishing operation with relatively small land holdings. Today, many of the farmer-fishermen are turning to farming exclusively but they have found that their land is not sufficient to support more than enough feed for a basic herd, leaving no pasture for growing and finishing of beef cattle.

The farmers who comprise the Skinner's Pond Pasture Co-operative are firmly convinced that the pasture to be established under the program will contribute significantly to P.E.I.'s livestock industry.

Unbelievable Things Claimed In Book On Kennedy's Death

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Bennett Cerf, publisher and television personality, was quoted Thursday as saying he read an unedited manuscript of a controversial book on the death of President John F. Kennedy and that it described some "unbelievable things that happened after the assassination."

The Yale Daily News, the student newspaper, says Cerf told a banquet audience at Yale's Pierson College Wednesday night that the unedited manuscript of William Manchester's Death of a President described an incident involving the presidential plane at Love Airfield in Texas after the assassination.

The student newspaper quotes Cerf, chairman of the board of Random House, as saying the manuscript depicted the Kennedy people as stunned, remaining at the hospital, while Lyndon Johnson and a small entourage went to Love Airfield, where both the presidential and vice-presidential planes were parked.

The student newspaper's account of Cerf's remarks continues:

"The airplanes were identical in construction and furnishing, he (Cerf) said, except that the presidential plane carried a 'football,' a bag containing all the crucial information about what was to be done in case of nuclear attack.

"According to Mr. Cerf's narration of Manchester's book, the Johnson party reached the airfield first, and, knowing that President Kennedy was dead, boarded the presidential jet. When the Kennedys returned to the airport with the coffin and discovered that the presidential plane was already occupied, they were shocked and infuriated, said Mr. Cerf."

The student newspaper says Cerf described another incident in the unedited manuscript of the book—that President Johnson claims he telephoned Attorney - General Robert Kennedy from Texas shortly after the assassination, asking for advice on whether or not he should be sworn in as president in Dallas or in Washington.

Cerf was quoted as saying that Kennedy now denies he received such a call.

Cerf, reached in New York, confirmed that he had made the remarks, but said, "I was under the impression I was talking off the record." He said he considered it a "wonderful book" and believes that it will influence history.

Fragments From Shells May Damage Hanoi

SAIGON (AP)—U.S. military men speculated Thursday night that deadly shards from defence anti-aircraft fire are inflicting damage on Hanoi that the Communists blame on American bombers.

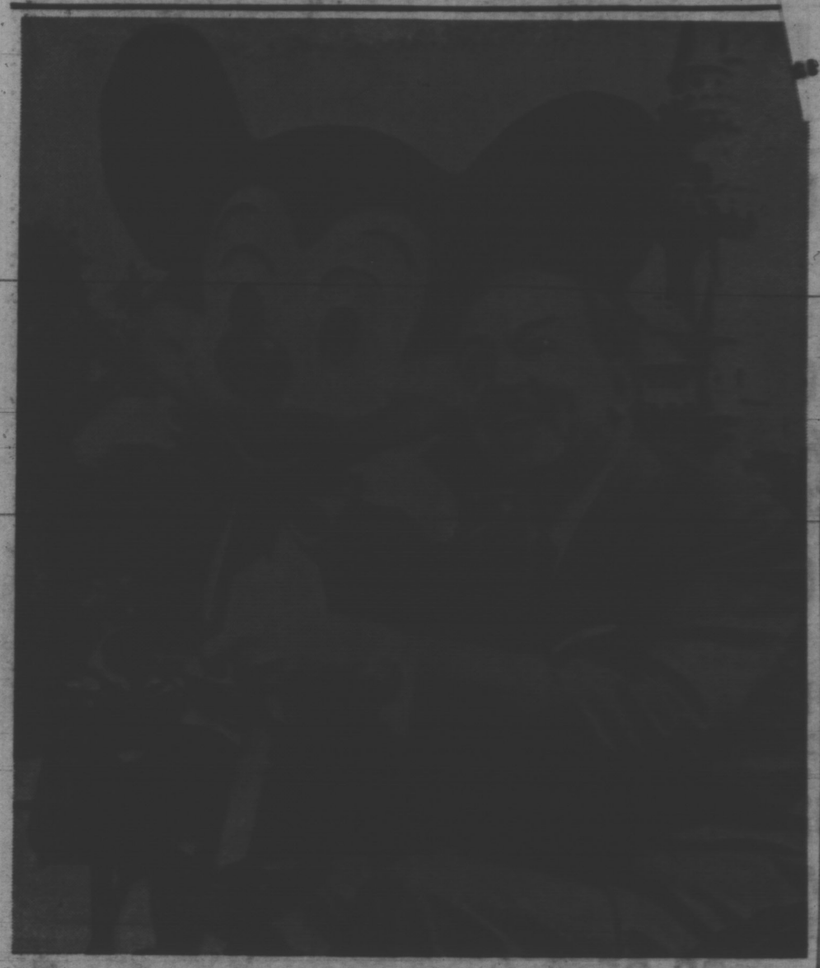
But most qualified American officials are extremely reluctant to discuss the situation within Hanoi. There has been no flat denial in either Saigon or Washington that some bombs may have struck residential areas within what, by some definitions, might be called the city limits. The emphasis is that the targets are military.

Thousands of metal fragments spray from the sky as enemy gunners and missile men blast at American planes, raising the possibility the North Vietnamese capital may be a victim of its own defences.

"It probably has happened," a top American source said. "We have been very precise with our bombings and, from all we can determine, we didn't do the damage. But we don't know. We are looking into this thing very closely to sort it out. Hopefully we can in time. It could be this week, it could be next month. An investigation of this type is a real hairy thing."

JAYCEES PRESENT SENATORSHIPS

The Charlottetown Junior Chamber of Commerce presented International Senatorships to two of its past presidents last night. From the LEFT are: Jack Morris, past president presenting the Senator pins to George Scantlebury and Walt Wheeler. Prior to last night's presentation Mr. Morris was the only Senator on the Island. Tom Davis, Jr., is the Provincial president and Alan MacLeod is the Charlottetown president. (See story on page 2.)



WALT DISNEY and "Mickey Mouse" ride a fire engine in Disney's wonderful land of fantasy and dreams — Disneyland. The versatile creator of laughter and more serious entertainment died Thursday in St. Joseph Hospital, Burbank, Calif., at 65. His studio attributed his death to acute circulatory collapse. His left lung was partially removed last November. (AP Wirephoto)

BUILT EMPIRE ON MOUSE

Walt Disney's Charm, Genius Stilled By Death At Age 65

BURBANK, Calif. (CP)—Walt Disney, who built an entertainment empire based on a mouse named Mickey and won a reputation as the movies' most versatile creator, died Thursday. He was 65.

His studio in making the announcement declined to give the cause of death but Disney underwent surgery last month for removal of part of his left lung, after a lesion was found. The founder of Disneyland and producer of more than 600 films ranging from the animated cartoon Snow White to the lavish color musical Mary Poppins died at St. Joseph Hospital.

He is survived by his widow, Lillian, and two married daughters.

Disney was entertainment's most successful practitioner. He made a meagre start as an artist with an idea for a comedy cartoon featuring Mickey Mouse—and saw the lively rodent become a worldwide institution.

PIONEERED CARTOONS

He pioneered feature - length color cartoons, popularized nature films, expanded into adventure, comedy and musical films. He became a mainstay of television. The fabulous success of his huge amusement park, Disneyland, set the pattern for others elsewhere.

Success and honors piled up in profusion for the creator-tycoon.

From organizations and governments around the world he received honors including 31 of the Motion Picture Academy's Oscars.

A leading French magazine proposed Disney for the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize. President Lyndon B. Johnson gave him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the U.S. government's highest decoration for a civilian.

In an industry sometimes seemingly obsessed with sex and brutality, Disney thrived with simple tales about animals, children and cartoon characters.

ALL AGES KNEW HIM

The titles of his cartoons and their characters evoked fond memories for more than a generation of Disney fans — The Three Little Pigs, Donald Duck, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Fantasia, Peter Pan, The Lady and the Tramp.

Aspects of the Disney empire included:

—Some 80 feature films since Walt and his brother Roy opened their cartoon studio in 1923. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, who bore names such as Happy, Grumpy, Sneezy and Dopey, was the first animated feature film; an immediate success, it has been released repeatedly. The rollicking Mary Poppins brought Julie Andrews to the screen as a gravity-defying governess and tunefully gave the language a new word — supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.

..—By 1966, more than 1,900 episodes of television programs had been produced in the Disney studio, including the weekly Wonderful World of Color, with grandfatherly Walt as host.

—Disneyland, the 160 - acre, $17,000,000 amusement park at suburban Anaheim that became a must-see item for every tourist visiting Southern California.

DEMANDING MAN

Disney was a man of medium size, with graying brown hair. Impatient with himself or co-workers who failed to deliver.

Walter Elias Disney was born Dec. 5, 1901, in Chicago, of Irish-German descent.

The family moved to Kansas City, and Walt carried papers, earned haircuts by drawing sketches for a barber who displayed them in the window, drew illustrations for the high school paper and took his first motion pictures. Nights, he studied cartooning.

During the First World War he drove a Red Cross ambulance in France for a year.

Returning at 18, he became an apprentice artist for a Kansas City advertising company. Later he opened his own commercial art studio but soon took a $35-a-week job as cartoonist for a Kansas City firm that made still-picture slides for projection on theatre screens.

With an old movie camera he experimented with animated films. Several young cartoonists joined him at his garage studio in the animation of fairy tales, starting with Little Red Riding Hood.

Senators Blast TV Head Over Programs About Sex

By RONALD LEBEL

OTTAWA (CP) — Television programs about sex sparked a spirited debate Thursday between CBC President Alphonse Ouimet and the Senate finance committee.

Indignant senators accused the new CBC program Sunday of invading Canadian homes with immoral, obscene and dangerous films and panel discussions.

For three hours, they bombarded Mr. Ouimet with barbed questions. They suggested that Sunday producers be disciplined and that CBC programming be controlled more tightly by management.

The CBC president defended Sunday and said it would be impractical to have internal censorship of TV programs. "There has always been a consensus in Canada that broadcasting should be free and uncensored."

He repeated his earlier statement that a seven-minute British film shown on Sunday Nov. 27 was a mistake and that it should have been cut. But the program had generally improved and more time was needed to pass a final judgment.

The Nov. 27 film clip, showing an unmarried couple in bed, was bitterly denounced in the Senate and Commons and led to the Senate committee hearing Thursday. A total of 28 senators attended.

Senator Josie Quart (PC—Quebec) called the Sunday series "a diabolical scheme to tear down the sanctity of marriage. Discussions about free love on the program encouraged teen - agers to "revolt against their parents."

"What is the purpose of your sex programs" asked Senator Harry Hayes, former agriculture minister. "What are you trying to do? You can have the complete breakdown of marriage if that is your purpose."

Mr. Ouimet replied that Sunday informs the public about rapid changes in manners and tastes. Half the population was under the age of 25 and teenagers generally were "much more permissive and tolerant in matters of morals and standards than the older half."

"We served a purpose in opening the eyes of people who don't know this is going on."

SAID UNFIT FOR TV

Senator Grattan O'Leary (PC—Ontario) said Sunday's cost of $50,000 per program for 26 weeks is extravagant. Some subjects were not fit for television treatment.

Senator Louis-Philippe Beauchesne (PC — Quebec) suggested that Sunday producer Daryl Duke and his aides be called before the committee to explain their objectives. He said the program has "a flavor of perversion."

Mr. Ouimet replied with heat that it would be "deplorable" if individual producers were hailed before parliamentary committees.

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50 OUTHOUSES DUE TO BURN

BOWSMAN, Man. (CP)—There'll be a hot time in Bowsman New Year's Eve.

A spanking new water and sewage system was completed last week and the townspeople plan a monumental bonfire fuelled by more than 50 outhouses that have outlived their usefulness.

About 100 homes have been hooked up to the new system in this farming and lumbering town about 120 miles northwest of Dauphin.

Exercise Concluded

HALIFAX (CP)—More than 1,000 Canadian forces personnel headed back to their bases Thursday as exercise Web Foot, a joint army, air force and navy operation, ended in southern Nova Scotia.

The exercise was held in cold, wet weather in the Blandford area, about 30 miles southwest of here.

An armed forces spokesman said the exercise, designed to practice joint planning at all levels of the services, went off smoothly despite bad weather.