



WILL BE AT DOE LAKE

Miss Patricia L. Brady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Brady, 1408 Laperriere Avenue, Queensbury Park, Ottawa, is seen being congratulated by Guiding Captain Gertrude Veit who awarded Patsy the Gold Chord, highest honour in Guiding.

British Press Is Pessimistic Over Outlook In Middle East

LONDON (CP) — Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai Desert has done little to dispel the pessimism with which the British press has viewed the Middle East ever since the British-French-Israeli invasion of Egypt.

Commentators of all political persuasions agree that immediate tensions have been eased by the departure of Israeli forces from Egyptian territory. But there are few expressions of hope for a solution of the basic difficulties that led to the Suez crisis.

The feeling that nothing essential has changed since last October is reflected in many editorial columns.

Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express, whose only complaint against the Suez invasion is that the British and French governments "lacked the nerve" to carry it through, says the only change in the Middle East is "that the forces which could have im-

Canada To Get New Plane First

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Production Minister Howe said Monday the Canadian government will receive the prototype of a new army transport plane, the Caribou, before the De Havilland Aircraft Company begins to fill a United States order for the aircraft.

He said in the Commons that the government entered a tentative agreement with the company whereby the government advanced \$2,500,000 some six weeks ago to help develop the plane. The terms of the agreement called for delivery of the prototype to the government.

Mr. Howe was replying to a question by Maj.-Gen. G. R. Peakes, VC (PC — Esquimalt-Saanich).

The U.S. Army has already placed an order for a small number of Caribou aircraft. Mr. Howe indicated that a contract is being prepared for a Canadian production order for the plane.



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Montreal's "Reform" Mayor Now Battles Slum Clearance

By ARCH MACKENZIE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

MONTREAL (CP) — Dapper Jean Drapeau, small, energetic lawyer, was the toast of Canada's largest city in 1954 when he received a record mandate as mayor on an anti-vice ticket.

Today, because of a slum-clearance controversy, he is battling his own city council and provincial government opposition amid overtones of political rivalries.

His uncompromising opposition to the \$13,750,000 slum-clearance low-rental-housing plan has been countered by a "second executive," created by the combined action of Premier Duplessis' Union Nationale government and the 99-man city council to execute the plan.

SEEKS "LOOPHOLE"

Mayor Drapeau says he will continue stalling tactics, probing for some "loophole" that will give his administration the opportunity to receive a public verdict in municipal elections next October.

Meanwhile, this is the city picture at the moment in the biggest, most-publicized issue since the expose of vice and police corruption several years ago.

Mayor Drapeau, 41, says he will decide in July whether to seek reelection.

Retired predecessor Camilien Houde, 67, friend of Premier Duplessis, has injected civic spice by hinting he may run again. He says he has never been so popular and Mr. Drapeau comments that Mr. Houde "may be under great pressure to run."

A few of the mayor's Civic Action League followers, elected in 1954, are reported wavering. Most of the press and a vocal section of the public decry his stand against the slum-clearance plan of Paul Dozois, now municipal affairs minister, who headed the planning committee as an appointed Montreal councillor.

DELAYING TACTICS

In opposition begun last April, the mayor has exercised a bare majority on the seven-man executive committee to stymie the

council as long as possible. He has also staged a council walk-out, refused to sign minutes and invoked other procedural delays.

He has called for immediate elections and launched a series of public and television addresses ventilating his views.

The Duplessis government broke the executive committee road-block by acting on a petition from a majority of councillors, 33 of them appointed by public bodies. Legislation authorized a six-man Municipal Sanitary Housing Bureau.

When Mayor Drapeau hinted at taking his fight through the courts the Duplessis government banned court proceedings against the Dozois project.

In heated legislature debate, Liberal member J. -Emilien Lafrance was expelled for criticizing intervention by the Quebec government. Mayor Drapeau accused the province of applying a "dictatorship" and a "reign of terror."

SLUM-CLEARANCE PLAN

The fly fouling Montreal's ointment of civic accord is a plan involving federal, provincial and city financing to clear 19 acres of east-side tenements. About 800 families would be housed in new multiple-dwelling units.

Plan proponents estimate the city's net costs would be "about \$1,800,000."

Mayor Drapeau says the plan involves a site unsuitable for dwellings, a bad style of houses and hazardous financing arrangements for the city.

In his view, it would offer no guidepost to a "genuine" slum-clearance plan because of the site's "peculiar nature" in a predominantly-commercial area.

He promises a more comprehensive alternate plan by April.

The province, the federal government and the city council have approved the Dozois plan. So have most newspapers and 55 organizations representing religious, labor, professional and other interests.

The mayor has accused newspapers of publishing "half-truths"

and opposing councillors of being afraid to buck the newspapers.

To some observers, the Dozois dispute is Premier Duplessis' crackdown on a man he regards as a potential political foe. Nor, they say, is Mr. Drapeau likely to remain long in municipal affairs if a provincial opportunity arises.

The mayor denies that he now entertains ambitions other than civic ones, but he does not rule out the possibility that some day he may change his mind.

The mayor made his name as a legal aide in the recent civic anti-vice drive. He was an unsuccessful federal by-election candidate in Montreal in 1942, campaigning as an anti-conscriptionist. In 1944, candidate for the now-defunct Bloc Populaire, he was defeated in a provincial riding.

Today, he is considerably better known inside and outside the province. He speaks intensively within the city on his Dozois plan stand.

Weekly, he speaks over a privately-owned television station in Sherbrooke because, he says, CBC regulations deny him a Montreal outlet.

Duties permitting, he is to embark March 17 on an eight-city western tour speaking about national unity and related topics.

Throughout, the mayor has been supported by executive committee chairman Pierre DesMarais, leader of the Civic Action League which sponsored Mr. Drapeau as mayor and placed 26 councillors in office.

At the moment it is difficult to see what support Mr. Drapeau and the league enjoy—he claims mail and other signs indicate "70 to 80 per cent"—but as an unheralded 1954 candidate he routed eight opponents, all of whom lost their deposits in a ballot of 52 per cent—a Montreal record.

He Pays The Bills For UNEF Also Pays Canadian Troops

By JACK BRAYLEY
EL BALLAH (CP)—The biggest spender among the Canadians in Egypt is Maj. Cecil Todd of Ottawa and Winnipeg, who shells out some \$700,000 a month in his dual capacity as military finance chief of the United Nations Emergency Force and field cashier for the Canadian contingent.

The temporary walled-off space in the schoolhouse here which was UNEF headquarters contains two safes, one on top of the other. The top one contains Canadian money, the bottom one UNEF.

"All I have to do to avoid confusion is to keep one locked while I'm working on the other," says the major.

PASTRY PAY

He spends about \$100,000 weekly paying UNEF bills and hands out another \$100,000 in special allowances to the Canadian troops every 10 days. This is in lieu of UNEF free issue of comforts like beer and cigarettes and each soldier gets three Egyptian pounds — roughly \$9—every 10 days. It is based on a daily rate of 30 piastres and the Canadians call it "pastry day."

During the UNEF's formative period the major played a large part in devising and advising on practical control procedures covering local procurement, property and supply issues and organization of post exchanges and canteens. He looked after the contingents of several countries because some arrived in such hurry they had no time to make proper financial provisions.

His big problem as a key financier of the UNEF is to keep cost down and still work on the basis that everything, including the position in his own office, is temporary.

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