

All Parties Are Critical Of Royal Commissions

Attacks Are Led By Diefenbaker



IN HANOI

Special Canadian envoy Chester Ronning now in Hanoi, North Viet Nam, on his second mission there since March for the Canadian government, officials said Friday. They said he is carrying on the exchange of views begun in March.

OTTAWA (CP)—Royal commissions came under fire from all parties in the Commons Friday.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker, who likely will figure prominently in the forthcoming report on the attacks with sweeping criticism of royal commissions and Gerda-type inquiries.

There were too many inquiries, too many judges were involved, commissions with no political overtones were a threat to democracy and the rules of procedure were too loose.

He said judges no longer should be appointed to head inquiries into matters of political controversy, especially judges of the Supreme Court of Canada.

This was an obvious reference to Mr. Justice Spence of the Supreme Court, who has been bitterly criticized by Conservatives for his handling of the Munsinger inquiry.

"We dare not," said Mr. Diefenbaker, "if democracy is to be preserved, allow for the setting up of royal commissions having essentially the characteristics of state trials."

SAYS NOW ANTIQUATED

Frank Howard (NDP-Skeena) said the royal commission on pilotage, appointed in 1962 to study urgent problems, now has become antiquated.

The inquiry had cost \$800,000 and the report was not expected until the end of 1966.

Mr. Favreau said the pilotage inquiry proved broader and more complex than had originally been expected.

Mr. Diefenbaker brought the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism into the debate, too.

Had members of this commission made a trip to Puerto Rico? If so, why? How many went to that very salubrious climate? Would the government be changing its mind about the formula for amending the constitution following the commission's report?

APPOINTED BY LIBERALS

Mr. Justice Spence was asked by the Liberal cabinet to determine whether members of the Diefenbaker government had affairs with Mrs. Munsinger, whether this constituted a security risk and whether Mr. Diefenbaker improperly handled the case when he was prime minister in 1960-61.

Mr. Diefenbaker called on the government to declare that rules of evidence used in courts henceforth will apply also to royal commission inquiries.

Privy Council President Favreau, whose spending estimates were under discussion before they were approved later Friday, said he personally feels the Inquiries Act should be revised.

EXPECTED BY YEAR END

He did not know when the biculturalism commission would report except that it would be "sometime at the end of the year."

As to the Munsinger inquiry, Mr. Favreau said "I have no indication of what work is being done or the date it is expected to report."

BRITISH SEAMEN CONTINUE STRIKE

LONDON (CP)—Britain's seamen decided Friday night to continue their month-old strike—and warned they could keep it up for a further three months if necessary.

But they said they are always ready to negotiate again with the shipowners, despite the fact talks between the two sides were deadlocked Friday.

NEW GUESSING HEARD ON VIET NAM, NATO

WASHINGTON (CP)—Canadian Ambassador Charles Ritchie paid a farewell call on State Secretary Rusk Friday and aroused new speculation about a Viet Nam peace feeler and the NATO crisis.

The visit had been scheduled for some time. Ritchie leaves Saturday for Nova Scotia and a brief holiday before taking up the post of ambassadorship to NATO in Paris.

He came here in 1962 from the United Nations.

Reporters at a regular state department briefing session homed in on the call as related to these events:

1. Canadian envoy Chester Ronning's second visit to the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi.

2. The visit to Ottawa Thursday by the American ambassador at large, Averell Harriman. He last saw External Affairs Minister Paul Martin in Toronto last April.

3. Rusk's statement Thursday to a congressional committee that the speech Saturday by Prime Minister Pearson at Springfield, Ill., "needs clarification."

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PARTIES REMAIN TIED

MacPhail Retains Seat In 2nd Queens Recount

By RALPH CAMERON

What party will control the next government here was still unknown last night as Lloyd MacPhail, PC, retained his seat in the official recount to win by three votes and leave the party standings at 15-15. The count was MacPhail 1,598 and Willis 1,595.

The entire Provincial election result now hinges on the July 11 deferred election for two members in First Kings District.

Mr. MacPhail, minister of industry development in the last government, had been ahead by four votes when the Determination Day proceedings were announced. The totals given then were MacPhail 1,596 while his Liberal opponent, Horace Willis, had 1,592.

CORNWALL TURNED TIDE

But the tide suddenly changed last night when the results of the voting in Cornwall came under scrutiny. Mr. Willis had led the poll by three votes, but in the recount of ballots rejected by the deputy returning officer, here were three which Judge Trainor ruled were good ballots for Mr. MacPhail.

With only three more polls to be counted, tension mounted high in the courtroom where the recount was being held. All day there had been a steady stream of spectators with lawyers and politicians in the majority. Partisans of both candidates showed elation at different times as the tide swung back and forth.

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ROCKY POINT POLL

In the Rocky Point poll there was a noticeable change in pre-

vious announced totals as six votes for each man were thrown out when it was discovered that number of ballots had been wrongly marked. They all had a cross after each of the names and apparently had been counted for each of the candidates. However, the net result of the recount was a gain of one vote in the poll for Mr. MacPhail.

There was no change in the totals in the St. Catherine's poll and the advance poll result also remained as given to leave Mr. MacPhail with a three-vote majority.

Approximately 180 ballots for Councillor were rejected. Most of them either had a cross marked for each candidate or were completely blank. Some were rejected because the mark made was a 'tick' or check mark instead of a cross.

Delays were frequently encountered due to the deputy returning officers failure to follow pre-election instructions. In one instance the ballots and papers were in such a muddled condition Judge Trainor remarked "A D.R.O. Should not be paid for a job like this."

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LONDON (AP)—American evangelist Billy Graham cut short his tour of London's Soho district Friday night when fist fights broke out and two persons were arrested.

Graham had intended to take an hour-long walk through the area of coffee bars, movie houses and strip clubs, but he

cut it to five minutes when he was met by more than 1,000 shouting and screaming people. The fights broke out not over religious differences, but among people being pushed in the crowd.

Three policemen formed a wedge to get Graham to a microphone. From atop a car, he told the crowd he had not come to criticize them, but to tell them "God is merciful and forgives all sins."

GIRL CLIMBS CAR

A blonde girl in a short skirt climbed on a nearby car as a publicity stunt.

After the photographers had taken a few shots, she got down. Graham stood in front of a movie house that was advertising a film about an orgy. He urged the crowd to attend his crusade meetings at Earl's Court Exhibition Hall this month.

"God loves you all. God thinks enough of you to send his son, Jesus Christ, to die for you. I didn't come here to criticize you. I came to tell you God is merciful and forgives all sins. This is the message I'm giving at Earl's Court. I want you all to come."

"Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Turn your eyes to Jesus!" shouted a woman.

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NEARING END OF WORLD SOLO FLIGHT

Former British actress Sheila Scott, flying a single-engine aircraft, arrived at Gander, Nfld., last night from New York and planned to spend the night there before resuming

early today. The blonde solo pilot, feeling fine and in good spirits, is nearing the end of a 31,000-mile flight which she started in England May 18. Seeking a new record for the longest global solo flight, she is seen here at Kennedy Airport in New York just before leaving on the 969-mile hop to Gander.

(AP Wirephoto)

Bishops' Power Expanded By New Decree From Pope

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Paul in a far-reaching decree, dated Friday—a vast expansion of the administrative powers of bishops of the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world.

The decree gives the bishops the right to make exceptions to general laws of the church with-

out referring such questions to the Vatican.

The Pope reserved for himself the right to make changes on a limited number of questions concerning marriage, celibacy and the lives of priests and nuns.

But by keeping the number of such reservations small, he left

to the bishops a broad area of administration power they may exercise in their dioceses without Vatican control.

EFFECTIVE AUG. 15

The decree, effective Aug. 15, implements a key section of the Vatican ecumenical council's document on the pastoral duties of bishops. The document provides for an historic enlargement of bishops' powers in church affairs.

The section declares the bishops have a right to make exceptions to general church laws wherever needed for the good of their communicants, "unless the supreme authority of the church makes express reservations."

Pope Paul listed only 20 reservations.

The church's general laws are regulations that have grown up over the centuries. They don't define the basic questions of morals and faith.

In the decree, the Pope authorized local bishops in exceptional cases to permit the marriage of boys as young as 13 and girls as young as 13. This is a reduction of one year from the present ages. The Pope kept for himself the right to make any greater changes.

RETAINED POWER

On celibacy, Pope Paul decreed that he alone can decide whether to lift the rule for priests or deacons who renounce their vocation. He gave bishops the right to decide individual cases involving subdeacons.

Both deacons and subdeacons take vows, but deacons are farther along the road to priesthood.

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Russians Announce Text Of Proposed Moon Treaty

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union disclosed Friday the text of its proposed treaty to guarantee a peaceful exploration of the moon and outer space.

On several points the Soviet draft agreed with a proposed treaty which the United States submitted to the United Nations Thursday.

A major difference concerned sharing of the findings of space research.

The U.S. draft contained a specific proposal that a country conducting activities on a celestial body shall report them to the UN secretary-general and give the findings to the public in the international scientific community.

The Soviet draft had no such provision.

The U.S. draft said disputes over interpretation or application of the treaty should be referred to the International Court of Justice. The Soviet draft said such disputes should be worked out in consultations between the nations concerned.

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