

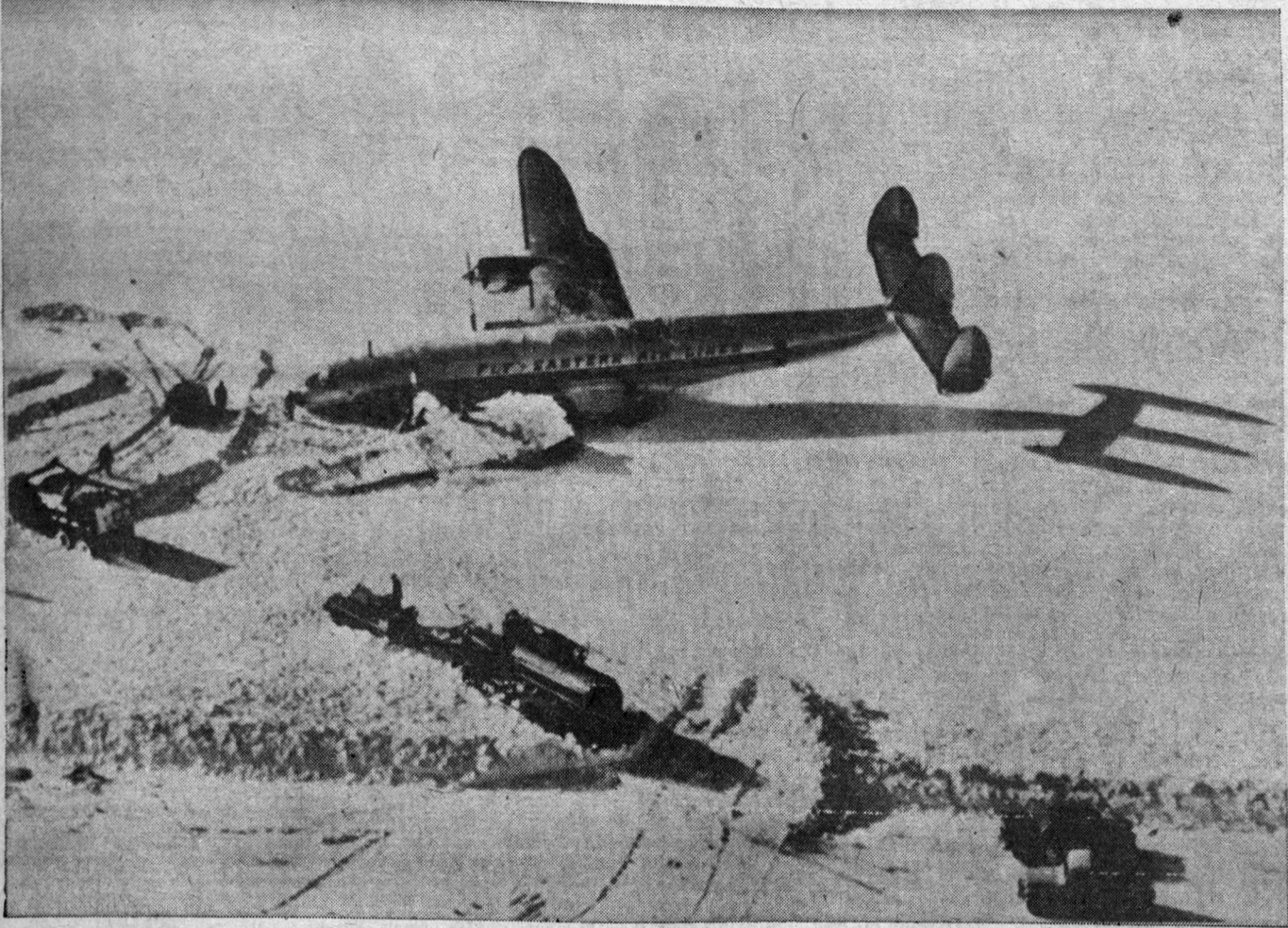
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SNOW DRIFT TOO MUCH FOR PLANE

HOLBROOK, N. Y., A wing of this four-engine Constellation lies alongside the big plane after a landing mishap at MacArthur Airport near this Long Island community. The wing was torn loose when the plane's wheels struck a snow drift during a landing. Two of the four crewmen aboard the passenger-less craft were injured. (AP Wirephoto)

Eisenhower Agrees To Talks If Ground Cleared

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower told Soviet Premier Bulganin Sunday "I am ready" for a summit conference provided preliminary negotiations give "good hope of advancing the cause of peace and justice in the world."

Lord Boyd-Orr Gives Jolt To Guests At Peace Dinner

NEW YORK (CP) — Scotland's 77-year-old Lord Boyd-Orr jolted the guests at a post-peace dinner here Saturday night with such crusty words as "suicide" and "stupidity" regarding cold war policies.

Underdeveloped countries, he said, don't want to be "bought" by the Americans or "bullied" by the Russians.

They want help as equals "with no strings attached," said Boyd-Orr, former director of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1949, he was speaker at an American Nobel Anniversary committee dinner along with Canada's L. B. Pearson.

Growing Support Seen In U. K. For Summit Conference

LONDON (AP) — There was growing support in Britain's press and from some of its political leaders Sunday for a summit conference with the Russians.

Premier Nikolai Bulganin's letters have won the British man in the street over to the idea of talks. Britons are told in their newspapers that Americans are beginning to feel the same way.

Even the loudest British advocates of the top level conference conceded there are risks for the West but they seem willing to take the chance.

Labor party leader Hugh Gaitskell said either the Russians are sincere and want a settlement of the outstanding issues and a reduction in tension, or it is just propaganda.

Suggests House Delegation Visit Caribbean Fed.

OTTAWA (CP) — Newfoundland representative J. W. Pickersgill suggested in the Commons Saturday that a Canadian parliamentary delegation visit the Caribbean federation to discuss mutual trade, especially in fish.

The former Liberal immigration minister, MP for Bonaville-Twillingate, said the delegation should go to the newly-created federation when it has elected its parliament. The Canadian delegation should not go empty-handed.

Speaking at the Commons considered fisheries department spending estimates, Mr. Pickersgill said he hopes the government will soon declare its policy in regard to trade with the Caribbean.

Any effective help Canada could give the area would be helping Canadians, too, since the Caribbean offered a continuing market, population of which was growing even faster than Canada's.

MONEY SPLITTERS

In former centuries English penny coins had a deep cross, so they could be broken into half-pennies and farthings.

Cites Diefenbaker As An Example To Liberals

OTTAWA (CP) — Premier Matheson of Prince Edward Island said Sunday his group will seek a better deal for the Maritimes from the Liberal party.

"Prime Minister Diefenbaker is giving it to us, so why can't the Liberals?" said the tall Liberal premier, a delegate to the three-day party convention opening Tuesday.

"That's why the Liberals were defeated last June. They didn't give the Maritimes half a deal."

Mr. Matheson declined to say whom he favors for the leadership. He observed that while Paul Martin and Lester B. Pearson were in the running, so was "my old friend" Mayor H. Lloyd Henderson of Portage La Prairie, Man.

He merely laughed when asked whether he would support Mr. Henderson, a Presbyterian minister.

The P.E.I. group he added, has submitted a number of resolutions, dealing with transportation, marketing, farm credits and old age pensions.

"I'm in favor of a contributory old age pension scheme where payments are made by the worker, the employer and the government. Merely providing an increase out of the federal treasury isn't good enough. It could break the country financially."

Unemployment Seen As Possible Issue For Election

Oil From Sahara Sees French Dream Come True

ALGIERS, Algeria (Reuters) — Four small tanker cars, hitched onto the back of a freight train, rolled into the Mediterranean port of Philippeville Saturday. Inside the cars was a French dream—oil from the Sahara desert.

It took three days for the heavily-guarded train to travel 250 miles from the desert railroad of Touggourt to the Algerian coast. Before that, the oil flowed 112 miles through a six-inch pipeline from wells sunk in the shifting sands.

From this small shipment, France hopes to build up its oil supplies to end its dependence on Middle East oil.

CONCEALED WEALTH The vast Sahara is believed to conceal huge deposits of "black gold" beneath its sands. Plutonium, iron, manganese, nickel, copper, platinum, coal and even diamonds also are believed hidden in quantity in the desert.

An official blackout was put on the shipment across the wild country because of activity by rebel Algerian Muslims. A train was wrecked travelling on the same line three days before.

The French government now is considering about 24 applications for Sahara prospecting concessions from major world oil firms including Canadian.

It is 100 years since the French started to "pacify" the nomadic tribes of the Sahara. For years the mineral wealth beneath the sands lay undetected.

PREDICTED OIL WELLS In 1928, the great French technocrat, Eirik Labonne, predicted the oil future of the Sahara and assembled a group of desert oil technicians. But a strike was not made until 1956 when two major fields were discovered.

The first, at Edjele, near the Libyan frontier 400 miles from the coast, was of such good quality that it was used, without refining, in diesel engines on the site.

The second strike was at Hassi Messaoud, deep in the Sahara. Several widely-spaced boreholes so far have revealed an oil-bearing stratum 450 feet thick which

stretches 800 square miles. Experts estimate reserves at Hassi Messaoud at close to 1,000,000,000 tons which compares with the 4,700,000,000 tons of total United States oil reserves.

FAST INVESTMENT To get this oil to Europe, France will need vast investments to sink the wells and lay pipelines to the Mediterranean.

By 1960, France hopes to receive 10,000,000 tons of Sahara oil a year—about one-third of the country's estimated consumption at that date.

Apart from oil, iron ore has been found at Fort Gouraud in Mauritania, manganese near the French rocket-testing site of Colomb-Bechar, coal at Kenadsa

in the same region and copper at Ajouit, near the Spanish desert enclave of Rio de Oro.

FIND DIAMONDS Last week, French prospectors reported the discovery of six diamond stones in the craggy hills of Hoggar in the southeastern Sahara.

But all these promising deposits face a common major obstacle—they lie hundreds of miles from the coast in a roadless, largely waterless and sparsely-populated desert.

Louis Armand, the new president of the six-nation European Atomic Pool, Euratom, has predicted that one day sea water distilled by atomic power will be piped into the Sahara to make it fertile.

the New Zealand air force party at the base, said the weather would become "horrible" next month and gave Fuchs only "the slimmest of chances" of completing the crossing.

"I have not spoken to one man who thinks Fuchs will make it," Clayton added.

Fuchs' last reported position was 230 miles from the Pole which he hopes to reach by Jan. 17.

Allowing regular halts for maintenance on his snow-cats and weasels-tracked snow vehicles—Fuchs probably would take 47 days to make the 1,230 miles from the Pole to Scott base.

Hillary took about 52 days on the trail in the opposite direction, excluding time he took out to set up supply depots for Fuchs. He thinks Fuchs can go faster because of the vehicles he is using.

EDITOR RETIRES EDMONTON (CP)—Fraser M. Gerrie, editor of the Edmonton Journal since 1953, will retire Feb. 1, it was announced Saturday. He will be succeeded by Don MacDougall, now managing editor. Chief editorial writer Homer Ramage will become associate editor and George Stout, now city editor, will hold the dual position of city editor and news editor.

REPORT ODDS AGAINST FUCHS COMPLETING HIS POLAR TREK WELLINGTON (Reuters)—Dr. Vivian Fuchs battled Sunday to put new life into his fading hopes of becoming the first man to cross the Antarctic continent.

While observers gave Fuchs only the slimmest chance of completing the crossing, the head of the British expedition reported he covered another 30 miles and was about 210 miles from the Pole.

Fuchs rejected a suggestion last week by Sir Edmund Hillary, leader of a New Zealand expedition, that he abandon the crossing at the South Pole and return in November—the start of the Antarctic summer—to complete it.

Fuchs said in a radio message surface conditions were improving but the temperature had gone to 15 below zero.

Fuchs, several weeks behind schedule, has more than 1,400 miles to go to Scott base, the New Zealand outpost on the other side of the continent. He left Shackleton base on the South American side.

Members of the New Zealand expedition at Scott base said Fuchs could reach there by March 7. But by then it would probably be too late for the men to be taken out by ship.

AIRMAN IS SKEPTICAL Sgdn. Ldr. J. Clayton, head of

meantime he had died. It was a free-for-all for the leadership among Hon. W. S. Fielding of Nova Scotia, long-time minister of finance under Laurier who had parted with him over conscription; D. D. MacKenzie of Cape Breton, temporary Liberal leader in the Commons; Hon. George Grahame of Brockville, former railway minister, and a 45-year-old former minister of labor named William Lyon Mackenzie King.

WON ON FOURTH BALLOT Against the apparently overwhelming support for the powerful Fielding, Mr. King was lightly regarded in the predictions. He had been defeated in the last election. But he edged out Mr. Fielding on a fourth ballot.

And once more the Liberals came through with a victory in the post-convention general election of 1921.

It was a different story in 1948, at a convention here which Mr. King sought after deciding to step down as leader. The Liberals were in power, though with a slender over-all majority in the Commons and with a few mavericks in the ranks who on occasion gave him headaches on important votes.

Louis S. St. Laurent, his minister of justice, swept the convention easily on one ballot with

thinking." He anticipated an election may take place April 15.

However, the combined Liberal-CCF strength totals only 131, less than half the House total. Therefore, it is unlikely they could defeat the government without the help of the two Quebec independents, Raoul Proulx of Beauce and Benoit Chabot of Kamouraska, or the 19-member Social Credit group.

NEW LIBERAL CHIEFTAIN MAY CHALLENGE GOV'T SHORTLY OTTAWA (CP) — The Liberals may seize on the unemployment crisis as a major issue to force a federal election.

Some observers believe the new Liberal chieftain to be selected at the three-day convention opening Tuesday may challenge Prime Minister Diefenbaker within a few days after.

This means the Liberals may move their first motion of non-confidence in the Progressive Conservative government, charging unemployment was aggravated by mishandling of economic problems.

Indications are that the CCF likely would support the Liberals, though the Social Credit and the two independents might side with the government.

Thus Mr. Diefenbaker might be able to squeeze through a narrow victory.

But because of the strength of the Opposition, he might accept the challenge and agree to an early election. One forecast is that the vote will be held April 14.

NO IMMEDIATE GOV'T AID FOR FRASER PROJECT OTTAWA (CP)—Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean has ruled out any immediate possibility of the Progressive Conservative government supporting large-scale power development of British Columbia's Fraser River.

He told the Commons Saturday there "is little likelihood of this being achieved in the near future."

Mr. MacLean was replying mainly to criticism by Opposition members of a statement by Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, chairman of the Canadian section of the International Joint Commission, to the Commons external affairs committee. Gen. McNaughton advocated an immediate start on Fraser power dams.

Liberal, CCF and Social Credit members opposed any power development on the Fraser unless there is assurance this will not injure the salmon industry. They said no successful method has been found to enable salmon to by-pass power dams.

Mr. MacLean spoke after debate on his department's spending estimates was disrupted for 65 minutes by a power failure in Parliament's Centre Block which plunged the Commons chamber into darkness.

Other developments Saturday: Prime Minister Diefenbaker said a start on the South Saskatchewan River power and irrigation project will not be long delayed.

NINE ACCEPT BID Finance Minister Donald Fleming said nine of 11 Commonwealth countries now have accepted invitations to the trade and economic conference proposed by Canada. It likely would be held in September or October.

RADIOACTIVE RAIN TOKYO (Reuters)—The Japanese meteorological board announced Saturday that rain and snow which fell on northern Japan Friday was highly radioactive, indicating a nuclear explosion about Jan. 6 but it did not know where.

HUGE DEFENCE OUTLAY STOCKHOLM (AP) — The Swedish government asked Parliament Saturday to approve a record budget of nearly \$3,000,000,000. At least 16 per cent of it was earmarked for defence. The defence outlay was placed on a preliminary basis pending government decision on a proposal to manufacture atom bombs in Sweden.

SAYS IKE WAS GOOD SOLDIER BECAUSE TOLD WHAT TO DO NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Truman said Sunday President Eisenhower was a great military commander because "he had someone to tell him what to do."

Truman also told reporters "I do not think Eisenhower is a good policy maker nor is he a good budget maker."

Interviewed in a hotel lobby, Truman said the president "was a great military commander in Europe and in NATO, when he had someone to tell him what to do."

A reporter asked Truman "who told him what to do? Was it you?"

"The commander in chief," Truman replied.

"You were commander in chief," Truman was reminded.

"Yes," the former president said.

Truman said a good policy maker "is one who knows where he is going and carries out his program; Eisenhower doesn't carry out the policies that he proposes."

On the president's State of the Union message, Truman said Eisenhower "is about three years too late with his proposals."

Truman also said Eisenhower should be able to curtail rivalry among the defence services.

KNOW WHO WAS BOSS "I didn't have any trouble, as

they understood who was commander in chief," he said. "Eisenhower should be able to handle the military, as no one has had more experience than he."

"They (the services) could be made to behave if the man in charge wants to make them."

Truman then said "I tried to make a co-ordinated military set-up, but there were some in Washington who felt they would lose power if the services were co-ordinated." He did not elaborate.

Truman rapped the proposal by George F. Kennan, his former ambassador to Moscow, that the Western powers should withdraw their troops from Europe in return for a Russian withdrawal to her own borders. Kennan made the proposal during a recent series of talks for the BBC.

"I do not agree with Kennan," Truman said, "he is not a policy maker."

Truman said, "he is not an ambassador when he had someone to tell him what to do."

DULLES NEEDS BOSS (Former secretary of state) Acheson was his boss, just as he was (secretary of state) Dulles' boss, and both did pretty well under him. Dulles needs a boss. He doesn't have one.

Acheson Saturday also criticized Kennan's proposal.

Dulles formerly was a consultant to the Truman administration.

LIBERALS HOPE FOR REPEAT IN HISTORY AFTER CONVENTION OTTAWA (CP)—Liberal politicians are hopeful that history provides a good augury of events to follow this week's national party convention here.

For the Liberals have never failed to win the first general election after each of their three previous conventions.

As in the present case, the Liberals were out of office when leader Sir Wilfrid Laurier called the first convention at Ottawa in 1893 to patch the party fences for the general election of 1896.

It was not a leadership convention—Sir Wilfrid had been chosen leader by the party hierarchy in 1887. Instead, it concentrated on drafting a fighting program, lambasting the Conservatives of that day as robbers and bribers and generally steaming up voter enthusiasm.

IN POWER UNTIL 1911 The big themes of the platform were lower tariffs and reciprocity with the United States. Sir Wilfrid swept the Conservatives out of office in the election and stayed in power until 1911.

Liberal fortunes again were on the ebb tide when the second national convention was held in 1919. The aging leader had issued the convention call in 1918—eight days after the First World War armistice was signed—but in the

Macmillan Says Groundwork Not Laid For Summit Talks NEW DELHI (Reuters)—Prime Minister Macmillan Saturday rejected Russian proposals for an immediate summit conference.

Macmillan said that thorough preparation, including full diplomatic exchanges and a foreign ministers conference to discuss an agenda, must precede any heads-of-government talks.

The fault of the first and second Geneva conferences in 1955, he said, was lack of an agenda and too much "speechifying."

"Discussion should be talks to try to reach agreement and not debates to make outside propaganda, whether they are at diplomatic or foreign ministers or ultimately at heads-of-government level," Macmillan told a press conference here after ending a four-day visit to India. He is on a five-week, Commonwealth tour.



OFF TO BIRTHDAY PARTY

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip arrive at King's Cross station, London, Jan. 6, to attend Princess Alexandra's birthday party in Kensington Palace. They will come from Sandringham, the Royal Family's traditional retreat for the Christmas holiday. (AP Wirephoto)