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WEATHER
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City Hospitals Employees Issue Call For Strike Vote

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL HAS CLOSING EXERCISES

Brig. W.W. Reid, deputy minister of labor was guest speaker yesterday at the 18th closing exercises of the Provincial Vocational Trade Training School in Charlottetown. Exercises were held in Prince of Wales College auditorium. A total of 74 students received certificates. Brig. Reid said the department of labor was fully behind the department of education in efforts to give the province an efficient and skilled working force. Here left to right are Paul Weatherbie of Charlottetown, graduate in drafting who was valedectorian, E.D. MacPhail, school principal and Brig. Reid. (See story on page 3.)

Firemen Called This Morning

City firemen were called shortly before 2 o'clock this morning to the naval barracks, Water Street. However, their services were not required.

It was explained steam escaping from the heating system had been mistaken for smoke. There was no fire.

FALLS FROM TRUCK CAB

Earnscliffe Farmer Is Fatally Injured

A resident of Earnscliffe, Francis Walter (Frank) Gleason, 66, died as the result of head injuries received in a highway accident on the highway between Cherry Valley and Earnscliffe at about 11:15 yesterday morning.

Mr. Gleason was a passenger in a truck owned and driven by Edward Carrier, Earnscliffe, in which a pig was being hauled.

Apparently the pig started to raise a fuss, and it was decided to stop and attempt to quiet the animal down. Mr. Gleason is reported to have attempted to jump out of the cab before the truck had stopped. In doing so he tripped and landed on his head on the pavement.

Dr. John M. Gillis, Eldon, was called and after administering emergency treatment ordered the injured man to be moved to the Charlottetown Hospital via an ambulance from the Jenkins Funeral Home.

At the hospital it was reported that Mr. Gleason was pronounced dead on arrival. The remains were viewed by coroner Dr. C.A. Coady, Charlottetown, who announced that no inquest will be held. An autopsy was performed last evening by Dr. L.H. Killorn.

The deceased is survived by his wife, the former Matilda St. John, Souris. Also one brother, Michael, Elkton, Maryland, U.S.A., and five sisters, Sr. Josephina (Minnie) of the Order of St. Joseph's in Minneapolis, Minn.; Helen, (Mrs. George Grant), Orwell Cove, Marie, (Mrs. Frank Rooney), Orwell Cove; Marion, (Mrs. James Campbell), St. Theresa's, and Gertrude (Mrs. Jarry Morrissey), Millview.

The funeral is scheduled to take place Monday morning from the Jenkins Funeral Home to St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River, for Requiem High Mass at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

OTTAWA MAYOR HAS RED FACE

OTTAWA (CP)—The other night, neighbors in east Ottawa's Sandy Hill district decided to put an end to nocturnal activities of car parkers in Strathcona Park.

They called police and who do you think they caught?

Alderman "Charlie St. Germain and me," a blushing Mayor Charlotte Whitton told board of control Thursday.

She said they went to the park from another civic meeting to check the validity of complaints about the "lovers' lane."

"We weren't there five minutes and up pulled a police car with lights flashing," Miss Whitton related.

To the obviously embarrassed policeman, Alderman St. Germain blithely explained "We're just getting evidence."

The policeman, according to Mayor Whitton, replied: "Oh, go right ahead."

Minister To Fix Time And Place

Employees of two Charlottetown hospitals last night voted by ask Minister of Labor H.W. Wedge to conduct a strike vote of these two unions, it was announced by M.A. Hughes, Saint John, representation of the National Union of Public Employees. The locals involved are 805 Charlottetown Hospital and 826 Prince Edward Island Hospital.

Time of the strike vote is at the discretion of the minister, it was explained.

Mr. Hughes said the strike action was determined to be necessary to prevent any further delay by the government in making available the funds necessary to implement union contracts negotiated and agreed to by the unions and the Charlottetown and P.E.I. Hospitals.

LONG NEGOTIATIONS

He said after more than two years of negotiations, hindered by the refusal of the Hospital Services Commission to make the funds available, the Minister of Labor appointed a conciliation board to deal with the problem. This was probably the first time a conciliation board was ever appointed after both parties, union and employer, had reached agreement on a contract.

In April the conciliation board presented a unanimous report to the Minister of Labor recommending that the government, through the Hospital Services Commission, should immediately assure the hospitals that the necessary funds would be made available so that the terms of the contract could be fulfilled.

The minister presented this report to the Executive Council of the Government on Tuesday and was instructed to determine the cost of applying a negotiated wage increase to all hospitals in this province, rather than to just the two Charlottetown hospitals.

This was on the grounds that the Executive Council would probably be opposed to honoring the two negotiated contracts without considering all other hospitals in the Island.

NFLD. PARALLEL

Mr. Hughes said it was similar action by the Newfoundland government in failing to accept the terms of a unanimous conciliation report that forced the NUPE union in Corner Brook to go on strike last month.

Mr. Hughes said he wished to stress that the union has no quarrel whatsoever with their employees, the two Charlottetown hospitals, who negotiated fairly and in good faith and who agreed to all terms in the contract.

If the unions do take strike action, he said, the responsibility will rest solely on the government for failing to immediately implement the recommendation of the unanimous report of the conciliation board.

Minister of Labor Wedge was was not available for commens late last night.

The Labor Relation Act provides the minister may name the time and place for a strike vote. After a vote is conducted by secret ballot, the minister informs the employer by registered mail of the result. Then no strike action is possible until after seven days.

Pope Reported Stronger Friday

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope John, steadily regaining strength, worked briefly Friday morning and then went into a nine-day spiritual retreat.

The pre-pentecost retreat, or novena, provides the 81-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church a chance to rest before facing the hot Italian summer and a mounting pile of ecumenical council business.

Tuesday night, he suffered a relapse in his illness, a stomach disorder believed to be an ulcer or cancer with hemorrhaging. He has received blood transfusions and is taking agents to prevent blood-clotting.

As a result of the relapse, the Pope's doctor, Piero Mazzoni, moved into the apostolic palace to be near the Pope every night.

Ontario Crop Loss Heavy

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario fruit and tobacco farmers counted crop losses of at least $2,500,000 Friday, and feared the damage from severe early morning frosts may go far higher.

Estimates of the loss to Niagara Peninsula grape and strawberry growers were more than $2,000,000. Early plantings of flue-cured tobacco in the Delhi - Simcoe - Brantford area will have to be almost completely replaced at a cost of around $400,000.

Still to be assessed is the loss in tree crops—cherries, peaches, apples and plums — but some damage began to appear Friday afternoon. It takes several days for frost damage to become apparent in the orchards.

"If the tree crops have been hit hard," said Keith Matthie, secretary of the Ontario Tender Fruit Marketing Board in St. Catharines, "the damage might reach $5,000,000 or even $10,000,000. It's impossible to tell."

Temperatures dropped to 22 degrees in the Niagara Peninsula fruit belt and to 20 in the Holland Marsh market gardening region north of Toronto.

PC Atlantic Area Program Seen Target For Liberals

CAPITAL BUREAU
OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — If the new Liberal government can do as well, or half as well, for Prince Edward Island and for the Maritimes in general as the Conservative government, they will exceed the expectations of Heath Macquarrie, Conservative member for Queens.

"But they will please me tremendously", Mr. Macquarrie said in the Commons Friday during the throne speech debate.

Referring to the problem of transportation to and from the Island, Mr. MacQuarrie pointed out that when the Liberals came into power in 1935 they found two ferries at Borden, one four years old and one 18 years old. After 22 years in office they left at Borden two ferries, one 10 years old and the other 40 years old.

"When the last governm e n t left office a few weeks a g o there were at Borden four ferries on the run or available and plans were underway for a new one," Mr. Macquarrie said.

PUSHES CAUSEWAY

He said he hoped the decision to build the new ferry, coupled with the lack of reference to the causeway in any official announcement, does not mean the present government will repudiate the commitment of its predecessor to build the tremendous land link which would finally join Canada to Prince Edward Island.

The Queen's MP said he did not consider the causeway one of the projects to be decided by the Atlantic Development Board because $100 million will not build the causeway and it was a project which had already been decided upon.

He said in the fiscal years 1956 to 1957 P.E.I. received $4,870,000 from Ottawa. In the fiscal year 1961-62, the amount had risen to $12,242,000. Total expenditure by Ottawa in the corresponding years was $30,569,000 and $47,394,000.

"We expect the payment of $75 a month to all our people over 65 years of age. This will be appreciated, as was the increase of $19 which was made by the present government. The increase would only be in, but we will appreciate it," Mr. Macquarrie said.

PLEASED BY ACTION

Mr. Macquarrie said he wanted to compliment the Prime Minister for selecting one of his Prince Edward Island colleagues for a cabinet post.

"I will not make any comparisons with the importance of the post formerly held by my colleague, the senior member for Queens and the post of solicitor general. I will only say that I am delighted that the Liberal party, after a quarter of a century, has honored one of its members from P.E.I," Mr. Macquarrie said.

He concluded by referring to the celebrations to take place in P.E.I. in 1964 and invited all members to join in.

"I think we will give you a real eye-opener and a worthy prelude to the national celebrations which will take place in 1967," the Queens' MP promised.

Sugar Break Is Expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The agricultural department said Friday night "the speculative bubble in sugar" will burst under the weight of plentiful supplies.

"Speculators may be able to keep the bubble going for awhile," said Agriculture Undersecretary Charles Murphy, "But not for very long."

Murphy issued a statement saying that within recent days the United States received "very large new commitments" for sugar deliveries from foreign countries.

"As a result," he said, "sugar already on hand or committed to the United States for 1963 totals 500,000 tons more than last year's entire national consumption."

Reversing a long uptrend, sugar futures prices plunged the legal limit Friday on the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange. The price of sugar company shares also fell on the stock exchanges.

Both slides were attributed in part to talk about congressional investigation of rising sugar prices. Some investors also were cashing in for profits. Other factors mentioned were indications that government quotas will provide more than enough foreign sugar to meet 1963 domestic needs.

WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg's sugar prices registered another jump Friday—this time at the retail level.

Supermarkets announced an 18-cent hike on the 10-pound bags, pushing the price to $1.89. The price of a five-pound bag jumped 10 cents to 97 cents, and the 100-pound bag was increased to $18.69.

The increase follow wholesale price jumps which this week have totalled $1.60 on 100-pound bags.

Schurmans Bid Low On Storage Facilities

Tenders for provincial government cold storage facilities, to be built on Mt. Edward Road at a cost of approximately $500,000, were opened yesterday at a meeting of the P.E.I. Industrial Corporation in the office of Industry and Natural Resources Minister Leo Rossiter.

Mr. Rossiter said that M. F. Schurman Company Limited submitted the lowest bid for the general contract. The bid was $286,680. Low bidders on other sections of the facilities were: Wilson and Moore Limited, plumbing, $30,741; Newson Electric, electrical installations, $34,739; Storey Electric Limited, refrigeration, $178,600.

According to Mr. Rossiter, contract with the low bidders will be entered into immediately and "we will go ahead with construction right away."

It is expected that the cold storage facilities, replacing those of the government plant on Esher Street, will be ready for use late this year.

S'side Firms Get Defence Job

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OTTAWA — Two Summerside, P.E.I., firms have been awarded contracts by the department of defence production.

Curran and Briggs Ltd. will receive $13,619 for coal handling during the year ending May 31, 1964. White Star Laundry Ltd. will receive $19,000 for laundry services during the same period of time.

The contracts were among 225 unclassified defence contracts, totalling $26,376,797, awarded by the department during the latter half of April.

Theft Suspect Held In Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO (CP-AP)—Rio police arrested Canadian robbery suspect Douglas John Brown Friday, then refused to comment on the case.

Brown is sought by Vancouver police in an investigation of the theft of $325,000 from the Loomis Armored Car Service in the British Columbia city.

Market For Mink Stronger At N.Y.

By JIM PEACOCK

NEW YORK (CP) — Mink farmers got good news here this week: Prices are going up and the market is stronger than it has been in a year.

Promise for the balance of the current sales season ending in June and for the start of the next one in December is good.

"We've reached the high point of the year at this sale," president Walter Taylor of EMBA, the U.S. Association of Mutation Mink Farmers, said Friday.

He spoke as the year's largest mink auction anywhere in the world was nearing an end at the Hudson's Bay Company Fur Sales Inc. headquarters in downtown Manhattan.

Buyers from throughout the Western world were on hand for the auction of more than 540,000 mink pelts, all from United States mink ranches. Dollar value at the sale was placed at roughly $10,000,000.

"Prices are up a full 20 per cent from the low point reached last year when the market was very weak," said Robert Birge, vice-president of Hudson's Bay Fur Sales here.

DEMAND IMPROVES

Birge said the strong market and improved prices result from many influences, but one of the more significant is a growing demand for mink furs in Europe.

The strength in mutations reflects fashion trends toward pastel hues while the over-all market strength indicates more women are buying more mink for more purposes. One purpose of special significance to the mink farmer is that of trim for cloth coats.

Birge said 4,500,000 pelts were used for this purpose last year in the U.S. alone, representing 45 per cent of all the pelts used in the U.S.

Birge and Taylor said the market situation has another significance for milady—or the gentleman who buys her furs: Retail prices will firm.

Questions Are Asked On New Ferry Vote

CAPITAL BUREAU
OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — Prince Edward Island's proposed new ferry came under discussion for the third time Friday when Queen's MP Hon. J. Angus MacLean and Transport Minister George McIlraith traded question and answer.

Referring to a statement made in the Commons Thursday by Mr. McIlraith, Mr. MacLean noted that reference had been made to funds available to complete the design specifications of the new vessel.

"I presume he was referring to the estimates tabled in the house by the previous government, or was he referring to estimates which have not yet been tabled?" Mr. MacLean asked.

"If I was guilty of being too rapid in disclosing some information to the house, I must apologize to the house for it, but I assure the honorable member that I was not speaking for the last government," Mr. McIlraith replied.

"Was the minister speaking for the present one?" persisted Mr. MacLean. "I presume that the minister disclosed something that he expects will be in the estimates when they are tabled."

"I think the estimates, when they are tabled, will make the honorable member quite happy," Mr. McIlraith replied.

Backbencher Takes Swipe At New Nuclear Force

OTTAWA (CP)—With the ink barely dry on a communique announcing formation of a nameless NATO nuclear force, a Progressive Conservative backbencher took a swipe at the force in the Commons Friday.

Gordon Fairweather (PC—Royal) said the Canadian public views the development with cynicism because it knows that such a force has no real military reason for existence."

He spoke in the throne speech debate shortly after the NATO ministerial council ended a three-day conference in the West Block of the Parliament buildings. The council approved plans to assign Canadian, American, British and other nuclear forces to NATO.

Mr. Fairweather, 40-year-old Saint John lawyer and former attorney-general of New Brunswick, said he is astonished at the theory that a country must acquire nuclear weapons to be a "first-class nation."

"Are Norway and Sweden not first-class nations just because they renounced nuclear arms?" He asked amid applause from New Democratic Party members.

He said some nations are acquiring nuclear arms simply to play "keeping up with the Joneses."

NEED CONCESSIONS

The West as well as the Communist bloc should make concessions to reduce tensions and move gradually toward a nuclear test ban and disarmament.

Pope John's recent encyclical, "pacem in terris," (peace on earth) was an excellent guide for reducing world tensions, an Anglican, he said he admires this "high-minded and good-natured Pope."

Mr. Fairweather advocated sending Communist China at the United Nations and Canadian diplomatic recognition of Communist China.

The New Brunswick MP also called for increased federal aid to universities and reform of Parliamentary procedure. He urged a permanent voters' list

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TWIN STEWARDESSES JOIN TCA

Gladys and Gloria Thorvaldson, 20-year-old twins from Winnipeg, have just completed stewardess course with Canadian Pacific Airlines at Vancouver. (CP Wirephoto)

North Atlantic Alliance Buckles On Nuclear Armor

By DAVE McINTOSH

OTTAWA (CP)—The North Atlantic alliance buckled on its nuclear armor more tightly Friday.

It agreed to combine existing air and sea units into a NATO nuclear force which, for the first time, will give the alliance intercontinental nuclear striking power.

The combined units, the communique of the NATO foreign and defence ministers said, will include British bomber command, three American Polaris missile submarines and units of other countries still to be assigned.

Though the communique didn't say so, the other units will include the 200-bomber Canadian air division in Europe, similar West German force of four squadrons and two French squadrons based in Germany.

Though nuclear warheads for the force will remain under the strict control of the United States, except for those in British bomber command, the inclusion of the West German units may arouse Soviet concern if not hostility, informed sources said.

NO SINGLE CONTROL

Dirk Stikker, NATO secretary-general, said at a press conference that West Germany would share in responsibility for the force but that no one member would or could control it. There would be no national decisions in employment of the force.

U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk hailed creation of the force as a "very important step" which would give NATO additional nuclear "wallop."

Canadian authorities said the grouping of nuclear units into a single force and the sharing of nuclear defence planning will strengthen the alliance.

External Affairs Minister Paul Martin and Defence Minister Paul Hellyer will report to the Commons Monday on the meeting.

The conference communique, as predicted, didn't name the nuclear force and referred to it only as a measure to increase effectiveness and improve control of nuclear power already at NATO's disposal.

This was in deference to the wishes of France which is building her own nuclear "force de frappe" and didn't want the NATO nuclear arm made to appear as an alternative to it.

Mr. Martin had a long chat with French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville when the conference ended.

He held private meetings with 11 other ministers and reached some decisions on bilateral problems. The decisions weren't announced but one was believed the setting in motion of negotiations with the U.S. for a nuclear custody - and - control agreement.

It was a "good conference," Mr. Martin said.

The conference discussed only briefly the feasibility of a NATO seaborne nuclear strike force of 25 surface ships carrying Polaris missiles. The subject is expected to be taken up again at the December meeting.

The conference communique said the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, will have a deputy responsible for "nuclear affairs" and that officers of NATO countries will participate in selection and assignment of targets at U.S. Strategic Air Command headquarters.

The ministers ordered the permanent council in Paris to undertake further studies of strategy, armed forces requirements and the resources available to meet them. A report on this review is expected to be discussed in December.

The communique said the Communist threat to Berlin has not disappeared but that the West's firmness has discouraged "detrimental developments" there.

Soviet troops remained in Cuba "and the situation there, with its repercussions in the region generally, still gives cause for concern."

The ministers expressed "disquiet" about recent events in Laos and stressed the importance of sustained efforts to obtain respect for the 1954 and 1962 Geneva agreements on Laotian neutrality.

The ministers expressed the hope that Russia's attitude on installation of a Washington-Moscow "hot line" would advance to the point where genuine progress on key disarmament questions could be made.

Mr. Stikker called for an end to talk about whether the U.S. would spring to the defence of Western Europe in event of Communist attack.

It was an "absolute fact" that the U.S. would respond, he said.

The French government has said the U.S. might not be prepared to use nuclear weapons in Europe knowing that U.S. territory likely would be hit by Soviet nuclear bombs.

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