

Health Minister Issues Statement

OTTAWA (CP) — The government will not insist that its medical care insurance legislation gets second reading before the Commons starts a summer recess, Health Minister MacEachen said Wednesday.

He said he would prefer to see this happen but would not set this as a condition for the start of a recess.

Mr. MacEachen said he listed second reading of the medicare legislation when giving the order of Commons business Tuesday night. Since then he had looked into discussions with Minister McIlraith, government House leader, had with other party representatives before leaving on a trip to Prince Edward Island.

It appeared Mr. McIlraith had undertaken not to proceed with second reading of the medical care bill if a "terminal date" for the Commons sitting had been agreed on, he said.

This had given rise to some "misunderstanding."

DIDN'T AGREE

New Democrat Leader Douglas said the bill should be proceeded with irrespective of any private commitments. There had been no such commitment by his party's House leader.

Mr. MacEachen should feel just as bound by his public commitment to get the bill at least through second reading approval in principle.

The health minister said he had carefully stated that he was not making a commitment when he expressed hope the bill would get second reading before a recess. He wouldn't insist on this now because of "an understanding or misunderstanding" among House leaders.

Sixth Child Adopted

Tuesday morning was a big day in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. James Martinelli of Vienna, Virginia, U.S.A. They took custody of their sixth adopted girl. They arrived in the province last week to make final arrangements and Tuesday morning two-month-old Andrea Marie, became a member of the Martinelli family.

Andrea is the fourth child placed with the Martinelli family by Sister Mary Henry, C.S.M. executive director of the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau and two other Martinelli children, James and Joseph were adopted by the Martinellis in the States.

Mr. Martinelli, who is the mayor of Vienna, paid an official call on Charlottetown's Mayor Walter Cox yesterday to sign the city's guest book, and he and Mrs. Martinelli have also taken time out to visit the Gulf Gardens Food Ltd. plant at Georgetown.

The Martinelli's new baby is the 20th child placed for adoption this year by Sister Mary Henry, who says this is her "fondest work." Last year 42 children were placed with adoptive parents in all parts of Eastern Canada and the United States.

The adoption program is an important part of the Welfare Bureau's program in the field of social welfare.

The other three Martinelli children, who came to the family from the Charlottetown bureau are Virginia, Jerome and Carina.

Canada May Respond To New British Appeal

Financial Aid May Hasten Fall

LONDON (CP) — Commonwealth countries, including Canada, may disclose today what further financial aid they can contribute to encourage Zambia to cut off remaining trade with the breakaway British colony of Rhodesia and perhaps hasten the fall of the Ian Smith regime.

Their offerings, reported message so far, will be reassessed at another session of the Commonwealth sanctions committee following separate appeals for help by both Britain and Zambia at a committee meeting Wednesday.

Mrs. Judith Hart, junior minister in the British Commonwealth office, was reported to have requested contributions for a transport aircraft to help airlift "Zambian" exports. An informant said she considers this request vital for the Commonwealth's future.

Both Canada and Britain supported an oil airlift for Zambia for months after Smith's white-minority government seized independence for Rhodesia last year. Though Canada has ended the airlift, a Canadian official said his government is ready to respond sympathetically to all new reasonable requests.

The British appeal for a transport plane is considered by Canadians to be directed mainly at other Commonwealth countries, most of which have paid only "lip-service" to three Commonwealth's aid to Zambia policy.

Simon Kapwepwe, Zambian foreign minister, is reported to have made a separate appeal for help while emphasizing that Zambia has not come here begging with cap in hand.

Britain offered \$21,000,000 worth of aid to develop alternative transport routes so that landlocked Zambia would not have to rely on the rail line

crossing Rhodesia, its Central African neighbor.

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Indian Minister Meets Officials

By JOHN BEST
MOSCOW (CP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi talked for three hours with Soviet officials Wednesday, but there was no indication of any agreement on steps that might be taken to end the Viet Nam war.

All signs seemed to point to Soviet refusal to join in reconvening the 1954 Geneva conference, as proposed by Mrs. Gandhi before she set out from New Delhi last Friday for visits to Egypt, Yugoslavia and Russia.

Associated Press correspondent Henry Bradsher reported from Moscow Wednesday that Mrs. Gandhi's Moscow mission was spurred by an impression that Communist North Viet Nam wants to end the fighting. The sources said information had reached India that President Ho Chi Minh of North Viet Nam was in Peking in late June and may be there again now trying to get China to agree to some kind of truce.

Mrs. Gandhi, who arrived here Tuesday for a four-day visit, is scheduled to meet Kozlov again today.

TALKS THREE HOURS

It was not disclosed how much of the three-hour talks was devoted to Viet Nam but indications were that the talks were chiefly devoted to bilateral Soviet-Indian relations and the implementation of the Tashkent agreement calling for better relations between India and Pakistan.

The talks are taking place against a background that gives little encouragement to hopes that Russia will join Britain in a call to reconvene the Geneva conference as a forum to hammer out a solution to the deepening Viet Nam crisis.

Russia and Britain are continuing co-chairmen of the 1954 conference.

The Soviet position is seen as having become somewhat difficult by recent belittling statements from China, associating the U.S.S.R. with U.S. peace efforts.

U.S. OWNED MILLS

Canadian Executives Make Market Decision

OTTAWA (CP) — American-owned flour mills in Canada don't sell flour to Cuba as a matter of operating policy, spokesmen for three firms said Wednesday.

They added that the decision to ignore the Cuban market was made by executives based in Canada, not on orders from head offices in the United States.

The issue was raised for the second day in the Commons Wednesday and Trade Minister Winters said he was assured by officials of the three firms that they had received no boycott-Cuba instructions from their U.S. parent firms.

Finance Minister Sharp said the American-owned flour mills do not object to exporting to the Soviet Union.

ORDERS CANADIAN FLOUR
Russia has ordered Canadian flour equivalent to 45,000,000 bushels of wheat as part of the three-year \$800,000,000 grain deal announced last month.

L. R. (Bud) Sherman (PC-Winnipeg South) told the Commons Tuesday night that two-thirds of this flour will be diverted to Cuba by the Russians, as was done in the past.

The flour shipments to Cuba will be worth \$6,600,000 in each of the next three years, he said.

Mr. Sherman told the House Wednesday that he wished to identify the source of his information out of fairness to Mr. Winters. His source had been a Saturday article in the Winnipeg Tribune.

Spokesmen for the three flour mills said in interviews that they don't ship flour to the Castro regime in Cuba as a matter of operating policy.

The U.S. government imposes a trade embargo on Cuba as part of its pressure to topple the Communist regime.

Spokesmen for Quaker Oats Co. of Canada Ltd., Robin Hood of Canada and Pillsbury Canada said they don't want or need flour orders from Cuba.

Strike Action Ended

LABRADOR CITY, Nfld. (CP) — A strike that closed the Iron Ore Co. of Canada Ltd. operations here for eight days ended when the workers voted to return to work this morning.

Tom Burgess, a representative of the United Steelworkers of America (CLC), said the men voted 88 per cent in favor of returning to work Wednesday. About 700 of the 1,100 striking miners attended the meeting.

Mr. Burgess said the new contract will give the men a 24-cent hourly wage increase over the next three years, retroactive to Oct. 23, 1964.

The company will also provide a northern living allowance of \$40 for married men and \$25 for single men.

A group insurance plan was also included in the contract, he said. The company will assume the cost.

It was also agreed the union and the company will meet during the third year of the new contract to work out a pension plan for which the company will pay.

"A housing deal has also been worked out," said Mr. Burgess, "which will cost the men less than they are now paying in rent."

The men walked off their jobs July 5 because of delays in negotiating a contract to replace one that expired Oct. 23, 1965.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES Martinelli of Vienna, Virginia, U.S.A. are shown with their six children. When Mr. and Mrs. Martinelli arrived in the province last week, they had a family of five but the arrival of a new baby girl Andrea, made the sixth child adopted by the couple. Four of the children came to the Martinelli family from the Catholic Social Welfare Bureau in Charlottesville, Va.

Premier's Decision Backfires

EDMONTON (CP) — Premier Smallwood's decision to give Newfoundland university students free tuition and maintenance allowances has backfired on the province's supply of teachers.

The plan has resulted in 91 fewer first-year education students this year than last, and we have had to recruit 62 more emergency supply teachers, the Newfoundland Teachers' Association told the Canadian Teachers' Federation annual meeting Wednesday.

The reason, Newfoundlanders explained, is that formerly Newfoundlanders planning to become teachers were given a \$600 grant to attend university, provided they would teach for two years. If the students didn't go into teaching, the grant had to be repaid.

"The result was that more than half of our high school matriculants became teachers," said N. R. Wight of St. John's. "It was the only way many of them could get to university."

But with free tuition, worth about \$450 a year for everyone, many students now are going into other faculties. The teachers still get their grant to be raised to \$800 this fall but they must pay their tuition out of their own pockets. They are less well-off than before, Mr. Wight said.

The Bureau Of Statistics Reports Record Planting

OTTAWA (CP) — Prairie farmers, responding to favorable moisture and market conditions, have planted a record

28,780,000 acres of wheat, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. Most of the crop is making good progress.

MORE
The 1966 total exceeded the previous high of 20,080,000 acres, established in 1964. The record total is also seven per cent higher than the 1965 acreage of 27,790,000, and far higher than the 1954-63 average of 23,682,800.

Included in the current total is 1,135,000 acres of durum wheat, a 35-per-cent increase from last year.

The survey by the federal agency also showed a sharp decline in acreage sown to several other grains. Oat acreage of 6,200,000 was down six per cent from last year.

Rye, at 383,000, was down 16 per cent.

Flaxseed dropped off 10 per cent to 2,029,000, and rapeseed three per cent to 1,388,000.

Running against the trend, barley was up a huge 20 per cent at 6,970,000, more than offsetting the oat decline to produce a substantial net increase

for the two cereal grains combined.

Much of the increased barley and wheat acreage came from a reduction in that set aside for summer fallow. The 1966 total is 24,800,000 acres, seven per cent lower than 1965 and the smallest figure since 1965.

DBS said one factor in promoting the record wheat acreage was good moisture reserves in the soil during spring planting.

This also prompted farmers to increase commercial fertilizer application.

The other significant factor in the record total is market conditions. Booming export wheat sales have produced assured markets for years to come.

Grain crops generally are making favorable progress through wide areas. Warm weather and adequate moisture promoted rapid growth.

Manitoba crops are in good condition in most areas, with moisture favorable to excessive. Heavy rain caused some Red River Valley flooding.

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SUMMER VISITORS

The large number of summer visitors who are taking transportation facilities across the Northumberland Strait these days, is illustrated by this long lineup of motor vehicles that waited Wednesday afternoon for the 4.05 crossing of the Prince Nova from Carleton Place. All but two or three of the vehicles were taken, and they had to wait until the next crossing.

The Lord Selkirk cleaned up all of the vehicles that were waiting passage on the 2.30 sailing. There were 45 vehicles waiting on the Wood Islands side for the Prince Nova's return trip.

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Capital City Bids Farewell

OTTAWA (CP) — With muffled drum and bugle, cannon and marching feet, the capital bade farewell Wednesday to Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, wartime commander of the Canadian Army, scientist, diplomat and conservationist who died Monday.

Governor-General Vanier, in full military uniform, and Mme Vanier headed the crowd of Government, political, diplomatic and armed forces mourners.

Prime Minister Pearson and several of his cabinet were present. Opposition Leader Diefenbaker was not in the capital and was represented by Senator M. Grattan O'Leary.

Civil servants lined many of the streets as the military units slowly marched from Christ Church Anglican Cathedral escorting the coffin, bearing the general's cap and sword and draped in a maple leaf flag, for burial at suburban Beechwood cemetery.

A touch of a former military age was added by a black charger borrowed from the RCMP with boots reversed in the stirrups and led by a member of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, the general's original regiment.

BISHOP LEADS SERVICE
The 30-minute funeral service in the old cathedral draped with battle flags below the wooden rafters, were conducted by Rt. Rev. J. O. Anderson, Anglican Bishop of Rupert's Land, who served under Gen. McNaughton in the Second World War. He was assisted by Brig. J. R. Miller, Protestant chaplain-general of the forces.

Governor-General and Mrs. Vanier arrived minutes before the service.

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the cathedral bell tolled the warning of the approach of the Second World War artillery piece on which the coffin was mounted.

The march through the downtown streets to and from the cathedral was led by the band of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, drums and instruments draped in black. Two pipers of the 2nd Canadian Guards piped a lament at the cathedral door after the funeral service as the coffin was placed again on the 25 pounder gun to be taken to the cemetery.

A naval detachment from HMCS Gloucester here provided dazzling contrast in summer white uniforms to the dark blue and khaki with red or gold trimmings of the other services.

Men marched with reversed arms and officers with swords reversed under their arms.

Punishment Provided In New Bill

OTTAWA (CP) — Punishment of persons who harass a telephone is provided for in a bill given first reading in the Commons Wednesday.

The bill, introduced by Barry Mather (NDP—New Westminster) amends section 315 of the Criminal Code to make crank callers liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 or six months imprisonment, or both.

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