

Memorial Lecture Delivered at PWC

Speaker for the 1963 Robert Memorial Lecture, held annually at Prince of Wales College, was Norman Robertson, Canadian under secretary of state for external affairs. Mr. Robertson, who traced the growth of the Canadian

foreign service during that past 30 years, also unveiled a plaque last night to the memory of Dr. Lemuel Robertson and Dr. George Robinson, two former Islanders who played prominent roles in the establishment of the University of

British Columbia. Seen with Mr. Robertson (center) prior to last night's lecture are Dr. Frank MacKinnon (left), principal of Prince of Wales College, who introduced the speaker, and Premier Walter R. Shaw. (See story on page 5.)

Unemployment Insurance Fund Said Facing Early Bankruptcy

By ROBERT RICE

OTTAWA (CP)—The unemployment insurance fund will go bankrupt within two months, reliable sources forecast Friday.

However, the informants said benefit payments to the unemployed will be continued, likely by a multi-million-dollar government loan to the fund.

Even so, the critical state of the insurance fund will confront the 26th Parliament with a red-hot political and financial headache—no matter what happens in the April 8 general election.

The crisis in the unemployment insurance fund has been mounting in intensity in recent years.

It was evident that some basic changes were necessary to cure the ills that led to the downhill plunge of the insurance fund from its 1956 peak of \$625,000,000 to the brink of bankruptcy.

Last May, the fund scraped by with \$19,000,000 of the bottom of the barrel. The lowest point since it was established in 1941.

WILL GO BROKE

However, either next spring or April—the fund will built right through the bottom, sources agree.

The question of when this happens depends on the extent of winter unemployment, and the resulting monthly drain on the fund's reserves, which held \$90,000,000 at the end of 1962.

Two projections have been prepared, one based on the average experience of the last three years, the other based on the actual experience in 1962 when the fund dropped by \$86,700,000 in the first three months.

The first forecast—which included the extraordinary drain on the fund in the last unemployment year of 1961—shows the fund in the hole by some \$13,700,000 at the end of March. At April 30, the total deficit would be \$49,000,000.

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Venus Report Is Delayed

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP)—U.S. scientists won't be able to announce by next week if the temperature of the planet Venus is too hot to support earth-type life.

Final analysis of all-important temperature data gleaned by the Mariner II space rocket in its Dec. 14 fly-by of Venus is taking longer than expected, a top Mariner project official said Friday.

It will be a "few more weeks" before scientists will announce their findings, said U.S. officials. Venus is taking longer than expected, a top Mariner project official said Friday.

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Dief Declares Goal Independent Canada

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Friday night his government aims at a Canada "at peace with the world, at peace with her neighbors, but a Canada which determines her own policies."

"It's difficult for Canada to do that under the influences of radio and television and the like," he said in an interview filmed here for broadcast Friday night on television station CHCT-TV Hamilton.

"I don't, then in the years ahead we will not only be economically, but politically not independent."

Mr. Diefenbaker was asked to give his views on suggestions that his radio-in-Canada policy statements in recent weeks might develop during the current election campaign into anti-Americanism.

"The opposition will naturally disagree," he said.

MUST CO-OPERATE

"I believe in Canada co-operating with all parts of the world, and particularly with

Weatherman Splits Canada Down Centre

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

The weatherman split Canada down the centre Friday—leaving the east and west with a blimy temperate west on either side of the ice needle which penetrated Ontario.

Temperatures dropped to a brittle 20 degrees below zero early in the day in Quebec, a blimy temperate west on either side of the ice needle which penetrated Ontario.

Provinces and is predicted to continue in the wake of a rapidly-moving north-eastward disturbance centred 100 miles south of Light Island.

Light, variable winds and pleasant temperatures averaging around the 50s prevailed throughout British Columbia throughout the day.

The province was sprinkled with isolated showers which, with rising temperatures, are expected to continue today.

But in Halifax the weather of a mainly cold Arctic air stream edged into Quebec Friday night by a high pressure area which will continue to move south across the district.

COLD ON EAST COAST

Light snow fell over most of New Brunswick with flurries and light rain in some areas.

Further west mild weather is expected to continue today.

Winter Navigation Probe To Be First Task For ADB

OTTAWA (CP)—The Atlantic Development Board's first project will be a survey of winter navigation and its effect on ports in the Atlantic provinces.

Revenue Minister Jean Manes announced Friday night.

Mr. Manes, former New Brunswick premier, said the board will welcome the co-operation of all government departments, business and other organizations and other interested parties.

SUGGEST SCOPE

Although the minister's statement did not mention the geographical scope of the survey, it is expected to touch particularly on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the St. Lawrence River.

It was Atlantic storm, that battered the southeastern coast of the United States. Winds of 40 miles an hour and waves 14 feet high were reported.

The Sulphur Queen was a T-2 tanker and the same type as the Pine Ridge, which broke in two off Cape Hatteras in 1960 with a loss of seven lives.

Five hundred of the tankers were built. But after the war, following the Korean conflict, they were required to be equipped with metal straps, two on the upper deck and two on the ship's bottom, to strengthen them.

Feared Mount For Safety Of Missing U.S. Tanker

NEW YORK (AP)—An American tanker loaded with liquid sulphur and with 30 crew members aboard was missing Friday off the southeastern Atlantic coast. She may have run into trouble in a heavy storm.

U.S. Coast Guard and marine aircraft were dispatched from Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Louisiana to search for the missing ship, the Marine Sulphur Queen, which was overdue many hours at its Norfolk, Va., destination.

One plane sighted what at first was taken to be the Sulphur Queen. However, it turned out to

Macrae Said Mentions Possible Defence Ministers Snags Been Caught Charges

Province Gets Order For Brussels Sprouts

A substantial order for Brussels sprouts has been obtained in Britain by a firm in this province. Agriculture Minister Andrew Macrae said last night. Officials of Seaman Bros. (Canada) Ltd. with a plant at New Annan, had informed him of the order, the minister said. A definite figure was not given, but the order was reported to involve "several hundred thousand pounds."

There are hopes, Mr. Macrae said, the province will be able to continue to sell the product on the British market. Quality is excellent and a trial shipment was made to London.

Production of Brussels sprouts was somewhat above what had been expected last year, with a surplus of 100,000 bushels.



THESE MEN would appear to be victor and vanquished in army coup in Iraq yesterday. Left is Premier Abdel Karim Kassam, whose fate is unknown, Right is Abdel Salih.

Three Seek Seat In Nfld.

CLARENVILLE, Nfld. (CP)—Three candidates were in the running Friday at the close of nominations for a provincial bye-election in Trinity North at which the Liberals hope to get Welfare Minister C. Mac Lane back into the legislature.

Mr. Lane was defeated in St. Barbe South in the Nov. 19 provincial general election by a Progressive Conservative. Nominations closed at 2 p.m.

Containing Trinity North for the Conservatives is Whitfield Bannister, who lost to Liberal Arthur Milfin in November.

Mr. Milfin later resigned to give Mr. Lane a chance at getting back into the House.

An Independent, Samuel J. Drover, will also be in the race.

Mr. Drover, during his political career, has been a supporter of the Liberal, Conservative and CCF parties. A member of the legislature, he was defeated in 1959 when he offered as an independent. Standing in the 42-seat assembly are Liberals 33, Conservatives seven, independent one. One seat is vacant.

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Kassem's Fate Hidden In Iraqi Army Revolt

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Premier Abdel Karim Kassam of Iraq was reported overthrown and destroyed Friday by young army officers who named a pro-Nasser supporter of the Arab union as transitional president.

Abdel Saïam Mohammed Abdel, once Kassam's deputy premier and later his prisoner, was appointed chief of state by the rebels after they announced they had crushed Kassam's rule with tanks and planes and "destroyed the tyrant."

Beirut radio also announced the formation of a new cabinet headed by Col. Ahmed Hassan Bakr.

President Nasser's United Arab Republic in Cairo recognized the revolutionary government immediately.

Are, a co-leader with Kassam in the 1958 rebellion that destroyed the Iraqi monarchy, was sentenced to death in 1959 in 1957.

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2 Officers Get George Cross

OTTAWA (CP)—Two RCMP officers who braved fire in a bid to rescue fellow officers from a crashed plane have been awarded the George Cross Medal by the Commonwealth's second-highest award for bravery in peacetime, air force headquarters announced Friday.

They are Sgt. Ldr. Francis E. McLaren of Kingston and Ptl. Ldr. Ian K. McKenzie of Calgary, who were instructors at the RCMP flying school at Centralia, Ont., when a small Chipmunk trainer crashed and burned on a runway April 6 last year.

The plane's two occupants, Flying Officers P. B. Gillette and A. W. Thomson, were trapped in their cockpits.

Eight Children In Family Perish In Toronto Blaze

TORONTO (CP)—Eight children perished early Friday, trapped in their upstairs bedrooms as flames ripped through a row of aging homes in the worst fire ever to strike a single Toronto family.

Truck driver Roy French, 36, father of all the children, killed himself by jumping from a window as flames broke through the building after flames had beaten him back during a rescue attempt.

Annie French, 17, Albert, 15, Ellen, 14, Allison, 13, John, 12, Linda, 8, Sharon, 6 and Billy, 4 all died in their bedrooms.

The family moved here from Corner Brook, Nfld., in 1948.

Firemen said Mr. French had fallen asleep after putting on the kettle to make a cup of tea for his wife Effie, 32, when she arrived home from her evening job as a post office mail sorter.

The kettle became red hot when the water boiled and exploded and set alight fat in a deep fryer the children had used earlier.

MOTHER FAINTED

Mrs. French returned home during the height of the fire at 1:30 a.m. Onlookers—many of whom were neighbors forced out into sub-zero temperatures as flames roared—saw her faint.

Six hours later she learned all her children were dead.

The fire spread to adjoining houses, two of which were burned out and another badly damaged. One family of seven—Mr. and Mrs. William Miller and their five children, lost all their possessions in the blaze.

Two policemen and neighbor William Bartlett were taken to hospital with minor poisoning.

Fire officials evacuated more than 50 persons from the row of 47 houses and from three other homes around the corner in the Wadsworth Park section of the city, near the Toronto stockyards.

HEARD SCREAMS

Neighbor Paul Smith, whose home was badly damaged in

U.S. Cuts Off Aid To Caylon

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States cut off aid to Caylon Friday because Caylon has not compensated two American companies for nationalization of their properties.

The action was required under provisions of the U.S. Congress put into the 1961 Foreign Aid Act.

The agency for international development said the suspended aid includes development grants in aid of technical assistance, amounting to \$800,000 from the current fiscal year and a development loan of \$1 million from 1962.

To avoid hardship to the people of Caylon, the agency said the United States is ready to continue to provide milk and flour for a school lunch program reaching 1,847,000 children and a nutrition program for 20,000 mothers and preschool children.

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