



VETERANS AFFAIRS EMPLOYEE RETIRES

The staff of the department of Veterans Affairs staged a party last night in honor of retiring supervisor of rehabilitation and social welfare, Lt. Col. D.N. Bell. LEFT TO RIGHT are K.M. Johnston, district administrator presenting a gift to Mr. Bell on behalf of the staff. Also assisting in making the presentation was E.G. Lewis, area treasury officer (RIGHT). Mr. Bell is retiring after 20 years service with the Department.

Improving Potato Prices Forecast By City Shipper

By NEIL A. MATHESON
Potatoes are going to 10 cents per bag at the present time, but one veteran shipper and producer, H.B. Willis, Charlottetown suggests the price will strengthen, perhaps by mid-December. He sees a real possibility of the price going to \$1.00 a bushel by that time. The "tremendous production" surprised the veteran potato man this fall. At more than 600 acres under production, he's the island's largest grower. Early in the harvesting season he had suggested the overall production would be down by perhaps 25 percent. "But I never was so completely surprised by the production that developed," he explains. "The crop made the most growth that I ever remembered seeing during the month of September, Mr. Willis told The Guardian. And there is an explanation. There was no frost to kill them, and the potatoes continued to grow in the ground until mid-October. Farmers would be well advised to hold their stock a bit, he suggests, once the temporary shortages get cleaned up, and thus the risk of frost loss is gone. The price being received here is considerably below the continent level, Mr. Willis states. This situation should definitely improve, he emphasizes. In line with Mr. Willis' prediction that better prices are likely in the near future is the statement by F.W. Ward and Sons produce analyst, Montreal, that "seed quotations are holding firm. Many sources seem reluctant to move too many futures partly due to the strength in the futures market. The term 'futures' refers to potatoes sold in advance of delivery; sometimes four to five months, or more. A reliable and well informed source told The Guardian yesterday that the American futures market never was so strong previously in November as it has been this month. It's a grim fact of life but potato growers here often benefit by some other growers' misfortune and reports out of Idaho, for example, indicate that the shrinkage there will be tremendous heavy. One source suggests that as much as one third of the potato crop there may be lost so far as its salesability is concerned. Heavy losses are also reported in the potato growing area of the Dakotas, all of which reflects favorably in the potato price possibilities elsewhere.

MacEachen Hits Out At Medicare Critics

OTTAWA (CP)—Health Minister MacEachen struck back at critics of his medical care insurance bill Tuesday night and immediately ran into new trouble over a projected change in it. He announced in the Commons that he plans to propose to the provinces that they drop eye refractions as insured services under provincial medical care plans so that optometrists and medical doctors doing such procedures will be on an equal footing. "That's progress backwards," snapped New Democratic Leader Douglas about the minister's announcement. Under the federal medical care bill, medical doctors' eye services, including eye refractions, would be eligible for insurance benefits. But eye refractions by optometrists, who do not hold medical degrees, would be excluded. Mr. MacEachen conceded that to ask the provinces to drop eye refractions—the measurement of the amount of correction necessary to produce normal vision—"is not the most desirable step" to take. SAID UNEQUAL But the optometrists had complained about the apparent discrimination between their profession and medical doctors with respect to this procedure. The professions had been consulted on his plan and had agreed that the step was acceptable to them. Mr. MacEachen's statement came near the end of a free-

Christmas Truce Terms Announced By Saigon

PLEA MADE FOR MORE CARE

Premier Campbell Concerned Over Traffic Toll This Year

Expressing great concern over the number of highway traffic deaths in this province, Premier Alex Campbell, who is also responsible for law enforcement as attorney general, has issued a plea to all motorists and pedestrians alike for better observance of the rules of safety. Said the Premier last evening: "Safe Driving Week, Dec. 1 to Dec. 7, inclusive is a period of the year when motorists and pedestrians alike should make an honest attempt to reduce this nation's frightful road carnage by studying, learning and practicing the techniques of defensive driving. This involves knowing how to recognize potential road hazards and how to avoid them. "Already in 1966, thirty-one persons have lost their lives in this province. This is not a very bright picture. Left to mourn are the loved ones, husbands, wives and children. Another 540 were injured, some very seriously. To the seriously injured ones, the balance of their lives can be a nightmare of pain, followed by a handicap in taking their rightful place in a community which they helped to build. "Safe Driving Week will not convert all motorists and pedestrians into ideal drivers and walkers during its seven days, nor will it transform the highways and streets into Utopias. However, with the participation of everyone, the campaign will advance the techniques of safe driving and walking, instill them in men and women so they will know them and use them throughout the year. "What you learn or discover during Safe Driving Week may prevent your death or injury in the months to come. I would therefore urge one and all to do everything possible to reduce the number of accidents on our streets and highways especially during Safe Driving Week."

Ottawa At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

TUESDAY, Nov. 29, 1966
Opposition spokesmen continued to press the government to broaden its medical care legislation to include other services besides those of medical doctors. Health Minister MacEachen said this might be desirable later but not now. The Senate decided on a committee study of CBC operations after members complained about the new network program, Sunday. Prime Minister Pearson announced that an extra \$22,500,000 in famine aid will be supplied to India and Pakistan in the next few months. Commons Speaker Lucien Lamoureux said in a review of security measures is under way because five university students were able to smuggle a tape recorder into the Commons. A coroner's jury on the Ottawa bridge collapse that killed nine workmen last August placed blame on two firms, O. J. Gaffney Construction Co. of Stratford and M. M. Dillon Consulting Engineer Co. of London, Ont. WEDNESDAY, Nov. 30, 1966
The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. EST to continue clause-by-clause study of the government's medical care legislation. The Senate meets at 3 p.m.

New Year's Is Included

From AP-Reuters
SAIGON (CP)—The South Viet Nam government Tuesday announced two-day Christmas and New Year's truces in the Viet Nam war and cessation of U.S. air bombing on North Viet Nam and offshore bombardments by the U.S. navy for the same period. Besides the Western holiday truce period around Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, there will be a suspension of hostilities for the Vietnamese lunar new year period in February, the government said. The Communist Viet Cong last Saturday ordered a 48-hour truce over Christmas and a similar halt in the fighting over the New Year's holiday. Immediately afterward, the United States said it was discussing with the Saigon government the possibility of year-end interruptions in the fighting. In 1965, the Viet Cong announced a truce of 12 hours beginning at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve. They generally are credited with observing it. They accused the U.S. and its allies of violating Viet Cong terms. Last year the U.S. and the South Vietnamese proposed a 30-hour cease-fire, starting at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve. Field units reported several instances when the Viet Cong ignored this cease-fire after their own shorter truce period ended. HALTED BOMBING After the ground fire resumed, the U.S. continued a suspension of air strikes against North Viet Nam for 37 days. Nothing came of attempts to get cease-fire talks going in the interval. Military men complained that the North Vietnamese took advantage of the lull to rush men and material south and to rebuild bombed facilities. A communique from Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky said no offensive action would be taken by South Vietnamese forces and the six countries allied with it—including the U.S.—for 48 hours over Christmas and 48 more over New Year's. In addition, the South Vietnamese government also called a 96-hour truce for the Vietnamese lunar new year period known as Tet. The 48-hour cease-fire periods over Christmas and New Year's coincided with the truce periods announced last Saturday by the Communist Viet Cong. The four-day truce at the lunar new year will be an added half in the fighting. It will extend from 7 a.m. Saigon time on Feb. 8 to 7 a.m. Feb. 12. Ky has already said he is not in favor of a long holiday truce because it would provide the Viet Cong with a chance to reorganize and plan new offensives.

Dangerous Trend In Mid-East Reported By Prime Minister

By DAVE McINTOSH
OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson kept in close touch with the external affairs department Tuesday on developments in what he described to the Commons as the dangerous situation in the Middle East. Informants said, however, there do not appear to be, at the moment at least, any moves afoot to strengthen the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization in Palestine or the UN Emergency Force in Egypt. Canada contributes about 20 military officers to the former group, which has functioned in Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Egypt for 18 years, and some 900 servicemen to the latter, which has operated in Egypt near the Israeli border for 10 years. "On Nov. 14, Mr. Pearson indirectly asked Israel and the Arab states through a Commons statement—to exercise restraint. Tuesday he described the situation as dangerous. Opposition Leader Diefen-

Barbados Becomes Independent

BRIDGETOWN (Reuters)—Barbados, due to become the world's newest independent country at midnight tonight, will apply for membership in the organization of American States. Prime Minister Errol Barrow made the announcement at a news conference a few hours before the Duke of Kent was to hand over the constitutional documents ending more than three centuries of British rule over the Caribbean island. The prime minister said he looks forward to the formation of a Commonwealth block within the OAS. "We are going to make it easy for other Commonwealth countries in the area. We are going to take the initiative." Barrow said if other former British territories in the Western Hemisphere, including Canada, joined the OAS, "the chance of a recurrence of incidents like Santo Domingo would be less likely." U.S. INTERVENED The capital of the Dominican Republic, an OAS member, was the scene of bloody fighting following a left-wing revolt in April last year, which led to the intervention of United States forces. Barrow welcomed what he called the liberalization of Canada's immigration policy and called for even more liberal attitudes.

Air Clash Is Reported; Americans Send Aircraft

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—Israel claimed its Mirage fighter planes destroyed two of Egypt's MIG-19s in a dogfight over the Negev Desert Tuesday and reported a fresh exchange of shots on the Jordan-Israeli frontier. King Hussein of Jordan fired an oral blast at the Soviet Union, accusing it of whipping up current tensions in the Middle East to win control of this strategic, oil-rich area. He told a press conference at his palace here that Communists were to blame for the unrest which erupted in riotous demonstrations in Jordan last week. In Washington, authoritative sources said the United States is sending 36 F-104 Starfighters, Lockheed jet planes capable of doing 1,600 miles an hour, to bolster Hussein's armed forces. LACK CONFIRMATION There was no immediate confirmation in Amman or Cairo of Israel's story of the air and ground skirmishes, issued by an army spokesman in Tel Aviv. King Hussein, 31, expressed belief in an interview with The Associated Press that the Middle East is on the brink of an explosion more dangerous to world peace than the Suez crisis of 1956.

Bonner Wins Seat In B.C.

WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. (CP) Attorney-General Robert Bonner corralled the Cariboo for Social Credit Monday, defeating four other candidates in a provincial byelection. With 53 of 57 polls reporting, Mr. Bonner led runner-up Rev. Hartley Dent of the New Democratic Party by 506 votes, 3,917 to 3,411. The majority, however, was less than half the 1,300 vote plurality garnered by Social Creditor William Speare in the Sept. 12 provincial general election. Mr. Speare resigned his Cariboo seat to allow Mr. Bonner to seek election after his Sept. 12 defeat to a Liberal in a Vancouver riding. He was the only cabinet minister defeated.

UN Rejects Red China; Canada Abstains In Vote

By ALEXANDER FARRELL
UNITED NATIONS (CP)—The United Nations rejected Communist China once again Tuesday, but this time Canada refused to join in the rejection. The UN General Assembly turned back an Albanian-Cambodian bid for the admission of Peking delegates by a decisive 57 votes to 46. Canada and 16 other countries abstained. A Canadian spokesman said Canada abstained, instead of voting against Peking as in the past, because it was "in full accord" with the Albanian-Cambodian motion to seat Peking. But Canada was unable to swing all the way over to voting for the motion, the spokesman told reporters, because the motion called for the simultaneous exclusion of the Nationalist Chinese, who govern Formosa. Before the main motion, delegates defeated 62 to 34 with 25 abstentions, a motion that would have set up a com-

Surviving Quint Faced By Threat

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Tiny Roni Sue Aranson passed her first major obstacle to survival Tuesday, but another cropped up to threaten the last of Pittsburgh's quintuplets. Doctors said the infant developed jaundice, a blood ailment that causes yellowing of the skin, and may require an almost total blood transfusion. A medical bulletin issued said doctors decided against giving the baby a transfusion "at this time." If a transfusion becomes necessary, at least 85 per cent of Roni Sue's blood would be replaced by donated whole blood. The exchange of blood would prevent jaundice from attacking the baby's central nervous system and causing possibly severe brain damage.

Detergent Complaints Outlined To Committee

OTTAWA (CP)—The problems of housewives finding boxes of detergent only two-thirds full, white nylons turning pink in the wash, and septic tanks clogging up because of detergent use were aired in a parliamentary committee Tuesday. Members and Senators-men and women—told of their shopping experiences, such as finding five bars of soap and a face cloth selling at two cents a cake more than three bars of soap, although supposed to be sale priced. And Richard C. Beeson, president of Colgate-Palmolive Ltd., defended a six-year jump in advertising expenditures by saying not to advertise in the soap and detergent business is to head into regression. The Senate Commons prices inquiry was told there is no certain way of measuring the cleaning power of soaps and detergents because of wide variations in domestic laundry conditions. "But under controlled laboratory conditions, Mr. Beeson said, Colgate-Palmolive can measure cleaning power and construct a detergent with perfume, texture, package shape, and other features designed to attract customers. INCREASED SALES He told the committee the wholly-owned Canadian subsidiary of Colgate-Palmolive Co. of the United States increased its sales to \$34,244,000 last year from \$30,532,000 in 1960 and \$27,568,000 in 1961, but the only significant price increase over this period was in soap. This 27-per-cent increase resulted from higher world prices of tallow, coconut oil and other raw materials. Prices of powdered detergents, on the other hand, remained unchanged in 1966 from 1960, while the company's selling price of liquid detergents had gone down 13 per cent. Mr. Beeson said Colgate-Palmolive's advertising expenditures had risen to \$5,522,000 or 16.1 per cent of gross sales last year from \$3,243,000 or 10.6 per cent of gross sales in 1960. "Were it not for sales secured through advertising, we would not have a market position," he said. "We would lose revenue and with it the ability to pay for improvements to our existing products. In short there would be no progress, rather retrogression." Senator Elsie Inman (L—P.E.I.) wanted to know why some of her white nylons turned pink in some detergents. Mr. Beeson said it would depend on the fabric and the water used. She also asked why users of septic tanks were advised not to use detergents. Mr. Beeson said this is an old complaint which is being remedied by new detergents being introduced which will react properly to the microbe action in septic tanks.

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FERRY IS STILL STRANDED

The Chesapeake and Ohio car ferry "City of Midland", aground on a sand bar, awaits the arrival of a tug from Sturgis Bay, Wis. Railway officials say there is no danger to the 123 passengers and 36 crewmen aboard. A tug will begin the 6 1/2-hour crossing when high winds and snow abate. The ferry missed the channel entrance at Ludington, Mich. Monday in snow driven by gale-force winds. (AP-Wirephoto)

Legislature In Nfld. Opens Session Today

By DON McLEOD
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The most lopsided legislature since Newfoundland became a Canadian province in 1949 opens here today after 39 newly-elected Liberals and three Progressive Conservatives are formally sworn into the seats they won in a general election Sept. 8. The speech from the throne, will be read by Lieutenant-Governor Fabian O'Dea when the assembly meets at 3 p.m. The debate on the speech will be started by Nathaniel C. Noel (L—St. John's North) and William R. Callahan (L—Port au Port.) Premier Joseph Smallwood, who led his party to its fifth and most sweeping election victory this fall, and Gerald R. Ottenheimer, Opposition House leader, will also speak today before adjournment until Monday. The house is expected to sit for about two weeks before a Christmas and New Year recess. Premier Smallwood says it is meeting now to ratify new federal-provincial taxation agreements before the current five-year contracts expire Dec. 31, a procedure being followed this year in each province. WON'T RAISE TAXES The premier says there will be no tax increases at this sitting. Speculation is that part of the legislative program to be outlined in the throne speech will concern the \$700,000,000 Churchill Falls hydro-electric project just getting started in Labrador. Other prime topics for deliberation are two new pulp and paper operations proposed for the province, the plight of jobless miners on Bell Island after close of iron-mining there last June and new fishery and forestry programs.