

## Britain's Support Of U.S. Erupts Into Fisticuffs

By JOSEPH MAESWEN  
LONDON (CP) — A young demonstrator yelled protests and fisticuffs broke out in the public gallery as Prime Minister Wilson reiterated his Labor government's support of America's Viet Nam policies in the House of Commons Thursday night.

"You are as bad as the lousy Tories," the man shouted as Wilson closed a one-day debate on foreign affairs.

The man furiously scattered papers over the gallery railing into the well of the Commons chamber before being forcibly removed by House stewards.

One or two blows were exchanged between two other men, one of whom apparently got over-excited in attempting to assist the stewards, while members of Parliament stared upward in amazement at the rare scene.

Wilson had spoken on Viet Nam for only seven or eight minutes at the end of a half-hour address in which he ranged over many of the world's problems.

He reiterated with emphasis the U.S. position in Viet Nam while admitting an anxiety at some aspects of the bitter fighting in the Southeast Asian area.

Earlier, Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart said Britain was trying to ascertain from all countries involved in the Viet Nam war their views on what constitutes a basis for settlement.

Addressing the House of Commons, Stewart also spoke in sympathetic terms of a new appeal by 17 non-aligned countries for peace negotiations to end the Southeast Asia conflict.

He spoke of the Communist attitude being difficult and impossible "at present" but added following an interruption by one of the Labor government's left-wing critics, that "there now signs of more ground for hope than ever a day ago."

In Paris, however, George Ball, United States undersecretary of state, was reported as telling the NATO council Thursday that a negotiated settlement of the Viet Nam fighting now is an "academic question."

There was no sign the Communist North Vietnamese were willing to quit their attacks on South Viet Nam.

Stewart's first major Commons speech as foreign minister amounted to powerful support for the U.S. position in Viet Nam and he pledged that Britain "shall attempt a breakthrough by a variety of means."

Stewart opened a foreign affairs debate after the Commons had been shaken by an announcement by Colonial Secretary Anthony Greenwood that the British have made frequent use of non-lethal gas in British Guiana.

## Cracked Gas Main Seen Explosion Cause

MONTREAL (CP)—A metallurgical engineer testified Thursday before a fire-commissioner's inquiry that a gas main at LaSalle Heights where 28 persons died in an apartment explosion one month ago was cracked three-quarters of the way around the pipe circumference.

William Malcolm Williams, associate professor of metallurgical engineering at McGill University, said he concluded from a visual examination of the pipe "that it was certainly broken before the explosion and was not a result of the explosion."

The location of the main to the 24-unit apartment building reduced to rubble in the explosion was not immediately established.

Mr. Williams said the crack originated from a piece of metal chipped, probably during transportation or installation, off the surface of the cast iron pipe. He said it was difficult to determine the age of the break, "but it was not more than a few years old and not less than a few months old."

## The Commons Pays Tribute

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons paid tribute Thursday to Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, wartime commander of the 1st Canadian Army, who died at the age of 76.

Prime Minister Pearson said Gen. Crerar served Canada with "quiet efficiency" and "great devotion" in war and peace for more than half a century.

He said Gen. Crerar commanded the only army Canada has ever put in the field and noted that he was a member of the Privy Council.

Gordon Churchill (PC—Winnipeg South Centre) said Gen. Crerar had been an example of courage and devotion to his men. He had served Canada with distinction.

T. C. Douglas, New Democratic party leader, said Gen. Crerar was a great soldier and fine Canadian.

Robert Thompson, Social Credit leader, described the general as one of Canada's great citizens, a real Canadian, a real Canadian.

Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, 76, commander of the First Canadian Army during the Second World War, died in Ottawa Thursday. Prime Minister Pearson and leaders of the parties in the House of Commons paid tribute to the leader. See story page 10. (CP Wirephoto from National Defence).



CRERAR DIES

## Viet Cong Down 'Copter; American Gunner Killed

SAIGON (AP) — Viet Cong gunners shot down a U.S. Army helicopter and killed the American door-gunner of another helicopter in a brief fight 20 miles west of Saigon Thursday.

Four other Americans were wounded in the action, which flared near the town of Hue Hoa. Helicopter-borne South Vietnamese troops engaged a Viet Cong force estimated to total from 100 to 200 men.

A thunderstorm washed out the U.S. Air Force's massive scorched-earth operation against the Viet Cong in the 19,000-acre Boi Loi forest, 55 miles northwest of Saigon. The oil-fed fires being quenched by unseasonal rains, the guerrillas maintained their hold on the forest.

Reports were scanty from the fight west of Saigon, but the Viet Cong were believed to be hammering hard at the government forces at dusk.

U.S. sources said that in a heavier engagement of the same type Wednesday at Viet An, at least 50 Viet Cong were killed.

This was the battle in the central-highlands south of the Da Nang air base in which Viet Cong gunners shot down four U.S. helicopters and killed three American airmen. South Vietnamese army casualties were nine dead, 50 wounded and 30 missing.



DON'T GET HUNGRY, CHAMP

Little Charlie Brown, chihuahua owned by James Sardon of Chicago, takes a sidelong look at his rival champion Sandow's Smasher, bulldog owned by Mrs. A.R. Glass of Northbrook, Ill. The dogs are posing at International Amphitheater in Chicago, where the 25th International Dog Show will be held this week-end. (AP Wirephoto)

# Canada Pension Plan Given Senate Approval

## What Does It Mean For Each Canadian?

By STEWART MACLEOD  
OTTAWA (CP)—With only the formality of royal assent remaining, the Canada Pension Plan is about to become a fact—and it's doubtful whether any other piece of legislation has required so much effort to bring it into effect.

Three revisions, nearly two years of exhaustive actuarial and economic studies, countless conferences, wearying federal-provincial negotiations, 26 days of Commons debate, 51 sittings of a Senate-Commons committee, and three days in a Senate committee and before the Senate itself—this is the partial story of how the massive legislation is reaching the statute books. No one can reckon the thousands of man-hours that went into the measure.

And now that it has cleared its final parliamentary hurdle, what have Canadians got for themselves?

The short answer is that most Canadians will have a wage-related pension scheme, compulsory in nature, that will provide a maximum benefit of \$104.17—plus the \$75 monthly old-age pension—a month when a contributor reaches 65.

A longer answer is that the plan is so complicated, a mathematician could probably earn a doctorate by figuring out a simple method of explaining how much each contributor will give and take.

HOW IT WORKS

In the simplest sense, it works like this:

For contributions of 3.6 per cent of income—half paid by employees and half by employers—persons will qualify at age 65 for a pension of about one-quarter of their previous earnings. Contributions are made on earnings between \$600 and \$5,000 a year, and self-employed persons, who must pay the entire 3.6 per cent contribution themselves, enter the scheme when they earn \$300 or more a year.

The minimum and maximum limits of \$600 and \$5,000 mean that persons earning less than the minimum will not make any contributions or receive any benefits, and persons earning more than the maximum will not make any contributions on income above \$5,000.

Based on average earnings of \$600, minimum benefits under the scheme will be \$150 a year, and the maximum for a \$5,000 income will be \$1,250.

Contributions will start next Jan. 1, and the first benefits will be paid out a year later. But these benefits will be on a graduated scale until the plan reaches maturity in 1976.

During this 10-year maturity period a person now 55 can contribute until he is 65 and then draw the same pension as if he contributed for 40 years. Thus, for a 10-year period he would be contributing \$79.20 a year—1.8 per cent of earnings between \$600 and \$5,000—for a total of \$792 and he would then draw a pension of \$104.17 a month. Within eight months of retirement, he would be ahead of the game.

This transitional period, during which certain contributors get "winds," is one major aspect of the plan not wage-related. It means, in effect, that future contributors will be subsidizing those receiving windfalls.

These windfalls would be drastically reduced if the maturity period was extended to 20 years—as suggested by both Ontario and Quebec. But the shorter period was one of the concessions gained by the federal government in its negotiations with Quebec, which resulted in both plans being derailed to achieve portability.

The pension plan as finally approved by Parliament is basically the same as the one introduced to the House last Oct. 30—the third version of the scheme. While the government did accept some amendments—most of them technical—the fact that it had previously been meshed with Quebec's scheme prevented any fundamental changes.



JUDGE BILL Bennett places Grand Champion at the Easter Beef show for James Cudmore's Shorthorn steer that went more, Winsloe, (at the halter) Irving Macdonald, York is in the background. The Cudmore steer had previously won the Shorthorn championship.

## Sea Cow Pond Will Get New Boat Harbor

CAPITAL BUREAU  
OF THE GUARDIAN  
OTTAWA — Two breakwaters will be built at Sea Cow Pond as part of the development of a new boat harbor there, Solicitor General J. Watson MacNaught said here Thursday.

Mr. MacNaught said it would be the fourth such boat harbor that he has been able to secure for the fishermen of Prince County. Others are at Howard's Cove, Fishing Cove and Skinners Pond.

The 1965-66 estimates of the department of public works provide a sum of \$123,000 for the project. The breakwaters will be filled with island sand stone with a three-foot armor of recast concrete blocks on the sea side and a one-foot rip-rap on the harbor side. The two breakwaters will enclose a triangular sheltered area with a 100-foot opening.

A 240-foot landing on pile bents, with creosoted walls, will be located inside and along the shorter breakwater. There will be a deck of untreated plank and there will be fenders to protect the boats.

Mr. MacNaught said the work will be done by contract and the plans and specifications were drawn by the department of public works with the assistance of the department of fisheries.

## Easter Beef Show Proves Importance Of Good Sires

By NEIL MATHESON  
Results in the Easter Beef show here yesterday added up to the best possible advertisement for using good sires, as both the grand champion and reserve grand champion steers were sired by bulls that were senior and grand champions at Charlottetown and Halifax last fall. The grand champion was a Shorthorn, shown by James Cudmore, Winsloe, and the reserve grand champion an Angus steer shown by Ina Macdonald, York.

The champion Shorthorn steer was Mr. Cudmore's grand champion, the reserve Shorthorn was shown by Lorraine Macdonald, York.

The champion Hereford steer was shown by Dave Ford, North River, a man who has had one grand champion and either two or three reserve grands in former years. His grand came in 1961. The reserve Hereford champion was shown by Herman Smallman, O'Leary, who was president last year of the P.E.I. Hereford Breeders Association.

The Shorthorn grand champion steer is 17 months of age and weighs 790 pounds, owner Mr. Cudmore told The Guardian. His dam is one of Mr. Cudmore's heifers.

The Angus champion and reserve grand weighs 1,055 pounds. He is 21 months old and he is out of one of the poorer cows in the herd of Irving Macdonald, father of Ina.

The best pair of Angus steers were shown by Buddy Loane, the second prize pair by Mack and Hilda Dixon, Clyde River.

Incidentally Mack Dixon won the prize for the best 4-H Club showman. The prize for the best 4-H Club showman in his first year went to Edward Hickey who showed the champion 4-H steer.

Allie MacNeill, Summerside, was third and Frank Mutch, (Continued on page 3, col. 6)

## Personal Letter From LBJ Handed To Indonesian Pres.

By JOHN LEGGOF  
JAKARTA (Reuters) — White House envoy Ellsworth Bunker Thursday gave President Sukarno a personal letter from President Johnson at the first of several meetings over deteriorating U.S.-Indonesian relations.

They have reached their lowest point after the burning of U.S. information service libraries, the seizure of American rubber plantations and supervision over American-owned industries by Indonesian control teams.

The president's envoy arrived in Indonesia Wednesday for talks aimed at ending the deterioration in relations.

No details of the letter or of the 80-minute meeting were revealed, but Bunker said the talk was "very constructive."

## Major Plank In PC Platform Said Education Aid Question

By KEN KELLY  
OTTAWA (CP)—Federal aid to education and a suburban areas development program will be major planks in the election platform of the Progressive Conservative party, reliable sources said Thursday.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker dropped a hint about them in a television address Wednesday night, promising that they will be enunciated in detail "very shortly."

Informants say the opting out legislation passed by the Commons Tuesday night is a key factor in the federal-aid-to-education plank.

The Conservatives are expected to propose a large-scale federal education assistance, along lines suggested by school trustee and teaching associations, under federal-provincial agreements.

Provinces which wanted to opt out of the programs could do so without losing the financial benefits provided by the federal government.

The suburban areas program is said to include a provision to permit home owners to deduct their municipal taxes in determining their federal income tax liability.

EASE TAX BURDEN

The aim is to ease the tax burden on the property owner from local improvement and school taxes which have grown greatly with the post-war shift of population to suburbia.

Informants said the two election planks were worked out by groups in the caucus of MPs and in the party.

Mr. Diefenbaker in his television speech said "the time has come, if Canada is to take its place nationally and internationally and achieve the destiny that should be this country's, when considerably larger measures of federal aid to education will have to be provided by agreement between the federal government—and the provinces, assuring at the same time that there shall be no interference with the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces over education."

The aid-to-education plank is understood to have been developed as a broadening of the program of federal assistance for construction and maintenance of technical schools initiated by the former Progressive Conservative government.

Under that program, the federal government agreed with the provinces to pay 75 per cent of construction costs of technical and vocational training schools.

Mr. Diebaker indicated that the suburban areas programs is planned as something similar to the Agriculture Rehabilitation and Development Act aimed at putting marginal farming areas on a more economic basis.

## Session's End Expected Today

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons passed an appropriations bill for \$762,342,000 Thursday night, making it virtually certain that the longest session in Canadian parliamentary history will end today.

The Governor-General is expected to open a new session Monday with a longer-than-usual throne speech outlining the government's legislative program for 1965.

The interim supply bill authorizes the government to meet day-to-day bills in April and May pending approval of the 1965-66 spending estimates.

The measure was passed within 10 minutes after the end of the dinner adjournment on the second day of debate. It was expected to get speedy approval in the Senate today.

The Commons then turned to the final item before the current session—additional spending estimates of \$245,581,000 for the fiscal year ended Wednesday.

Thursday was the 247th sitting of the session.

In earlier debate on the supply bill, Conservative MP Terry Nugent, said a government-owned shipping monopoly in Canada's north could hamper northern development policies for many years.

Mr. Nugent, member for Edmonton-Strathcona, was complaining about what he termed unfair practices by the Crown-owned Northern Transportation Company which he said led to a recent agreement to purchase Yellowknife Transportation Company.

He said the company sold out only because of unfair tactics of Northern Transportation that were used "with the full approval of the government."

Mr. Nugent cited as an example the authorization for Northern Transportation to purchase a \$2,000,000 ship to improve service.

The companies operate on the Mackenzie and Athabasca rivers.

Mr. Nugent said the creation of a government monopoly is going to make private investors look twice before investing in northern development projects.

## McGill Forms Institute Of Cancer Research

MONTREAL (CP) — McGill University Thursday came the fifth Canadian university to establish a cancer research institute.

The announcement was made jointly by McGill and the National Cancer Institute of Canada. Dr. Peter G. Schofield, 29, of Montreal, a cancer research specialist, was chosen director of the new institute.

Other institutes are located in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Western Ontario.

Dr. Schofield said McGill's Institute will concentrate on finding out what takes place in a tumor cell.

"Until we know that, we cannot figure out until we do, we cannot devise the complete and simple cures for cancer which the whole world is looking for," he said.

## Pearson Says Budget Due Very Shortly

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson said in the Commons Thursday that the budget will be presented to Parliament "very shortly" after the Easter recess.

He was replying to George Nowlan (PC—Digby-Annapolis-Kings).

Dates for the beginning and end of Parliament's Easter recess have not yet been announced. "Good Friday is April 16."

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