

Medicare Moves Smoothly Despite Background Stir

By SCOTT CHILL
REGINA (CP) — Saskatchewan's compulsory medical care insurance plan has been operating for nearly three months without all its problems boiling to the surface.

Some of the coals that flamed during the 25-day doctors' boycott of the plan in July still smoulder.

Premier Woodrow Lloyd, whose CCF government inaugurated North America's first tax-supported, compulsory medical care plan July 1, said in an interview Tuesday, "as was to be expected, problems are developing and some of them will consume much time and effort before they are resolved."

Dr. H. D. Dalgleish of Saskatoon, president of the Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons, said "it is too early to say if the medical care plan is acceptable to doctors."

Difficulties Premier Lloyd mentioned were the failure of the government and the province's radiologists and pathologists to reach an agreement, the departure of individual doctors from the province — "not an unusual phenomenon"—and apparent difficulty of some citizens in making arrangements with doctors who will bill the administering Medical care insurance Commission directly.

DISCUSSION NOT HELPFUL
The premier said he does not feel that public discussion of the details of problems will help obtain solutions.

Dr. Dalgleish said in an interview the worst feature of the current situation is the activity of community clinics — co-operatives formed during the medical care stalemate to provide facilities for doctors who would work within the medical care commission.

"There is continuing harassment of doctors in smaller communities and this is causing trouble," Dr. Dalgleish said. "These clinics seem to be politically inspired to harass doctors into working within the plan."

Dr. Dalgleish named the communities of Biggar and Preceville where community clinics have obtained doctors new to the area.

"They had satisfactory doctors before and they still have these doctors," Dr. Dalgleish said. "Biggar has set up with another doctor (in the community clinic); it is not so under-doctored an area. This doctor could be used in another area that needs him."

Top Liberals Plan Election

OTTAWA (CP) — Top figures in the Liberal party's national organization met here Tuesday, lacking what a spokesman described as "plans for the next federal general election."

The 28-member national campaign committee gathered in a closed session at the Liberal federation offices.

Liberal Leader Pearson and Senator John Connolly, president of the National Liberal Federation, spoke to the group outlining proposed campaign strategy.

Those on hand included representatives from provincial campaign committees, the National Women's Liberal Federation, the Young Liberal Federation and the university group.

It is one in a three-day series of meetings being held before Thursday's opening of Parliament. The party's national committee on communication conferred here Monday and the 100 Liberal MPs elected June 18 were to meet today on Parliament Hill.

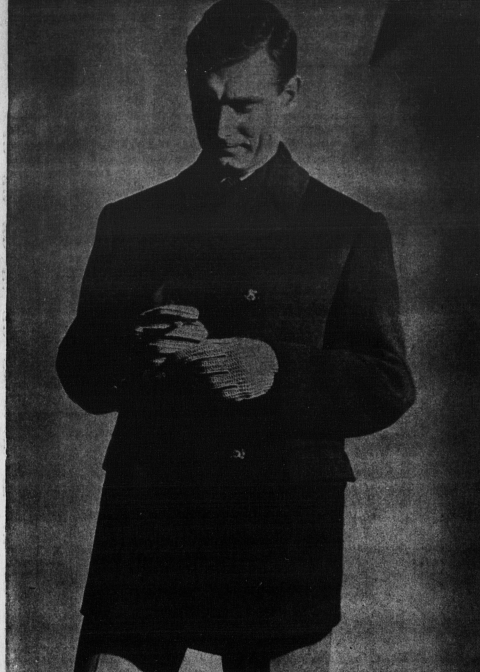
Dr. George Peacock of Saskatoon, college registrar, said Tuesday 42 doctors left the province in August and 10 doctors registered. Of the 928 doctors registered at the end of August, about 600 were practising privately. The others were working government fields or were retired.

Jack Kinzel, secretary of the Medical Care Insurance Commission, said that of 90 doctors brought under contract by the commission to the province in July to supplement the emergency services, 28 still are in the province. Thirty-seven of the 90 have shown interest in establishing a permanent practice in Saskatchewan. Mr. Kinzel said and 12 of the 37 have made firm arrangements.

He said there are 90 doctors working under the Medical Care Insurance Commission and receiving payment directly from it.

The rest either receive direct payment from patients, who can collect reimbursement from the commission, or from approved voluntary private agencies, mainly group medical services and medical services incorporated.

SOVIET TEST RECORDED
STOCKHOLM (AP)—Another atmospheric nuclear test in the current Soviet series at Novaya Zemlya was registered at the Seismological Institute of Sweden's Uppsala University Tuesday. This was the 13th blast recorded by the institute. The size of the nuclear charge was estimated to be 30 megatons, or the



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Canada's Record Called Poor In Preventing Forest Fires

CAMP PETAWAWA, Ont. (CP)—Canada has a poor record in preserving its forests from fire and the blame rests largely with human carelessness and neglect, the fifth annual forest fire control conference was told here Tuesday.

F. A. Harrison, Montreal executive and conference chairman, and more and more Canadians are taking to the woods for recreation and are contributing to the increase in the country's "unavoidable" number of forest fires.

He said other factors are insufficient enforcement of forest regulations and fire laws, lack of research into the techniques of firefighting and inadequate control over the movements of private aircraft over forests.

Mr. Harrison suggested that the army be called in more often and earlier to battle major outbreaks and that school children be taught the hazards of carelessness in the woods.

Cambridge University Library in England contains about 2,500,000 books.

VISIT BY NATO CHIEF

OTTAWA (CP)—Dirk Stikker, secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, will visit Ottawa Oct. 5-10, it was announced Tuesday. He will meet cabinet ministers and senior government officials and attend a dinner given by External Affairs Minister Green.

TENDENCY TO DELAY

"I am afraid that there is a tendency to delay a call for help to such an extent that by the time help arrives the situation has become hopeless."

Mr. Harrison, vice-president for woodlands of Canadian International Paper Company, said Canada's forest fire record does not compare favorably with that of the United States and other countries.

He said the sponsor of the three-day annual conference, the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, has "fallen down" in educating the public about domains.



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