

Expect Seaway Project To Reach Peak This Year

OTTAWA (CP)—Construction of the \$600,000,000 St. Lawrence power and seaway project will reach a peak this year, W.M. Hogg, field project engineer of the Ontario hydro-electric power commission, said Monday.

He told the 59th annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy that work will be in progress during 1957 on some 105 major contracts, ranging in value from \$300,000 to \$36,000,000. In addition 200 minor contracts, with construction equipment valued at \$66,000,000, would be operative.

Mr. Hogg was one of four institute members who took part in a symposium on the St. Lawrence Seaway and power project. The others were F. L. Peckover, a senior assistant engineer for the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority; E. A. Bule, project manager of United Waterways Constructors Ltd., and

W. M. Duncan, field project geologist with Ontario hydro.

FOUR SPEAKERS

The four speakers stressed the importance of the hydro and seaway project to Canada's rapidly developing mining industry. They said the seaway will provide better transportation facilities for the movement of ores and the hydro project power for processing ores and building new manufacturing plants.

Mr. Hogg said the combined value of contracts for the seaway and power project in the international rapids section of the St. Lawrence River will approach \$75,000,000 this year. Equipment for this work would include 136 shovels and draglines, 31 tractors, 730 heavy trucks and 85 earth scrapers.

Earlier, Mines Minister Prud'homme said output of Canadian mineral industries will rise in value

from about \$2,000,000,000 last year to at least \$3,000,000,000 by 1960.

He told a luncheon meeting that governments can help private mining interests to reach this goal by fostering a feeling of confidence and stability in the industry. However, he said the federal government opposes too much state help because this would mean increased government control.

Mr. Prud'homme said private enterprise must be responsible for expansion of the mining industry. The federal government should provide only those services that industry was unable to furnish for itself.

The government faced continual pressure to have the state assume more responsibility and thus more control. But this type of thinking and political pressure "represents a purely negative force that if unchecked would bring about a slow paralysis."



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EAST BALTIC

Mrs. George Robertson is now making a good recovery from her recent illness at her home in East Baltic. She has been tenderly cared for by her nieces Mrs. Colin Dixon and Mrs. Theodora J. Robertson.

Rev. D. I. McClare and Mrs. McClare and two children returned to their residence at Kingsboro having visited with relatives of both parties in Nova Scotia.

Mrs. William Pierce, Elmira, underwent a successful operation in the P. E. I. Hospital.

Messrs Keith McKenzie, Sheldon Dixon, Wendell McLaren, Souris, and Johnnie Young, Red Point, attended the Imperial Esso Oil dealers meeting, held at the Community Centre, Charlottetown, on March 29.

Mrs. Birdie Ching, R. N., Souris Hospital, spent the weekend at her home in Basin Head.

The continued illness of Mr.

LITTLE SANDS

Miss Gloria and Miss Mary MacLeod, Little Sands, left here Sunday evening on return trip for their duties in Flat River and Charlottetown, after spending the weekend at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce MacLeod.

Mr. Peter MacLeod, Little Sands, who has not been very well for over two weeks is improving. He is staying with his daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Lloyd Herring, Murray Harbour.

All regret to learn of the illness of Mrs. Billy Harris, Murray Harbour and all wish her a good recovery soon.

Sincere sympathy goes out to the relatives of Mr. Grafton Jenkins, whose remains arrived home to Murray River recently from Ontario.

Mr. Peter Richards left Little Sands, who has not been very well for over two weeks is improving. He is staying with his daughter, Margaret, Mrs. Lloyd Herring, Murray Harbour.

Mrs. Dan Livingstone of Murray River has returned from the Montague Hospital.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. Donald D. Livingstone of

HOPEFIELD

Hopefield who was the first prize winner in the Shur-Gain chick contest.

Mr. John Burhoe, Abney, left April 7 for St. John, New Brunswick, to meet his mother who spent the winter with relatives. The Little Sands school has had several improvements made in the interior this school year. A new black (green) board has been installed and new blinds bought and the interior has all been thoroughly cleaned and painted. It is now a very nice place to work and study.

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New Pieces Are Fitted In The Norman Case Jig-Saw

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Seventeen years ago, in 1940, a Toronto secret agent branded one Professor Herbert Norman as a Communist.

Seven years ago, the RCMP said that report was false—based on a list of a k.e. identity or unfounded hearsay evidence.

This year, despite that disclaimer, the U.S. Senate international security sub-committee revived the Communism charge.

And two weeks ago, in Cairo, Canadian Ambassador E. Herbert Norman jumped seven storeys to his death.

BLANKS FILLED IN

The jig-saw picture tying these events together may never be complete. But piece by piece—official statement by official statement—the blank space gets smaller.

Early this week, three articles by Ottawa correspondent Arthur Blakely were published by the Montreal Gazette. They accused External Affairs Minister Pearson and his cabinet colleagues of "a shocking lack of candor with Parliament and the Canadian people" and said many essential facts of the Norman affair had been "deliberately suppressed."

Mr. Pearson's quick rejoinder was a 900-word telegram to the Gazette, containing facts not hitherto made public. From it and subsequent official statements, plus what was known before, this chronological summary of the Norman story has emerged.

TAUGHT AT HARVARD

In February, 1940, a secret agent in Toronto—his name may never be announced—told Ottawa that a Professor Herbert Norman, then at Harvard but connected with McMaster University in Hamilton, was a member of the Communist party of Canada.

The RCMP made what Justice Minister Garson calls "some inquiries" but dropped the investigation when it did not find the agent's man. For 10 years, the agent's report lay buried in the RCMP files.

E. Herbert Norman at the time was not at Harvard. As a student—Mr. Pearson has confirmed—he has associated openly with apparent Communists. But in 1939 he had started his diplomatic career as a junior member of the external affairs department staff awaiting posting to Japan, where he was born.

INTERNEED IN JAPAN

He was interned in Japan from outbreak of the Pacific war until July, 1942; served three years in Ottawa; went back to Tokyo; returned to Ottawa and on to the United Nations as Canada's acting permanent representative.

That was in 1950—the year that Mr. Norman's name first was mentioned before the U.S. Senate sub-committee. The U.S. apparently asked pointedly about his background.

The RCMP dug out the 1940 file. It told "appropriate agencies" in October, 1950, about its secret agent's old report. It said, "there is no positive identification of E. Herbert Norman as the Professor Norman who was said to be a Communist."

REPORT KILLED

Six weeks later it killed the October statement. Mr. Norman had come home from Tokyo to undergo a close security check. The RCMP told Washington it had made extensive inquiries and decided that the 1940 information was based either on "mistaken identity or unfounded rumor by an unidentified sub-source."

It said the Toronto secret agent "does not recall the matter," and that "we have therefore deleted the reference insofar as Norman is concerned."

(These facts—that the secret agent's report had been sent to Washington and later discredited—were first made public by Mr. Pearson in his telegram to the Gazette.)

TESTIMONY RELEASED

In 1951 the Senate sub-committee released testimony by ex-Communist Karl Wittfogel, a professor, that he had known Mr. Norman at Columbia University in 1939 as a Communist. The Canadian government protested sharply to Washington that Mr. Norman and communism should not have been connected in sub-committee proceedings on the evidence of a former Communist.

Mr. Pearson, in his telegram to the Gazette, said he took the decision to retain Mr. Norman's services after the security probe in 1950-51. He concluded the diplomat had as a student "ideological beliefs which were close to some brand of communism" but that Mr. Norman "regretted these earlier associations and beliefs and had voluntarily abandoned them" by the time he joined the Canadian foreign service.

Mr. Norman attended the San Francisco conference on the Japanese peace treaty in 1951. The next year he was made head of the information division of external affairs; in 1953 was named high commissioner to New Zealand.

UNDER HIGH TENSION

Last August he was moved to Cairo as ambassador. He served under high tension during the Suez crisis. Last month the U.S. Senate sub-committee reopened the matter of his Communist associations. Mr. Pearson says the RCMP's first 1950 report—killed six weeks later—was "no doubt" the source material it used.

A few days later, in Cairo, Ambassador Norman committed suicide.

Why he jumped is not known for certain. In many quarters the U.S. sub-committee has been accused of hounding him to death by its charges of Communist association and one-time Communist party membership.

Blakely, in his Gazette articles under the heading "The Truth Comes Very Late," wrote early this week that the Canadian government may have contributed just as heavily by "six years of trimming, shuffling and embroidering" that kept Mr. Norman's integrity and reputation in a "curious state of suspended animation."

SAYS CHARGES IGNORED

He said the sub-committee charges against Norman had been virtually ignored until April 12, when Mr. Pearson was "compelled by events" to deal explicitly with them—in a House of Commons speech just before prorogation and an election meeting in Kingston, Ont.

Mr. Pearson in his telegram of reply accepted responsibility for keeping Mr. Norman in the diplomatic service. He took particular exception to a statement in one Blakely article that the minister "must have known" that Mr. Norman's "strange, ultra-leftwing association" had been maintained as late as February, 1950.

If he had indeed known that, said Mr. Pearson, "I would be unworthy to be a minister of the Crown and should resign. I had no such knowledge at any time."

NOT AS ATTACK

Friday morning the Gazette carried another story by Blakely. He said his three earlier articles were not intended as an attack either on the memory of Mr. Norman or the integrity of Mr. Pearson.

They had been written, he said, to draw public attention to "the fact that for a period of some six years Parliament had been deceived and misled with respect to the accuracy or otherwise" of U.S. sub-committee statements about Mr. Norman's Communist associations and sympathies.

"Sincerely," he said, "the real

son of the Norman case is that it is intolerable for Canadians to have a U.S. sub-committee—and U.S. newspapers and periodicals—discussing such a matter with access to far more information than is on the staff of the Kings County Hospital at Montague is spending a few days with her daughters at their home in the village. A farewell gathering for her daughter, Cpl. Joan Steele who leaves shortly for Europe was held recently. Mrs. Steele is considered one of the islands top nurses.

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