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"Edward Island Like The Dew"

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Prince Of Wales College Graduates Have Closing Exercises On Friday

The annual convocation exercises of Prince of Wales College will be held Friday morning at the college auditorium with 26 students in the graduating class.

Fourteen of the students will receive honor diplomas from Lieutenant-Governor F. Walter Hyndman while 10 will receive graduating diplomas. Two of the students have pass standing.

J. Calvin Lewis, editorial writer of the Evening Patriot will be guest speaker. Class Valedictorian is Allan MacKay of Clinton. The pass list was announced last night by the registrar Gordon Bennett. The prize list will be announced at the convocation.

(Names are in alphabetical order.)

FOURTH YEAR Honour Diplomas Alan Anderson, St. Peter's Lorraine Cameron, Summerside Clarence Campbell, Toronto, Ont. \*Jean Ellis, Mt. Stewart, Niels Hensen, Charlottetown \*William Henry, Charlottetown Gail Johnston, Parkdale Robert Lee, Charlottetown Allan MacKay, Clinton Kenneth MacKenzie, Charlottetown Judith Millar, Ellerslie \*Wallace Platts, Charlottetown Carol Thompson, Charlottetown Pamela Peake, Charlottetown

FOURTH YEAR Graduating Diplomas Ross Davison, Kensington \*Rodney Ives, Charlottetown

\$560,000 SUBSIDY

Northumberland Ferries Books Demanded By Commons Member

OTTAWA (CP) — R. H. McGregor (PC — York East) Wednesday demanded that the transport department make public the annual financial statement of Northumberland Ferry Limited which receives a federal subsidy to operate a service between Wood Island, P.E.I., and Caribou, N.S.

John Baldwin, deputy transport minister, said the financial statements of all operators which receive federal subsidies are filed with the Canadian Maritime Commission but that they have always been considered confidential. He would have to take up the matter with Transport Minister Hees.

Mr. McGregor said in the Commons public accounts committee that the government pays Northumberland Ferry Limited a \$560,000 subsidy to operate the ferry Lord Selkirk and the committee was entitled to see its financial statement.

L.C. Audette, chairman of the Canadian Maritime Commission, observed that under the terms of the subsidy the company pays back \$250,000 a year to the federal treasury.

LOOKING INTO REPORT The committee was looking into the report of Auditor General Watson Sellar showing that the ferry's eventual cost was about \$3,200,000 compared to the original estimate of \$1,085,000.

John A. Macdonald (PC-Kings) said the vessel was so late in being provided—it went

into service last year—that a new one is needed almost immediately. Two ferries could have been obtained for the price of one.

Mr. Baldwin said the original estimate in 1953 was that of the operator. The first detailed estimate—for \$2,400,000—was not made until 1957.

Marcel Lambert (PC—Edmonton West) asked why the contract for construction of the vessel had been given to a shipyard which, Mr. Sellar had said, had little experience in building ships of that size.

Edmund Morris (PC—Halifax) asked why operation of the Lord Selkirk had not been given to Canadian National Railways.

Mr. Audette said the Prince Edward Island government, municipalities and boards of trade had made strong representations against the CNR operating the vessel. They wanted the service in different hands because a strike had once tied up CNR ferry service between Bordentown, P.E.I., and Cape Tormentine, N.B.



FLASH FLOOD STRIKES At upper right, firemen rescue a child while others wait atop a super-market on the north side of town after a flash flood from a nearby creek swept through this section of St. Joseph, Mo.

Commons Members Debate Bill

OTTAWA (CP) The pace of Commons business was so swift Wednesday that cabinet ministers couldn't keep up to it.

First on the list was consideration of a government bill increasing income taxes and revising deductions.

Breaking fast from the starting gate, CCF House Leader Hazen Argue moved that further committee study be given the bill's provision ruling out as deductions from taxable income those hospital bills paid by governments under the national hospital insurance plan.

Mr. Argue said the proposal was discriminatory. Persons covered by private plans could claim hospital bills but persons covered by the public plan could not. J. W. Pickersgill (L—Bonavista - Twillingate) agreed.

But Finance Minister Fleming said people who have their hospital bills paid by the public insurance plan can't expect to draw a double benefit by also claiming the bills as tax deductions.

The big Progressive Conservative majority settled the issue, defeating by a vote of 166 to 39 the CCF motion for further committee study. Liberals voted with the CCF.

Final approval then was given the income tax bill. Mr. Fleming pulled out and Prime Minister Diefenbaker swung in to seek approval of the state treaty for re-establishment of an independent and democratic Austria—signed at Vienna May 15, 1955—by Austria, the United States, Russia, Britain and France.

That was handsily disposed of and Mr. Diefenbaker disappeared toward the lobby. Next, Veterans Minister Brooks sought second reading—approval in principle—of his bill to increase loans available to war veteran farmers for enlarging their farm holdings and equipment.

At that point the pace caught up to the cabinet.

Halifax Performs In Drama Festival

TORONTO (CP)—Halifax took over the Dominion Drama Festival Wednesday with an afternoon performance by Travelling Players of Henrik Ibsen's Ghosts and an evening appearance by Marktonian Players in Canadian Patricia Jourdy's Teach Me How To Cry.

French adjudicator Michel St. Denis was generally critical of the matinee performance of Ghosts, declaring the actors failed in the essential requirement of making the tragedy progress effectively from one high point to another.

"They did what they could to give us a good play but did not succeed."

He complained of carelessness in lighting and timing and pointed out that one actor, in announcing there was a fire some distance away, was in no position to see the flames from his position on stage.

"Those things of atmosphere terribly important," he said. The adjudicator confessed he was not in love with the works of Ibsen but admitted he had great admiration for the playwright's realistic writings which, he said, were the beginning of modern theatre.

Criticizing the staging, he said the play was presented in "a box set, not very imaginative."

He said the performance did not produce the necessary strong characterizations and the actors at times could barely be heard.

Russia Asks Agreement To Ease Europe Tension

By MAX HARRELSON GENEVA (AP) — The Soviet Union has told the West again that it wants to negotiate a four-point agreement to ease tension in Europe, Western diplomats reported Wednesday night.

They said Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko also has indicated that the Big Four foreign ministers might consider ending the speech-making phase of their conference and go into secret talks.

The Western ministers appeared resolved to respond to Gromyko's feelers for secret sessions only when he puts them forward more precisely.

Inside the Palais des Nations, where the formal Big Four talks are being held, East and West bogged down in a crossfire of criticism over the rival Soviet and Western plans for a German peace settlement.

U.S. State Secretary Christian A. Herter warned the Russians that prolonged partition of Germany will bring "disaster for those that stand in the way" of unity for the 72,000,000 Germans.

Gromyko served notice that the Soviet Union stands by its program—and only its program—for a German settlement.

In private talks with British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and others Gromyko expressed

Winter Fair Will Move

HALIFAX (CP)— F. George MacLeod, president of the Maritime Stock Breeders Association, said here Wednesday the Maritime Winter Fair will have to have a new home by this summer.

The sponsoring association has been seeking a new site for the fair since fire destroyed its buildings in Amherst last July and it was decided to operate in a new community, Moncton, Halifax and Saint John are regarded as leading contenders for the agricultural show.

Mr. MacLeod, here to attend a meeting with the board of trade to discuss possible relocation of the fair in Halifax, said no decision on the new site has been made. But it will have to be by this summer, he said. The association was delaying a decision until definite proposals were received from Saint John and Moncton.

MSBA director's said the Halifax Forum, proposed to house the fair, has only about 100,000 square feet of floor space. The show would need about 160,000. Another disadvantage here would be freight costs to bring cattle in from distant parts of the Maritimes, they said.

Director E.T. Mill of Kensington, P.E.I., said several exhibitors have indicated they won't take part if the show is moved to Halifax.

No Fight Seen By Red Boss

By ROBERT ELPHICK MOSCOW (Reuters) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev Wednesday told 45 Florida businessmen Russia never will launch the first rocket against the United States.

He said he believes Russia and the United States never will fight. "He told the businessmen in a 70-minute interview Russia is willing to 'go a long long way to get results'" at the current Big Four foreign ministers talks in Geneva—but not on the basis of the Western package plan for German and European security.

LETTERS FROM HOME

Two happy sailors sit on a Halifax dock to read letters from home. They were from the crews of five United States Navy submarines that made a courtesy visit to the old Nova Scotia port. Conning towers of two of the subs and part of the Angus L. Macdonald bridge are in the background. (CP Photo)

Nationwide Strike Threat Denied By Teamster Boss

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Teamster President James R. Hoffa Wednesday denied he made a threat to call a country-wide strike if anti-trust laws are applied to unions.

In Washington, The Senate rackets committee said it would ask him about the reported threat.

Reports that Hoffa made such a threat Tuesday in a speech at Brownsville, Tex., drew strong criticism from Labor Secretary James Mitchell AFL-CIO President George Meany and others.

Hoffa, in San Francisco to confer with teamster officials and speak at the University of California, called a press conference at his hotel.

"There would never be a nationwide strike of the Teamsters Union. . . I cannot speak for other unions," Hoffa said.

Robert F. Kennedy, counsel for the Senate rackets committee, told a reporter that he expects Hoffa's appearance may be set for mid-June.

ARROGANT THREAT Mitchell, in Los Angeles, called the reported threat "the most arrogant, brazen thing I've heard in my life."

Senator John L. McClellan (Dem. Ark.), rackets committee chairman, who has talked about applying anti-trust laws to transportation unions, urged Congress to meet the threat head-on.

He said in a statement: "Don't minimize or underestimate the dangers to our free economy and internal security that are involved in this threat."

Hoffa arrived in San Francisco from Brownsville, where he addressed a longshoremen's convention Tuesday.

The teamster leader told the Houston Chronicle the strike threat reports are "distortions of the truth."

COMPLY WITH LAW Hoffa said at his press conference here that if restrictive labor laws are passed, "we will comply with the law but we do not propose to go out of business and there will be adjustment of contracts."

At Brownsville, White Swayer, Associated Press reporter, quoted the teamster leader as making this comment on restrictive labor laws: "The only answer is that if such a law is passed, we should have all of our contracts end on a given date. They talk about a secondary boycott. We can call a primary strike all across the nation that will straighten out the employers once and for all."

Newsman Surprised Oakes Trial Reopened

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — A member of the Bahaman House of Assembly said Wednesday it is imperative that the Duke of Windsor come to Nassau and reveal what information he has on the Sir Harry Oakes murder case.

"I expected the majority United Bahaman party to throw it out," Stevenson said. The body of Sir Harry, multi-millionaire, was found and buried in the home of Mrs. Paul Ducharme and from special correspondence now appear on the Island News Page.

Crazed Negro Shoots White

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — A gun-crazed Negro shot and killed a white woman Wednesday, barricaded himself in his house when officers called on him to surrender and killed two policemen before he was shot to death.

One of the policemen, Sergeant Leroy King, was killed almost instantly and his companion, Captain Harold Abadie, died a few minutes later. King was shot in the face and Abadie took a charge from the 16-gauge shotgun in the stomach.

Dr. Henry Voorhies, coroner for Lafayette Parish, identified the Negro as Albert Victor. Voorhies said Victor apparently barricaded himself in the house after sneaking into the home of Mrs. Paul Ducharme and shooting the young white mother at close range.

Court Foils Elopement Bid

LONDON (Reuters) — A High Court judge Wednesday banned a runaway marriage between a London playboy and a lovely young shipping heiress, Katherine Dowsett, 20.

Playboy Edward Langley, 27, and Miss Dowsett stopped to Scotland Sunday, planning to marry there under Scottish law which permits marriage under the age of 21 without parental consent, as is required in England.

WARM GREETING FOR FROSTS

An unidentified well-wisher stretches out his hand to Premier Leslie Frost of Ontario as he and Mrs. Frost walk to the Progressive Conservative nomination meeting in his home town of Lindsay, Ont., May 13. Premier Frost has called an Ontario election for June 11.