

'SWAP' IS SUGGESTED

Trade Board Convention Hears Corridor Highway Proposals

SYDNEY (CP)—Three separate proposals for a corridor highway linking the Atlantic Provinces and Central Canada, including a "swap" of financial burdens between the United States and Canada, were presented Monday to the annual meeting of the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade.

W. Bartlett Cram of Hampton Me., told the opening session of the two-day conference the U.S. government would be willing to pay the estimated \$3,000,000,000 cost of an east-west express highway through northern New England if the Canadian government paved a 1,000-mile section in Canada of the Acan Highway between Montana and Alaska.

Mr. Cram, U.S. member of an international committee studying the proposed corridor route, said the deal would be of economic advantage to Canada. The cost of improving the Canadian portion of the Acan Highway would be "only a drop in the bucket" in comparison with U.S. spending on a corridor route which would benefit both central Canada and the Atlantic Provinces.

"The proposed highway would be a four-lane ribbon extending from Calais, Me., on the New Brunswick border through Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to the New York State Thruway and thence to Montreal. It would be 200 miles shorter than the present all-Canadian route be-

tween Moncton and Montreal, he said.

"We need a road linking the northeast states and the east north-central states and you people need a linking central Canada with the Atlantic Provinces," Mr. Cram told MURB delegates.

He said the United States is offering to undertake construction of this "multi-purpose" road if the Atlantic Provinces "will pressure Ottawa to fix up the Acan."

C. Everett Daniels of Annapolis Royal, N.S., chairman of the transportation committee of the Annapolis Valley Affiliated Boards of Trade, proposed a direct route between Halifax and Sherbrooke, Que. across the Bay of Fundy.

"The cost of transportation is hurting the Atlantic region," he said. "The benefits of a direct route are many," both to the Atlantic region and central Canada.

"Any deflection from the straight-line principle to favor any specific area would be harmful to one region or the other."

His proposal for a Nova Scotia-Quebec highway would run through northern Maine in the straightest possible line and would include a ferry link across the Bay of Fundy between Digby, N.S., and New Brunswick's Campbellton Island.

A. D. Marjison and Sons Ltd., a consulting firm hired by the

Nova Scotia and federal governments, recently recommended that a proposed second ferry service between Nova Scotia and New England run from the western Nova Scotia port and Welchpool on Campobello Island. An international bridge connects Campobello and Lubec, Me.

PREFERS ALL-CANADIAN
Preference for an all-Canadian route was expressed by A. E. Levesque, chairman of the Edmundston, N.B. Chamber of Commerce's transportation committee.

He agreed a "fast" convenient trade route between central Canada and the Atlantic Provinces is needed to stimulate trade between the two regions, but said the Trans-Canada Highway between Moncton and Montreal is 100 miles longer than the proposed corridor route through Maine.

This highway would have to cut through some rugged terrain dividing Maine and Quebec, Mr. Levesque said, bringing the cost of such a project to \$400,000,000.

Mr. Levesque said his scheme would permit use of the Trans-Canada Highway between Grand Falls and Moncton via Fredericton as a passenger route free of commercial traffic and thus would amount to the same thing as a single, four-lane highway.

Two Outbreaks Of Fire Destroy House, Barns



Millview And Alexandra Hit

Two fires yesterday, one in Millview the other in Alexandra, destroyed two barns and a house — the latter still under construction. The origins of the fires are unknown.

The blaze in Millview, about 2 p.m., destroyed two barns belonging to J.A. Smith.

The barns, one approximately 25 feet by 60 the other 20 feet by 50, were situated near one another. The fire started in one and spread to the other. A strong wind, which hampered the men from the Vernon River Fire Department, threatened to spread the fire to a nearby house owned by Vernon MacIntyre.

Twenty-five head of feeder cattle were removed from one of the buildings. However, all other contents in the two barns were lost. This included a small amount of hay and straw. Two trailers and other small pieces of farm machinery were lost also.

Mr. Smith estimated the value of the barns and other equipment to be approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000. It was understood the buildings were insured.

The other fire, reported to have broke out about 7:30 last night, destroyed a large house which was still under construction. The owner, Sheldon Beaton, said the loss was partially covered by insurance.

Mr. Beaton said that he and three other men were working in the basement of the house, part of which is an automobile body repair shop, when they saw smoke. He then went upstairs and saw a wall of the house burst into flames.

He explained that some of the woodwork had been freshly varnished.

All the contents in the house, furniture and clothing, were lost. However several cars in the shop in the basement were pushed out of danger.

The Alexandra area, it was said, is not covered by rural fire protection. For that reason trucks from suburban Charlottetown areas were not allowed to assist. A truck from the Charlottetown Fire Department answered a call and was later joined by the Department of Forestry truck.

No injuries at either fire were reported.

Demonstration In Saigon Scattered By Riot Police

SAIGON (AP)—A demonstration led by Buddhist monks and nuns, back on the streets after two weeks of relative quiet, collapsed Monday in the face of tough tactics of riot police and lack of support from their colleagues.

The ease with which the police contained and scattered the 500 demonstrators seemed to underscore the spreading uncertainty and dissension in Buddhist ranks.

The government of Premier Nguyen Cao Ky also pushed

ahead with reforms it had agreed to earlier under Buddhist pressures, including election of a constituent assembly and appointment of a military-civilian advisory council.

In the war U.S. paratroopers swept across jungle ridges in the central highlands near Kon-tum in search of an elusive North Vietnamese regiment that apparently withdrew toward the Laotian border before their positions were pounded by Giambased B-52s early in the day. The abortive demonstration

in Saigon went against a pledge by the Buddhists last week that they would oppose the government with "peaceful non-cooperation" rather than street disorders.

REVEALS RIFT
The demonstration was one of several signs of a rift that appeared to be deepening within the Buddhist leadership.

In the face of the government's firmness against Buddhist demands, the Buddhists' radical wing seemed at a loss for tactics.

There appeared to be no uniform policy or co-ordination among Buddhist leaders, who put out frequently contradictory statements.

Meanwhile, Ky and his advisers prepared a lengthy draft of the electoral law for the Sept. 11 vote for the constituent assembly. The premier and chief of state Nguyen Van Thieu also consulted leading military and civilian figures on forming an advisory body.

Heat Wave In India Worst In 50 Years

CALCUTTA (AP)—A heat wave with top temperatures of 120 degrees felled men, women and children by scores in eastern India Monday, while floods in the Brahmaputra River Valley in the northeast forced hundreds of thousands to flee their homes. Badly needed crops were seared or flooded over wide areas.

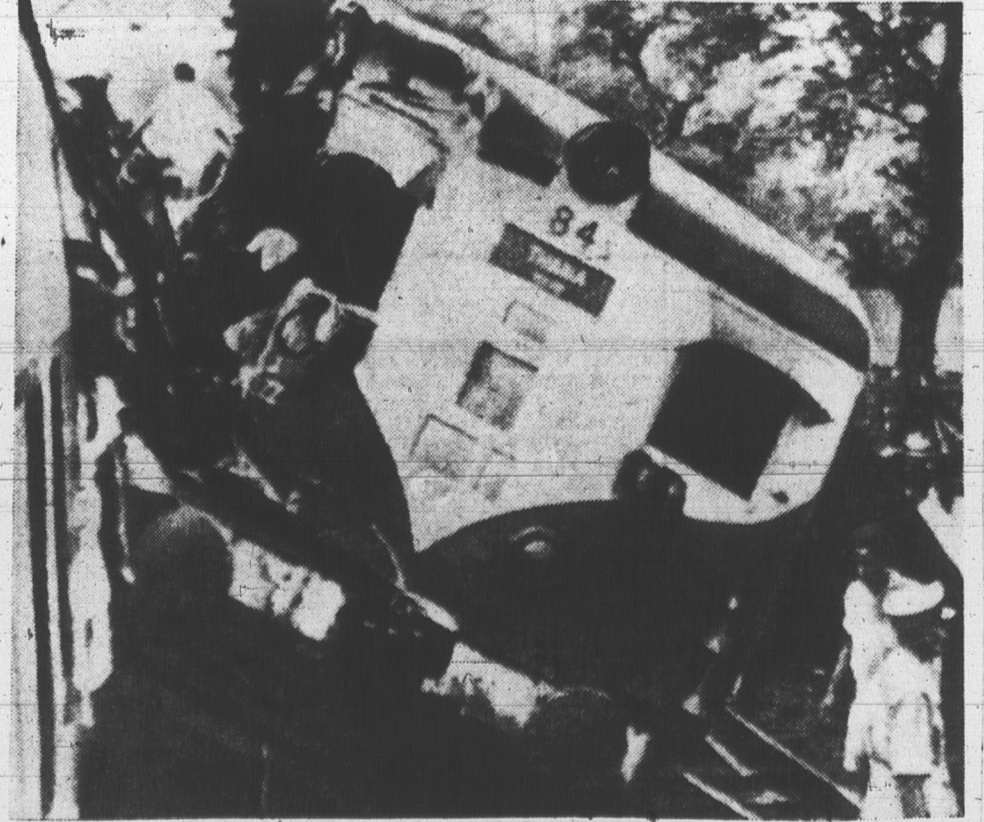
Reports reaching Calcutta said the heat wave has killed at least 353 persons in West Bengal and Bihar states in the last nine days.

They said 130 died at Patna, the Bihar capital. But officials feared the actual toll may be higher. Many deaths go unreported in remote country areas.

Cattle and other livestock have dropped by thousands. In drought-hit Madhya state, locally grown food supplies hit a low. Only emergency supplies of food grains from abroad have made it possible for the government to meet the minimum needs of the people.

The heat wave, described as the worst in 50 years, has dried reservoirs and wells. Some 300 miles to the east, in Assam state, surging flood waters from the Brahmaputra, swollen by incessant monsoon rains the last 20 days, have washed away whole villages and ruined great areas of rice, vegetables and jute.

The Brahmaputra, one of India's main rivers, rose more than 12 feet and burst its banks.



DEATH TOLL HEAVY IN BOMBAY TRAIN WRECK

The first car of a suburban commuter train lies tilted on its side in a Bombay, India, suburb Monday after the train

collided with another. Five hours after the accident officials said 52 bodies had been counted and 106 persons had been injured. Part of the other

train is at left. It was feared the death toll in the collision would reach 100. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Bombay.)

Drilling Ship Heads For Port

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The 4,300-ton oil drilling ship Glomar Sirte was 210 miles south of St. John's late Monday and proceeding at 8½ knots toward the port under her own power. She carries a crew of 65.

The United States vessel, pounded by gale winds and heavy seas on the Grand Banks Sunday, was rendered powerless for a time when sea water mixed with her fuel. The vessel also had to cut anchor chains and went adrift. She received a supply of fresh fuel from an oil tender early Monday and was expected to reach St. John's sometime this afternoon.

She is escorted by the Canadian transport department icebreaker and cable ship John Cabot.

The Glomar Sirte is under contract to Pan American Oil Co. to drill for offshore oil.

Pearson Intervenes In Strike

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson personally intervened in the Quebec dock strike Monday night, summoning representatives of the Shipping Federation of Canada to his office, after an apparent failure in cabinet-level mediation efforts.

The shipping representatives arrived at the prime minister's parliamentary office at 10:25 p.m. with Finance Minister Sharp. There was no indication how long the meeting would last.

The unexpected development came after meeting between Mr. Pearson and four cabinet ministers, headed by Labor Minister Nicholson, who have been mediating the dispute since Saturday.

The ministers reported on the progress of their earlier talks with the shipping federation and representatives of the striking International Longshoremen's Association (ILA).

WILL TALK TO IIA
An aide to the prime minister said the IIA representatives would be invited to meet Mr. Pearson immediately after the ship owners left. Earlier, the four cabinet ministers held separate meetings with both sides.

THIS IS WHAT remained of a house owned by Sheldon Beaton in Alexandra after a fire last evening raged through it for only 30 minutes. The house was almost finished construction and Mr. Beaton had moved most of their furniture and clothing into it. All were lost. The basement was going to be an automobile body shop. At the time of the blaze there were two or three cars occupying the space. However, they were pushed out of danger. The late model Mercury seen here was one of them.

Provincial Governments Said Using College Funds

OTTAWA (CP)—A Liberal MP described provincial governments Monday as "middle men" draining off federal funds intended for universities.

Grant Deachman (Vancouver-Quadra) told the Commons that Canada needs devices to guarantee that grants earmarked for education do not subsidize general provincial revenues.

"This is the real serious problem that faces a federal government when it spends funds in the field of higher education."

The increase in government spending on education was not being reflected in university budgets, which were being cut back by provincial governments.

Mr. Deachman spoke in defence of the government during an attack by NDP members on the Canada Student Loans Act. The House was debating a resolution that would increase available federal moneys to \$58,000,000 from \$42,000,000 for loans made in the 1965-66 academic year.

MEASURE APPROVED

The resolution was approved. A bill giving effect to the changes was given first reading.

David Orlikow (Winnipeg-North) qualified NDP support for the loan fund by saying the fund "helps those who need help the least."

Limited loans were not going

City Dentist Is Honored
HALIFAX (CP)—Two Maritime dentists, Dr. Heath Intyre of Charlottetown and Dr. A.J. Cormier of Moncton, received honorary memberships of the Canadian Dental Association here Monday.

to permit students from low-income families to attend college. They needed free tuition, bursaries and scholarships, without the burden of repayment.

The bill increases funds available for the last university year and gives Finance Minister Sharp discretionary power to dole out up to 20 per cent of the total loan fund any year that provinces seek funds above their basic allotment.

Mr. Sharp said the fund, which began just before the 1964-65 academic year, had been "highly successful. Some 42,000 students were helped the first year and 50,000 in 1965-66."

A student may borrow a maximum of \$5,000 during his entire post-secondary school studies. Loans are repayable at six per cent interest, beginning seven months after graduation.

Mr. Sharp said demand exceeded expectations last year. It became apparent several provinces would overshoot their allotment so the federal govern-

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Toronto Man Made Judge
OTTAWA (CP)—Alexander Stark, 62, of Toronto has been appointed to the bench of the Supreme Court of Ontario and a member of the High Court of Justice for the province, the justice department announced Monday.

The appointment fills one of the new openings on the bench created when Parliament passed an act to add two judges to the court.

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