SINGS IN SHOW OPERA

Charlottetown's Maida Rogerson is singing in the Mount Allison university production of Menotti's opera "The Medium", March 12 and 13 and is also singing in the Mount Allison concert tour.

FRONT LEFT, Miss Rogerson, William Jenkins, New Glasgow, and Rhoda Jean McLeod, New Glasgow.

BACK, Eleanor Robbins, Yarmouth, Ivan Freeborn, Moncton, Elizabeth Reeves, Pictou and Mrs. Catherine Judah Daniel, on the vocal staff of the Mt. A. conservatory of music.

Jobs For Avro Employees Sought, Diefenbaker Says

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Monday night the government is still trying to get Avro employees back to work as soon as possible.

"I need not tell you that my heart was heavy over the implications" in the decision to cancel the Avro Arrow jet interceptor program, Mr. Diefenbaker said in a television speech on the CBC's free-time political series, The Nation's Business.

"I reaffirm that sympathy that must be in the hearts of all of us for those who were laid off and assure them of the highest level of continuing effort on the part of the government to get them back to work as soon as possible so that Canada may retain their experience, skills and loyalty for the great tasks that lie ahead of all of us."

The statements were included in a text of the speech issued to the press before delivery.

CONTRACT STIPULATION

Mr. Diefenbaker said the Bomarc anti-aircraft missile and other contracts involving joint Canadian and United States spending on defence will be designed to assure that "practically every dollar of the Canadian share will be spent in Canada." Canada's share of costs in this field will be one-third.

The prime minister's speech was largely a recapitulation of his previous addresses to the Commons during debate on the Arrow cancellation.

"I ask the simple question—should we go on spending your money as taxpayers to produce the Arrow, which is an attractive aircraft of fine workmanship and design, but which would be out of date when produced?"

GREAT PRESSURE

Mr. Diefenbaker said "no one will ever know the strength and the force of the pressure brought against the cabinet to force it to do that which was not fair to the Canadian people."

The government had not anticipated that A. V. Roe (Canada) Limited would dismiss all its employees the day the government's decision was announced.

The prime minister said Canada must receive a just and fair share of joint Canada-U.S. defence production.

At the start of his speech, the prime minister said the visit of Prime Minister Macmillan of Britain to Moscow reveals clearly the desire of free world leaders to do everything humanly possible to assure that the world won't drift into war.

Council Meeting Is Postponed

MONTAGUE — The regular monthly meeting of the Montague Town Council was postponed until tonight at 8 p.m. Several of the councillors were unavoidable absent from the town.

Hairdressers

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where an unqualified operator had cause damage to the hair of the client and it was to prevent repetitions of this sort that legislation was being sought.

R.R. Bell suggested that the act be read clause by clause so that the members could be informed as to its full import.

Hon. Mr. MacKinnon then withdrew his motion.

Hon. B. Earle MacDonald said he agreed with the Leader of the Opposition that the act should be read clause by clause. Mr. MacDonald said he attended a meeting of the hairdressers and in so far as he could learn all they were trying to do was to improve their standards and those of the future.

Frank Myers: "I suppose when they get this association, up will go the price of permanent waves."

SMALL OPERATION

Mr. Acorn said the act did not allow for any new members to come into the association until they had conformed to certain regulations in regard to ability and payment of a license. Mr. Acorn said this would eliminate a lot of women who carry on a nice little business and do a good job. He felt it would be an imposition to ask these women to pay a license fee when their business was so small.

Mr. Large assured the Souris member that no one was being shut out. "It is just an orderly way of doing business. He said there must be some type of penalty clause otherwise the act would be meaningless. I am speaking for every woman in the province who goes to a hairdresser and there are a lot of them," Mr. Large said.

Mr. Acorn said he objected to the clause which said no operator, unless they became a member of the association as of Feb. 1 could carry on business and moved the deletion of the clause.

PREMIER OBJECTS

Premier Matheson objected stating that the very purpose of the act would be defeated if this were to take place.

Harold Smith (L-4th Queens) moved that the words "no person shall carry on an advertised business" unless she become a member of the association. Premier Matheson agreed.

George E. Saville: "Said he thought it would be wrong to interfere with the act which the women had asked for. He said "We all like to see our women looking nice and I think we should let the bill go through as it is."

He noted that only a small number of the members were present in the House at the time and a vote taken would not necessarily represent the views of the whole House.

Dr. Dewar wondered why the women were being organized when the barbers of the country were not.

BARBERS NEXT?

Premier Matheson said the barbers had tried to organize but their bill had been thrown out in the same manner that certain members were attempting to throw this one out. He expected that the barbers would take heart if the women's bill were passed.

Mr. Acorn strongly objected to the last clause of the bill which provided fines for those operating a hairdressing establishment or beauty salon who did not conform to the act. He moved that the Speaker take the chair.

A vote taken on Mr. Acorn's motion indicated that the amendment lost. The count of 10-4 showed that Mr. Douglas, Acorn MasKinnon and Arsenault voted for the amendment.

Hospital Plan

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having a certain number of employees to come under the plan but expressed the opinion that this was to the province's advantage in view of the large number of industrialized areas which were already carrying insurance of this kind. He also noted that Ontario had a large number of farm co-operatives which automatically came under the plan.

DIFFERENT SETUP

On the Island, Mr. Bell said, the setup is different—the population is largely rural and he feared that many would be unable to pay while others would get in arrears in their premiums. He said one of the original intentions of the plan was that it cover the whole population.

In Nova Scotia he said they were paying for the plan out of general revenue supplemented by a sales tax. He understood that this tax would provide several hundred thousand dollars over and above that required to pay for hospital insurance and everybody got hospital insurance free. He said he would like to see it so that no one, if they got sick would have the extra burden of worrying whether their insurance premium were paid or not.

Hon. M.L. Bonnell said Mr. Bell reminded him of a satellite fired at the moon." It didn't hit the moon but kept going around it."

He termed the Opposition Leader a master of evasion, stating that he stepped over the question and around it but he never hit it. He claimed Mr. Bell had objected to a compulsory plan and at the same time felt a voluntary plan could not be worked. "What kind of a plan does he want—does he want a sales tax—if he does, he hasn't said so," said Dr. Bonnell.

The Health Minister said the government could make it mandatory for everyone to carry insurance if they decide to do so but, "we are going to give the people a chance to make up their own minds," he said.

PREMIER SPEAKS

Premier Matheson reviewed the history of hospital insurance going back to 1948 when hospital grants and hospital insurance were first talked of.

He recalled the trip he made to Ottawa in April 1957 when he agreed with the then Minister of Health and Welfare, Paul Martin to become Canada's sixth province to accept the scheme.

The Premier said he accepted Mr. Martin's proposal with the reply, "If you do as well for us under this plan as you did under the previous health grants, I am willing to go along with you."

The Premier stated that Prince Edward Island had taken advantage of more of the health grants than any other province in Canada and he felt the Island had gotten a good deal.

He said he went over to the House of Commons to hear the debates on hospital insurance and there he heard Dr. Baird, the chief Opposition critic strongly advocating the inclusion to TB and mental care.

The Premier said Dr. Baird was strongly supported by Queens member J. Angus MacLean, Mr. Fleming, now Minister of Finance and Mr. Dinsdale of the PC Opposition.

"It was a gamble I took," said the Premier. "One I thought I could not lose—if the government were returned, I had Mr. Martin's offer and if the other party got in we had this promise to include TB and mental care.

"I said I gambled—well I lost my gamble with the election of June 10, 1957," said the Premier.

He went on to tell of a conference he attended in the fall of 1957 and at that time Mr. Fleming, now Minister of Finance told the Premiers he would be quite willing to include TB and mental care but the provinces would have to deduct such an amount from whatever grants they were nowr eceiving from the federal treasury. "That is what Mr. Fleming had to offer us. He would give us something in one hand and chop it off with the other," the Premier said.

The Premier said the cost of caring for the TB patients and mentally ill in the province is something over a million dollars a year and if this were included in the scheme the province would stand to save approximately a half million dollars recoverable from Ottawa.

Mr. Matheson dealt at some length to newspaper comment which had been made regarding the plan. Some of these were critical while others highly complimented the government.

Mr. Matheson predicted some snags in the plan. One of these was the fact that voluntary contributions would not come in so freely from the public as they did before.

He expressed the belief that every hospital on the sland now has a bonded debt in addition to heavy depreciation costs.

EVERYONE INCLUDED

Camparing costs with existing Blue Cross rates, the Premier noted that a number of people had expressed surprise that the government plan was not cheaper than it was.

He explained that Blue Cross coverage was for a preferred risk class while the government scheme included all classes from the cradle to the grave with no waiting period or exemptions because of certain previous illnesses.

Referring to Premier Frost's presentation to the government in which the Ontario Premier asked for $100,000,000, Mr. Matheson said, "If Premier Frost was sure of getting the $100 million he wouldn't be financing theplan by premium, he would be introducing a sales tax."

"And if we had gotten five million instead of two and a half we would be using a sales tax method also," he said.

Continuing the Premier said, "This tax sharing agreement with the Federal Government is only for four years and if they do not renew it at the end of that time, we will have to put on a sales tax."

"I am using the same argument as Mr. Frost, some day some government is going to institute a sales tax to build roads, provide for education along with health and welfare and if we are going to take up the federal offer through their roads-to-resources program money will have to come from some source," he added.

"If we do not take the premium plan now, we cannot do it later," the Premier said.

EARLY PAYMENTS

Dr. Bonnell said he would like to clarify a statement he had made during the first part of the debate. He said at that time, there would be no waiting period. He stated there were reservations to this statement.

He explained that the machinery to receive premiums would be ready to operate in July or early August and anyone who had their premium paid by October 1st, the time at which the plan is expected to go into operation, these persons would be admitted, fully covered by the plan.

On the other hand if premiums were not paid until after Oct. 1 there would be a three month waiting period before coverage would become effective. This, he said, was being done to encourage as many as possible to take advantage of the plan as early as possible. It would constitute three months of free hospital care compared to those who came later.

The Health Minister explained the building of the Hillsboro General Hospital and the introduction of the act which designated the hospital as a general hospital.

He felt at that time that the care of patients receiving active treatment for mental illness should be paid for under the plan and he still felt they should. Dr. Bonnell said he hoped that after he returned from Ottawa where he would meet with the Federal Minister of Health and Welfare, he would be able to report that the Hillsboro General Hospital would be considered in the scheme.

He said most of the patients admitted to the Hillsboro General are discharged within three months.

ABSENTEE BENEFITS

Speaking of out-of-province benefits, Dr. Bonnell said anyone travelling anywhere in Canada, or for that matter in U.S.A. or anywhere in the world, would be covered at ward rates

He also explained that a patient requiring medical care not available to them in the province would be free to go to any other hospital in Canada or the United States, subject to the approval of the Commission.

Persons moving to some other province would be covered by the Island plan for the first three months of residence in their new location.

Dr. Bonnell said the P.E.I. plan was much cheaper and gave wider coverage than any other province. Taking Saskatchewan for example, he said there were many of the X-ray services not included and out-patient benefits were not included under the plan as well as many drugs and vitamins now included in the Island scheme.

Mother Is Freed In Murder Case

MONTREAL (CP)—Mrs. Raymond Martel, 37, charged with murder of her three-year-old son in, 1952, today was found not guilty because of mental derangement at the time.

A 12 - man court of queen's bench jury delivered the verdict after psychiatrist Dr. Arthur Huard testified that Mrs. Martel suffered a persecution complex and "thought people were laughing at her" at the time she admitted turning on the gas jets to kill herself and her son. She has since been treated and judged fit to stand trial.

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Ice 2 — M. Sullivanvs. H. Clair.

9:45 P. M.

Ice 1 — C. Nicholson, A. Sullivan, R. Lowford, B. McIntyre vs. D. McGowan, R. Reid, D. MacLean, Don Williams.

Ice 2 — Fred Vuozzo, R. Pettit, D. Sorrie, M. Gallant vs. Dr. Inman, G. Kennedy, V. Martin, Harvey Moore.

Uigg Farmer Dies; Funeral Will Be Today

MONTAGUE — Samuel E. MacLeod, 79, died at his home in Uigg on Saturday, March 7th. The late Mr. MacLeod, a well known and respected farmer, was born and spent his entire life in Uigg. He was a life long supporter and member of the Baptist Church, Uigg.

He leaves to mourn, his wife, the former Mable VanIderstine, of Vernon River; also six sons and five daughters, Malcolm, in Prince George, B.C.; Gordon, Alexander, Harold, all of Uigg; James, Ingleside, Ont.; Raymond, California; Florence, Mrs. Floyd MacLean, Kingsboro, P.E.I.; Marion, Mrs. Walter MacLeod, Orwell Cove; Olive, Mrs. Kenneth Arthur, Mass., U.S.A.; Esther, Mrs. Ralph Jeffords, California; Margaret, Mrs. Sheldon Hume, Murray Harbour.

Services will be conducted at the home and the Baptist Church, Uigg, today at 2 p.m.

Interment will be in the church cemetery.

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A description of life in present-day Spain was the highlight of the regular meeting of St. Pius X Holy Name Society held Sunday in the parish hall.

The address was given by Rev. Adrian Arsenault of St. Dunstan's University. The meeting was chaired by the president M. J. Lee.

The pastor Rt. Rev. R. V. MacKenzie, introduced Father Arsenault who was thanked by R. J. McCarville.

Reports indicated that the variety concert held recently was a sound success both financially and socially. It was pointed out the concert gave parishioners the chance to enjoy the top talent present in the area.

INDEPENDENT ICELAND

Iceland has been an independent republic since it separated from Denmark in 1944.

Dutch Church To Incorporate

An act to incorporate the Christian Reformed Church at East Royalty received second reading in the Legislature yesterday. The bill was promoted by F. A. Large (L—1st Queens).

R.R. Bell said it was worthy to note that the fine Dutch citizens who supported this church had seen fit to establish their own place of worship on the Island. He said it was an indication that they were satisfied with their surroundings and intended to stay here.

Mr. Bell said he knew of a couple of Dutch farmers who had settled at Brookfield. He said he knew of a number of others who had taken over farms that had become vacant and made a success of them. He hoped more of the people from Holland would see fit to settle here.

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