

"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

Commonwealth Heads of State Meet

Clash On Voting Rights May Be Averted At N

By CARMAN CUMMING
UNITED NATIONS (CP)—Sources at the United Nations indicated Sunday that Secretary-General U Thant may be able to head off a clash between the Soviet Union and the United States in the general assembly over Soviet voting rights.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk have a luncheon date in New York today. They are expected to discuss a proposal by Thant that the general assembly adjourn between mid-December and February to allow him and a specially appointed committee to negotiate the dispute.

Other delegations have been similarly tight-lipped. Lord Carleton, one of the few to comment publicly in recent days, said he believed a way would be found to deal with the issue without compromising certain basic principles.

One source said both major powers are disposed to accept Thant's proposal. If they do, the secretary-general would press the assembly to settle all necessary year-end business without formal debate so that the decks would be cleared for special negotiations on the table.

With the deadline only hours away, no atmosphere of crisis was apparent at UN headquarters.

One reason for the surface calm is that negotiations on a way out of the impasse have been conducted in unusually tight secrecy.

HOSTAGES STILL HELD

Belgian Paratroopers Put Out Of Congo

From AP-Reuters
LIPOLDVILLE (CP)—Belgian paratroopers pulled out of the Congo Sunday after rescuing 1,700 white hostages from Communist rebels, but fears were expressed here for the safety of 500 or more foreigners, including Canadians, still in rebel territory.

At least two Canadian missionaries were believed trapped. There was no explanation from these sources as to why the drop was not carried out.

The Belgian government, however, said at the outset of the operation that it did not expect the rescue to take more than three days or so.

REJECTS NOTE
In a note to the Soviet Union Sunday, rejecting a Soviet charge of aggression—Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak said the fact that the paratroopers had pulled out was evidence that Belgium had no desire to reconquer its Congo territory, as the Russians had charged.

N.S. Given New Seat In Commons

OTTAWA (CP)—The new official distribution of the Commons' 265 seats among the provinces was announced Saturday in the Canadian Gazette.

It shows Ontario gaining three seats, Alberta two and British Columbia one due to population shifts between the 1951 and 1961 censuses.

Saskatchewan loses three seats, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Manitoba each lose one.

These are the changes that the provincial redistribution commission will have to take into account in drawing the constituency boundaries.

The act setting up the commission was given Royal Assent Nov. 25.

The number of seats for each province is determined under formulas in the British North America Act.

Following the seats assigned to each province under the BNA Act of 1867 are the seats in the Commons for their present seats bracketed: Newfoundland 7 (7); Nova Scotia 12 (12); New Brunswick 10 (10); Prince Edward Island 4 (4); Quebec 74 (75); Ontario 68 (65); Manitoba 12 (14); Saskatchewan 13 (17); Alberta 19 (17); British Columbia 23 (22); Yukon 1 (1); Northwest Territories 1 (1).

Security Lack Is Described As Terrifying

LONDON (CP)—John Gordon, managing editor of The Sunday Express, says the lack of security in Canadian Prime Minister Pearson's residence is "a bit terrifying."

The editorial comments refer to Pearson's disclosure to his grand-daughter at one time was found bilthely chatting to the White House over the "hot line."

"That is one of the few telephone calls in the world to which a call could be made that could start a world war," says Gordon.

"If a child of four can get it and it use, it couldn't a madman who wished to precipitate a war do it just as easily."

Old Land Mine Is Blamed For Greek Blast

LAMIA, Greece (AP)—Thirteen persons perished and 54 were injured Sunday in an explosion minutes after the inauguration of a new bridge in this central Greek city.

National police, who gave the casualty figures, said the blast appeared to have been caused by a Second World War land mine buried in the earth and detonated by a Hindu India thousands of people moving in the area.

About 50,000 persons were at the site of the new Gorgopotamo Bridge for the dedication ceremonies. The old bridge was destroyed by British and Greek forces in November, 1942, to halt movement of supplies for the invading German armies.

Pope Makes Prayer For Understanding

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Paul said Sunday he prayed the people of India will understand and honor the Hindu faith.

The canon Catholic pontiff's words seemed to reflect his respect and concern about opposition to his Indian trip by some Hindu groups which have protested his coming and threatened destruction of his shrines.

But his words showed clearly opposition has not altered his conviction his trip will serve the interests of unity among Christians and fraternity with non-Christians to whom much of the Vatican ecumenical council has been devoted.

Protests began immediately after the pope's arrival in Bombay. He would attend the international ecumenical congress in Bombay.

Sir Winston Is Cheered At London Home Sunday

LONDON (CP)—Sir Winston Churchill smilingly posed for photographers in a window of his London home Sunday, eve of his 90th birthday, as a crowd of well-wishers cheered and sang birthday greetings.

The war-time prime minister acknowledged the greetings of the crowd, which numbered several hundred, with a wave of his hand.

Lady Churchill and a nurse assisted the frail veteran statesman to the open window of his Hyde Park Gate home. He stood there for about thirty minutes despite a freezing drizzle and at one point brushed away the supporting arm of his wife.

He smiled as he exchanged waves with those outside. Then the curtains drifted back into place and everyone thought he had gone. But he returned and leaned out the window for more rounds of applause.

Those in the crowd outside noticed his traditional cigar was missing.

Churchill As Artist Gets Eisenhower Praise

LONDON (AP)—Could Sir Winston Churchill have become the world's greatest painter? Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, himself an amateur painter, thinks it possible.

In a recorded commentary for a television show to be shown on Sir Winston's 90th birthday Sunday, the former president of the United States says: "The paintings of my old comrade—in arms, Winston Churchill, have given me pleasure and inspiration. I think that if Sir Winston had given the time and energy to art that he has given to political affairs, he might have been the world's greatest painter."

"Just how good is Churchill as a painter?" asks a distinguished member of Britain's Royal Academy of Arts. "Let's be fair, he's not a great painter and he would be the first to agree with me."

The Royal Academy member asked that he not be quoted by name—because of his respect for Churchill and because he doesn't want to get into controversy about a friend's work.

HAS LIMITATIONS
"Sir Winston's painting has limitations," he added. "For one thing, his eye for color isn't (Continued on page 3 Col. 2)

Mars Spacecraft Has Minor Error

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—The Mars IV probe, the wrong star as its heavenly guide toward Mars Sunday, began a star-acquisition manoeuvre, on command of its built-in computer, 16 hours and 37 minutes after launch.

Its sensor, a photo-electric device that distinguishes objects by light intensity, was supposed to lock on the star Canopus. The probe's visible star, however, just over the southern U.S. horizon, is second in brightness only to Sirius in man's unaided eye.

CANOPUS is 1,900 times brighter than the sun. It's the redder in the Southern Hemisphere's vast constellation Argo in Greek mythology the ship in which the Argonauts, headed by Jason, sailed to find the golden fleece.

Instead of Canopus, Mars IV's sensor chose another nearby star, which jet propulsion scientists were trying to identify Sunday.

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Johnson's Dog Dies

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP)—President Johnson announced Saturday that "Her," one of his two pet beagles, died Friday on the operating table after awaiting a knee in Washington on the White House grounds.

The president, saying "we have had a tragedy," announced the dog's death after a press conference this morning on the lawn in front of his ranch home here.

Snow And Ice Cover Britain

LONDON (Reuters)—A miserable mixture of snow, fog, ice and rain continued to cover the whole of Britain Sunday.

It covered the entire country at dawn and snow fell heavily in Scotland. Lighter falls occurred in the south. Many roads were dangerously icy and rail services were affected.

The national weather office forecast little change.

Favreau Future Seen In Balance

OTTAWA (CP)—As the dust settles publicly in the wake of last week's political crisis, Prime Minister Pearson will have to decide finally about the future of his minister of justice, Guy Favreau, who became a prime target in the battle over charges of bribery and coercion in high places.

While all sides paid tribute to Mr. Favreau's honesty and integrity, criticism was aimed at his judgment on two counts.

On one, Mr. Favreau conceded that he ruled out prosecution, for lack of sufficient evidence to guarantee conviction, on accusations against a former political appointee in the office of a cabinet colleague.

On the second, Mr. Favreau has been coupled with citizenship Minister Tremblay. Both acknowledged knowing that the charges involved ministerial assistants and the prime minister's parliamentary secretary.

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN
ONLY 21 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

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