

France Is Preparing To Quit NATO Force

From AP-Reuters
PARIS (CP)—France has announced it can see no possibility of useful discussions on effective NATO reform and, therefore, is going ahead with plans to withdraw its troops from the Atlantic Alliance's integrated military command structure.

Both Canada and the United States have rejected French national command over their bases in France.

A cabinet spokesman also said President de Gaulle, is willing to have talks with Allies on the consequences of the actions and to make mutual defence pacts. The spokesman emphasized France will not formally renounce the NATO treaty when it becomes possible to do so in April, 1969. A NATO clause allows any member country, after April, 1969, to give a year's notice it is pulling out of the Alliance.

De Gaulle outlined his plans in a letter Monday to President Johnson and the U.S. leader said the insistence that foreign bases on French soil should come under French command is striking at the heart of NATO and should be discussed within NATO.

Ont. Hospitals Are Criticized

TORONTO (CP)—A large number of hospitals in Ontario use inadequate or improper methods for controlling infection, says a study to be published this week by the University of Toronto Press.

The study says some hospital not only fail to control the spread of infection, but could actually promote it.

Listed as examples of bad housekeeping techniques are improper washing of thermometers, glassware washed in dirty water, washbasins and bedpans improperly cleaned and dirty wound-dressing carts.

The study, covering 208 hospitals, was undertaken by Dr. W. Harding LeRiche of the University of Toronto's school of hygiene, Carole E. Balcom, a nurse, and Gerald van Belle, a statistician.

The authors, who carried out the study by means of questionnaires and personal observation, said differences were noted in hospitals of various sizes.

The smallest hospitals were found to be, on the average, a good as the larger ones. But large hospitals of 200 to 400 beds are more uniform and consistent, the study said.

Part of the study was based on personal observations from Dr. Charles Robinson, a bacteriologist, who was admitted as patient into a surgical ward with the agreement of the senior surgeon.



PARTY WHIPS WAIT TO HERALD VOTE

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Jurist On Investigation Was Young Appointee

By MELVYN PELT
TORONTO (CP)—Mr. Justice Dalton Courtwright Wells, appointed by the federal government to investigate the dismissal of George Victor Spencer, was one of the youngest members ever appointed to the Ontario Supreme Court.

The 65-year-old Toronto jurist was appointed to the High Court in 1946 at age 45. In June, 1964, former justice minister Guy Favreau appointed him to the Ontario Court of Appeal.

While on the Supreme Court of Ontario, the white-haired judge was appointed, in June, 1950, as a district judge in admiralty of the Exchequer Court of Canada for Ontario.

A graduate of Osgoode Hall in 1925, he practised law in Toronto until the Second World War when he became enforcement counsel for the wartime prices board of Central Ontario.

The government decided to set up a commission into the complaints of Spencer, who lives in Vancouver, after Prime Minister Pearson conferred with him by telephone Friday.

He was fired for his alleged connection with Soviet espionage. He has complained about the way he was fired, losing pension and insurance benefits.

The House of Commons was told it would be up to the judge to investigate "as he deems necessary" the aspects of Spencer's dismissal.

In Toronto, Mr. Justice Wells said he hopes the commission can begin its work by the end of the month.

The Appeal Court jurist is not unfamiliar with royal commissions. In 1948, he was appointed by the Ontario government to conduct an inquiry into all phases

of milk production and marketing in Ontario.

He also acted as the commissioner in the case surrounding the arrest of Rabbi Norbert Leiner by Metropolitan Toronto police in January, 1962.

In his report, Mr. Justice Wells found the arrest of the rabbi to be illegal. He also said Rabbi Leiner was subjected to foul and abusive language by the police.

However, he also found that the rabbi did not co-operate with the police immediately before his arrest although he had a "moral duty" to do so.

ATTACKS 'DESPOTISM'
In a speech in April, 1948, on administrative boards in Canada, he said the tendency of the government to set up such boards without any strings attached can be called "the new despotism."

"Because the boards are operated in the interest of a great mass of the community, we should not denounce them in an insensate way," he said.

"Rather, we should bestir ourselves to examine intelligently what is being done, and through our political representatives, seek to control the boards publicly so that the defects, if any, may be eliminated."

In 1951, he told a law panel at the University of Toronto that, in most cases, the courts did not hear the real grounds for divorce.

He said it was impossible to tell real from fabricated evidence and there was a fair amount of arrangements between the parties.

Mr. Justice Wells' mother, Josephine, was the first woman to graduate as a dentist in Canada—his father, John, also was a dentist.

He married Kathleen Irwin in 1939. They have two daughters, Caroline and Susan.

Mr. Justice Wells has been active in the Masonic Order since 1925. In July, 1962, he was named grand senior deacon of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Ontario.

In his spare time, he likes to sail and is a member of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto as well as the University Club.

Railway Link Is Cemented

LONDON (C)—A link between British and Canadian railways has been cemented with the presentation to a Canadian museum of huge brass nameplates from three old British steam locomotives.

Turned over for preservation in the National Railway Museum at Delfon, Que., were the plates from Canadian Pacific and Cunard White Star.

Names of the locomotives, which helped transport Canadian troops during the Second World War, all have historic

links with Canada. Samuel Cunard, founder of Cunard Steamship Company, was a Halifax-born Canadian and Lord Dorchester was a governor-general in pre-confederation Canada who fought and was wounded in the Plains of Abraham.

The huge red-and-green nameplates were taken from locomotives which among other duties, covered the Southampton-to-London run after 1941. All were scrapped during the last few years.

The nameplates were presented by David McKenna, general manager of British Rail's southern region, to Cunard and Canadian Pacific steamship officials for shipment to Canada from Southampton and Liverpool.

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