

MEETING PLANNED TODAY

Incidence Of Fusarium Rot Reported High In Potatoes

The incidence of Fusarium rot in potatoes has never been worse, Gordon Ross, acting district inspector in charge of seed potato certification, told The Guardian last night.

The worst previous incidence of the Fusarium, or dry rot, in memory of veteran potato people here occurred in 1961, but Mr. Ross said that the condition is considerably worse this year.

Mr. Ross revealed that Dr. R. S. MacLachlan, chief of the division of the plant products division, Canada department of agriculture, Ottawa was in town last night and he will meet Agriculture Minister Andrew Rae this forenoon to discuss the problem. The Guardian was told Mr. Ross will be with the division chief at the meeting.

Readers will recall that the year 1961 was abnormally dry and this was said at the time to account for the high incidence of Fusarium, or dry rot. The lack of moisture was even more severe through the growing season in 1965, and the heat and lack of moisture has a direct effect on the tubers so far as the dry rot is concerned.

One knowledgeable potato producer and shipper observed last night that when potato tubers are abnormally dry—they are much more susceptible to the infection from one tuber infected with rot, than they would be if they contained the normal amount of moisture.

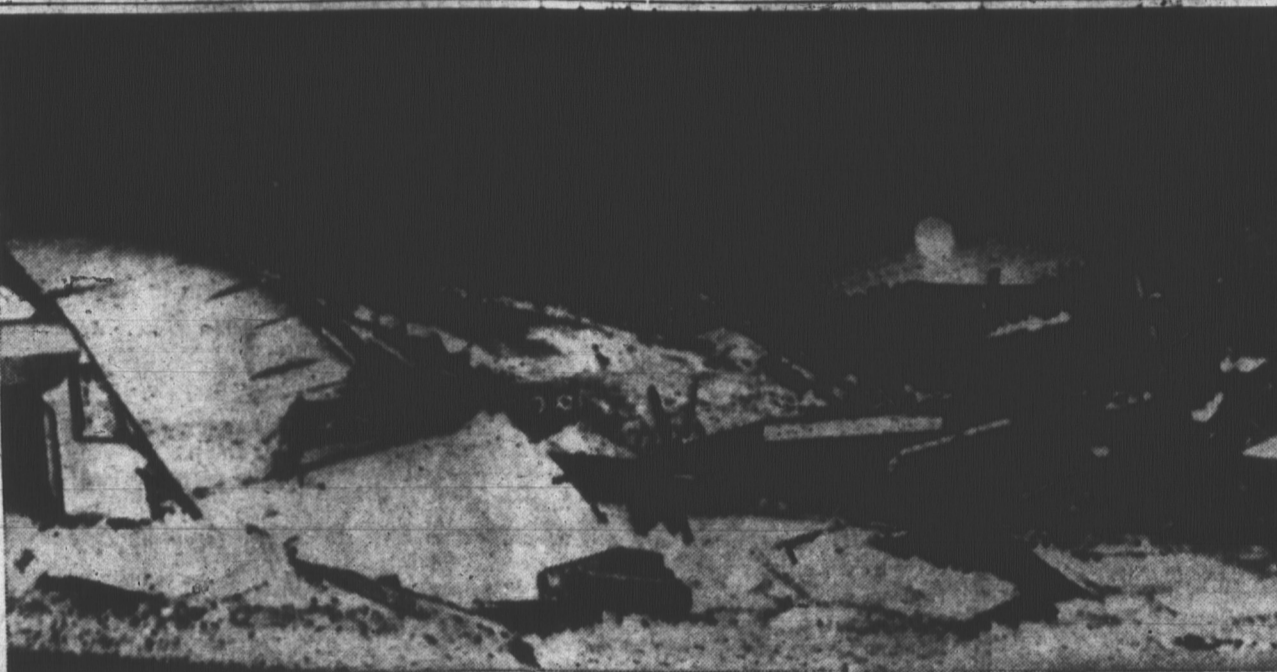
Mr. Ross explained that the dryness and the heat have a direct effect in the breakdown of the tubers.

COMPENSATION

There was a measure of compensation made available to affected potato growers in 1961. Presumably that will not be the case this year. It was explained previously by the Minister, for example, that potato growers who fail to take advantage of available crop insurance would not be eligible for compensation for losses caused by crop failure for example.

Apparently growers who do not have crop insurance will not be eligible for compensation payments this time, though the comparatively few growers who do have insurance coverage should be able to get some compensatory payments.

Entire Care Of Indians Is Shifted To Ontario



COLLAPSED BY SNOW

Thirty-five skaters were cleared from this roller rink in Burnaby, neighboring Vancouver, Wednesday night, 20 minutes before its roof collapsed under the weight of thawing snow. Officials warned other older roofs could fall as a thaw ended a cold snap on the southern British Columbia coast. (CP Wirephoto)

Agreement Signed With Federal Gov't

TORONTO (CP)—Responsibility for the welfare of Indians in Ontario shifted Thursday to the province from the federal government.

In a precedent-making agreement with Ottawa, Ontario agreed to take charge of Indian education, housing, employment law enforcement, health, recreation and economic development.

Constitutionally, the federal government has the responsibility. Yet most of the social services needed to upgrade Indians standards of living are maintained by the province.

Ontario set out more than a year ago to assume greater jurisdiction over Indians. Thursday cabinet ratified an agreement described by one official as the most flexible devised between the two governments.

It promises to offer a new deal to the province's 26,000 Indians, with the major emphasis on education and community development. Costs will be shared between the province and Ottawa.

Because specific programs have yet to be developed, no idea of the eventual cost of the agreement is available. However, an immediate increase in welfare costs is anticipated.

Last year Ontario paid out about \$3,000,000 in welfare for Indians.

Under the new federal-provincial program the Ontario department of welfare will take over supervision of neglected or abandoned children from the federal Indian affairs branch.

Previously the Indian affairs branch had purchased welfare services for children from local children's aid societies. Henceforth Indian children under the society's care will come under provincial jurisdiction, as would any other child.

The Indian affairs branch definition of an Indian as one who lives on a reserve will be discontinued. Whether he lives in the community or on a reserve, the Indian will be covered by the new agreement.

Delegates Sharply Divided On Special Police Effort

By RON LABEL

OTTAWA (CP)—Delegates to the federal-provincial conference on organized crime disagreed sharply Thursday on proposals to set up a central criminal intelligence unit, it was learned reliably.

A committee of four top police officials was set up to solve the differences.

An informant said Quebec and Ontario objected in varying degrees to a federal proposal to expand the RCMP's criminal intelligence operations and to improve communications between the RCMP and other police forces.

Quebec Justice Minister Claude Wagner was reported to be pressing instead for a new intelligence unit outside the RCMP that would be directed jointly by representatives of the federal force and the Quebec and Ontario provincial police.

SUPPORTED WAGNER

The Ontario delegation expressed qualified support of Mr. Wagner's proposal, the informant added.

The eight other provinces were reported to favor the federal proposal with minor reservations.

The special committee will comprise RCMP Commissioner George McClellan, OPP Commissioner Eric Silk, QPP Director Adrian Robert and the RCMP's chief officer in British Columbia, who will represent the eight provinces policed under contract by the Mounties.

The conflicting proposals for the organization of a Canadian Interpol took up most of the opening day of the two-day conference.

Some provincial delegates were understood to have criticized the RCMP for being reluctant to open its files on the kingpins of organized crime to agents of provincial and city police forces.

Mr. Wagner submitted a 15-page brief arguing that the Quebec and Ontario provincial police should have a say in deciding how much intelligence information should be transmitted by the central clearing house.

Quebec wanted to know as much as possible about crime leaders in order to fight crime more effectively.

Federal ministers reportedly replied that the law prevents them from sharing with the provinces their authority over the RCMP in criminal intelligence matters.

The delegates announced at the conference opening they had

Hotel Fire Kills Nine, Injures 17

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Three women, one of them pregnant, ran screaming from the building, their clothing afire, as firemen arrived at the old Carleton Hotel in St. Paul Thursday to fight a blaze that took nine lives and injured 17 persons.

Some were badly injured in leaps from windows on the second and third floors. One man suffered a broken back. Both legs and feet of another man were fractured.

"We heard them fall as we were moving ladders to the building," said district chief Clarence Freiermuth.

Causeway Job Resumes

BAYFIELD, N.B. (CP)—Work was well underway Thursday on the 4½-mile New Brunswick approach to the causeway-bridge-tunnel which will link Prince Edward Island with the mainland.

Diamond Construction Co. Ltd. of Fredericton resumed work Tuesday after an 18-day holiday.

Thirty-three men are employed on construction of the two-lane highway and rail approach. Equipment includes 10 tractors, seven scrapers and a grader.

De Gaulle Threat Is Seen

PARIS (AP)—A possible threat to President de Gaulle's majority in the French parliament was reported Thursday night. Political circles said Finance Minister Valéry Giscard d'Estaing may decide not to serve in the cabinet again and may take with him 33 assembly votes.

Trouble for de Gaulle developed in preparations for a cabinet reshuffle, expected as the president begins his new seven-year term, the informants said.

The speculation centred on Giscard d'Estaing and the 33 votes in the National Assembly that he controls, in theory at least, in the name of his party, the Independent Republicans.

Giscard d'Estaing is the only cabinet member who has his own party.

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Rain Adds New Woes In N.Y. Transit Strike

By ARTHUR EVERETT

NEW YORK (AP)—Millions of persons were buffeted about in drenching rain during the long, rough rush hour. The city transit strike was in its sixth day.

Mayor John V. Lindsay told New Yorkers:

"We must sweat it out. I ask you that you keep calm, keep your nerve."

Talks between the striking AFL-CIO Transport Workers Union and the transit authority moved almost as sluggishly as traffic in the streets during the worst day of the traffic tieup. The talks were continuing.

Motorists took to the highways as early as 5 a.m. to beat the crush that continued until noon, to resume again in the afternoon.

The rain stalled many cars and vehicles backed up for miles at Manhattan's bridges and tunnels.

Traffic Commissioner Henry Barnes blamed the combination of the city's weather and its transit strike for "the longest rush hour it ever had."

Commuter rail traffic was smoother but very heavy, as hundreds of thousands waited in the rain to board crowded trains. A spokesman for the Long Island Rail Road said:

"We're moving a lot more people today than Wednesday, or even Tuesday. It looks like World War II when gasoline rationing forced people to use the railroads."



BISHOP CONSECRATED

Negro Bishop Harold R. Perry emerges from historic St. Louis Basilica where he was consecrated during ceremonies in New Orleans Thursday, Bishop Perry, the nation's only Roman Catholic Negro bishop, was appointed auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans last October by Pope Paul.

Quebec Fears U.S. Action, Threatens Counter Moves

QUEBEC (CP)—Quebec has told the United States it could suffer from recent U.S. measures to improve America's balance of payments.

"It may even be that we will have to consider extended use of the Crown corporation to promote employment of idle natural and human resources, or encourage European investment," the revenue department wrote the U.S. secretary of commerce.

Text of the letter was disclosed Thursday. It was signed by Eric Kierans acting revenue minister.

The letter referred to "the new guidelines covering the operations of foreign subsidiaries" announced by the commerce department on Dec. 6.

The Quebec department made special reference to a requirement asking "quarterly reports (by U.S. parent companies) on the transactions of their subsidiaries."

OUTFLOWS INCLUDED

Included among such transactions are "capital outflows from the U.S. for direct investment."

The Quebec letter also said each U.S. executive is being asked "to maximize his company's contribution to the balance of payments through a variety of means."

Included in these means, are "export expansion, repatriation of income from abroad, repatriation of short-term foreign financial assets and the maximum use of funds obtained abroad for investment purposes," said Mr. Kierans.

His letter tells Commerce Secretary John T. Connor:

"If your directives should result in a slowdown in certain sectors of our economy, and they can have no other effect, then as a responsible govern-

200 On Train Stalled In Snow

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Canadian National Railway spokesman said Thursday a passenger train carrying 200 persons is trapped by snowslides in the Fraser Canyon near Boston Bar, B.C., 120 miles east of here.

The train, the CNR's Panorama due here at 11:40 p.m. EST Wednesday from Montreal, was expected to remain trapped until at least 11 p.m. Thursday, the spokesman said.

"They've been stuck for about 24 hours now. It probably will be a total of 48 hours before they get out."

The CNR said the passengers were "not short of anything." "They're comfortable and warm and they have plenty of fuel and food."

The Canadian Pacific Railway said there was 72 inches of accumulated snow at North Bend, 125 miles east of here. But the railway was not blocked. The CPR is across the Fraser Canyon from the CNR lines.

An 18-inch snowfall was reported in the area overnight Wednesday.

CNR officials said snowplows have attacked the slides trapping train No. 9, working from both ends.

The CNR's No. 1, the two-sectioned Super Continental, due in Vancouver Wednesday, were held at Kamloops with a total of about 350 persons.

Both trains will be made into one at Kamloops and the CNR said the earliest the consolidated train could reach Vancouver would be 3 a.m.

Deadlock Continues

TASHKENT, U.S.S.R. (AP)—Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin was the sole communications link Thursday between the leaders of India and Pakistan on the third day of their deadlocked summit conference.

Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri of India and President Mohammed Ayub Khan, of Pakistan stayed in their separate country villas outside Tashkent and their large delegations of ministers also stayed home.

Kosygin obviously was having difficulty with the explosive India-Pakistan quarrel that has bedeviled Washington for years.

PRETTY HITCHHIKERS HAVING FIELD DAY

NEW YORK (CP)—Hitchhikers, especially the young and pretty ones, are having a field day in New York's congested streets during the city's transit strike.

Elegantly dressed young women who normally would be insulted if someone tried to give them a lift hurry daintily into the snarled traffic and hop into cars with strangers.

They stand on the edge of the sidewalks as they leave their jobs and, during the peak of the extended rush hour, wait for traffic lights to turn red, and accept rides as quickly as it is possible to make their way among the cars and trucks.

But even among these hitchhikers, desperately in need of transportation home, there are the discriminating ones. Some, in the fading evening light, rush into the middle of the street and, after a quick glance at the driver, hurry even more quickly back to the curb.

It may take a few minutes or longer before they accept another invitation to enter a car, or they may wait for a half-full taxi-cab to come by, and squeeze in if the parties are going in the same general direction.

The taxi business has enjoyed a boom during the strike, as it normally does during New York's rush hour, but now taxis are permitted to pick up more than one fare—and arouse indignation among the passengers who feel they are being overcharged.

And those New York workers who don't wish to take a chance on hitchhiking, on the overcrowded and almost unavailable taxis, use bicycles, motor scooters, car pools and even roller skates.

A spokesman for the Commerce and Industry Association estimated, that despite the strike "at least 80 per cent" of the city's workers got to their jobs Thursday.

PM Names Secretary

OTTAWA (CP)—John S. Hodgson, 48, has been appointed "principal secretary" to the prime minister. Mr. Pearson announced Thursday.

An economist and career civil servant, Mr. Hodgson has been assistant deputy of defence for the last 30 months, concentrating on financial administration.

Population Of 20 Million Is Expected During Year

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's population will likely pass 20,000,000 sometime in 1966 but census officials are hesitant predicting when.

The best guess at the moment is the figure will be reached around Aug. 1.

But even when the event does occur, there won't be any definite way of knowing it has happened.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics will conduct a census this year, taking a count of the population as of June 1. But it will be a couple of months before the figures are collected, collated, tabulated, and added.

By that time, the population may have passed 20,000,000.

The population estimates that are made by the bureau five times a year are based on the census figures the bureau gathers every five years.

Last October's estimate put the population at 19,705,000, compared with 19,440,000 at the beginning of 1965.

The 1965 breakdown: Newfoundland 501,000; Nova Scotia 760,000; Prince Edward Island 108,000; New Brunswick 625,000; Quebec 5,692,000; Ontario 7,794,000; Manitoba 960,000; Saskatchewan 953,000; Alberta 1,454,000; British Columbia 1,818,000; Yukon 15,000; and Northwest Territories 25,000.

Viet Cong Bombs Blast In Saigon

SAIGON (AP)—Viet Cong guerrillas jolted Saigon with two bomb blasts Thursday night, killing one Vietnamese and injuring 16 persons, including four Americans. Police picked up five Vietnamese for questioning today and said they fear the South Vietnamese capital is in for another onslaught of terrorism.

Thursday's bombings were the heaviest here since the Viet Cong struck the Metropole Hotel, a U.S. enlisted men's billet, Dec. 4. Police said more attacks can be expected during this holiday season, which culminates in the Vietnamese New Year's observance Jan. 21.

Blasts an hour apart hit the gate of the Tan Son Nhut military base and at a police station across town broke a hull in the terrorism roughly comparable with American suspension of the bombing of North Vietnam, which rounds out two weeks today.

Afted, explosions of another sort wiped out the Viet Cong guerrilla-dominated village of Vinh Boch, 18 miles southeast of Da Nang. A grenade tossed by a U.S. marine to destroy a two-ton stock of rice set off ammunition secreted below the rice and a chain reaction of blasts and fire that demolished eight or 10 huts.

HIT V.C. RESOURCES

Troops and planes were cutting into Viet Cong resources elsewhere. A U.S. spokesman said they have destroyed underground installations of the enemy in three widely-separated areas of South Viet Nam since Tuesday night.

From Bangkok came a Columbia Broadcasting System report the United States is maintaining air operations against North Vietnamese supply routes through Communist-held eastern Laos and is considering deployment of more than 40,000 American soldiers across Laosian trails.



RESIGNS

The Nova Scotia Liberal Association has announced the resignation of Senator Wishart McLean Robertson, a former government leader in the Upper House. Senator Robertson's resignation is just six weeks before his 75th birthday. (CP Wirephoto)