

DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE

Gov. Reacts Favorably To Civil Rights Petition

SELMA, Ala. (AP)—A Negro leader said Wednesday Alabama Governor George C. Wallace reacted favorably to a petition from civil rights delegation seeking easier means of registering Negro voters in the state.

"But the petition had nothing to do with demonstrations," said Rev. Frederick D. Reese of Selma.

Smoke Bombs Are Hurlled Against Demonstrators

SELMA, Ala. (AP)—Smoke bombs were hurled to break up a civil rights demonstration at nearby Camden Wednesday shortly after a leader of the Negro voter drive warned such protests will continue.

Rev. Frederick D. Reese of Selma said there will be no cessation of demonstrations "until there are no barriers to free registration of Negroes."

Auto Trade Deal Asked Quick U.S. Approval

By ARCH MCKENZIE
WASHINGTON (CP)—President Johnson asked Congress Wednesday for prompt approval of a bill establishing the United States part of the auto-trade bargain signed with Canada last January.

He said the agreement resolves a serious difference arising from Canada's determination to increase auto production and "more significantly, it marks a long step forward in U.S. commercial relations with her greatest trading partner."

P.E.I. Ferry Service Discussed In Commons

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
OTTAWA—Transport Minister J.W. Pickersgill promised "the most careful consideration" of any representations from Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia on the matter of a new ferry service linking Cape Breton with P.E.I. John Mullanly, MP for Kings, raised the subject in the Commons Wednesday when he asked Mr. Pickersgill if he had received a resolution from the Port Hood Development Council supporting a ferry service to the eastern part of P.E.I.

Mr. Pickersgill confirmed that he had received the resolution but he noted that it was addressed primarily to the government of the two provinces.

Later, Queens MP Heath Macquarrie asked whether Mr. Pickersgill would consider doing more than waiting for provincial action and perhaps ask the Atlantic Development Board to conduct a feasibility study of the proposed link.

Reese said although Wallace was cordial and made favorable comments on the petition, the governor gave no indication of what he would do.

At Camden, 40 miles southwest of Selma, a group of Negroes left a church rally and marched singing through the Negro high school there. About 125 pupils joined them and the entire crowd marched through the school in an effort to enforce a school boycott linked to voter registration.

Katzenbach ridiculed the report and said it was "utterly false."

Meanwhile, members of the executive board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. arrived in Baltimore for a meeting Thursday and Friday. The major item of business will be the King's proposal for a U.S.-wide boycott of Alabama products.

Army Orbits 3-Satellite Map System

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Army disclosed Wednesday it has in orbit a three-satellite earth mapping system, with two of the spacecraft circling the earth from west to east and the third travelling from pole to pole.

Two were fired into orbit earlier this month; the other has been circling the globe for nearly 15 months.

Together the three small space voyagers, each equipped with a radio receiver and transmitter, are helping army engineers pinpoint locations on earth that are widely separated by large bodies of water.

SPACE FLIGHTS DON'T PLEASE GREAT SPIRIT

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE, Alta. (CP)—Prepare for a cold, miserable spring and blame the space scientists, says Chief Walking Eagle, an old Indian from the Rocky Mountain foothills who gets his weather signs from nature.

He's convinced the Great Spirit doesn't approve of man's attempts to conquer outer space.

Chief Walking Eagle is quite pleased with himself for accurately predicting a long, cold winter this year—Edmonton experienced one of the worst on record—but he isn't happy about people blaming him for the weather.

White man blames me," the chief moans, "but I only told what I read in signs. Maybe if white man pray more and quit shooting at the moon, the Great Manitou will let up."

Highest Paid Workers Demand \$1 More An Hour

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Steelworkers, already among the highest-paid workers in the United States, have demanded the basic steel industry increase their wages and benefits by nearly \$1 an hour in the next three years.

Union team and four men who are bargaining for the major U.S. steelmakers.

R. Conrad Cooper, chief industry negotiator, was reported to have called the package that includes at least 65 cents an hour in wages alone, "preposterous."



CITY FIREMEN RECEIVE HOT TAR BURNS

Three Charlottetown firemen were burned on the hands and face by hot tar Wednesday afternoon as the Charlottetown Fire Department fought a burning oil-fuel tank. The fire resulted when

the pot overheated. The tar is being used in coating the roof of the new Fina Service Station situated on the corner of Euston and Weymouth Streets.

Attempts to extinguish the fire by using liquid foam resulted in a minor explosion and a number of firemen nearby were caught in a shower of hot tar. The firemen, who received minor burns, were Roy McCarthy, Dennis Flanagan and Paul Jenkins.

Soviets Claim Red Chinese Delay Arms To N. Viet Nam

MOSCOW (Reuters)—The Soviet Communist party was reported Wednesday to have complained to other Communist parties that China is making it difficult for Russian military supplies to reach North Viet Nam.

Well-placed sources have been saying the Russians claim Peking delayed shipments by refusing to allow heavy equipment to cross China by air and insisted on supplies travelling by slow rail routes instead.

The sources said the Russians decided to give the fact to other Communist parties in case the issue came out into the open.

They were said to feel this way for fear Peking might accuse them of not honoring promises of aid made to North Viet Nam more than six weeks ago.

The reported Russian move could presage a new public quarrel between Moscow and Peking. Their relations are seen as entering a new and more bitter phase over the last month following Russia's decision to go ahead with the much-disputed meeting of 10 pro-Soviet Communist parties here March 1 last.

UN By-Passes Canada As Peacekeeper

OTTAWA (CP)—For perhaps the first time since 1948, Canada has been by-passed by the United Nations in seeking additional peacekeepers.

UN Secretary-General U Thant recently asked for 16 more observers for the UN truce supervisory organization in Palestine.

Officials said Wednesday Canada hasn't been asked to supply any of these 16, possibly because it already provides the largest contingent—19 officers—in the Palestine truce team.

Canada also provides the largest contingents to the UN peacekeeping operations in Cyprus, Egypt and Kashmir. The last dates from 1948.

162 Ocean Liner Passengers Turned From Ship By Strike

GREENOCK, Scotland (CP)—Cunard officials Wednesday turned back 162 Scottish passengers waiting to board the liner Carinthia for a voyage to Canada because of an unofficial strike among the crew.

A spokesman said there was insufficient catering crew aboard to handle the additional passengers. The Carinthia, on her first trip of the season to the St. Lawrence River, arrived here early Wednesday evening after sailing from Liverpool with 700 passengers.

She had been delayed overnight by the walkout of more than 90 of the crew.

liners Queen Elizabeth, sailing for New York Thursday.

30 Students Are Injured In Lab Blast

NEW YORK MILLS, N.Y. (AP)—Nearly 30 pupils suffered shock or other injuries Wednesday in an explosion in a high school chemistry laboratory in this community west of Utica.

Police chief Casimir Krul said it was believed a two-foot-long rocket that the class had been working on was the source of the explosion.

Eleven persons, including the teacher, were taken to St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in Utica. About 18 other pupils were treated at the scene.

50 Fatigued MPs Hear Wrap-Up Plea

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons edged closer to ending its record-long session Wednesday, 72 days longer than the previous mark set in 1960-61.

Mr. Drury said he hopes the Commons can have a full debate on the subject early in the new session.

Before the House was a government resolution seeking some \$700,000,000 to meet expenses for April and May. This and debate on supplementary spending estimates of \$245,381,051 for the fiscal year ended Wednesday are the last two hurdles to be cleared in the Commons before the session can be wrapped up.

Gilles Greig (Creditiste-Lapointe) complained about the lack of bilingualism in the RCMP and said he would raise the matter again if Commissioner G. R. McClellan did not take steps to correct the situation.

The last major pieces of legislation, the Canada Pension Plan bill and the formula allowing provinces to opt out of shared-cost programs in return for tax abatements or cash payments, cleared the Commons earlier this week and have gone to the Senate. The Upper House approved the principle of the pension bill Wednesday.

Mr. Beaulieu (Creditiste-Quebec East) said there is need for the central government to return taxation powers to the provinces.

Study of the resolution for interim supply opens the doors to debate on any aspect of government action.

Douglas Fisher (NDP-Port Arthur) appealed to members who feel they have matters that must be raised to do so with restraint. All it required was "one or two speeches on some theme, a temper lost and we'll go marching on 'perhaps for many more days."

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He pointed to the skimpy attendance in the 266-seat chamber—there were some 50 MPs present during his speech—as an indication of the fatigue of members. Wednesday usually is one of the big attendance days, he noted.

George McIlraith, government House leader, suggested the House might sit on to clear up the supply resolution. But Gilles Greig, deputy Creditiste leader, said at least one more member of his group wanted to speak and debate should be adjourned.

Mr. Beaulieu is to resume when the Commons meets today.



SDU LECTURE

The annual St. Dunstan's University lecture series will get underway tonight in the SDU auditorium with Rev. John Keating, CSP, of Toronto delivering the first of two talks. Tonight's topic will be: "Modern Ecumenism: A Protestant Phenomenon." Father Keating's second talk will be held tomorrow night and will be entitled: "The Contribution of the Council to Christian Unity." There is no admission fee and the public is invited.

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War Pace Quickens Since Embassy Blast

SAIGON (AP)—U.S. and South Vietnamese warplanes began scorched-earth raids against Communist Viet Cong guerrillas in South Viet Nam and attacked six targets in North Viet Nam Wednesday.

The pace quickened in the wake of the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon Tuesday, though no direct connection was evident between the bombing and expanded military operations.

Viet Cong gunners downed six U.S. aircraft and killed at least three Americans. Nearly 200 planes and 25 helicopters were aloft.

About 70 U.S. Air Force planes poured tons of napalm, phosphorus bombs and fuel oil on the Communist-ist Viet Lao forest 25 miles northeast of Saigon with a view of burning all its 19,000 acres.

LBJ Remains Noncommittal On Reprisal

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Johnson put in Wednesday what he termed "a very profitable hour" conferring with Ambassador Maxwell D. Taylor on Viet Nam.

Asked about possible reprisals for the bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon, Taylor said:

"I would not talk in terms of reprisal. We will simply carry out the program and the policy as laid out by the president."

Taylor meets today with State Secretary Dean Rusk and Defence Secretary Robert McNamara. He will return to the president "with more definitive proposals" after the meeting he said.

Asked about reports he plans to resign, Taylor said there is no truth in them.



NEGROES SCRAMBLE FROM SMOKE BOMBS

A group of Negroes turns city officials used several smoke bombs as a dispersal measure at the city limits Wednesday after a civil rights protest march. Several hundred Negro youths marched about four miles before local authorities stopped them. (AP Wirephoto)

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