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Red China Centre Of Prime Ministers Far East Study

Diefenbaker To Spend Day At P. M. MacMillan's Residence

By ED SIMON Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON (CP) — Far Eastern problems, with emphasis on Communist China and the infant nations of Indochina, occupied the Commonwealth prime ministers Friday as a sweltering heat wave supplied some convincing local color. Although only four Commonwealth members — Britain, India, Pakistan and Ceylon — have diplomatic relations with Red China, some observers saw a general softening in the attitude toward China of the Commonwealth as a whole. India's Prime Minister Nehru is understood to have renewed his plea for recognition of the Communist government by more of the Commonwealth powers and a concerted bid toward its admission to United Nations membership. While British spokesmen briefed the conference on the background of their government's recent relaxation of restrictions on trade with China, it was learned that the prime ministers agreed to leave discussion of technical details to their economic advisers. The prime ministers decided to summon trade experts to another round of talks starting July 8 on the effect on the Commonwealth of British participation in the European free trade area. Three senior Canadian trade officials are expected to participate in the economic conference, which is not directly connected with the Diefenbaker proposal of a full-scale Commonwealth trade conference in Ottawa at some future date. The first note of dissent from mainly the two counties, in the middle of the valley. Farmers in the area have met with Agriculture Minister Haliburton and other officials to discuss the problem. A spokesman said suggestions included: Cut the crop now and plant a new one, using ammonia mixtures as fertilizer; cut the crop and plant oats for silage; slaughter beef cattle early to reduce requirements. It was not known what action the farmers planned to take.

Hurricane Tides Claim 167 Lives On Louisiana Coast

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — Devastating tides—receding slowly at nightfall pounded the Louisiana coast Friday in the wake of hurricane Audrey, leaving at least 167 dead and hundreds injured. Maj.-Gen. Raymond Huff, state civil defense commander, said there were 150 known dead in the Cameron area and "it may be a week to 10 days" before the final count is finished. Seventeen other victims were counted elsewhere. An armada of helicopters and fleets of boats roamed through the flooded Cameron area south of here in the southeast corner of the state. A 20-mile strip along the coast is below sea level. Cameron Parish sheriff O.B. Carter predicted the death toll would be at least 200. Ken Dixon, managing editor of the Lake Charles American Press, said the bodies of two-thirds of the victims will be swept into the Gulf of Mexico by the receding waters. First hint of the scope of the disaster came early Friday morning when deputy sheriff D. P. Vinton, rescued by boat from Cameron, said he felt "3,000 or 4,000 were drowned" there. Red Cross sources said about 1,000 persons stayed in the parish when Audrey struck Thursday. Bill Meritena, an American Press reporter, toured the Cameron area by plane and helicopter. He said Cameron was about 90 per cent destroyed, with "at least 50 per cent of the buildings demolished and many others so badly damaged they were a total loss." Meritena covered almost 80 miles of coastline in his flights and reported only one home out of every 25 still standing. "Only projecting foundations and chimneys told where there had been houses," he said. The resort community of Holly Beach no longer exists. It was completely wiped off the map. LITTERED WITH BODIES Bodies of dead cattle, horses and wild animals littered stretches of the marshlands. Meritena said he counted more than 75 cars scattered along roads where people had made vain efforts to flee. The fate of the occupants was unknown.

Ben-Gurion Says Will Negotiate With Arabs

TEL AVIV, Israel (Reuters) — Premier David Ben-Gurion offered Friday to negotiate peace terms with Arab countries including "all possible aid" in resettling Arab refugees. In his first press conference in many years, Ben-Gurion proposed that the refugees should be resettled in Iraq and Syria. Close to 1,000,000 Arab refugees of the 1948 Arab-Israeli war now live in camps under United Nations auspices in the Gaza Strip and on the west bank of the River Jordan. Both areas, respectively in Egyptian and Jordanian territory, are close to the Israeli borders.

HURRICANE RAVAGES GALVESTON

High waves and hard hitting rains hit Galveston late Wednesday night. The Soda water stand is located on the famed Stewart beach. (AP Wirephoto)

Federal Surplus Is Down \$200 Million From May 1956

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal surplus, at the end of the first two months of fiscal operations, stood at \$73,400,000 down \$200,000,000 from a year ago, Finance Minister Fleming reported Friday in his first treasury statement since he took office last Friday. The treasury showed a budgetary deficit in April, first month of the fiscal year. It went back into the black in May with a \$121,400,000 surplus for the month, but this was down \$62,100,000 from the \$183,500,000 of May last year. The over-all picture showed that while government revenues ranged fairly high, spending had increased, particularly in such fields as defence, debt charges, payments to provinces, transport and social benefits. FORECAST SURPLUS The treasury ended up the last fiscal year with an estimate surplus of \$222,500,000. The former Liberal government, defeated June 10, had forecast a surplus of \$152,000,000 for the current year. While expenditures generally increased, the one big outlay that had a decided impact on the surplus was \$100,000,000 contributed to the Canada Council in April for aid to Canadian culture. Overall revenues in May totalled \$486,100,000, up 1,000,000 from a year ago, increasing the two-month April-May total to \$785,400,000, up almost \$5,000,000 from last year. Income tax collections eased slightly in May. Revenues from other taxes increased. The personal income tax take dipped to \$153,900,000 from \$160,900,000 last year. Corporation income tax collections slipped to \$119,100,000 from \$130,900,000. IMPORT DUTIES ROSE However, import duties rose to \$53,400,000 from \$50,500,000; excise duties to \$30,500,000 from \$24,600,000.

Heads Canadian Health Ass'n

HALIFAX (CP) — Dr. Maurice Van Vliet, director of physical education at the University of Alberta, Friday was elected president of the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Other officers are Dr. Max Howie, Vancouver, vice-president; physical education; Elsie MacFarlane, Edmonton, vice-president; recreation; Dr. S. A. Davidson, Montreal, vice-president; health; treasurer Jack Wilkie, Regina; and secretary Freda Wales, Halifax. The association's citations for contributions towards advancement in different fields were awarded to Cecile Grenier, Montreal, physical education; Alberta Hestie, Edmonton, health education; and Capt. William Booth, Montreal, recreation. Apart from the election of officers the association's final session here was taken up mainly with a tour of the neighboring coastline on a navy ship. At a meeting in a nearby church hall, where the tour stopped briefly, delegates made plans to recruit more members.

Harbor Dredging In Newfoundland

OTTAWA (CP) — A new \$1,000,000 contract has been let to a Montreal firm for further dredging of the harbor at Port aux Basques, Nfld., with work scheduled to be completed by 1960, a public works spokesman said Friday. The new contract for an estimated \$1,048,000 has been given to the J. P. Porter Company, Ltd., Montreal, for dredging five areas of the harbor. The company obtained the contract of \$39.50 a cubic yard for removal of an estimated 34,000 cubic yards of harbor bottom. The spokesman said the new work will have nothing to do with when the Nova Scotia-Newfoundland ferry William Carsonbound trade into Port aux Basques. He said the ferry, which now operates between North Sydney, N.S., and Argenteau, Nfld., may well begin to run into Port aux Basques before the dredging work is complete. It would be up to the CNR, operators of the ferry, and the department of transport to decide. HARBOR UNSUITABLE Completion of a breakwater from Graveyard Point to the harbor channel, to prevent wave action in 1956 at a cost of \$188,000. But the CNR and transport department still considered the harbor not entirely suitable for docking of the Carillon. Last April a \$1,146,856 contract was let to T. C. Gorman and Sons of Halifax for harbor improvements, including wharfs and jetties. This work is to be completed in 1958. The new contract calls for dredging a section of East Baldwin Rock and a section west of the CNR terminal dock and this is to be completed within 36 months or by the summer of 1960.

Farmers Watch Hay Crop Die

KENTVILLE, N.S. (CP) — Annapolis Valley farmers are watching their hay crops wither below a hot sun and no moisture as they make plans to offset an expected feed shortage. All through Kings and Annapolis Counties, hay crops are reported to be dying in the dry air. With rainfall far below normal, brooms are drying up and the ground is losing its moisture. A spokesman said Friday that the damaged crops are confined

Steel Price Hiked Again

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP) — Price of steel in Canada has been increased by \$5 a ton by at least one manufacturer and others are expected to follow suit within one week. The price hike, which was effective Monday, was not made known until Friday. It follows an announcement by U.S. steel companies that their prices would be increased by about \$6 per ton. Steel Corporation of Canada, in Hamilton, was the first to raise the price. Customers in Windsor received notification last Friday that the increase would become effective Monday on most types of steel. The company supplies about 45 per cent of the Canadian steel market. Other authoritative sources said Algoma Steel Corporation in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., would probably increase its price within a week. Officials of the company were not available for comment. The increase, set at 25 cents per hundredweight, raised the basic cost of certain steel products to about \$5.40 per hundredweight.

RCMP Look Into "Shocking Irregularities" In Election

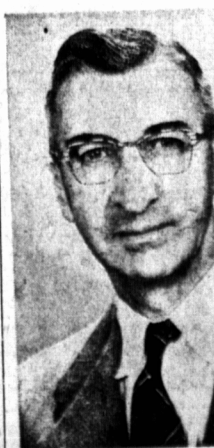
OTTAWA (CP) — Chief electoral officer Nelson Castonguay said Friday night the RCMP is investigating what he terms "shocking irregularities" in the Montreal constituency of Laurier on election day, June 10. He also said as a result of the investigation Dr. Ruben Levesque, 47, returning officer for the riding was attacked and beaten about 5 p.m. Friday by thugs, wielding baseball bats and clubs. "Some ballot boxes and ballot papers were stolen at gun point," Mr. Castonguay disclosed he ordered the investigation by the RCMP June 13, three days after the election. He said the irregularities involved "gown squads who stuffed ballot boxes, stole ballot boxes and ballot paper and had in their possession fake ballots. Some ballot boxes and ballot papers were stolen at gun point. ATTACK ON STREET He said Dr. Levesque was attacked on the street after he had left the home of a patient in the east end of Montreal. "This attack against Dr. Levesque is a direct result of the investigation into the irregularities which occurred on election day." Dr. Levesque is a Montreal city councillor and president of Montreal's Civic Action League. The league backed Mayor Jean Drapeau in the last Montreal municipal election. A Montreal report said Dr. Levesque's injuries are not considered serious but that he plans to enter hospital for treatment. The report said he was conscious during the attack and was able to give police the licence number of car in which three men fled. Mr. Castonguay said as soon as he learned of the attack he requested police protection for Dr. Levesque and was told he will receive protection 24 hours a day.

Seeks Retention Of Firemen On Canadian Pacific Diesels

WINNIPEG (CP) — A veteran freight train conductor argued Friday for retention of firemen on Canadian Pacific Railway diesel locomotives in the interests of keeping a lookout both ahead and behind. Robert Lane of Brandon, representing the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, said that "what's ahead is the responsibility of engineering and firemen." He told the royal commission investigating the CPR proposal to eliminate firemen on yard and road freight diesels that the intention of the railway is to "saddle" the head-end brakeman with the responsibility of watching ahead as well as watching back over the train. Mr. Lane, a senior freight conductor with 33 years service, argued with CPR counsel Ian Sinclair over the interpretation of rules on what lookout the head-end brakeman should keep. BETTER POSITION He said the brakeman was in a better position than the tail-end crew was facing into the wind, there were cars on trains today of such size that "we on the tail-end can see neither over, around or under." The conductor asked the commission to turn down the railway proposal "in its entirety." He was one of seven witnesses who testified during the second day of hearings held here by the three-member commission headed by Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock of the Supreme Court of Canada. The commission was to leave Friday night for Calgary. During its stay here, members observed railway operations in big CPR yards as well as holding hearings. Dave Lewis, counsel for the firemen, twice protested during the hearing Friday about the manner in which Mr. Sinclair was questioning witnesses. He accused the CPR lawyer of addressing the press table rather than the royal commission. LIGHTNING HITS FERRY Dacca, East Pakistan (AP) — Lightning struck a ferryboat carrying 100 persons across the Karayaya river 150 miles northwest of here Wednesday. Reports reaching Dacca Thursday from the scene said 20 bodies had been recovered from the river and that 80 persons were missing.

Mr. Parent To Receive Highest Scouting Award

His Excellency the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, C.H., Governor General of Canada in his capacity as Chief Scout for Canada, has announced that "for services of most exceptional character to Scouting" he has presented to Mr. R. C. Parent, M.S.C., Provincial Commissioner for Prince Edward Island, His Excellency's highest award, the Silver Wolf, in person. Mr. Parent has been active in Scouting since 1925, when he organized a Scout Troop at Douglas, York County, New Brunswick. He attended a Gilwell Camp at Crook's Point, New Brunswick, in 1926, and again at Fairview, Prince Edward Island, in 1929, receiving his Gilwell Certificate and Beads in 1929. He was Scoutmaster of the 4th Charlottetown Troop from 1929 to 1930 and then became Provincial Secretary on a volunteer basis for the period 1930 to 1937. During this time he visited many "troops" in the Province, organized new groups and also organized and conducted many camps. He received the Medal of Merit in 1937 and the Bar to the Medal of Merit in 1952. Mr. Parent was transferred to Fredericton, N.B. in 1937 and was active in Scouting there but did not hold an official position until 1945 when he was appointed President of the Fredericton District Council. He held this position until 1947 when he returned to Charlottetown, P.E.I. APPOINTED COMMISSIONER In 1948, Mr. Parent was appointed Provincial Commissioner for Prince Edward Island and held this office until 1950 when he resigned from this position owing to pressure of business but remained as a member of the Provincial Council. From 1950 to 1954 he was one of our most active Council members: 1951-52 Member of the P.E.I. Medal and Awards Committee, Chairman of the group Contact Committee, Member of the Apple Day Committee. 1952-53 Member of the P.E.I. Awards Committee, Chairman of the P.E.I. Training Committee, Chairman of the Provincial Jamboree Committee and a member of the Apple Day Committee. 1953-54 Member of the P.E.I. Awards Committee, Chairman of the P.E.I. Training Committee, Member of the Apple Day Committee.



MR. R. C. PARENT

43 Scouting Honors, Awards

OTTAWA (CP) — An Anglican bishop, a Roman Catholic priest and a young scout who lost his life rescuing a friend from drowning are included in scouting's Dominion Day honors and awards list. Awards to 43 persons for bravery and services to the movement were announced Friday by Governor-General Massey, chief scout for Canada. Highest gallantry award of scouting is awarded posthumously to tenderfoot scout Wayne Baranski, 13, of Preston, Ont. Members of the boy's family will receive the bronze cross this fall when Mr. Massey presents the awards at Government House in Ottawa. In 1954 he was again appointed to the position of Provincial Commissioner for this Province which position he still holds. In 1955 he was chairman of the Jamboree Committee and again in 1957. He was also a member of the Apple Day Committee in 1955 and 1956 and has helped organize and conduct the Annual Financial Campaign each year since 1948. Mr. Parent has represented Prince Edward Island on the Executive Committee of The Canadian General Council since 1948. He is also a "Reader" of Part 1, Correspondence Course, for Troop Scouters. In addition to this, he has assisted on several Preliminary Training Courses, bronze arrowhead courses and on one silver arrowhead course.

Canada May Claim Part Of Permanent Polar Ice Cap

OTTAWA (CP) — The new Progressive Conservative government will study the possibility of Canada claiming part of the permanent polar ice cap as Canadian territory. Canada to date has laid claim only to land masses in an area bounded by lines running to the North Pole from the Yukon-Alaska border and from Robeson Channel between Ellesmere Island and Greenland. A considerable portion of this area includes the polar ice cap which is not considered a land mass. However, official government maps still show these lines in the same ways as the border between Canada and Alaska and the continental United States. Cabinet sources said Friday the new government is going to take a new look at this matter, particularly in view of possible defence uses of the permanent polar ice. USE AS AIRFIELDS In 1954, Norman L. Nicholson, chief of the geographical branch of the mines and technical surveys department, wrote an official government publication entitled The Boundaries of Canada, its Provinces and Territories. He mentioned at one point the possibility that large areas of Arctic basin sea ice may be used as airfields. He added: "If this becomes a reality, then the question of sovereignty over the ice... will no doubt have to be examined, for it will have some of the aspects and uses of dry land." The use of polar ice now has become a reality. It was officially disclosed earlier this month that the Russians have made some 30 landings on polar ice within 150 miles of Canadian territory in the last two years. The landing closes by the Canadian shore, likely made by helicopter, was 121 miles from Ellesmere Island. SOUTH OF BASE The Russians have also landed only 130 miles from Prince Patrick Island and 140 miles from Banks Island. The latter is farther south than Cornwallis Island where the RCAF maintains a base. The "sector principle"—a claim to all territory in the Arctic triangle with the apex at the North Pole—was first propounded in the Canadian Senate by Senator Pascal Poirier in 1907. But it was not until 1925 that the government officially stated that Canada claimed "right up to the pole." Norway did not abandon until 1930 a claim to 100,000 square miles of the Arctic archipelago, now known as the Queen Elizabeth Islands, which had been discovered by Norwegian explorer Otto Sverdrup. In December, 1953, then prime minister St. Laurent reiterated the 1925 claim when he said in the Commons: "We must leave no doubt of our active occupation and exercise of our sovereignty in these northern lands right up to the pole." KEY WORD The key word, officials have said, is "lands." No formal claim has been laid to the high seas—hostly polar ice—within the triangle. Officials say the presence of sector boundaries on official maps would seem to imply a claim to these high seas. However, it has been presumed, at least until recently, that it is impossible to claim national sovereignty over these Arctic Ocean waters. In the Commons last year, Douglas Harkness, Conservative MP for Calgary North, contended that Canada should lay claim to the ice cap lest the Russians occupy it and build airfields and radar lines on it. Monday being Dominion Day, the next edition of The Guardian will be on Tuesday, July 2.

"Freedom Of The Press" Editorial Competition

"Freedom of the Press is fundamentally freedom of the individual," states A.E. Burman in an editorial that won first prize in the Thomson Newspapers "Freedom of the Press" Editorial Competition. The editorial appears on page 4 of this edition. The judges, who were unaware of the identity of the writers, were B.T. Richardson, editor of the Toronto Telegram; Charles Bruce, general superintendent of The Canadian Press and Henry J. Foster, publisher of the Welland Evening Tribune. Honorable mention was given to editorials written by Marcella Brown, of the Gambia Observer; F.J. Workman, Moose Jaw Times-Herald; and J.D. Lemieux, Wood-ward of an editorial dealing with stock market.