

## Atomic Chief Has Directorate

OTTAWA (CP)—The unsalaried head of the government's atomic energy control board is also a director of a private firm, Trade Minister Churchill said Friday.

Replying in the Commons to Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre), he said the head of only one of the crown corporations for which he reports to Parliament holds a directorship in a private firm.

He is Dr. C. J. Mackenzie, former president of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, a crown corporation, and the National Research Council, who now is chief of the atomic energy control board. Mr. Churchill said Dr. Mackenzie receives no salary in his control board job. He is a director of Canadian Chemical and Cellulose Corporation.

## CCF Member Had Refusal Of Speakership

OTTAWA (CP)—Deputy CCF leader Knowles declared Prime Minister Diefenbaker's offer of the Commons speakership because he felt he could do Canadians greater service as an ordinary member.

That was the reason he gave Mr. Diefenbaker in August for turning down the offer, an exchange of correspondence between the two tabled Thursday in the Commons shows.

The prime minister's letter, dated at Ottawa Aug. 19, read: For the last several years I have felt that the traditional powers of Parliament were being diminished and during the course of the recent election campaign I placed major emphasis on the need of action to be taken to restore the supremacy of Parliament.

To attain that objective for Parliament it is my opinion that one of the vital steps that must be taken lies in the selection of a Speaker for the House of Commons. You are recognized by all, irrespective of party, as an authority on parliamentary rules and procedure and have been one of those who have contended for the maintenance of the rights and traditions of Parliament.

I write you for the purpose of ascertaining whether you would be willing to accept the office of Speaker of the 23rd Parliament if chosen by the membership of the House of Commons. If you are willing to do so I will be most happy to place your name in nomination for I believe that if you are chosen as Speaker you will be performing a great service to Parliament today and in the future.

In a reply dated Aug. 24 Mr. Knowles, MP for Winnipeg North Centre, said:

Thank you for your letter of Aug. 19. I am deeply appreciative of the very high honor you have conferred upon me by suggesting that you would be prepared to place my name in nomination for the office of Speaker of the House of Commons for the 23rd Parliament. You know of my keen interest in the rights and traditions of Parliament, and I assure you that I have given your suggestion most thorough consideration.

However, during the recent election campaign I placed emphasis not only on the need to restore the supremacy of Parliament, which I dare to hope now will be achieved, but also on certain measures of legislation which I promised I would continue to do my best to win for the people of this country. I made this commitment not only to the electors of Winnipeg North Centre but to my fellow Canadians generally, campaigning as I did in various parts of Canada. Important as is the office of Speaker, I feel that



INSIDE SPUTNIK

This drawing of Russia's earth satellite was taken from a Soviet magazine. It shows a cross-section of the interior of the 18-pound sphere that the Russians

call "Sputnik," which translates into "artificial moon," around the earth. The satellite is now slowing down and Russian physicists say it will fall to earth in about a month.



TEST FALLOUT EFFECT

Sample of water plants and algae from a pond at the Hanford, Wash., atomic plant are analyzed by a General Electric Company biologist during tests of possible effects of radioactive fallout on aquatic life. Doses of

radioactive cesium were later placed in the water to study the results of this isotope on underwater plants. The Atomic Energy commission instituted the program to check the effects of the huge plutonium plant on the nearby Columbia river.

If I were to accept your offer I would be overlooking the firm commitments which I made during the election campaign. This I cannot do.

I am most grateful to you for the suggestion that in your view I would be able to perform a service if I were chosen to fill the office of Speaker, but I believe I can render greater service to my constituents and to the people of Canada generally by remaining on the floor of the House of Commons and thus retaining the right to participate in the deliberations of this important 23rd Parliament.

Thank you again for the honor you have done me. I am sure you will appreciate the reasons on the basis of which I must decline the nomination you were prepared to make.

## Community Planner Named

HALIFAX (CP)—D. J. Bird of Halifax was appointed director of community planning for Nova Scotia Friday.

Municipal Affairs Minister Levy said Mr. Bird will assist individual communities in their planning and interest others in improved planning.

The director's post was created because of municipal demands for assistance in the field, Mr. Levy said.

## Syrian-Turkish Crisis Hits N. Y. Stock Prices

NEW YORK (AP)—The Syrian-Turkish crisis unsettled the stock market last week and prices were jugged back on their heels once more.

The nature of the news was such as to build hopes for more spending on aircrafts and missiles. Stocks representing those industries did rather well in the midst of a nervous retreat for the list as a whole.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks declined \$2.70 to \$156.70, its lowest since March 22, 1955.

The quoted value of stocks listed on the New York stock exchange fell an estimated \$3,335,000,000 last week, based on the decline in the average. This compared with an estimated \$10,000,000,000 loss the week before.

During the week news items such as an easing in the steel operating rate, a new drop in copper prices, a decline in housing starts and personal income were depressing. There were also some reports of lower earnings and dividends.

The five most active issues on the American Stock Exchange were:

Burma Mines, unchanged at 1/4 on 127,500 shares; Scurry Rain-bow Oil, off 1-16 at 21-16; British Petroleum, off 1/4 at 12 1/2; North-south Uranium warrants, off 1/4 at 2 1/2; and U.S. foil "B," off 2 at 22 1/2.

The five most active issues on the New York Stock Exchange were:

North American Aviation, up 1/4 at 26 1/2 on 204,300 shares; Bethlehem Steel, off 1/4 at 30 1/2; Standard Oil (New Jersey), off 1/4 at 53 1/2; General Dynamics, up 1/4 at 52; and Boeing, up 1/4 at 33 1/2.

HISTORIC PRINTER  
The first book printed in England was produced by William Caxton in 1477.

## U. S. Use Of Finished Steel To Hit Record

CLEVELAND (AP)—Consumption of finished steel will hit a record 85,000,000 tons this year, with 84,000,000 coming from mill shipments and the other 10,000,000 from inventories Steel magazine predicts. Last year's consumption was about 79,000,000 tons.

Trade weekly says steel inventories totalled 20,000,000 tons at the beginning of the year following a 4,000,000-ton addition in 1955. The net reduction of 1,000,000 tons in the inventories will still leave 19,000,000 tons in stock at the end of the year, which is equal to about three months' usage.

Steel says producers of capital goods, such as machine tools and plant equipment, are disappointed about prospects for new orders in the fourth quarter of 1957, but they see indications of an upturn in 1958, probably in the third quarter.

A survey conducted by the magazine shows that prices for consumer hard goods are expected to inch up in the next six months, with price patterns varying from industry to industry.

Demand for ingots is keeping steel production steady, with the output last week at 61 per cent of rated capacity, the same as the week before.

Prices of steelmaking grades of scrap continued to fall. Steel's price composite dropped \$1.67 to \$37.83 a gross ton, the lowest point since July, 1955.

## Calls Session A "Brief" One

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor Minister Starr Friday apparently tipped government plans that the current session will be a short one. A CCF member immediately asked whether the government plans an early election. He got no

answer. Mr. Starr spoke of "this brief session of Parliament" in replying to a question by Rodolphe Le-duc (L—Gatineau) as to whether unemployment insurance legislation will be amended this session. The minister said it would not be, because of the shortness of the session which began Monday.

Erhart Keger, Burnaby-Coquitlam, remarked that only Parliament determines the length of a session. He asked whether the government plans dissolution of Parliament at a certain date for an election. Speaker Roland Michener stopped the exchange there, saying the question did not appear to be properly asking for information. The session is expected to end sometime before Christmas. Prime Minister Diefenbaker already has said the House will be sitting Nov. 25 and 26 when a federal-provincial tax-sharing conference is held here.

### SIGN AGREEMENTS

CAIRO (Reuters)—Egypt Saturday signed cultural co-operation agreements with the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.



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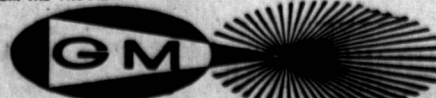
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