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CHARLOTTETOWN, CANADA THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1957



PARLEY WITHIN A PARLEY

Canada's Foreign Minister L. B. Pearson, left, and L. D. Wilgress, Canada's delegate, turn to each other for discussion on opening day of NATO conference in Bonn, Germany, May 3. (AP Wirephoto)

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ENDORSE CAUSEWAY

Atlantic Premiers Demand Increased Federal Help

Says Statement Downright Lie

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent Wednesday night described as a "downright lie" Social Credit Leader Solon Low's statement that Mr. St. Laurent threatened former British prime minister Eden about the Suez crisis last fall. He referred angrily to a news report quoting Mr. Low as saying earlier in Victoria that Mr. St. Laurent told Britain if it did not withdraw its troops from the Middle East Canada might even go so far as to withdraw from the Commonwealth. "I can't imagine any justification for Solon Low to make any assertion of that kind," Mr. St. Laurent told reporters on his arrival by air from Regina. "In fact it amounts to a downright lie." The prime minister returned to Ottawa on a TCA flight after spending 12 days campaigning across western Canada for the June 10 federal election.

Proposes Aid For Small Businesses

BROCKVILLE, Ont. (CP) — John Diefenbaker Wednesday night proposed establishment of a special government branch to help small business, similar to that in the United States government. "Small businesses have received no favors from the present government," the Progressive Conservative leader said in a speech opening a six-day campaign tour in Ontario. The Conservative party promised to set up a committee from the federal cabinet and small business associations to recommend effective action in helping small retail, wholesale and manufacturing concerns to become established and expand. Except for the Industrial Development Bank established in 1944, he said, "the small business man has been all but forgotten by the federal government."

Next Regional Conference Scheduled For Here In Sept.

HALIFAX (CP) — Premiers of Canada's four Atlantic provinces presented a solid front here Wednesday in demanding greater federal aid for the region. Conservative Premiers Stanfield of Nova Scotia and Fleming of New Brunswick lined up with Liberal Premiers Matheson of Prince Edward Island and Smallwood of Newfoundland to ask: 1. Fixed annual federal grants for capital projects in the Atlantic area. 2. Construction of the Prince Edward Island causeway. 3. Subventions on coal used in Atlantic region power plants. 4. Compensation for northern territories annexed to other provinces since Confederation. The conference—second of its kind in one year—agreed to establish joint Atlantic provinces offices in the United Kingdom and possibly elsewhere abroad. The premiers set Sept. 26 and 27 for another regional conference to be held in Charlottetown. Results of the one-day meeting were announced in a joint statement issued at Province House after sessions ended. The talks were held behind closed doors except for an opening public session. The premiers, accompanied by cabinet ministers and other officials appeared generally pleased with conference results. They left the assembly chamber in jovial mood. Premier Stanfield said, "We agreed on a surprising number of things, including Atlantic regional representation abroad. In my mind, that in itself was worth the day's work." The meeting, presided over by Mr. Stanfield, agreed to set up a committee to arrange for a regional office in London. The committee will study prospects for similar offices in the West Indies, the United States and any other areas thought desirable. The conference approved in principle a Gordon commission suggestion that Ottawa provide a fixed amount yearly for capital projects in the Atlantic region. A committee will recommend ways in which the payments should be made.

Slight Change In P.M.'s Itinerary

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent has made a slight change in his speaking stops for his election campaign swing through the Maritimes beginning May 21. A new itinerary issued by Liberal headquarters Wednesday shows that a scheduled stop at Lunenburg has been dropped May 22. He now plans to motor from Halifax through the Annapolis Valley to Kentville for a luncheon meeting there on that day, returning for an evening meeting in Halifax. The following day he flies from Halifax to Saint John for a noon meeting and then out to Fredericton for an evening meeting as previously scheduled.

Woman Mayor Is Returned To Office

PORTAGE DU FORT, Que. (CP) — Mayor Elsie Gibbons, Quebec's only woman mayor, returned to office for another two-year term as chief magistrate of this village of 500. Then she promptly left town to help fight a district bus fire. No one opposed the mayor mother of a 21-year-old son, before nominations closed Wednesday at noon. It was her third acclamation. Mayor Gibbons announced during Progressive Conservative Leader Diefenbaker's swing through the area that she was switching her federal political allegiance from the Liberals to Conservative. Portage du Fort is about 45 miles west of Ottawa.

SCAFFOLD COLLAPSES

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (AP)—Two women were killed in the collapse of steel scaffolding on a department store in Wellington's main business section Wednesday. Nine persons were injured. Six autos were crushed.

Robertson Leaves For Appointment In London

LONDON (CP)—Norman Robertson, Canadian high commissioner to the United Kingdom for the last five years, left today to take up his appointment as ambassador in Washington. Robertson, who at 53 is regarded as one of Canada's top diplomats, is travelling to the United States aboard the liner *Mauritania*, accompanied by his Dutch-born wife, Jette, and their 15-year-old daughter, Judith. Also aboard is the Robertson's retriever dog. Appointment of a successor to Robertson in the important London post is not expected to be announced until after the Canadian general election next month. There have been reports that Trade Minister Howe may be the ultimate choice — reports which have persisted despite denials from Howe. For the present, the deputy high commissioner, S. D. Pierce, will take over as acting high commissioner. Robertson has long been one of Canada's leading policymakers. As right-hand man to the late prime minister Mackenzie King in the Second World War, he played an important role in the war effort. He prefers to work quietly and unobtrusively behind the scenes. And his part in affairs of state is seldom known to more than a handful of insiders. A graduate of the University of



NORMAN ROBERTSON

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MUST CUT COSTS

Power development and Ottawa's aid offer drew lengthy comment in opening speeches of the four premiers. Premier Stanfield said federal-built generating stations wouldn't themselves do much to reduce Maritime power rates. Cost of the coal used in the plants must be lowered. He said New Brunswick would like to see federal subventions large enough to reduce fuel costs to those paid by Ontario power plants. He said engineers estimate a subvention of \$3.70 a ton is needed. "The main cost of generating thermal power is the fuel cost, the capital cost being of far less importance than in the case of hydro power." Premier Stanfield reiterated his previous stance that Nova Scotia cannot make a firm commitment on the power scheme until the question of power cost is settled. He said the subvention proposal, if implemented, would be of great aid to the Nova Scotia coal industry.

ENDORSE CAUSEWAY

The premiers endorsed the proposal for a causeway to link Prince Edward Island with the mainland across Northumberland Strait. The federal government started an engineering survey of the project some time ago. Liberal Premiers Smallwood and Matheson joined their Progressive Conservative counterparts in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to endorse the project. They agreed to set up a committee to study the project and to recommend ways in which the payments should be made.

Smallwood Says "Revolution" If Needed To Obtain Rights

HALIFAX (CP) — Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland says there'll be a revolution in the Atlantic provinces if this part of Canada doesn't get its share of national prosperity. He told premiers of the four Atlantic provinces in conference here Wednesday "We'll drop political differences—the four of us — and start a Canadian revolution if the need arises." Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island have Liberal governments. Those in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are Progressive Conservative. He said he thinks the growing co-operation among the four governments already has started a revolution of sorts—a revolution in the attitude of the rest of Canada toward the Atlantic area.

POWER OFFER COLOSSAL

Mr. Smallwood asked if the four provinces realize "what a colossal step" was taken by the federal government in offering to build thermal power plants and transmission lines in the Maritimes. "Ottawa has now agreed to the great principle of capital aid to these provinces." It had acted in recognition of need in the Atlantic region. The offer made possible large power development without adding to provincial debt. He attributed Ottawa's new interest in the region to two things—Newfoundland's entry into Confederation and the meetings of the Atlantic premiers and their advisers. On the other hand the Atlantic outlook should not be merely regional but national. What helped one province helped all. "Every new oil well in Alberta, every new development in any province, is good for us. As Canada prospers we are all better off."

GRASS FIRE CAUSES WAREHOUSE LOSS

SYDNEY (CP)—A grass fire—one of 12 reported here during the day—spread to a warehouse Wednesday and destroyed the building and its contents. Murdoch Smith, who owned the plumbing and heating warehouse, estimated loss at \$5,000. The fire, started in grass spread to nearby bushes before it gutted the warehouse on the nearby Cow Bay road. Meanwhile the city's three fire stations answered repeated calls for grass fires during the day, but none caused damage. Since Sunday there have been 30 grass fires in the city.

CAVEMAN TYPE

BRISTOL, R.I. (AP)—A Bristol woman begged for a kiss from a boxer dog here Tuesday and got a honey—a nose wound that required three stitches. Police said Wilhelmus, 3, encountered the boxer at a restaurant and, after being warned to give him clearance, leaned down for a kiss.

PROSPERITY HELPS ALL

The more prosperous the other

Borden Wharf Contract Let

OTTAWA (CP)—Contracts valued at \$14,956,759 were awarded during April by the federal works department. The total for new works was \$11,769,769, the department said Wednesday. Of the remainder \$334,785 was for repair and maintenance of existing structures and \$2,652,205 for dredging. Topping the list was a \$5,415,350 contract awarded to Poole Construction Ltd., Edmonton, for a new school and two pupils' residences for the northern affairs department at Akivik, N.W.T.

Favourable Progress Reported On Lord Selkirk Construction

"Every effort will be made to put the Lord Selkirk on the Wood Islands - Corbiou run this year," said Mr. J.B. Ferguson of Ferguson's Industry Ltd., Pictou, in an interview with the *Guardian* yesterday. Mr. Ferguson said the company had set a scheduled date for the ship to go into operation and that this schedule was well in advance of what they had planned. When questioned whether the boat would be on the run by the first of August, he said, "We have the date set, but you are not far out." He said a number of factors will determine the dispatch with which the ship can be put into service. The chief of these is the supply of materials but no delays are anticipated from this source. The official of the ship building firm said there was some delay during the winter due to ice which prevented the builders from removing the ship from the dock where it had been placed for boring operations to the tail assembly but this delay has been more than made up for since that time. In making observations regarding the progress to date, Mr. Ferguson said the machinery of the ship including auxiliary equipment has all been installed. The superstructure is complete up to the promenade deck and a great deal of the steel for the saloon is already in place.

BREAK RACIAL BAR

NAIROBI, Kenya (Reuters) — City council broke with tradition Wednesday by recommending an Asian, Alderman Moham Singh of India, for election as deputy mayor. The office always has been held by Europeans in the past.

AWARD FOR PILOT

LONDON (Reuters)—Test pilot Peter Twiss has been awarded the 1956 gold medal of the Federation Aeronautique for his world air speed record of 1,132 miles an hour in the Fairey Delta II set March 10, 1956.

Ice Eases Grip On Cape Breton Ports But Icebreakers Active

SYDNEY (CP)—West winds and rising temperatures loosened an icy stranglehold on Cape Breton's main shipping ports Wednesday but ice breakers still shepherded freighters through dangerous floes. The situation was similar off western Newfoundland. The solid line of white was poised a few miles off Sydney harbor entrance. East or northerly winds would drive the ice fields back into the vital steel and coal shipping avenue. The transport department reported its ice breaker *Sauriel* slowly escorting the coastal freighter *Mary Ruth* through loose ice near Flint Island. The *Mary Ruth* had reported ice trouble off Scotaria Island and a shortage of food. George Graham Hiscock of Bristol, N.S., said the *Mary Ruth* normally used in coastal trade between Sydney and Newfoundland.

HEAR SOVIET VIEW

LONDON (Reuters)—A Moscow radio commentator will take part in an international radio discussion tonight with speakers from other world capitals on the hydrogen bomb and the use of nuclear weapons. The BBC announced Wednesday that the Russian, Alexander Alexandrov, will join in an exchange of views with speakers in London, Paris, Frankfurt, Stockholm and Washington.

11 Forest Fires Rage Out Of Control In Northern Ontario

SUBURRY, Ont. (CP)—Threats of smoke from 80 fires trailed lazily across the Northern Ontario sky Wednesday and the lands and forests department said it will close the woodlands to public travel if the situation gets much worse. Only 11 of the 80 outbreaks being carefully charted at 4 p.m. ADT were out of control. But they included one of 8,000 acres whose southern perimeter was only eight miles northeast of Sudbury. At last report, this fire was moving away from the city in a north-easterly direction. Thomas E. Mackey, the Ontario government's chief forest protection officer, said a Toronto that human carelessness is believed responsible for "almost all" the fires. Several consecutive days of warm weather and no rain will almost certainly bring a ban on public woodlands travel, he said. New York state to the south closed its forests last Saturday and served notice that the ban would remain in force until rain eased the menace.

Poultry Farmer Plans To Sail To Death In H-Bomb Protest

LONDON (AP)—Harold Steele, a British pacifist, kissed his three children goodby Wednesday and set out to do his bit against what he regards as the evil of Britain's scheduled H-bomb test. A 63-year-old retired poultry farmer who was a conscientious objector in the First World War, Steele said he is prepared if necessary to die alone on a Pacific atoll in protest against the explosions British scientists expect to touch off at Christmas Island next month. Steele leaves London by plane today for New Delhi on the first stage of a trip he hopes will take him to the danger area in time to subject himself to the hazards of blast and fallout. "I willingly sacrifice myself to prove to the world the horror of this devilish thing," he told reporters.

MAY GO ALONE

He wanted to ship aboard a suicidal "peace fleet" which the Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs proposed to send in. But the council, in the face of Britain's warning to all shipping to stay clear, dropped the cruise idea. Reporters here told Steele of the cancellation. "Then if necessary I will sail alone into the Christmas Island area," he said. "I can still handle a sailing craft. Or perhaps I could get some vessel to drop me on an atoll in the area where I could sit out the tests and if necessary die in them."

STUBBED TOE SPILLS BEANS

LONDON (Reuters) — John Seabrook stubbed his toe getting out of bed one morning and let out a stream of ripe English. The familiar cusswords confirmed his wife's suspicions that he was not a Frenchman. Mary Nunn asked her two brothers to invite a French friend to the house to test the curious jargon Seabrook used. The French friend said that whatever gibberish Seabrook was using, it was not French. Seabrook was identified in court Tuesday as the son of an English juncman who already has a wife and four children. His only claim to being French was one day trip across the channel to France. The court ordered him jailed for 15 months for bigamy.

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N.S. Forests Are Closed To Travel

HALIFAX (CP)—All Nova Scotia forestland is being closed to travel today as warm dry air spreads the threat of fires. The provincial lands and forests department announced Wednesday night that the woods will remain closed to travel until conditions improve, and after that travelling will be allowed only with permits until the fire hazard completely ends.

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Thousands Attend Biggest Rummage Sale In World

TORONTO (CP)—Several thousands women paid 50 cents apiece Wednesday for a crack at what probably ranks as the biggest annual rummage sale in the world. Four of them were in line three hours before the Toronto Symphony Orchestra women's committee opened the big doors of the Coliseum in Exhibition Park. When the doors did open, there were more than 2,000 women arranged neatly in queues by the 28 policemen detailed to prevent a recurrence of last year's chaos when women were pushed, punched, kicked and insulted in the battle for bargains. The sponsors donate the receipts to the Toronto Symphony. When the smoke cleared last year, there was \$18,000 in the till, partly from admissions and partly from the sale of a fantastic assortment of possessions contributed by Toronto families.

25 POLICE ON DUTY

Four of the 25 policemen on duty Wednesday were horse-mounted. Mindful of the danger of a pileup at the four ticket wickets, they gently limited the lineups to two abreast. The sale was scheduled to end at 10 p.m. Police said many items would probably leave in the bags of shoppers scouting the row upon row of counters. The women's committee used

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