

Criticism Of CPR Sharp On Abandoning Train

Cabinet Being Urged To Order Restoration

OTTAWA (CP) — The CPR preferred position out of the public domain. Mr. Fulton said the CPR is under an obligation to make a return to Canada even if, as it claimed, it was operating the service at a loss. Perhaps the CPR could prove through an "accounting wilderness" that the Dominion had resulted in an operating loss. But the railway should not be allowed to use figures based on the Dominion's service in the last 12 months. It had deliberately curtailed services to make travel on the train as unpleasant as possible. It had taken hours just to get a cup of coffee. Mr. Fulton, speaking during study of transport department spending estimates, said the CPR is a credit to the corporate system of Canada. But it was not just a private company. It was a national institution and it owed something to the Canadian people.

Education White Paper Is Tabled

WINNIPEG (CP) — Education Minister George Johnston tabled a white paper Friday in the Manitoba legislature that promised new steps to provide maximum opportunities in education to develop the potential of Manitoba residents. The paper forecast legislation which would hasten the consolidation of school districts into divisions; larger grants for operating costs and additional funds for capital grants in the construction of schools at all levels; adoption of all capital costs for the construction of vocational schools and provision for the province to absorb all tuition fees of teacher trainees. No cost estimate was included. Provincial estimates are expected to be introduced next week.

CITES INSTANCE
A specific instance of "inefficiency by the CNR" was a western station that still used "country conveniences," although \$1,900 had been spent to install modern plumbing. "That was impossible to look up" to existing facilities. Eldon Williams (PC — Bow River) said there are "ships empty at the docks in Vancouver" waiting for wheat deliveries and "we're paying thousands of dollars" for their waiting. Transport Minister Pickersgill said there was "marked improvement" in the last week at the port of Vancouver in wheat handling mainly due to improved "switching" procedure — from rail to ship.

Rail Strike In Britain Is Dropped By Union

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain's biggest railway union called off early today plans for a national rail strike, due to have started at midnight Sunday. The principal issue was the union's demand for higher wages. Basic rates of pay on Britain's railways range from £11 (\$33) a week for a porter to £17 (\$51) a week for locomotive engineers. Prime Minister Wilson announced the peace decision. Leaders of the union had spent nearly seven hours in top-level talks Friday night and this morning at 10 Downing Street, the prime minister's London residence. The decision by leaders of the 200,000-member National Union of Railway Men came after a day of last-ditch efforts by the government to avert transport chaos in Britain next week. A statement issued today by the union's 23-man executive group and made public by the prime minister said the union has "decided to withdraw the strike decision and enter into negotiations and discussions with the proper bodies."

BOOST FOR WILSON
Abandonment of the strike threat was seen as a victory for the government's policy of incomes restraint and as a big boost with the voters for Wilson's administration. Trains in Britain will run as usual Monday over the country's state-operated 16,000-mile network. Wilson's announcement was the climax to 15 hours of almost continuous wrangling between the government and the union over the strike threat and conditions. The union statement said the strike decision was withdrawn after consideration of offers made for increased annual vacations, a 40-hour week to begin Feb. 28, and an offer of discussions on pensions. Wilson summoned the union's executive group to meet him after they decided by a one-vote majority Friday to go ahead with the strike. He warned before the union executive vote was taken that the government had no further offers to make.

SUNDAY VOTE IS SUGGESTED

QUEBEC (CP) — Premier Jean Lesage thinks it would be a good idea to hold the next provincial election on a Sunday. Speaking to reporters after the close of Thursday's legislative sitting, he said it would be the first time a Quebec provincial election had been held on a Sunday. He said the recent municipal election in Quebec City had been held on a Sunday for the first time and it seemed to have worked out well. An election is expected this year.

Students Told To Light Fire

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Pearson told Liberal university students Friday night their function is to light a fire beneath the party brass. Mr. Pearson told delegates to the annual convention of the Canadian University Liberal Federation that party followers, by the fact of their liberalism, must be "left of centre." "This is a reform party," he told a group of about 200 youths from campuses across the country. "If we don't continue to be that kind of party, there'll be another group waiting in the wings to take over."

Mr. Pearson said Liberals should be worried about the impact of the New Democratic Party. But the party didn't have to go overboard because the NDP gained seats in the last election.

Quebec Planning A-Power Plant

QUEBEC (CP) — Premier Lesage announced in the assembly Friday that an atomic power station will be constructed at Becancour, Que., if tests being carried out there prove satisfactory. Becancour is situated on the St. Lawrence opposite Trois-Rivières. It is about 60 miles southwest of Quebec City.

Johnson Believes Country Supports Viet Nam Policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson said Friday he has no desire either to escalate the war in Viet Nam or pull out. And, he said, that seems to be the view of those who have testified before Congress on the Vietnamese conflict. "I think the country overwhelmingly supports the position we have taken and that the House of Representatives and Senate do likewise," Johnson told a press conference. Johnson said he hopes to have a repeat performance in a few months of the just-concluded Honolulu summit conference with South Vietnamese leaders. They met to chart courses for continuing to oppose aggression while attempting to combat illiteracy, disease and hunger in the troubled Southeast Asian country. He suggested June or July for the next meeting. Johnson also said that more troops will be sent to South Viet Nam as they are needed, but "we have no present plans" for moving in a substantially greater number of men or calling for reserves.

COULDN'T GIVE FIGURES
He said he is in no position to give figures. The president talked with a throng of reporters at an informal session in his White House office, set up on 30 minutes' notice. He announced a string of appointments including that of Robert H. Fleming, Washington bureau chief of the American Broadcasting Company, to become what in effect will be the new White House press secretary. Bill D. Moyers will continue in a role he never has relinquished, that of special assistant to the president with a broad sweep of activities and responsibilities. He carried on some of these activities while holding down the job of press secretary.

U.S. Dept. Challenges Former Sergeant Claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. defence department and two army generals have challenged statements by a Toronto-born former U.S. army sergeant about the war in Viet Nam. Donald Duncan, 35, who served in the U.S. special services, told a press conference here Thursday that the U.S. should recognize and deal with the National Liberation Front, political arm of the Viet Cong guerrillas. He said the front is the prime political factor in South Viet Nam. "The Saigon government will be able to last a week if we stopped backing them," said Duncan, now a naturalized American living in Berkeley, Calif. Within a few hours the defence department, in a statement issued in reply to questions, said there is "no evidence whatsoever to support the allegation that a vast majority of the people of South Viet Nam are pro-Viet Cong and anti-Saigon."

FLEE FROM VIET CONG

The statement also said that "thousands of South Vietnamese have fled from Viet Cong terror to seek protection of their government. This number is constantly increasing. No leader of South Viet Nam, past or present, civilian or military, of any religion or any sect, has defected to the Viet Cong." Maj.-Gen. William P. Yarborough, who formerly headed the special forces, said he was "shocked, as I am sure other men of the special forces are, at the distortions, misstatements and disclosures of sensitive information in Duncan's statements."

Ontario House Okays Medicare

TORONTO (CP) — The legislature approved the provincial government's new medical insurance plan in principle Friday after Premier Roberts declined to commit Ontario to taking any public stand on federal medical care proposals. Because of the transitory state of federal-provincial relations and the fact that Ottawa's medical care plan will not take effect until July 1, 1967 — if then — Mr. Roberts saw no necessity "at this stage of the game to say what we're going to do on the first of July, 1967."

Hooded Bandits Get Bank Loot

MONTREAL (CP) — Fur hooded men, armed with revolvers and a machine-gun, terrorized the staff and customers of a branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia in suburban St. Laurent Friday before escaping with cash estimated between \$20,000 and \$30,000. There were three customers and a staff of 10 in the bank at the time.

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS FRIDAY, Feb. 11, 1966
The Commons spent a third day on transport department spending, the railways coming in for most criticism. Davie Fulton (PC — Kamloops) said the CP's support to trim passenger service, although it had made a fortune through government land grants. The government released the results of a study of Hong Kong veterans recommending that almost all of them should get higher pensions. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce submitted a brief to the government asking for long-range policies to promote industrial growth. MONDAY, Feb. 14
The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. to continue study of spending estimates. Spending estimates for 1966-67 are to be tabled. The Senate stands adjourned until Feb. 22.



SEVEN-YEAR-OLD LINDA CROCKER

Youth Charged With Murder In Death Of Victoria Child

VICTORIA (CP) — The parents of Linda Crocker were under heavy sedation Friday, unaware of the circumstances surrounding the death of their seven-year-old daughter. Not appear by six, the Crockers called in police and neighbors to help look for her.

Bread Prices Are Increased

TORONTO (CP) — Bread from two Toronto bakeries will cost two cents more a loaf starting Monday. Canada Bread, largest bakery in Ontario and Quebec, was the first to announce the increase Friday, followed by Christie's Bread of Toronto. The Canada Bread increase also will apply in Quebec.

The companies' 24-ounce loaves, which now sell for 26 cents, will cost 28 cents. Both Canada Bread and Christie's gave similar reasons for the rise — higher labor, distribution and production costs.

The last increase was in December, 1963, when the price was raised one cent.

Thursday, she was given permission to play at a friend's house. She left the playmate's house at 4:30 p.m. When she did



AND THE DOUGHNUTS WERE FREE

Willie Mays, the National league's most valuable player, is probably now baseball's highest paid performer. But before he signed a two-year contract in San Francisco Friday to play for the Giants for a reported \$125,000 a year, he enjoyed coffee and sinkers at the expense of Horace Stoneham, president of the San Francisco Giants. (AP Wirephoto)



POLICE ARMED with shotguns launched an Ontario-wide hunt Friday for three convicts who kidnapped a 40-year-old Scarborough woman. The woman was found in a motel north of Barrie, gagged and tied to a chair with torn bed-sheets. The three escapees

Reward Offered For Kidnap Trio

TORONTO (CP) — The search for three escaped convicts, believed to have kidnapped and raped a suburban Toronto woman, was concentrated on the east side of Lake Simco Friday after a motorist reported finding off an attack by using the power window of his car. Provincial police said they are "fairly certain" the attack came from the men who kidnapped Eveline Forsyth, 40, of Scarborough, from her car Thursday and left her tied to a chair in a motel room north of Barrie.

Mrs. Forsyth's attackers were believed to be the three convicts who escaped Wednesday from Collins Bay penitentiary at Kingston in a panel truck. The convicts, were identified as John Eaton, 25, of Moose Jaw, Sask.; Harold Dankwardt, 28, of Kitchener, and Thomas Brydges, 21, of Elmira, Ont.

Police at Beaverton, 25 miles east of Barrie, said Frank Bobyk of Barrie was driving on Highway 12, six miles south of Beaverton, Friday afternoon when a man flagged him down.

Mr. Bobyk told police that when he stopped a second man came up to the car. One of the men said there was a sick woman in a car parked just off the highway. When Mr. Bobyk hesitated one of the men reached into the car and tried to choke him.

Mr. Bobyk raised the power window of his car and escaped. Earlier Friday the attorney-general's department offered a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the capture and conviction of the men. Warrants charging the three escapees with rape and kidnapping were sworn out. Jack Whitty, assistant OPP commissioner, said police have been issued shotguns and have been warned to take no chances with the men. Mr. Whitty said dozens of provincial police in cars and aircraft are looking for the men. The kidnapping of Mrs. Forsyth took place Thursday afternoon as she was driving to school to pick up her children. Mrs. Forsyth said the men forced her car off the road. When she locked her car doors, a man with a rifle warned her to "open up or I'll kill you."

When she opened the door the gunman and a companion got in. She was driven to Thornhill, just north of Toronto, where a third man got in. She said they drove her through the countryside for five hours until it was dark and one of them booked into the motel, north of Barrie. She said she was then left a prisoner for nine hours in the motel until she worked a gag loose enough for her to scream for help.

B.C. Has Balanced Budget More Grants And Tax Cuts

By STEPHEN SCOTT
VICTORIA (CP) — A balanced British Columbia budget combining a heavy mixture of tax cuts and an increase in the home-owner grant with record expenditures and revenues was introduced in the legislature Friday by Premier and Finance Minister Bennett. A change in bookkeeping methods that brings in federal payments to the province produced record revenues and excess of \$650,000,000. Under the previous method the figures are still approaching the \$550,000,000 mark, far and away the largest in the province's history. The budget provides for a small surplus. At the same time Mr. Bennett announced increased aid to municipalities, schools, universities, education in general, elimination of the five per cent sales tax on such divergent things as newspapers and meals and elimination of some property taxes. Other items include increased government investment in its own Pacific Great Eastern Railway and elimination of the debt of the B.C. ferry authority. At a press conference the premier refused to deny or confirm that this was an election budget. The opposition has been claiming that the government plans to go to the people this year. In his 5,000-word address Mr. Bennett said: "British Columbia is emerging into a period of unprecedented prosperity, growth and expansion." He said the province is advancing at a rate never before imagined "and each year sees new records in capital investment, in production of goods and services, and in personal incomes." The premier changed his method of bookkeeping to put B.C. in line with the other provinces. He said in the past it has been impossible to compare budgets because the province used "net" figures instead of "total" figures that included federal government payments to the provinces.

Pension Increase Recommended For Most Hong Kong Veterans

OTTAWA (CP) — Pension increases were recommended Friday for almost all of the 1,205 Canadian army veterans who still suffer from the effects of the 3½ years they spent in Japanese prison camps after the fall of Hong Kong in 1941. A report on a two-year medical study of 100 typical Hong Kong veterans called for immediate pension increases of between 10 and 20 per cent for those men who developed various disabilities as an aftermath of malnutrition. In some severe cases the amount of increase should be even greater, the report said. The malnutrition category covers about 95 per cent of the Hong Kong survivors. Pension increases would be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1964. The report by Dr. H. J. Richardson, medical adviser to the Canadian pension commission, was tabled in the Commons without comment by Veterans Minister Teillet. The special study was ordered in December of 1963 by the Commons veterans committee.

HAD ASKED MORE
The Hong Kong Veterans' Association had asked that a minimum disability pension of 50 per cent be provided. Nearly 900 of the 1,205 Hong Kong pensioners are at percentages below this level. A 100-per-cent disability pension is \$2,400 a year. There is an additional \$786 for married men, \$360 for those with one child, \$624 for those with two children and \$216 for each additional child. Only 115 Hong Kong veterans are at the maximum level. The association also asked that pensions be automatically boosted five per cent each year. Dr. Richardson's report did not endorse either of these suggestions. Dr. Richardson studied in detail the case histories and current condition of 100 Hong Kong veterans and compared them to 100 brothers who served in other overseas areas during the Second World War. He said there is conclusive evidence that those who were prisoners of the Japanese suffer to a greater degree from peptic ulcers, nerve troubles, foot problems, defects and other ailments. The post-war death rate among Hong Kong survivors showed a significant excess of deaths due to heart artery disease.

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