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# Diefenbaker Stands Firm On Bill Of Rights Decision

## Liberal Critics Blasted By PM

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker Wednesday launched a biting attack on Liberal critics of his bill of rights who maintain there should be a constitutional amendment instead on human rights.

He said most persons who have opposed his attempts through the years to have a bill of rights are advocates of a constitutional amendment embracing provincial rights as well.

"They know it can't be attained. The provinces have constitutional jurisdiction over property and civil rights and are 'not prepared to go any way in subordinating their rights'."

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The brief was read by Irving Himel of Toronto, executive secretary of the Association for Civil Liberties. Among organizations supporting it were the Canadian Labor Congress, the social relations department of the Canadian Council of Churches, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the National Council of Women and the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

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But the brief added that "short of a constitutional bill of rights we welcome as an interim measure the adoption by the dominion

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LOBSTER BOATS AND GEAR ARE CHECKED AT MORELL

## Prince Steers Big Warship

WEYMOUTH, England (Reuters) — A boy's dream came true for the 10-year-old Prince of Wales Wednesday when he steered the aircraft carrier Eagle, Britain's biggest warship.

The 43,000-ton vessel was steaming at 25 knots in the English Channel when the Prince, in the main steering position, took the wheel for about a minute.

He was told to steer "course 155 degrees" and he got it within half a degree. The accompanying officer told him: "Jolly good."

The Prince, just recovered from an attack of chicken pox and still on holiday from school, spent 4 1/2 hours touring the Eagle with his mother, Queen Elizabeth.

## BBG Disappoints Member Accuses

OTTAWA (CP) — Douglas Fisher (CCF—Port Arthur) said Wednesday the "fumble-bumble" Board of Broadcast Governors has proved a disappointment so far in its brief existence.

Speaking at the Commons approved establishment of a committee to study radio and television broadcasting policies and problems, he said he thinks everyone in the broadcasting business has been disappointed at the slow way the board has got started.

## Lobster Fishermen Will Start On Friday

The spring lobster season for District 7B on Prince Edward Island opens tomorrow, but the race for the best fishing grounds will get underway at 10 o'clock this morning, the legal time for setting out the gear.

District 7B covers the area from North Point, around East Point to Victoria on the south side of the Island.

The earlier starting time will enable most fishermen to transport approximately two-thirds of their heavy gear to the grounds before darkness sets in.

BAIT SHORTAGE However, as fishermen around the Island were getting ready for the big push yesterday a shortage of bait for their traps developed in some areas.

Tignish and Summerside were reported as the areas facing the most acute shortage with Tignish fishermen having barely enough to start the first day of the season.

## ASPIRINS SENT TO TAX OFFICE

BALTIMORE (AP)—The internal revenue service office here said it received the following letter from a taxpayer:

"I am extremely sorry but I just realize that I forgot to attach form W-3 to the rest of the papers mailed to you a few days ago. I realize that this will cause extra headaches and am herewith enclosing a couple of aspirins, and believe me, I am not doing this to be facetious either."

Sure enough, there were two aspirins enclosed.

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## Interruptions Stir Interest

OTTAWA (CP)—Interruptions, asides and interjections are often the leaven that lightens otherwise ponderous periods of Commons debate.

During a speech Wednesday by H. W. Herridge (CCF—Kootenay West), for example, Howard Graftney (PC — Brome-Missisquoi) initiated this little flurry:

Mr. Graftney: "You are repeating the same things your leader said. You are being pleonastic."

Hazen Argue, CCF House Leader: "Take a trip to New York."

Mr. Herridge: "Are the people in the barnyard at the other end of the chamber finished?"

## Yank Skipper Blasts At Seaway Facilities

By HUGH MULLIGAN ABOARD THE SANTA REGINA (AP) — The captain of the first American ship to pass through the St. Lawrence Seaway expressed some reservations Wednesday about that new \$475,000,000 water route.

Capt. Hawley MacDermid of the Grace Line freighter Santa Regina said that, unless the seaway changes its methods of operation, ocean class ships will have to be redesigned to avoid damaging their hulls and superstructures in the narrow canals and locks.

"In the Panama Canal," MacDermid said, "ships are held away from the walls but here the system seems to be to hold ships in close to one wall, and that's where the damage results."

The captain was backed up in his statements by Ted B. Westfall, executive vice-president of the Grace Line, who was aboard for this voyage to Chicago.

DESIGNED FOR LAKERS "The new seaway locks seems to have been designed around the old lake freighters and with no thought for ocean ships," Westfall said.

This 15,000-ton vessel now has passed through all seven of the new seaway locks and the 27-mile Welland Canal between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie and is somewhat the worse for wear.

She dented two hull plates, scraped her sides and lost part of her deck railing in negotiating the narrow canals and cement-walled locks. The Santa Regina has a 63-foot beam. The locks are only 80 feet wide.

## Woman's Arms Cuddles Python

PORTSMOUTH, England (Reuters)—A 45-year-old widow tenderly cuddled a five-foot-long python in her arms Wednesday when brought into court on a charge of "cruelly torturing a mouse" with the snake.

"It's quite tame," pet shop owner Mrs. Phyllis Cooper told the judge. The mouse also was tame, she added, producing the little animal and letting it run along the front of the witness box.

## HERTER ARRIVES IN PARIS

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, center, waves on arriving at Orly Field, Paris, for meeting with British, French

and West German foreign ministers. On hand to greet him are W. Randolph Burgess, U.S. ambassador to NATO, left, and Amory Houghton, right, U.S. ambassador to France. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Paris).

## Nfld. Member Sees Canada In 'Economic Wilderness'

By IAN MACDONALD Canadian Press Staff Writer ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Uriah Strickland (L — Bonavista South) had a lot of things to say in the Newfoundland Legislature Wednesday about the federal government. They were all critical.

His criticism ranged across the federal deficit, fish marketing policies, a planned harbor improvement program here and lack of subsidies on coal shipments from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland.

"Canada as a whole is further back in the economic wilderness than it was . . . two years ago," he said. Not long ago the federal government had a surplus of \$500,000,000. Now we have a deficit of \$600,000,000.

"Where do we go from here?" RULED NAPEL OUT

Last year Trade and Commerce Minister Churchill said that the Newfoundland Association of Fish Exporters Limited—the province's sole marketing agent for cod—had to go.

"He promised it would be replaced by a better organization," the former sea captain said. "What have we got now? Nothing."

There had been a dearth of salt cod lately but had this been a good year fishermen would be in the same position they were

25 years ago—forced to accept unreasonably low prices in some cases.

Mr. Churchill has set the clock back "another 25 years."

He said federal officials who drew up a \$13,000,000 harbor development program for St. John's "should go back to sleep and dream again" because the plan did not provide for a marine slipway.

The present CNR drydock is badly overcrowded, he said, and often it is tied up for six to eight weeks at a time by one vessel. Other ships had to wait their turn.

chances of capturing the Republican presidential nomination next year.

Eisenhower didn't go into the political implications in discussing the matter at his first Washington press conference in five weeks, a conference that veered around among all sorts of subjects.

WOULDN'T DISCUSS SITE He also wasn't ready to discuss a site for the summit session he is expected to hold later in the year with the British, French and Soviet heads of government.

The president was smiling amiably as he strode into the conference room. And amiability and laughter were spattered all through the session except when somebody mentioned that "your old friend, Marshal Montgomery, seems to be at it again."

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery in a filmed CBS television show Tuesday night, remarked that "perhaps there's been a lack of decision in the top level" of U.S. leadership.

authorities in Germany and expects the U.S. government to take appropriate measures in this connection."

The radio said the warning was in a note from the Soviet foreign ministry delivered to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow Tuesday.

A German-language broadcast said the Soviet note stated: "The points made in the note of the U.S. Embassy of 13th April in order to justify the violation by a U.S. aircraft on 27th March of the fixed air route in the air corridor between the Federal Republic of Germany and Berlin, as well as possible similar violations in the future, are completely without foundation."

Neither side is entitled to infringe on the existing system for flights in the Berlin air corridor, the note declared.

The Soviet Union contends that Allied flights to the isolated city must not be made above 10,000 feet.

The West maintains its planes have the right to fly into Berlin at any height they wish. The United States has sent planes through at altitudes of more than 10,000 feet to demonstrate its position.

The Soviet note went on: "The Soviet government again draws the attention of the U.S. government to the dangerous nature of the actions of the U.S.

ST. JOHN'S (CP)—The Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company at Grand Falls, Nfld., appealed to the public Wednesday in a full-page newspaper advertisement to help protect forest resources in view of a threatening letter.

The letter, photographed and reproduced in the advertisement, was signed "Pickets per IWA." The IWA refers to the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) which struck the A.N.D. New Year's Eve.

It goes on to say the company's property "will be destroyed during 1959 by fire etc. so govern yourselves accordingly."

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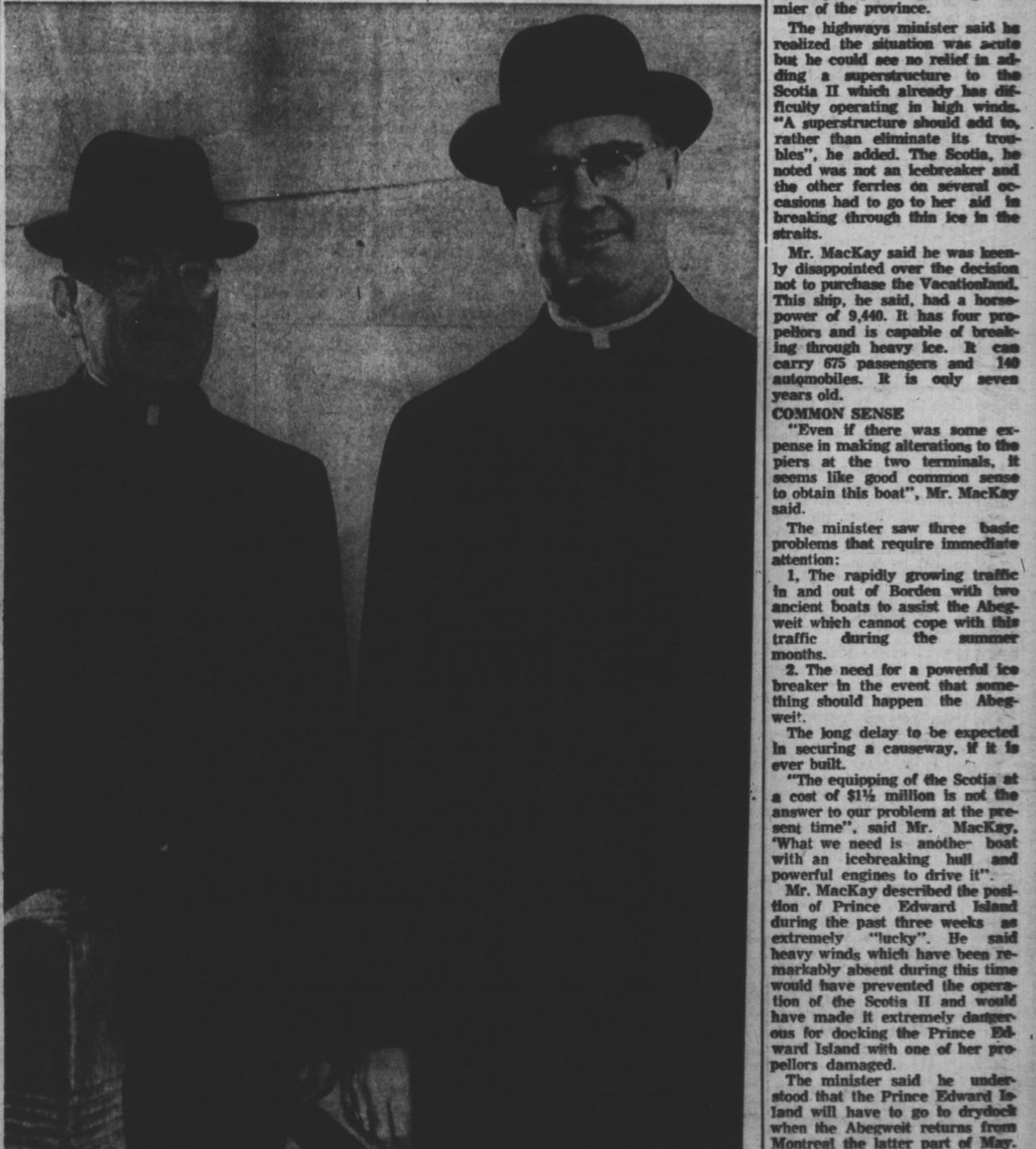
In western Newfoundland, IWA organizer Jeff Hall said it was "preposterous" that the company should put any credence in "a crank letter."

He said the letter was reviving the "old scare campaign."

The whole letter was printed in capital letters. The envelope, also reproduced, was addressed to the A.N.D. Company Limited, Badger, Nfld. The postage date was unreadable but a company spokesman said it was sent April 6.

Similar letters were received when the strike of 1,200 loggers was in full swing. At least one later was found to be a fake.

The IWA local was later replaced by the Newfoundland Brotherhood of Woods-Workers, an independent union formed at Grand Falls with the help of Premier Smallwood.



RECEIVED BY POPE Most Reverend Malcolm A. MacEachern, of Charlottetown, right, and Most Reverend John R. MacDonald, Bishop of Antigonish were received in private audience by Pope John in Rome yesterday.

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