

Dedication Of Flame Scheduled This Evening

Centennial Year will start officially with the lighting and dedication of the Centennial Flame in a ceremony beginning at 5 o'clock this evening.

Located in the grass area at the north-east side of Province House, the Centennial Flame will be lighted by Lieutenant-Governor W. J. MacDonald followed by a dedication by Premier, Alex Campbell.

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TORCH-PASSED

After a proclamation by the Centennial Crier the Flame Lighting will take place. Francis McQuarrie will light the torch and will pass it to Hon. Earle Hickey who will in turn pass it to Lieutenant Governor MacDonald who will do the actual lighting of the Flame. During this ceremony St. Paul's chimes will play. The dedication by Premier Campbell will then take place.

Following this the Confederation Centre Choir will render the Queen and Rev. Ewen MacDowall will give the benediction.

FIRES OF FRIENDSHIP

Following benediction there will be the lighting of the Fires of Friendship in all municipalities throughout the Province. These fires will be lighted with torches ignited from the Centennial flame following the provincial ceremony.

BELLS PROGRAM

At midnight bells of all churches throughout the Province will peal as part of the "Wild Bells

BEST WISHES

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world has a future as bright as Canada; no country has so much to offer its people; no country can provide such a golden opportunity for all its citizens. I do not think that any one of us would exchange our place with any other people from any country of the world. But we must accept the challenge and seize the opportunity, break out of our complacency and indifference, and vigorously work together to achieve the potential that is ours.

"Prince Edward Island and the Atlantic Provinces, this oldest part of Canada is showing renewed enthusiasm and potential. If we all work together for the betterment of our Province and region, I am sure we can greatly increase opportunities and improve our standard of living."

"I especially call on our young people to give us the vigor and idealism of their youth as well as the benefits of their special training and energies in meeting the exciting challenges which this new century presents to our country and our province. The future belongs to the youth more than to our other citizens, but the future will be what they and we make it. Young Canadians in years past have answered the challenge; I am particularly confident that young Canadians of this day will respond to the exciting challenge and opportunities with even greater enthusiasm and dedication," the Premier concluded.

DEATHS

GALLANT — At the Community Hospital, O'Leary on Friday, Dec. 30, 1966, Henry T. Gallant, O'Leary, formerly of Forest View, in his 83th year. Resting at Jelley's Funeral Home from where the funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 to St. Anthony's Church, Bloomfield for Requiem High Mass at 3 o'clock. Interment in the church cemetery. Visiting hours 2 to 4 and 7 to 9.

HUGHES — At St. Mary's Road, P.E.I., December 30th, 1966, Thomas Martin Hughes, age 87 years. Resting at his late residence. Funeral service from St. Paul's Church, Sturgeon, on Monday, January 2, with Requiem High Mass at 9:30 a.m. Interment in the church cemetery.

ELLIS — At Ottawa Thursday, Dec. 29, 1966, John Mason Ellis, age 49. Remains will arrive at the MacLean Funeral Home today from where the funeral will be held Monday, January 2, with service commencing at 1:30 p.m. Interment in the Donaldson cemetery. Visiting hours 7 to 10 this evening, Sunday 2 to 4 and 7 to 10 p.m.

Program. This ceremony will commence in Europe at midnight, Greenwich time, and will follow successively from provincial capital to provincial capital across the country to terminate in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, eight and one half hours later. This program will announce the actual commencement of Centennial Year.

A gigantic bonfire will be staged in Victoria Park beginning at 7 p.m. The fire, to be kindled with hundreds of left over and used Christmas trees, will be lighted by Charlottetown Mayor Walter J. Cox.

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DATE SET FOR TRIAL

Wednesday, February 8, is the date set for the trial of a suit action between J. Arthur Peters, Souris, versus Jess Moe, Gulf Gardens Food Ltd. of Georgetown, Stern Travel Ltd. of Bathurst New Brunswick, and Moe Industries Ltd. of Montreal.

The date was set down yesterday morning on motion of D. F. Sigworth, attorney for Mr. Peters, before Mr. Justice G. J. Tweedy of the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island. The four defendants were represented by Alan K. Scates.

The case arises out of a claim by the plaintiff, Mr. Peters, for a sum in excess of 27,000 said to be owed him by all of the defendants of any one of them. As well as joining Mr. Moe personally as a party to the suit, three corporations are also involved as defendants. The writ beginning this action was issued in the latter part of last June.

The trial of this case, which is a civil action, will take place in Charlottetown.

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Dief Joins Chorus Asking Cut In Canadians Overseas

By DAVE McINTOSH

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Diefenbaker has added his voice to the growing chorus seeking a Canadian troop reduction in Europe.

Some Liberals are known to support this view privately.

Mr. Diefenbaker had not supported Mr. Smith's group, at least publicly, until he said in the Commons Dec. 19 that "Canada should give consideration to reducing the numbers of her forces on the continent of Europe" because of the easing of East-West tension and the preponderance of nuclear power in the U.S.

The Conservative leader's statement is regarded as significant because it was his government which increased Canadian troop strength in Europe in 1962-63.

Meanwhile, the government has reversed its policy in regard to West German participation in a NATO nuclear force.

On political though not military grounds, Canada had supported the proposal for a separate NATO nuclear force in which West Germany, though not Canada itself, would have participated. The proposal came mainly from Germany and the U.S.

SUPPORT TREATY

But the government now feels that a treaty designed to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons must come ahead of any plan to give its German ally in NATO any finger on the nuclear trigger.

At the NATO meeting in Paris this month, the alliance established a seven-nation committee to plan nuclear strategy. West Germany is a permanent member and Canada a temporary member.

Mr. Martin told the Commons last week:

"We are determined that this new method of co-operative defence will make it unnecessary for the western countries to set up any new joint nuclear force such as the proposed multilateral force."

This statement may have been the sternest ever made by a Canadian minister about West Germany in recent years.

Mayor G. Key Dons Sideburns

SUMMERSIDE — The New Year's eve festivities here will be led by the lighting of the bonfire at the ladies softball diamond at Queen Elizabeth Park by partially bearded Mayor George Key, Jr.

Mayor Key — anxious to get into the centennial mood—has donned sideburns to be in style for the beard growing contest, part of the gala affair planned by the Centennial Committee, under chairman Charlie Hogan.

Tonight's bonfire will have a connection with a centennial bonfire in Charlottetown as the Lieutenant-Governor's lighting of the bonfire there will stretch the 40-odd miles to Summerside through the assistance of high school "runners".

The Centennial Flame at Charlottetown will be taken to the outskirts of the city where it will be transported by truck to the outskirts of Summerside, through Water Street, and up Summer Street to Queen Elizabeth Park. The high school students will be "running" the flame from the town's outskirts to the park.

The bonfire lighting ceremony, a spectacular display in welcoming in Canada's first 100 years, is expected to begin around seven o'clock this evening, with many townfolks in attendance.

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Record Grain Harvest Reaped By Russians

By ANDREW WALLER

MOSCOW (Reuters)—The Soviet Union reaped an all-time record grain harvest of 171,000,000 tons this year, but may still import wheat from Canada, Agriculture Minister Vladimir Matskevich said here.

The bumper crop between 6,000,000 and 11,000,000 tons more than official estimates will help re-stock grainaries depleted by poor harvests in 1963 and 1966.

Matskevich told correspondents here however, that it still is cheaper to buy wheat from Canada and ship it across the Pacific than to ship Russian wheat overland to the Soviet Far East.

He said the Soviet Union hopes to continue exporting wheat as well as importing it, and it is his task to see that exports are bigger than imports.

The Soviet Union signed a contract in June for 9,000,000 tons of Canadian wheat and wheat flour during a three-year period.

China also announced it reaped the biggest grain harvest in its history this year.

The official New China News

Rain With High Winds Reported

The Charlottetown Radio Range Office reported yesterday that .45 inches of rain fell in the Charlottetown area Thursday night.

The highest winds yesterday were reported at 9 p.m. yesterday. They were west at 35 gusting to 50 miles an hour.

The CNR office in Charlottetown reported last night that the SS Prince Edward Island docked at Tormentine yesterday afternoon at 4:07 and cancelled all further crossings for the day due to extremely high winds.

Peak winds yesterday in the Summerside area was 36 miles an hour with gusts to 48 at 1 p.m. Streets in Summerside were slippery and roads very treacherous in the country.

Drifting snow was reported in the Alberton area; but traffic was moving at all times although heavy going was reported on some highways.

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Agency said in arrangements was made despite severe natural calamities in many parts of the country. No figures were given.

An all-around increase was gained both for rice in the south and dry crops in the north, the agency said.

"The fact that high yields can be obtained from dry-land crops opens up the prospect that North China's traditional dependence on the south for food will be eventually brought to an end," the agency added.

Matskevich said the Soviet Union plans to reduce the heavy consumption of bread and potatoes by individual Russians and increase the amount of meat and fruit they eat.

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