

Committee On Education Has Slow Trip Yesterday To N.B.

MONCTON (Special) — Members of the Select Standing committee on Education arrived in this city Thursday night after a stormy all-day passage from Charlottetown. Heavy drifting clogged roads in both Provinces and the committee did not reach New Brunswick until four in the afternoon. Due to storms the regional Memorial School at Port Elgin had no session Thursday but Principal Harvey Malmberg returned to the school late in the day to greet the committee. While waiting his arrival three of the home economics teachers welcomed the Islanders and expressed regret at the late arrival as they had planned a welcoming dinner.

Air Transport Down In Pacific

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Air Force reported Thursday night that a transport carrying 67 persons is overdue and "assumed down" in the Western Pacific about 200 miles from Japan. The C-97 transport, with 10 crew members and 57 passengers, left Travis air force base in California Tuesday and flew to Hickam field in Hawaii. It left Hickam for Japan later, at a time not known here. The military air transport service listed the plane overdue at 1:15 p.m. AST Thursday. The air force said the plane would have exhausted its fuel, under normal flying conditions, at 4:40 p.m. AST Thursday. Word received here said his contact was made when the plane was about 200 miles southeast of Tokyo, its destination. The air force command post here said a full search has been ordered and is already under way.



IN CARIBBEAN

Able Seaman Joseph Weaver, in the Caribbean. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weaver, 12 Kline St., Halifax, and attended Queens Square School, Charlottetown before entering the navy in 1954. He is now operating the communications centre on board the destroyer escort Crusader, which is now operating in the Caribbean.

HEALTH PLAN WOULD COST \$1,131,253

Federal Matching Grants Costly Gift, Says Premier

Prince Edward Island cannot at present participate in the National Health Insurance plan according to opinions expressed by Premier Matheson who spoke yesterday to a motion moved in the Legislature by Health Minister M.L. Bonnell asking that a citizen's committee be appointed to make a complete study of the Federal Proposals. The motion was seconded by Hon. B. Earle MacDonald. The committee proposed by the Minister would include one member each from the Federation of Agriculture, Women's Institute, Nurses' Association, Labour Council, Treasury Department and two members from each of the following: Hospital Association, Medical Society and Department of Health. A chairman would also be named. The Premier said, "So long as you go along with this 'erladie to the grave' assistance you will have to keep going along, but there is a limit to the type of gift Ottawa gives through matching grants and that limit is the economic resources of the Province." Dr. Bonnell estimated that the cost of the plan to the Island would be in the vicinity of a million and a quarter dollars. He noted that this is up considerably over that of last year when it was estimated the plan would cost \$600,000.

PER DIEM COSTS He based his conclusions on the fact that the per diem cost of maintaining a patient in a public general (active treatment) hospital has risen from \$10.78 in 1955 to \$12.95 in 1956. Added to this would be the fact that more people would apply for treatment and more hospital space would be built. R.R. Bell, Leader of the Opposition said he and his colleagues strongly favored Health Insurance and felt that the citizens of the Province had as much right to participate in such a plan as any other Province of Canada. Mr. Bell said the question all goes back to the matter of Federal Grants and felt this would be one of the best arguments the Island could use in favour of increased grants. A GOVT WORRY Dr. L.G. Dewar, Conservative, Second Prince said it was a government worry to pay for such a plan. In referring to the Saskatchewan plan of Insurance, Dr. Dewar said it was working quite satisfactorily. In speaking to the motion Dr. Bonnell said it was important that the House discuss the matter of Health Insurance in view of the fact that five Provinces have indicated their willingness to participate in it. The Federal Government he said was willing to share only in the actual cost of maintaining the patient in hospital at ward rates together with the actual cost of laboratory and X-ray services. Comparing the total days of care in Saskatchewan during the first year (1947) of operation of their plan, Dr. Bonnell said it was 1,678 days per thousand of population. Applied to Prince Edward Island this would mean 167,800 days at \$12.95 per day...\$2,173,010. Continuing he noted that in their peak year, Saskatchewan had 2,235 days of hospital care per thousand and if the same ratio were applied to Prince Edward Island it would amount to \$2,894,325. "This does not allow for any increase in the per diem cost which might occur over the period of time required to reach a peak which in Saskatchewan was four years.

Jaunty Air About Doctor At Murder Trial In Old Bailey

LONDON (AP) — Dr. John Bodkin Adams left his murder trial with a jaunty air and a big smile Thursday night. The 58-year-old physician had just witnessed another triumphant courtroom performance by Geoffrey Lawrence, who is defending Dr. Adams on a charge of drugging to death Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell. There was a jaunty air about the fat doctor as he left London's Old Bailey criminal court for his cell in gloomy Brixton Prison. And, there was good reason for the physician to yawn and flash a smile. Nurse Caroline Randall — who had accused Dr. Adams of drugging Mrs. Morrell with heroin — did an about-face and testified there was no justification for her earlier statement. STAR WITNESS Lawrence had been grilling her four hours when he suddenly asked: "There was really no justification for your ever saying that heroin prescribed by Dr. Adams affected Mrs. Morrell?" There was a pause in the crowded courtroom. Then the grey-haired, heavy-built nurse replied: "No, I suppose not." Lawrence turned to the jury and let her admission sink home. The counsel for the defence scored all day long off this star witness for the prosecution. WRITTEN REMARKS Confronting nurse Randall with remarks she had written in record books while nursing Mrs. Morrell, Lawrence got her to agree that she and Dr. Adams gave morphine and other drugs to 81-year-

Trapped On Tiny Rock

PARRSBORO, N. S. (CP) — Three chilled and exhausted men waded ashore at nearby Economy Thursday after being trapped on a tiny slab of rock in Minas Basin for more than 24 hours. The men were trapped by fast rising Bay of Fundy tides about noon Wednesday as they walked along a slender ridge of rock and mud while searching for a missing naval Avenger aircraft. They spent a torturous night on the rocky platform during the height of a wind-driven snow storm. The three, Alvin MacLellan, 18; Gardner Morrison, 27, and Burl Downing, 22, all of Centre Economy, were resting in a tent Thursday night. MacLellan required medical attention on exposure and exhaustion. Dozens of searchers stood on the beach and watched the men stagger off the rock, the surface of which was described as "about the size of the floor of a small room," about 1 p.m. at low tide. Ships could not reach the men because of heaving ice that surrounded the spot.

HAMMARSKJOLD TALKS WITH NASSEF

Would Have Israel Trade Desert For Canal Passage

Fleming Asks Pensions Be Increased Immediately

OTTAWA (CP) — Progressive Conservative Donald Fleming Thursday called on the government to act now, not wait for summer, in raising the social welfare payments announced in the budget. "There is no need for any further delay," he said as he entered the Commons budget debate with a harshly worded attack on the budget presented a week ago by Finance Minister Harris. The member for Toronto Eglington, runner-up for his party's leadership in December, said that if it were not for the approaching election pensioners still would be waiting for the government to boost payments. "They would still be waiting but for the extremities in which this moribund government finds itself."

Mr. Fleming referred to the budget's announcement that, effective July 1, old age pensions and other welfare payments would be increased to \$46 from \$40 a month, and that family allowances for certain age groups of children would be raised by \$1 monthly Sept. 1. Mr. Fleming said the budget "smacks of a death-bed repentance because it held the lion's share of joint tax fields—personal corporation taxes and succession duties. Provincial borrowing last year had risen 68 per cent. Mr. Garson defended the federal-provincial tax agreements as "among the most outstanding and beneficial documents ever produced in Canada."

Bermuda Talks On Middle East

TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda (CP)—British and American leaders met Thursday around the conference table not to talk about split milk in the past but to decide how to face common problems in the future. Prime Minister Macmillan and President Eisenhower, with their foreign secretaries and advisers, held the first formal session of the Big Two Bermuda conference with the Middle East as the first major topic of discussion. The talks covered, a spokesman said, "the several urgent and immediate questions which exist in the Middle East—in particular the Gaza Strip, the Gulf of Aqaba and the Suez Canal."

U.N. Sec'y-General Seeks To Fully Restore Armistice

CAIRO (AP) — UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold is taking the line that Israel will have to withdraw from a little triangle in the Negev Desert to establish legal right to send ships through the Suez Canal. This was reported by informed diplomats as Hammarskjold met Egyptian President Nasser Thursday to explore Middle East issues. They include such varied problems as the Gaza Strip, Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba that have become snarled in the same ball of twine. Because one topic almost always leads to the others, they began their talks at Nasser's house without an agenda. Before they met, Hammarskjold talked with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi for three hours.

At present there is a bad state of compliance with the armistice. It was all but wrecked last fall with Israel's invasion of Egypt. Israel's withdrawal from occupied territory, however, was a step toward restoring the armistice. If it is fully restored, in Hammarskjold's view, Egypt no longer could argue legally the right to stop Israeli shipping. But advances in negotiations are that Egypt will balk at dropping belligerent rights. Hammarskjold also will try to deploy the UNES along both sides of the armistice line, but again this cannot be forced on either party. Both sides must consent, and up to this time Israel has emphatically refused to let UN troops on her side. The talks here have been tagged as "exploratory" by UN aides and no solid agreements are expected to be announced. They said whether Hammarskjold continues on to Israel for conferences there depends on "developments."

Cape Cod Area Without Power

BOSTON (AP)—Much of Cape Cod and southeastern Massachusetts was without power and communication Thursday because of heavy, wet coastal snowstorm which ushered in spring Wednesday. Most of the cape was plunged into darkness Wednesday night as the main 110,000-volt power line extending from the Cape Cod Canal to Hyannis broke in several places when heavy, wet snow froze while 45-mile-an-hour winds lashed the area. More than 4,000 telephones were out of order.

Homicide Bill Becomes Law

LONDON (AP) — Britain's controversial homicide bill became law Thursday when it was given royal assent in the House of Lords by a royal commission acting on behalf of the Queen. The bill, introduced by the government as a compromise in the nine-year-long dispute on whether to abolish capital punishment, restricts the death penalty to five classes of "capital murder" and to repeated killers. The five classes cover murder by shooting or causing explosions, killing police, killing prison officers, killing during theft and killing while avoiding arrest. The bill prescribes life imprisonment for "non-capital" murderers, including poisoning.

Huge Tanker Due At Halifax

HALIFAX (CP)—The Imperial St. Lawrence, largest tanker ever owned by Canadian interests, is due to arrive here on her maiden voyage May 21. The 35,500-ton St. Lawrence, owned by Imperial Oil Ltd., was built in Nagasaki, Japan, and successfully completed sea trials March 15. Manned by a Canadian crew, she will arrive here with about 250,000 barrels of Venezuelan crude oil. Her skipper is Capt. D. E. Fournier of Montreal and her chief engineer John Aikenhead of Toronto.

PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY

Thursday, March 21, 1957 Donald Fleming (PC Toronto) said the government should not wait until summer to raise social welfare payments announced in the budget. Justice Minister Garson said the Conservatives have expressed a policy of complete irresponsibility in the face of inflation. Health Minister Martin disclosed in tabled correspondence that a draft agreement on hospital insurance has been sent to five provinces. External Affairs Minister Pearson said it would be unwise now for Canada to protest Egypt's plan for advance collection of tolls on Suez shipping. The Commons continues the budget debate. The Senate is adjourned until Monday.

Diefenbaker Busy During Whirlwind Halifax Tour

HALIFAX (CP) — John Diefenbaker, national leader of the Progressive Conservative party, Thursday heard the shrill pipe of a boatman's whistle, the oratory of a ship's winch and the laughter of college students as he made a whirlwind tour of this port city. Mr. Diefenbaker, on the third day of his Nova Scotia tour, arrived here early Thursday after motoring 60 miles from Truro where he spent Wednesday night after speaking in Sydney. He spent several hours on the bustling Halifax waterfront and toured the naval dockyard, viewing everything from a modest harbor craft to the largest ship stationed here, the aircraft carrier HMCS Magnificent. The Progressive Conservative leader shook hands with stevedores and boarded the freighter Leda-maerck, on her maiden voyage from Copenhagen en route to Japan with Canadian asbestos, Aluminium plus newsprint for Pusan, Korea. WATCHED FISH HANDLERS Mr. Diefenbaker saw handlers unloading fresh fish from the Atlantic fishing grounds and special trains being made up to carry immigrants to all parts of the country. In a change of pace, he viewed historic province house and sat on the floor of the House of Assembly with former National Progressive Conservative president George Nowland, federal member from Digby-Annapolis — Kings. Mr. Diefenbaker walked in as Liberal dock benches Ronald Fielding was assailing the provincial government for its tourist policies. Later Mr. Diefenbaker said that Mr. Fielding was an able speaker. At HMCS dockyard Mr. Diefenbaker was piped aboard by boatswains. At the quarterdeck he was met by Commodore E. W. Finch-Noyes, acting flag officer Atlantic Command in the absence of Admiral Bidwell who is with the Canadian Navy on winter exercises off Bermuda. In company with Commodore Finch-Noyes and Commodore John MacGillivray, superintendent dockyard, Mr. Diefenbaker toured the yard by automobile. He expressed a wish to see HMCS Portage, damaged Monday night in a collision with HMCS Lauzon, 50 miles east of Halifax. VIEWED HARBOR On the Magnificent, soon to be returned to the Royal Navy and replaced by HMCS Bonaventure, he stood on the flight deck of the carrier with a perfect view of Halifax harbor. "I can't recognize all the changes since my last visit in 1944," Mr. Diefenbaker told Commodore Finch-Noyes. He added, Mr. Diefenbaker visited Halifax during the "dark days" of 1940 and in 1916 while on his way overseas with the Canadian army. Earlier Mr. Diefenbaker addressed the student body of St. Mary's University. He said there was a great need for young people to enter public life so that Canada could reach her true destiny. He advised the students to dream their dreams and live their lives with their dreams as their target. On those dreams, he said, Canada's future will be determined. RIGHTS "SHOVED ASIDE" Mr. Diefenbaker was asked by a student about comment on a statement in which he said there was a great need to restore Parliament to its rightful position. He said the individual rights of members have been "shoved aside" and power placed in a few. "I do not recognize the Parliament today as the same one I entered in 1940." He said Trade Minister Howe had tried to extend wartime powers under the Defence Production Act and that his party had fought the measure for six weeks. He added that the fight might have continued much longer but Mr. Howe had gone on a Maritime fishing trip with Defence Secretary Charles Wilson of the United States. While he was away Prime Minister St. Laurent modified the proposal and it passed the House. "You might say that was an example of freedom on a fishing line," he added with a chuckle. Mr. Diefenbaker said that Parliament was denied much vital information by the ministers of the crown who claimed it was classified. He joked the students laughing with a left about a federal Liberal member, home on vacation, who was spotted by a policeman running down the street, shouting "No, no, no." The policeman stopped the member and asked what was wrong, did he need a doctor? The member was insulted, said he, "In Ottawa I'm a yes man but you are now looking at a man on vacation."



OFFICER CADETS TAKE SPECIAL COURSE

Officer cadets taking special training courses at the Armories in Charlottetown: FRONT ROW (left to right), M.S. Stevenson, M.A. Walsh, Instructor; M.R. Johnson, R.E. Morrison, P.J. Lund, K. MacLeod, R.G. Coffin, R.D. Kennedy, C.M. Wheatley, I.E.H. Duvar. BACK ROW, E.S. Banks, Driscoll; CENTER ROW, Sgt. F. F.J. Westberry, W.A. Henry, R.