Legislature May Recess For Campaign

By DON MacLEOD
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The coming session of the Legislature, expected to begin in early March, may recess for a few days in early April to give members a chance to take part in the April 8 election campaign, Premier Walter R. Shaw said yesterday.

"Whether or not there will be a recess depends on how well the work of the House is proceeding," he said.

The premier indicated that the House will open "within the first 10 days of March." This would make March 7 a good bet, as the sessions usually begin on a Thursday and adjourn for the weekend.

It has been suggested that the government may want to wind up the business of the House by Easter, but Premier Shaw said "it is not necessary that we prorogue by that time. If business of the House is not completed, we will adjourn for Easter."

The treasury board, made up of cabinet ministers, has been holding frequent meetings — morning, afternoon and evening on some days — to consider departmental estimates for the 1963-64 budget.

CAPTAIN WYLIE C. Irving, retiring senior officer of the MV Abegweit (left) receives a silver tray from Chief Officer Harold L. Palmer during yesterday afternoon's brief ceremony aboard the ship. The tray was presented by the officers and crews of the Abegweit and other ships in the ferry service on the occasion being Capt. Irving's retirement.

P.E.I. Red Cross Has Year Of 'Firsts' Annual Informed

A year of "firsts" for the P.E.I. Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society was reported by Miss Iphigenie Arsenault, provincial commissioner, at the annual meeting yesterday.

Among the year's advances, Miss Arsenault said, was the participation of the Red Cross in the province's first United Appeal the exceeding of the blood donor clinic objectives, and the first Junior Red Cross training centre for the Atlantic Provinces to be held in the province.

Expansion of Red Cross services led to increased expenses, which were, however, kept within the $49,000 approved budget. The society made a complete survey of first aid posts in the province during the year, and a survey of provincial parks was made by the water safety department.

H.R. Carruthers, honorary treasurer, reported on highlights of the financial statement, and Dr. K.A. Parker, chairman of the Junior Red Cross advisory committee, reported on JRC activities. Dr. Parker also introduced a pageant staged by members of Birchwood High School Red Cross, directed by Elmer Dwyer, and assisted by members of West Kent Junior Red Cross, under the direction of Mrs. W.G. Kennedy.

GUEST SPEAKER

Guest speaker at the evening dinner meeting was Frank F. Hull of Toronto, chairman of the national executive committee, who spoke on "Red Cross-Past and Present".

Mr. Hull also presented special centennial certificates to public relations media for their collaboration in humanitarian tasks. Recipients were Island Motor Transport, Maritime Central Airways, The Guardian-Patriot, Journal-Pioneer, RCMP, and radio stations CFCY and CJRW. He also presented several honorary memberships in Red Cross.

Lieutenant-Governor F. W. Hyndman presented awards from the Royal Humane Society to John Williams, Beach Point, and Raymond Cook, Charlottetown.

Badges of service and certificates of merit were presented to a number of first aid post attendants, and special citations were awarded to four service clubs. Chairmen of water safety committees and several individuals also received certificates of merit.

TO KENSINGTON

Randolph Manning presented the "Manning Trophy" for high achievement in blood donor clinics to the Kensington area, which exceeded its objective with a 137 per cent result.

Mrs. Donald Robinson and Mrs. John Stevenson, Charlottetown, two of the first group of women to take hospital experience training on completion of a home nursing course, reported on the value they derived from their experience.

The training is a co-operative effort by the emergency measures organization of civil defence and the Red Cross.

A member of the first group of volunteers who form the "Friendly Visiting" committee, Mrs. M. J. Lea, spoke of her work in visits to the Homes for the aged.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers of the P.E.I. Division for the coming year include; honorary president, Lieutenant-Governor F.W. Hyndman; honorary vice-presidents, Premier Walter R. Shaw, Edwin C. Johnstone, New Haven; Miss Gladys Holman, Summerside, and Judge J.S. DesRoches, Montague; past-president, Mrs. H.L. Palmer, Charlottetown; president, J. Gordon MacDonald, Charlottetown.

Vice-president, Hon. M.A. Farmer, QC, Charlottetown; vice-president, Prince County Mrs. A.C. Green, Alberton; vice-president, Queens County, Lt.-Col. E.W. Johnston, Burlington; vice-president, Kings County, J.B. Jay, Morell; honorary secretary, Judge C. St. Clair Trainor, and honorary treasurer, H.R. Carruthers, both of Charlottetown.

FRANK F. HULL of Toronto, chairman of the national executive committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society is seen as he addressed the P.E.I. Red Cross annual meeting on "Red Cross—Past and Present". Listening intently to Mr. Hull's message are, left to right — Judge H. L. Palmer, Mrs. W.R. Shaw and Lieutenant- Governor F. W. Hyndman who were among the head table guests. Also seated at the head table were Mrs. H.L. Palmer, past president of the P.E.I. Red Cross, who presided at both sessions; Mrs. F.W. Hyndman Heath Macquarrie, Premier W.R. Shaw, Coun. Arthur Wright, representing Mayor Gaudet, and Mrs. Arthur Wright, Hon. Henry Wedge and Mrs. Wedge, and Charles Linkletter, president of the Summerside Red Cross branch.

Island AYPA Deanery Planning Anniversary

SUMMERSIDE — The AYPA Deanery of P.E.I. will this year celebrate its 25th anniversary. This was revealed Monday evening at the regular monthly meeting of the association held in St. Mary's Hall, Summerside.

The council was inaugurated June 8, 1938. Since that time it has been serving branches and members throughout the province.

At Monday's meeting much discussion was held concerning ways to celebrate the anniversary. Suggestions included a deanery rally to be held with invitations to all charter members, past presidents and members and diocesan and Dominion council guests; a banquet, service of witness, a brief history and by declaring the 25th year a year for promotion and extension of AYPA work in all parishes.

The meeting noted that the Diocesan Church Society of P.E.I. had made a grant recently to the council. It was hoped that the next meeting will establish an "anniversary committee".

President Gerald Daley presided at the meeting, with Bible reading by Joyce MacIntosh. Treasurer's report was given by Robert Keizer.

A report was given on Sunday school by post and radio and members were urged to give special attention during the Lenten season in their branches.

A report from ida Wedlock was read and discussed. The deanery president spoke of the diocesan council held in Halifax, Feb. 9 and 10 which the executive attended. He said the diocesan AYPA conference will be held this year at the University of Kings College, Halifax with the theme being "Leadership".

Plans to hold the second annual deanery variety concert were discussed and a tentative date of April 25 set in Charlottetown. Final plans will be completed at the next council meeting in Charlottetown March 11.

It was decided to hold the 25th annual deanery meeting at St. Mark's hall in Kensington, May 6 this year.

ST. EDWARD SCHOOL

Grade 8: 1. Hendrick Perry, 2. Catherine Doucette, 3. James Arsenault.

Grade 7: 1. Eleanor Gaudet, 2. Carol Shields, 3. Bernadette Gaudet

Grade 6: 1. Marleen Bernard, 2. Barbara Ann Chaisson, 3. Emile Bernard.

Highest Average: Marleen Bernard, 88.5.

Mrs. Melvin Allain, Teacher.

LATE NOTICES

(Also see announcements in columns adjoining Classified Advertising section.)

BUELL — Suddenly at the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1963, Chesley W. Buell, in his 47th year. Resting at the Murray River Funeral Home until noon Saturday, then to the Pentecostal Church, Murray River, for funeral service commencing at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Three-Day Time Limit Said Set On Pelting

A plaintiff's witness in the suit to determine ownership of 5,000 seal pelts was on the witness stand for three hours in yesterday's afternoon session in the Supreme Court, and will resume his position when Court reconvenes at 10.30 this morning.

The case involving the owners, officers and crew of the three sealing vessels, MV North Star 6, MV Polar Star, the MV Arctic Sealer, and Dr. Marc Arsenault, Magdalen Islands, and Louis Denker Inc., New York, begins its fifth day before Mr. Justice George J. Tweedy this morning.

At the time of the evening adjournment, Knell Hendrickson, Halifax, an employee of Karl Karlsen, Halifax, owners of the North Star Shipping Line, was on the stand and testified he had seen the men with the helicopters killing seals on the ice.

He said he knew Alphonse Doyle, Magdalen Islands, for three or four years before last season and that he had bought pelts from him.

The pelts in Bayfield and at Souris were stored and frozen by Eastern Packing Co. of Souris using his arrangements.

On cross-examination, he stated prior to last season, a meeting of the sealing men and government representatives had agreed to set a limit for the number of seals to be killed in a three-day period.

THREE-DAY LIMIT

It was generally agreed that the captains "should direct their men to kill only as many seals as it will be possible to get on board his ship within three days, using his best judgment with regard to weather and ice conditions."

Mr. Hendricksen said that he was frequently in competition with Louis Denker Inc. in bidding to purchase pelts.

Fast and often times loud exchanges between Michael Dwyer, St. John's, Nfld, a sealer on the North Star 6 last year and John P. Nicholson, counsel for Louis Denker Inc., brought an objection by Gordon Black, plaintiff's counsel. Mr. Black objected to Mr. Nicholson's being able to cross-examine witnesses whose testimony did not involve Louis Denker Inc. After a short discussion, the objection was overruled.

Mr. Dwyer testified he had spoken to Alphonse Doyle who had told him he was employed by Mr. Arsenault. Gerald R. Foster, QC, counsel for Dr. Arsenault objected to the admissibility of the evidence as he did Wednesday and was again overruled.

HAD TELEGRAM

Dwyer stated, he and 14 other men left their ship, the North Star 6 and went out to where the pelts were piled. He said they were met by Alphonse Doyle who told them any pelts left on the ice for three days could be taken.

Raymond Elliot, St. John's, Nfld., was the only other witness called during the day. He identified a piece of paper on which he said he had copied a telegram alleged to have been sent to Dr. Arsenault by the late George Clark, federal deputy fisheries minister. After lengthy argument, the copy was allowed into evidence.

In brief the telegram stated that an agreement had been reached by the sealers and the government, that, seal pelts would not be left on the ice for more than three days.

Capt. W. C. Irving Retires From CNR Ferry Service

By PETER MEERBURG
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Captain Wylie C. Irving stepped down into retirement yesterday from the bridge of the world's largest ice-breaking carferry.

Friends and fellow mariners attended a brief ceremony aboard ship following the MV Abegweit's 11:30 run from Cape Tormentine when Capt. Irving was presented with gifts and farewell wishes.

Capt. Irving was presented with a silver tray from the officers and crews of the ferry service by Chief Officer Harold L. Palmer of Borden.

Chief Officer Palmer said, in expressing appreciation, "We who have served under your command can say with all sincerity that you have gone to great trouble and effort to ensure harmony amongst the crews of the ships and have discharged the extremely arduous and somewhat thankless duties of senior master with vigor and selflessness even to the point where your own health suffered in the consequences

"Your presence will be greatly missed by all of us on this service and as you now enter a well- deserved and well- earned retirement, the best wishes of all those who know you and worked with you go with you".

The silver tray bore an engraving of the MV Abegweit and an inscription.

UNION SPOKESMAN

Everett MacLeod, chairman of Local 127, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers, said "on this your day of retirement from the Canadian National Railways and your position of senior master, Borden - Cape Tormentine ferry service, we would be remiss in not recognizing our long association with you.

"Some of our members have worked with you when you were a deckhand and mate; also under you in your position of management. During the years we have not always agreed but we have found you fair and understanding in our many dealings with you.

"We have always understood that the job you had to do was a very difficult one and we would like you to know that in our opinion you have done an excellent job of keeping labor-relations good in this service with so many seniority lists and with the great number of employees going from department to department, ship to ship.

"To keep everyone happy is an overpowering job here and we feel that you have done an excellent job, sir. We are sorry you are leaving us and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and Mrs. Irving the very best of health and a long and happy retirement and we are hoping you will visit us in the years ahead and share with us your long experience".

Captain Irving was moved when he thanked all present for their kind words and gifts.

FROM THE BOTTOM

Capt. Irving was senior officer with Canadian National Railways' Northumberland Strait ferry service, and the only person who had worked his way up from the bottom in the fleet to that position.

A native of Cape Traverse, P.E.I., he entered the service July 2, 1925 as a coal trimmer. He served briefly as a caterer and steward in 1926, and then became deckhand and quartermaster.

He attended the government navigation school at Yarmouth, N.S., from 1940 to 1941, where he earned his mate's ticket, home trade.

He became a third mate with the service in March 1941 and second mate in January 1942. He returned to navigation school to earn his master's certificate, home trade, and became a relieving master in 1945. He became senior captain in 1953.

Capt. Irving has at one time or another commanded every vessel in the fleet, except the MV Confederation, a new ship which went into service last summer.

He started work on SS Prince Edward Island, and has served aboard SS Scotia II. He also had service with SS Scotia I and SS Charlottetown. Neither of these vessels is now in service. If he has any favourites among the ships, it is probably MV Abegweit. He was first mate aboard her when she made her maiden voyage from the shipyards to Prince Edward Island.

DAYLIGHT CROSSINGS

A great deal has changed since he first entered the service, he says. In the old days, for instance, crossings were made only in daylight, and automobiles were carried on flat cars.

Passenger and freight traffic has increased every year now for some time. However, Capt. Irving says, the greatest number of people carried on a single voyage when he was aboard concerned a movement of troops during the Second World War. A special crossing was required.

Another special crossing he remembers was made to ferry over a railway car carrying Queen Elizabeth (then Princess) and the Duke of Edinburgh. The Princess did not leave the car, but the Duke, a sailor himself, came up to watch the docking.

Capt. Irving says it was perhaps natural he should join the service. His grandfather, Arthur Irving, was once a captain of the ice boats which used to provide a winter link between the Island and the mainland.

Capt. Irving's wife is the former Bessie Waddell of Cape Traverse. The couple will take a vacation to Florida before returning to their home near Borden.

KENNEDY

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administration view of what is offensive and what is defensive.

Other matters coming up:

Prestige—The U.S. information agency is keeping secret the results of a poll on U.S. prestige abroad, Kennedy was told. Did he agree with this?

The president said that at "periodic intervals" the U.S. would be able to release the results of nearly all polls.

Disarmament—Kennedy was asked if he thought disarmament should show some progress by April. He said he didn't like to see anything like an ultimatum set as a date, but that he hopes some progress can be made by then.

Managed news—Asked to define "managed news" the president said "you are charging us (the administration) with something and you're asking me to define what you're charging us with." He said "we've had very little success" in managing the news "if that's what we're trying to do."

QUESTIONS QUESTIONER

He turned the question back on his questioner, May Craig, a veteran Washington correspondent, and asked her opinion. She replied she didn't believe in managed news and thought "we ought to get it all." The president, amid laughter, told her "I'm for that."

India—Kennedy said the British and U.S. governments have sent a mission to investigate the question of air support for India in case of future attack by Red China. He said the U.S. is anxious to help India maintain its freedom in case of future attack.

Work week—Asked about a reported endorsement of a 35-hour week by Labor Secretary Wirtz, the president said he would be reluctant to see a negotiated reduction in the work week to 35 hours if it meant a reduction in production and made it harder for the U.S. to compete abroad. The work week in the U.S. is 40 hours.

Haiti—"It's a very critical situation in Haiti," the president said. But he refused to make any further comment.

Berlin—"I don't know whether an equitable solution can be worked out on Berlin," the president said. He said it has been difficult to find any basis on which to get agreements on the touchy Berlin problem.

Textile imports — Kennedy said there has been discussion of problems caused for American manufacturers by increasing textile imports. But he said that on the other hand he gets protests from importers and other kinds of conflicting voices and "we are attempting to get a fair balance." Woolens are a particularly delicate problem, he said, and it is a difficult time because the British, big wool producers, have not been able to get into the European Common Market.

NATO — Kennedy said the principle of the Nassau agreement on a joint NATO nuclear force would remain in effect whether a surface fleet or nuclear submarines were used to carry the weapons.

A surface fleet could be manned on a more fully multinational basis, he said.

Kennedy said the U.S. congress should approve any arrangement, whether it be for use of submarines or surface ships, and his administration plans to submit the matter for congressional approval.

Nuclear — On a test - ban treaty, he said, the major argument for it is to eliminate proliferation of weapons. Either side would have a right to abrogate the treaty "if proliferation resulted," he said. As to France, he said it has been recognized as a nuclear power by the Soviet Union and this is a matter that would have to be discussed. In addition, there is the question of other countries that might become involved.

Newspaper strike — Kennedy urged both sides in the New York newspaper strike to submit their differences to independent determination, declaring the strike has "long passed the point of public toleration." It is in its 76th day.

He avoided specifying whether he had in mind mediation or binding arbitration.

Kennedy said it is clear that the international Typographical Union and the president of New York Local 6 Bertram Powers, "are trying to impose a settlement which may put several newspapers out of business."

The president said there has not been collective bargaining in good faith in the strike. He urged both sides to ask some independent agent to step in to try to solve the deadlock.

There were further questions about Cuba.

Kennedy said he thinks "we have indicated very clearly that we find it difficult to accept with equanimity a situation with continued Soviet troops presence in Cuba."

Kennedy said Cuba is in bad economic shape. "It's costing at least $1,000,000 a day for the Soviet Union" to keep the economy there going, he said.

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SIX S'SIDE PEE-WEE ALL STARS

Six of the Summerside peewee all stars who will make the trip to Natick, Mass., next month are seen during a recent workout at Civic Stadium. They are from left, Derek Gallant, Grant Somers, Edward Culleton, Hal Birch, Gerry Gallant and John Gallant.

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