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LIFETIME COLLEAGUE and fellow classmate Dr. A.A. "Gus" MacDonald, 84-year-old physician who still practices in the town of Souris, presents 100-year-old Dr. R.J. MacDonald of St. Peter's with a gift on behalf of the Canadian Medical Association. The presentation was made at a CMA luncheon held yesterday at the Charlottetown Hotel in honor of the distinguished centenarian. Smiling at the interchange between the two old friends are (seated left) Dr. M.A.R. Young, Lamont Alberta, president of the CMA and (right) Dr. Roddy's son Colin, with whom he resides. Dr. L.E. Prowse, president of the P.E.I. Division of the CMA is partially hidden by the guest of honor.

# Colleagues Pay Glowing Tributes To Centenarian

Still hale and hearty at 100 years of age, Dr. R. J. "Roddie" MacDonald, stood at a luncheon in his honor yesterday to thank doctors from all over Canada as the Canadian Medical Association paid tribute here to its oldest physician. "I bring you compliments from thousands of medical men all over this country", Dr. Morley Young of Lamont, Alberta president of the Association, told the guest of honor. "We stand in awe of you" who has seen the development of all those things we know are so necessary to medicine now," the speaker added. Earlier he had spoken of the great events of the year 1858, listing among them the discovery of gold in British Columbia, the first election of D'Arcy McGee and the attempted assassination of Napoleon Third. "But the most important event of that year was the birth in Maple Hill, P.E.I., of Roderick J. MacDonald," he said, and added "since then for nearly three-quarters of a century he never failed to respond to a call for medical help."

# USSR Agrees To Nuclear Meeting

LONDON (CP) — The Soviet government has agreed that a meeting of experts to study means of detecting nuclear explosions should begin in Geneva July 1, the Soviet news agency Tass reported Friday night. Moscow radio announced that a note agreeing to President Eisenhower's proposals for such a meeting was handed to U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.



AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE Among those attending the dance held last night at Government House in honor of the officers of the Minesweeping Squadron now in port were: (left) Cpl. C. E. Walper, of the R.C.M.P.'s Charlottetown detachment; Mrs. Walper; Lt.-Cmdr. Neil Norton, Vancouver, commander of H. M. C. S. Fundy; Lieutenant Governor Hyndman; Mrs. Douglas Saunders, wife of the Governor's naval aide; and Lt.-Cmdr. Richard Carle, Victoria, B. C., commander of H. M. C. S. Chaleur. The host, Lieutenant Governor Hyndman, returned to the capital earlier in the day following a 36-hour cruise as guest aboard the Resolute, flagship of the flotilla leader, Commander A. C. Campbell, C.D., R.C.N.

# Determined To Restore Order On Cyprus

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters)—Governor Sir Hugh Foot Friday warned Greek and Turkish rioters he is determined to crush communal strife and restore order in Cyprus. The governor, in a statement issued after a night of violence that cost six dead and more than 30 injured, warned that security forces would hit Greek and Turkish Cypriots impartially in an effort to stamp out violence. He rejected Greek Cypriot charges that British troops had not given them sufficient protection against rioting Turkish mobs demanding partition of Cyprus between Greece and Turkey. Foot said security forces have been working day and night since the riots started last Saturday, adding: "They are fully prepared to deal with disorder from whatever source it comes." He welcomed the arrival here today of a battalion of British paratroopers and said "the more troops we have the better."

# SUPPORT FROM ALGIERS

# De Gaulle Appeals For Backing On Reform Plan

PARIS (AP)—Premier Charles de Gaulle appealed Friday for public backing on a reform program to strengthen France at home and abroad. Solid support came quickly from a crucial quarter, the insurgent junta of Algiers. De Gaulle pledged in a 10-minute radio-television speech that France—drifting and embittered when he won power June 1—will pacify Algeria, play an active role in the Western alliance, and get its books in balance. His words were to all the French, but he obviously had the insurgent French committee of public safety in mind as he ticked off the points to mark France's course toward a referendum this fall on a new constitution. The Algiers group voted unanimously to support de Gaulle even before he went on the air and a spokesman later hailed the address as expressing the thoughts of the entire nation. "It is time to demonstrate our unity behind the chief of government," the Algiers spokesman said. "This is no time for polemics."

# 'FILTHY RUMOR' OR 'REALLY SCANDALOUS'

# Duplessis Blasts Charge Of \$20 Million Stock Coup

# Diefenbaker Shunts Aside Question On Free Trade

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker Friday intervened to prevent a CBC interviewer from asking Prime Minister Macmillan of Britain a question about Britain's proposal for an Anglo-Canadian free trade area. The CBC asked Mr. Macmillan for a brief recorded television interview after he and Mr. Diefenbaker concluded a 45-minute discussion in the Canadian prime minister's office. The interviewer explained to Mr. Macmillan, before the actual recording began, that his first question would concern the British free trade proposal made last fall. He said the question would be: "Will Britain's free trade scheme be discussed at the Commonwealth economic conference?" Mr. Diefenbaker, standing beside Mr. Macmillan, said "No, no" and a whispered conversation among the two prime ministers and the CBC interviewer ensued. When the recording began, the first and only question asked by the CBC was what Mr. Macmillan considered the main achievements of his visit to Canada and the United States. He declined, however, to answer a direct question whether the proposal was discussed in his two days of talks here with Prime Minister Diefenbaker. Mr. Macmillan departed for home by air at 5:24 p.m. EDT after discussions which, he said, covered, he said, "a great deal of ground," including preliminaries for the economic conference. "I earnestly trust that the conference which lies before us marks a great advance in Commonwealth co-operation in trade and commerce," he said in a morning address to both Houses of Parliament in a special joint meeting. "I do not believe we need fear the future if we hold firm to our own ideals. In time even monolithic dictatorships crumble or change. . . . Nor do I fear a continuing struggle of ideas. That should be our chosen battleground."

# Montreal Paper Carries One Story, Other To Follow

MONTREAL (CP)—A \$20,000,000 stock market coup was reported Friday to have figured in a deal by which Quebec Natural Gas Corporation took over distribution of household gas in Montreal. The daily newspaper Le Devoir brought public attention to the transaction in a front-page story which called it "really scandalous." Listing five "charges" and announcing further details would be published in subsequent issues of the paper, Le Devoir said six Quebec cabinet ministers and "maybe the premier himself" held at one time or still hold shares of the privately-owned corporation formed in 1955. The newspapers said four members of the Quebec Upper House, the legislative council, "a great number of Union Nationale politicians and three top officials of Quebec Hydro" also were involved. At his regular weekly press conference in Quebec City, Premier Duplessis who heads the Union Nationale government, called Le Devoir's story "a crooked and filthy rumor or gossip as far as I am concerned." "You can say I have no indirect or direct connection whatsoever with this or any other company," said the premier after reading the first paragraph of the newspaper story and then setting it down on his desk. "It was possible immediately to reach only a few among the score of other cabinet members. . . . At least three high officials of Quebec Hydro played double parts, by serving . . . the hydro interests and those of the natural gas corporation, which rewarded them by giving them lush options on blocks of common stock and appointing them among its directors and its vice-presidents. . . . In Ontario, a lesser scandal than this one led to the departure of two cabinet ministers involved. In the affair we are starting to expose there are six cabinet ministers, four legislative councillors, a great number of Union Nationale politicians, three top officials of Quebec Hydro. . . . The Devoir added: "The proof we have accumulated is irrefutable." The newspaper said that next Tuesday the corporation is due for a hearing by the Quebec electricity board on the question of increased rates. "It is well that the public be informed of the whole history of the political-financial transaction that gave the gas service of Quebec Hydro to Quebec Natural Gas Corporation."

# Mounties Trek To N.B. Site Of Fatal Spray Plane Crash

JUNIPER, N. B. (CP)—RCMP Friday were trekking through dense bushland from Florenceville, about 15 miles west of here, to the scene of an airplane crash in which a budworm spray pilot was killed Thursday night 20 miles south of Juniper air strip. Dead is 37 year old Thomas Marston of Langley, B.C. The Grumman Avenger aircraft he was piloting was one of a fleet of 106 planes including Avengers, Cessnas and Stearman biplanes carrying out New Brunswick's annual assault on the forest destroying budworm. The cause of the crash was not known. A spokesman for Forest Protection Limited which conducts the spraying said an investigation will be held. Flying conditions were said to be ideal. The lost Avenger was carrying 700 gallons of insecticide. The crash was witnessed by in speculation pilot Charles Richardson of Phoenix, Ariz., who was flying above the Marston craft. A companion plane piloted by John Anderson, also of Langley, was flying ahead.

# Takes Three Wks. Course In Maine

Mr. Garth Crockett, Public Health Educator with the Provincial Department of Health leaves this morning for Bethel, Maine where for the next three weeks he will take advanced training in personnel and public relations work. The course is sponsored by the National Training Laboratory of the Education Association of the United States and will have in attendance personal and public relation officials of Labour, Industry and Government bodies. Human relations and group development will be the chief topics discussed during the three week period.

# TOLL RISES

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — The death toll in northern India's heat wave continued to rise Friday and approached the 300-mark. Bihar is the worst affected area with 250 deaths attributed to the heat.

# ACCLAMATION VOTE

The motion of support was adopted by acclamation in the 46-man Algiers group which also controls the larger all-Algeria junta. In effect, it reversed the group's call last Tuesday for abolition of the parliamentary system and establishment of a government of public safety in Paris. De Gaulle had rebuked the committee for that proposal. De Gaulle warned at the outset of Friday's broadcast France faces enormous problems. He said that he proposed to: 1. Pacify Algeria so it will always be body and soul with France; organize in a federal manner links between metropolitan France and the peoples of Africa and Madagascar; establish relations with Morocco, Tunisia and the states of Indochina (all formerly under the French flag) on a basis of co-operation. 2. Take a place in the Western world, to which France belongs; take action to serve both peace and security. 3. Accomplish at home the difficult but necessary job of balancing the economy — "without which our country would head for a stupid catastrophe."

# GETS TWO-YEAR SENTENCE

TRURO (CP)—Charles Kenneth Robichaud, 25, of Ottawa Friday was sentenced to two years in penitentiary when he pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a summer cottage at Kempton, 14 miles from here, June 4.

# Denied By Premier

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# SIMILAR REACTIONS

Solicitor General Antoine Rivard said: "I have no direct or indirect connection with the Quebec Natural Gas Company." Hydraulic Resources Minister Daniel Johnson said: "I am a man who attaches no importance to what Le Devoir says because it does not know what it is saying."

# PROSPECTUS APPROVED

Later Col. Maurice Forget, president of the company, said in a statement: "We have taken notice of a first-page article in a Montreal newspaper this morning concerning the organization and the financing of the company appeared on the prospectus that was issued at the time of the financing. This prospectus was approved in its entirety by the Security Exchange Commission in Washington, by the Quebec Securities Commission and contradicts the allegations and insinuations published in the above-mentioned article."

# SKULLDUGGERY

In his denial of any personal involvement, Premier Duplessis said: "When they say that perhaps the premier is involved it is 'canaille' (skulduggery)." One of the reporters at the premier's press conference noted Le Devoir's announcement it will name the six cabinet ministers. "Let them name them," the premier commented. Quebec Natural Gas Corporation switched its 250,000 customers between last Jan. 7 and May 26 from gas manufactured in Montreal to natural gas brought by pipeline from Western Canada. About 88 per cent of the corporation's stock — including 3,000,000 authorized common shares and 544,986 class B shares — is Canadian-owned.

# Price Supports Ended On Fowl

OTTAWA (CP) — The government has removed price supports on fowl and re-opened the doors to imports, the agriculture department announced Friday. It said the step was taken because prices of Canadian fowl had increased, production had dropped and there was no longer any fear of stiff competition from the United States upsetting the Canadian market. The support price, first provided by the former Liberal administration before the June 1957 election, was based on a price equivalent to 23 cents a pound, liveweight at Toronto, for top grade fowl five pounds and over.

# NEW PROVINCIAL PATHOLOGIST FROM SCOTLAND

Dr. John Craig of Glasgow pathology from Glasgow University arrived on the Island last Saturday and has assumed the post of Director of the Division of Laboratories and Provincial Pathologist, the position held by the late Dr. J. H. Shaw. Four of Dr. Craig's former colleagues in pathology from Scotland are engaged in their profession in Nova Scotia. One of them, Dr. W. A. Taylor is a professor in the Dalhousie School of Medicine at Halifax. Dr. Craig is married. He and Mrs. Craig have taken up residence in the Palmer Apartments on Green Street.

# Officially Said The Government Purchased 9,000,000 Pounds Of The Surplus Hens Under The Support Program. Some Of The Pounds Have Been Sold But Notions Remain In Government Freezers.