



LANCASTER BOMBERS GO INTO MOTHBALLS

Two of the last three remaining Lancaster bombers in use in eastern Canada are being retired from service and will go into mothballs at Trenton, Ont. The two Lancs, a bomber made famous during the second world war, were being used by the RCAF in search and rescue work at Thorbay near St. John's, Nfld. They are being replaced by North Stars. The remaining Lancaster is expected to be retired within a month.

Glassco Commission Items Accepted By Government

By BEN WARD
OTTAWA (CP)—More than half the Glassco royal commission's proposals for streamlining federal operations, including some of the more radical ones, have been accepted by the government.

Privy Council President Lamontagne has tabled in the Commons a list of 60 Glassco recommendations "with respect to which the government has indicated its agreement in principle."

Having accepted them in principle, the government will now work towards their implementation.

Among them are the royal commission's controversial proposals to free government departments of much of the red tape now involved in hiring staff and spending money. This would mean watering down the central powers now held by the civil service commission and the treasury board.

Mr. Lamontagne, the cabinet minister directing the bureau of government organization set up to tackle the ideas set out by the Glassco commission in five massive volumes, said the recommendations accepted thus far are from the first three volumes.

- 1. Departmental authority:** Greater powers for each department and agency to hire senior staff and spend allocated funds, much like private corporations. The Glassco commission was sharply critical of the red tape now involved in filling staff vacancies or getting approval for relatively minor expenditures. In other proposals not yet accepted by the government it set out specific terms for new procedures.
- 2. Central purchasing agency:** An organization to do the buying and warehousing for all departments and agencies other than Crown corporations. The report said great savings could be made by having one agency responsible for procurement of materials, disposal of surplus and control of stockpiling across the nation.
- 3. Bilingualism:** Active measures to develop bilingualism and attract more highly-qualified young people from French Canada into public service. It would be mandatory to have a bilingual person hold one of the two top positions in each department's information service.
- 4. Indian Integration:** Gradual withdrawal of Indian hospital and school services to place Indians in community hospitals and provincial school systems wherever possible.
- 5. Fees based on costs:** A complete study of all federal services to the public involving fees or charges. The report said some charges have not been revised in 30 years and more. The government was losing money heavily in some services such as patent services and making too much profit on others, such as passports.

STUDY OTHER VOLUMES
Others still are under study. The Glassco reports contained a total of 111 specific proposals for modernizing government operations.

The three-member royal commission was headed by J. Grant Glassco, Toronto accountant and business executive. Other members were Eugene Therrien, Montreal lawyer, and Watson Sellar of Ottawa, retired auditor-general of Canada.

Opposition leader Diefenbaker complained that it was impossible to tell from Mr. Lamontagne's statement how far the government is actually prepared to go on Glassco proposals.

Mr. Diefenbaker, who established the royal commission in September, 1961, and launched it on a two-year study of the entire federal apparatus, said the Liberals are actually pre-empting the \$3,000,000 report.

Douglas Fisher (NDP—Port Arthur) said the list will have to be studied to see if it contains anything significant. Social Credit leader Thompson said he was glad to see action taken and hoped "that this is a sign of better things to come."

MAKES NO COMMENT
Mr. Lamontagne did not comment on any of the items in his list but said they would be open to general debate when the 1963-64 spending estimates of his department are studied by the Commons.

Major fields covered by the proposals:

- costs
 - car costs
 - dresses
 - strides
 - blouse
 - skirts
 - ski jackets
- island
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WITCHES' SECRECY URGED BY NEW FOREST MEMBER

BURLEY, England (AP)—"I'm sorry to have to say this," said the witch of New Forest, "but after what's been happening witches should remain secret."

After a pause she added: "The world isn't ready for us yet."

The witch of New Forest is Mrs. Sybil Leek of Burley. She said she and her husband have been given notice to give up Post Office Cottage, their home and business.

Mrs. Leek and her husband run an antique shop in the front of the building. They live in the rear. In the residential part of the building, Mrs. Leek studies witchcraft and writes on the subject. She also practises witchcraft—and admits it proudly.

"Tolerance and love are the basic ingredients of white witchcraft, which I practise," she explained. "I'm just as much against black magic and black witchcraft as are most people."

She claims that being a witch brought about the renewal of her lease. Said Alfred Hutchings, who owns Post Office Cottage:

"My decision has nothing to do with the fact that Mrs. Leek is a witch. What she does with her private life is none of my business and remains secret."

He said it was a case of wanting to expand his stationery business and needing the property in which the Leeks live and work. The lease terminates on Nov. 30," said Hutchings.

Said Mrs. Leek:

"There's a sort of witch hunt going on here," she said. "One person is pushing the lower elements. A load of louts tried to batter down my door the other night."

On Halloween, Mrs. Leek and 12 other members of her coven—or witch pack—held a meeting in New Forest, cauldron and all.

Since Mrs. Leek revealed she's a witch, letters have poured into her cottage from all over Britain and from many parts of the world.

"We're already packing," she said, "but I have no idea where we'll move."



CHAMPION SHROPSHIRE EWE

The Shropshire entries of sheep class at the Atlantic Winter Fair in Halifax this week. Above is the champion Shropshire ewe, owned by Mr. Moose and held by Allison Stewart.

Decision On British Guiana Is Denied

LONDON (AP)—Britain's decision to withhold immediate independence for British Guiana was denounced here by Cheddi Jagan, Premier of the South American colony.

He told a public meeting the decision was one of the "most unprincipled decisions" in British colonial history.

Commonwealth Secretary Duncan Sandys last week turned down requests for early independence for British Guiana and suggested general elections be held in the colony early next year before a new conference is set up to fix a date for independence.

Canadian-Backed University Is Opened In Central Africa

USUMBURA, Ruanda (Reuters)—A university established with Canadian assistance and whose staff includes Canadians has been officially opened at Butare in this Central African Republic.

At the ceremonies was Marcel Cadieux, assistant undersecretary of state for external affairs, who represented Canada. Members of the diplomatic corps and United Nations also attended.

Ruanda's President Gregoire Kayibanda spoke at the opening Sunday. It was he who in January told Very Rev. Georges-Henri Levesque, former dean of the faculty of sciences at Laval University, Quebec City, of the need for a university at Butare—formerly Astrida—the country's educational centre.

Magr. Levesque, 60, one of the best known clerical figures in Quebec, received Canadian government aid and also raised funds among Roman Catholics in Canada to launch the new university.

While at Laval University he was influential in the formation of the province's Roman Catholic labor and co-operative movements and his faculty turned out the bulk of present-day Quebec labor leaders, at least seven deputy ministers in the Quebec government and Premier Louis J. Robichaud of New Brunswick.

Magr. Levesque left Laval in 1955 to become director of the Dominican order's Montnornery House, a centre of social discussion near Quebec City. He learned of the Ruanda appointment last year and has been in Butare since August.

Nationalists Said Captured

PEKING (Reuters) — The Chinese Communist government is claiming it has gained for breveries of what killed or captured more than 300 Nationalist Chinese "agents" who landed on the mainland in the last 18 months.

A communique published by the official news agency Hsinhua said nine groups of agents totalling 90 men who landed or were dropped in five coastal provinces between June 26 and Oct. 24 of this year were "put out of action."

The communique was published four days after Communist China announced it shot down a Nationalist U-2 reconnaissance plane "on a harassing mission" over China.

Bomb Found In Montreal

MONTREAL (CP)—A bomb in a package addressed to radio station CFOX of suburban Pointe Claire was dismantled without incident by a Quebec Provincial Police team after five minutes of intricate work.

The package was found in a field in the adjoining suburb of Bale d'Urbe by the caretaker of a church. Plain brown wrapping paper covered a box containing two sticks of dynamite, a detonator and fuse wires.

Thomas Grey, Bale d'Urbe police chief, said he had no idea what was behind the incident. The package carried two uncancelled five-cent stamps and the address of the radio station printed in English.

Peace River Steel Mill Aims At Production During 1967

EDMONTON (CP) — More than \$1,000,000 has been spent on research and another \$1,000,000 will be spent in the year to pave the way to tapping iron ore reserves in the Clear Hills area, 330 miles northwest of here.

G. B. Hefferman, president of Peace River Mining and Smelting Ltd., said that with research and pilot projects planned for the next year, a \$30,000,000 steel mill should swing into production by 1967. The mill is expected to produce 500 tons of steel powder daily in the initial stages of production.

The research project has been carried out by the Alberta Research Council, the Ontario Research Foundation and Nordic Ltd., a British firm. It has embraced methods of transforming powder into metal and refining processes.

The processes are to be tested in a pilot plant which is to be completed by the end of 1964, Mr. Hefferman said.

Peace River Mining, born after Steel Company of Canada took over Premier Steel Mills in 1962.

Edmonton, has been exploring refining methods in the area for two years.

ESTIMATE CONTENT
It is estimated the Clear Hills area contains 3,000,000 tons of iron ore. The low grade ore can be refined by chemical reaction to produce high-purity iron powder. Adjacent supplies of natural gas, sulphur and sodium chloride indicate the process could be economical, Mr. Hefferman said. The plant will produce cheaper powder which will be marketable in the United States, he added.

Iron powder now sells at 10 cents a pound compared with the solid product which brings five cents a pound.

"Powder delivered to the United States at six cents a pound would be extremely attractive to the metalurgy trade," he said.

Powder iron has several advantages, he said, because it makes possible the production of a wider range of alloys and makes a stronger steel.

Liquid metallurgy has design limitations, he said, because impurities tend to gather in the middle as it solidifies which makes the product weaker.

First District Queens Progressive Conservative Association ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, NOV. 9th—8:30 P.M. BRADALBANE HALL

Federal members, Premier Shaw and Frank Meyers will be in attendance. Guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Coates, Member of Parliament for Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. Everyone Welcome.

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