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ECONOMICAL ASPECTS STRESSED

Particular emphasis was placed on the economical aspects of hospital insurance when Dr. Malcolm Taylor, assistant professor of political economy at Toronto University, conferred yesterday with members of the P.E.I. Hospital Insurance Commission.

Shown above seated left to right are Dr. Taylor, Dr. L. E. Prowse, Dr. O. H. Curtis, T. Earle Hickey, George Ferguson. Standing are Alan Holman, Earle MacLeod, Keith Lapp and Frank Jenkins.

Tariff Hike Seen Halting Exports To British Guiana

Protestant And Orthodox Leaders Back Pope's Call

By GEORGE CORNELL
NEW YORK (AP) — North American Protestant and orthodox church leaders Monday applauded Pope John's plan to call an ecumenical council to seek Christian unity—but generally indicated that it must be on a mutual basis to be fruitful.

it. The Anglican committee on reunion is meeting in Scarborough, Ont., next week, and the question will probably be discussed there.

Greek Orthodox church in North and South America, proposed a preliminary conference of all churches to work out the details and agenda.

But he emphasized that to help heal the rifts in the faith, it must be "a mutual coming together, not under conditions laid down by one church for all the others."

Dr. Franklyn Clark Fry, chairman of the central committee of the World Council of Churches, which includes most major Protestant, orthodox and Anglican bodies, declined any official appraisal of the plan pending a full official text of the Pope's statement.

The historic reformation doctrines of justification by faith, the infallibility of the scriptures interpreted by the Holy Spirit for the individual, and the concept of free churches forbid any compromise with the Roman (Catholic) Church, or the building of a one-world church."

Protest May Be Requested From Gov't Of Canada

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL
GEORGETOWN, British Guiana (CP)—The Canadian government may be asked to protest a decision by British Guiana to increase by almost 1,000 per cent the duty on imported potatoes.

In a recent budget, the tariff on potatoes was increased to \$3 a hundred pounds from 24 cents. "Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick are large exporters of potatoes to British Guiana. The increase in tariffs was brought to the attention of the Canadian economic mission which Monday split in committee for detailed study of trade problems. The committee sessions followed formal opening of meetings between the mission and the British Guiana Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Psaila suggested that perhaps Canada could reach the flour market here through a rice-for-flour barter deal. British Guiana has a rice surplus, he said. A. V. Lee, Georgetown fish importer, said Canada could import from 75 to 100 per cent of the fish market here if Canadian prices were competitive with United Kingdom prices. Jardim said that until the Second World War Canada had a large vegetable market here but now Canadian prices were too high. He also said a market exists here for powdered milk. Mr. Hill said perhaps British Guiana could take some of Canada's surplus of powdered milk.

Pearson Joins CCF, Calls For End To Speech Debate

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Pearson, aligning his party behind a CCF non-confidence motion against the government, Monday night called for an immediate end to the throne speech debate and a Commons start on the government's legislative program.

The CCF motion, which among other things criticized the "absenteeism of social and economic planning" from government policies, was defeated 174 to 48 by the big Progressive Conservative majority.

But the voting was secondary to the desk-thumping enthusiasm with which Liberals greeted Mr. Pearson's proposal, presented in the form of a challenge to the government to do something immediately about the unemployment problem.

The government didn't accept the proposal, and Conservative forces had their own turn at desk-thumping when Works Minister Green, government House leader, said that if the Liberals had run out of ideas for the de-

bate "I'm sure they would get some from their new brothers in the CCF."

The throne speech debate can run a maximum 10 days—until the end of the week. The Commons still has to vote on a Liberal non-confidence motion accepting the government of "contradictory and confused policies" and "lamentable indecision" in the face of grave national problems such as mounting unemployment.

Mr. Pearson, speaking just before the vote on the CCF motion, said that in the past similar CCF motions referring to economic planning have referred to socialistic programs which the Liberal party could not support.

But on this occasion, he said, the motion was related specifically to what the Liberal motion had called the government's confused policies. The Liberal opposition agreed that the government had not provided the necessary degree of economic planning.

At this statement, the Conservatives pounded their desks harder

than did the Liberals.

HEAVY DESK-THUMPING

But Mr. Pearson's supporters gave their most spirited display of desk-banging this session when he wound up with his challenge to the government to allow the throne speech debate to end Monday night—after its sixth day—with a vote on the Liberal non-confidence motion as well.

The Commons, he said, could then proceed today with government legislation and other business, giving priority to measures against unemployment.

A week ago Mr. Pearson had called on the government to interrupt the throne speech debate to bring in its legislation to deal with unemployment, and in particular a measure announced in the Unemployment Insurance Act.

The government's answer then was the same as it was Monday night—the debate would continue.

Red Party Congress To Open

MOSCOW (Reuters) — A Communist party congress—the most important single event in Russia and almost as significant for much of the world—begins here Tuesday.

Western news correspondents will attend the formal opening session of the 21st party congress and may for the first time in 30 years be allowed to cover some working sessions of the meeting, which may last up to 10 days.

The congress, opening at 10 a.m. (3 a.m. AST), will be attended in the assembly hall of the Grand Kremlin Palace by more than 1,100 delegates representing 6,900,000 Soviet Communist party members and 400,000 candidate members.

KEYNOTE SPEECH

In addition, party delegations from more than 40 other countries including Canada and the United States will attend the congress, expected to be highlighted by Premier Khrushchev's plan to give the Soviet Union world economic supremacy by 1970 through the new 1959-65 development plan which the congress is expected to put into final shape and then approve.

COMMANDS FRIGATE

OTTAWA (CP) — Lt.-Cmdr. Jhn Carling, 34, of Victoria and Ottawa, will take command of the frigate Ste. Therese when she is recommissioned Jan. 30 at Esquimalt, B.C., the navy announced Monday. Lt.-Cmdr. Carling has been staff officer to the flag officer of the Pacific coast.

Fluoridation Opposition Is Criticized

HALIFAX. — (CP) — The national president of the Canadian Dental Association said here Monday he couldn't understand why "any community interested in the health of its children would oppose fluoridation."

Dr. G. M. Dewis told a city service club only about 1,000,000 Canadians drink fluoridated water.

"Before reaching school age, 80 per cent of our children will have four or five cavities, and by the age of 12 they will have eight," he said. "And the cost of fluoridation is practically negligible."

\$250,000 Blaze At North Sydney

NORTH SYDNEY, N.S. (CP) — Seventy-five firemen battled two hours in near-zero cold here Monday to control a furious fire that destroyed St. John's Anglican Church and hall, causing damage estimated at \$250,000.

A spectator, Norman Herdridge of North Sydney, was injured when he smashed a window in the hall in an attempt to enter and make certain the building was empty. Hospital officials said his arm was badly cut.

For a time, flames threatened a cluster of nearby dwellings. Several of the houses caught fire but none was badly damaged.

STARTED IN HALL

The fire started in the parish hall. There were reports of muffled explosions shortly before fire was noticed, but officials said the cause has not been determined. Flames leaped to the rectory and then to the 57-year-old church. Firemen managed to save the rectory which was heavily damaged.

Church treasurer W. B. Hoyt estimated damage at \$250,000. He said the loss was partly covered by insurance.

North Sydney Fire Chief W. G. Parsons declared the fire under control after the church spire collapsed. Chief Parsons said the outbreak was the worst since 1950 when fire destroyed several buildings on the main street causing \$750,000 damage.

The local department was aided by firemen from Sydney, Sydney Mines and the Point Edward naval base.

The minister of the Pentecostal church here, Rev. Paul Melnychuk, 26, said he was driving past the destroyed hall when an explosion blew out both ends of the building.

He said a flaming section of the hall fell across the roof of his car. Mr. and Mrs. Melnychuk and their infant baby escaped unhurt.

Gov't Twitted On Criticism By House Member Van Horne

OTTAWA (CP) — The government was twitted Monday about the criticism that outspoken J. C. Van Horne, one of its Commons supporters, has made of unemployment policy.

"Perhaps he (Mr. Van Horne) has not been purged but he is so near the door that one little push will put him out," said J. W. Pickersgill (L-Bonavista-Twillingate).

This session the seat of the Progressive Conservative MP for Restigouche—Madawaska, N.B. has been shifted from the second row near the Speaker's chair to the end of the front row next to the Commons' door. Some other seating shifts also have been made.

Mr. Pickersgill, speaking in the Commons throne speech debate, said he doesn't know whether Prime Minister Diefenbaker has a list of "those who never would

be missed." But if he has, "I'm sure that 'Charlie's name (Mr. Van Horne) heads all the rest."

"UNFULFILLED PROMISE"

Mr. Van Horne has been quoted as writing to Labor Minister Starr last year:

"I will not remain a supporter of the government to see our people suffer from hunger and the privations caused by unemployment, a problem whose just and reasonable solution remains an unfulfilled promise of our government."

Mr. Van Horne was not in the Commons when Mr. Pickersgill said that, like the New Brunswick member, he regards unemployment as a serious and continuing problem—a human problem.

The unemployed don't want history from Mr. Diefenbaker, he said. They wanted the kind of action that had been promised before the last election.

MARITIME AID URGED

Arctic Development Plan Brighter, Commons Told

OTTAWA (CP) — The government's vision of northern development is brighter than ever, Northern Affairs Minister Hamilton said Monday.

Referring in the Commons throne speech debate to what he said were press "hints that the vision is fading," he declared: "Exactly the opposite is true."

He said these things are happening:

1. A national conservation conference is being planned for 1960 which could start "a program of conservation and resource management unparalleled in Canadian history."

2. The government is studying possibilities of atomic icebreakers and submarines, and plans for better and cheaper arctic housing.

3. A Canadian company, which he identified only as a subsidiary of a United States firm, is trying with government co-operation to work out problems in the way of building an economic nuclear power plant for the Arctic. If successful the plant could also become a new product for Canadian export.

4. Geological and geophysical activities are being doubled.

5. Hydrographic activities will be doubled in five years through

construction of new ocean-mapping ships and improvements in existing ones.

ASKS FOR CONFERENCE

Armand Dumas (L-Villeuveuve) suggested the government convene as soon as possible a conference of federal and provincial ministers concerned in the government's roads-to-resources program.

He said the program of building access roads is a good one but that it is lagging because the government has not called a conference of interested parties.

The more immediate concerns of unemployment were emphasized by J. W. Pickersgill (L-Bonavista-Twillingate) in a speech dealing largely with the eastern provinces.

FIVE PROPOSALS

He offered five proposals to the government for relief of unemployment and for an improvement of the economy in the Atlantic provinces. These were:

1. Give fishermen enough stamps to make them eligible for unemployment insurance.

2. Immediate payment to Newfoundland of the grant recommended by the McNair royal commission.

CAUTIOUS INTEREST

Canadian Protestant leaders expressed cautious interest. Most Rev. Philip Carrington, acting primate of the Anglican Church in Canada, said the Vatican announcement was "very interesting" but that it is too early to have a firm opinion concerning

RESUME PRODUCTION

BIRMINGHAM, England (Reuters)—About 16,000 Midland car workers thrown out of work last week by an unofficial strike of 160 crane drivers at a car body factory resumed work Monday at plants of the British Motor Corporation. The week's holdup over a claim for a 45-shillings monthly accident-free bonus was estimated to have cost the corporation more than £500,000 in production.

Winter Fair Up For Best Offer

AMHERST (CP) — The Maritime Winter Fair went on the auction block Monday to the town or city with the best offer.

The decision to offer the annual fair to other Maritime centres was made here at a three-hour meeting between the Maritime Stock Breeders Association and the Amherst town council.

A \$500,000 fire last July destroyed the main portion of the fair buildings here, forcing officials to postpone the 1958 show. The fair is a joint undertaking of the MSBA and the town.

A resolution approved by Monday's meeting empowered the MSBA executive "to investigate alternate offers from other towns

QUEENS MP DEMANDS REPORT ON CAUSEWAY

OTTAWA. — (Special) — Information regarding the survey into the feasibility of building the Prince Edward Island — New Brunswick causeway has been demanded of the federal government by Heath Macquarrie (PC, Queens).

The government announced a year ago a survey into the proposed \$50,000,000 causeway would be made. A sum of \$200,000 for this purpose was set aside.

Mr. Macquarrie, in a series of questions submitted to the government, asks:

1. What firm or firms have been engaged in the survey?
2. Has the research determined whether there is available in the area rock which would be suitable for the construction of the causeway?
3. What other aspects of the project's feasibility have been studied?
4. When is the survey expected to be completed?

Another P.E.I. member, John A. Macdonald (PC, Kings), recently introduced a resolution in Parliament urging Ottawa to start construction of the causeway without further delay. No debate on it has yet been held.

SUGGESTS PROTEST

C. Bruce Hill of St. Catharines, Ont., said he feels Canada would be justified in making a vigorous protest against the increase in tariffs on potatoes. The increase amounted almost to prohibition, he said.

John Jardim, chairman of the British Guiana section of exports from Canada, said he feels the Guianese people would support a protest by Canada.

Potatoes are a staple food product, he said.

The British Guiana government said the increase was aimed at making people more self-sufficient; at making them grow more of the vegetables they use.

The government also had decided to use the tariff increase as a means of raising revenue needed for development of the country.

It was felt the United Kingdom would not continue to contribute indefinitely to development here and that money would have to be raised locally.

BREACH OF GATT

Walter Lattman of Toronto suggested the sharp increase may

'What A Nasty Job' Italian Premier Says As He Resigns

ROME (AP) — Premier Amintore Fanfani's coalition government gave up Monday after six months and 24 days in office.

Lacking a majority in parliament and forced to borrow votes from small centre groups, the government had been defeated several times on minor issues. Last week the chamber of deputies approved by one vote the government's handling of an investigation into a financial scandal.

"What a nasty job!" the 50-year-old Christian Democratic premier exclaimed to reporters after he had resigned. "I am thinking of my job, not yours."

Giuseppe Saragat, leader of the Social Democrats in the coalition, said the collapse was "inevitable."

In this way the two men, who had sought to give Italy a left-of-centre government by their

two parties, acknowledged failure.

DECIDES TO QUIT

When Labor Minister Vigorelli, a Social Democrat, quit the cabinet, Fanfani faced further defeats and decided to give up. Vigorelli resigned to work for unity of the Social Democrats with the left-wing Socialists of Pietro Nenni. The Social Democrats split off from the Socialists 12 years ago because of Nenni's alliance with the Communists.

Nenni, who now disavows a common policy with the Reds, defeated pro-communist elements in his party congress earlier this month, encouraging many Social Democrats to believe the left- and right-wing Socialists can now unite.

President Giovanni Gronchi asked the Fanfani cabinet to stay on in a caretaker capacity while a new government is formed.



WHERE THREE DIED

Rescue workers (right) shovel deep snow and ice which lays atop the remains of a collapsed roof at Britannia Lodge,

near Huntsville, Ont. where three persons died and eight others were seriously injured when the roof collapsed. It took almost

two hours of digging and prying to remove the injured and the dead.

(CP Wirephoto)