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WEATHER
Sunny and much milder; light winds. Low-high 5 and 32. Saturday: clouding over, rain late in day.

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Farmers Reported Feeling Let Down By Federation

"The provincial federation of agriculture is not accomplishing anything regarding a marketing system and in general farmers feel let down by the lack of accomplishment of the federation," Charlottetown potato dealer Leo MacIsaac said last night.

He was taking part in discussions during consideration of resolutions at the annual meeting of the Queens County Federation of Agriculture at the regional high school in Hunter River.

Under consideration at the time was a resolution that the federation work with and assist producer groups in organizing marketing procedures.

Mr. MacIsaac said potato producers left the responsibility of "doing something towards a marketing agency with the federation but negotiations seem to have broken down."

He said the general reaction of 1,100 farmers boils down to two things. "The federation has accomplished nothing as far as a marketing system is concerned and the federation is being weakened because of a lack of a militant approach to the problem.

PRODUCERS USED

"Potato producers are still used," he said. "This week." Mr. MacIsaac went on, "I sent five carloads of potatoes to Detroit. Farmers here got $1.45 per bag but those potatoes were taken into Detroit and Windsor and sold as Idaho bakers for as much as nine cents each."

Mr. MacIsaac said "now we are getting a good price for potatoes but how long must we wait before something is done in the way of a marketing agency?"

Provincial federation secretary Lincoln Dewar reviewed the meetings of potato producers who said at one time that they wanted a plebiscite held on the desirability of setting up a marketing agency in the province. He said that at a later meeting "the producers changed their minds when the chips were down. In effect, the criticism should be levelled at the producers. If the producers could make up their minds what they want then the federation would support them."

A past member of the federation executive, Roland MacDonald, Southport, said it was evident at last fall's meeting in Summerside that "growers getting $1.40 per 75 pound bag of potatoes were sleeping on a bed of roses. Their attitude was let next year go to hell and look after itself."

RESOLUTIONS

Eleven resolutions were given consideration at last night's meeting.

It was resolved that the federation press the provincial department of agriculture to make a study of the availibility of parts and service for farm machinery.

It was also asked that the department seek an explanation of the wide variation in the prices of twines used in farm production.

One resolution pointed out that it is rumored that the federal government plans to discontinue its assistance policy on ground limestone and asked that action be taken on the continuation of the present subsidy.

Equalization of prices over the eastern region of Canada in regard to feed grain assistance was called for.

The meeting called for a conference among bank managers "with a view to discussing matters relating to farm financing."

PROCESSING PLANTS

In regard to processing plants in the province, a resolution asked that "careful study be

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Space Rocket Has First Test

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — The Titan III military space rocket scored its first test flight success Thursday, hurling its third stage into orbit as a flying launch platform which in turn kicked a dummy satellite into a separate orbit.

The U.S. Air Force reported complete success for the rocket which is slated to play a key role in future manned and unmanned military space missions.

PM SETTLES GAMBLING DEBT

EDMONTON (CP) — Prime Minister Pearson has settled an old gambling debt.

In November he bet Edmonton Journal reporter Jim Hume $1 the Hamilton Tiger-Cats would defeat the British Columbia Lions in the Grey Cup. Lions won 34-24.

Mr. Hume received in the mail Thursday a cheque for $1 and a personal note from Mr. Pearson apologizing for the delay.

Plane Crashes In Tennessee

CHARLESTON, Tenn., (AP)— The highway patrol said a large aircraft crashed and burned near here Thursday night. Witnesses were quoted as saying it was a military plane.

Air force planes were reported to be circling the crash site to direct searchers. The pilot of one air force plane was quoted as saying the downed craft was of the c-130 troop carrier type.

B. Guiana's PM Refuses To Quit

GEORGETOWN (Reuters)— Leftist Cheddi Jagan said Thursday night he would not step down as prime minister of British Guiana. He served notice that the British government would have to force him out.

Jagan's Peoples Progressive party emerged as the biggest single party in the self-ruling British colony's general election Monday, but failed to win a clear majority.

The 46-year-old Jagan, told a press conference:

"The British government will have to force me out. Let them do what they can. They're running this country by decree and will probably continue to do so."

Jagan, of East Indian descent, made his statement as it appeared almost certain that the leader of the Opposition People's National Congress Forbes Burnham, would form a coalition government with the United Forces party.

Jagan had said he would open coalition negotiations with the 43-year-old Burnham, a Negro lawyer whose party took second place in the election.

But Burnham, whose party is supported largely by Negroes who compose 35 per cent of the population, told Jagan he preferred to confer with Peter D'Aguiar, leader of the UF, which ran third in the election.

Jagan said he told British Guiana's Governor, Sir Richard Luyt, the election was a fraud, and he blamed the British and United States governments for giving financial backing to the opposition parties.

Duke Of Windsor Faces Operation

NEW YORK (AP)—The Duke of Windsor will enter Methodist Hospital in Houston, Tex., Monday for arterial surgery, an aide announced Thursday.

The operation will be performed by Dr. Michael de Bakey, professor of surgery at Baylor University's college of medicine, the announcement said.

The aide would not go into details about the specific nature of the ailment, or how long the Duke, formerly King Edward VIII, has been troubled by it.

However, it was reported at Methodist Hospital that he is suffering from a possible abdominal aneurisym—a ballooning of an artery in the abdomen.

De Bakey has not examined the 70-year-old duke, but doctors in New York have been caring for him and recommended the surgery, the aide said.

The duke plans to depart from New York, where he is residing, and will be accompanied by the duchess, the former Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, an American divorcee for whom he abdicated the British throne in 1936. She recently underwent minor foot surgery in New York and has recovered, the aide said.

A hospital room has been reserved for her near the Duke's room.

When asked for assurance the surgery would not involve the heart itself, the aide replied: "I cannot give you that assurance."

De Bakey is famed as a cardiovascular surgeon.

THIS IS Dr Michael DeBakey, professor of surgery at Baylor University's College of Medicine, who is scheduled to operate on the 70-year-old Duke of Windsor in Methodist Hospital, Houston, Tex., next Monday.

(AP Wirephoto)

Mariner IV To Pass Near Mars In July

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Mariner IV will pass within 5,400 miles of Mars next July 14, Jet Propulsion Laboratory scientists said Thursday after studying the spacecraft's course after a direction-changing maneuvre Dec. 5.

Without the manoeuvre Mariner IV would have missed Mars by 151,000 miles—too far for the camera - carrying vehicle to perform its mission — taking good pictures

At a press conference Thursday scientists at the laboratory, which built and is guiding Mariner IV on its 325,000,000-mile, curving flight through space, said accuracy of the course change will allow the spacecraft to perform an important scientific experiment.

Mariner IV now will fly behind Mars instead of in front of it, which means radio signals from the spacecraft will travel through the Martian atmosphere en route to earth.

Changes in the signal due to the atmosphere are expected to yield new information on density of the Martian atmosphere and thus provide a clue as to whether the mysterious planet could support any form of life.

Hope Fades For 2 Ships

HALIFAX (CP)—The Atlantic Ocean Thursday continued to hide the fate of 19 men missing with their two ships since a fierce storm struck the Maritimes early in December.

Some wreckage and an oil slick sighted Tuesday strongly indicated neither the 138 - foot steel trawler Acadia Seahawk out of Canso, N.S., and her 14-man crew and the Marie Carole out of the Magdalen Islands would ever be seen again.

A spokesman for Acadia fisheries Limited of Mulgrave, N.S. said little hope was held for the Seahawk.

The oil slick was sighted south of Sable Island where the Seahawk was believed fishing. Other wreckage was seen 100 miles east of Canso where the Marie Carole had been trawling.

Flag Plebiscite Motion Is Defeated 153 To 82

Wilson Reports Successful Trip

MANCHESTER (AP)—Prime Minister Harold Wilson told a British television audience this North American trip was "tremendously successful."

Wilson spent two days with President Johnson in Washington and two with Prime Minister Pearson in Ottawa.

"We have got it a lot clearer that a first aim must be to stop the spread of nuclear weapons . . . We must stop the spread of fingers on the nuclear trigger and we think we have convinced the Americans of this as well," he said.

Wilson also said he had entirely reserved Britain's position on the multilateral nuclear force proposed by Washington as a means of giving members of the Atlantic Alliance, especially West Germany, a say in the use of nuclear weapons.

19 Charges Dismissed In Slayings

MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP)—A U.S. commissioner dismissed charges Thursday against 19 white persons last week in connection with the mid-summer slaying of three civil rights workers in Neshoba County.

Surprised by an abrupt turn in a preliminary hearing for 19 of the 21 men, the justice department announced it would take its case directly to a federal grand jury as soon as possible.

Miss Esther Carter, the federal commissioner, blocked government efforts to give testimony about an alleged confession from one of the men the FBI charges with helping to conceive and carry out a Ku Klux Klan-inspired plot to murder the trio.

"We will simply not produce any more evidence," said Robert Owen, a justice department attorney.

The commissioner dismissed the charges and the 19 men walked out free men just six days after their arrests. They included Neshoba County Sheriff Lawrence Rainey and his deputy Cecil Price.

In a joint statement, the 14 defence lawyers claimed the commissioner's ruling showed in effect their clients were not guilty.

The 21 white men were arrested last Friday. The FBI charged 19 with conspiracy to interfere with the federal rights of the slain trio. The other two were accused of being accessories.

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MAYORS OF OTTAWA PAST AND PRESENT

Four mayors of the city of Ottawa met Thursday night at the traditional pigtail dinner of the Knockers Club of businessmen. They are, left to right: Mayor Charlotte Whitton, (1952-56 and 1960-64); ex-mayor Stan Lewis (1936-1948 with an honorary plate; ex-mayor George Nelms (1957-60); and mayor-elect Don Reid, who defeated Miss Whitton in Monday's civic elections.

(CP Wirephoto)

Coast Guard Chief Replies To Criticism Of His Service

By ED WALTERS

HALIFAX (CP) — Failure to rescue two Nova Scotia lobster fishermen last week before they drifted helplessly out to sea in a violent storm has stirred up a gale of controversy over alleged inefficiency of marine rescue organizations on the Atlantic coast.

Rear-Admiral A. H. G. Storrs, chief of the Canadian Coast guard, defended his organization Thursday against criticism by southwestern Nova Scotia fishermen and businessmen who blame "fair weather ships" and poor rescue co - ordination tot the deaths of the two men.

Interviewed as he was leaving for Ottawa after conducting a post-mortem on coast guard activities during the two - day storm Dec. 1 and 2, Admiral Storrs said he believes everything possible was done to save the lives of Philman Quinland and James Smith of Stony Island, N.S.

The men apparently were drowned after their 38-foot lobster boat Jean and Judy capsized about 40 miles off Cape Sable where she had been driven by winds exceeding 100 miles an hour. Their overturned boat was found Dec. 3.

The gale and its 50-foot waves wrecked one ship, put two others aground and apparently swallowed two trawlers with 19 men aboard.

Quinland and Smith left Stony Island Nov. 30 to set lobster traps preparatory to the season's opening Dec. 1. Their engine broke down and when they did not return by midnight the

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Committee Postpones Questioning Trustees

OTTAWA (CP) — Rejecting Conservative protests, the Commons industrial relations committee voted in closed session Thursday to postpone until January its questioning of the federal maritime union trustees.

Committee chairman Bryce Mackasey (L — Montreal Verdun) told reporters afterwards that the vote was 16 to 8 in favor of delaying public hearings until after the three trustees file their first annual report with Labor Minister MacEachen.

Michael Starr (PC—Ontario), former Conservative labor minister, said his party has "many, many questions" about the Seafarers' International Union (Ind.) to put to the trustees. It wasn't necessary to wait for any report.

He said the seven Conservatives at the committee meeting had pressed for immediate public hearings and forced a recorded vote on a Liberal motion to adjourn the committee until after Jan. 15.

One Liberal, Gerald Regan (Halifax), voted with the Conservatives against other Liberals and two NDP members.

TRUSTEES ATTEND

The closed session was attended by the three trustees — Mr. Justice Victor Dryer of Vancouver, Judge Rene Lippe of Montreal and Charles Millard of Toronto.

MR. JUSTICE Victor Dryer (left), who last week resigned as chairman of the federal maritime union trustees, talks with Commons Industrial Relations Committee Chairman Bryce Mackasey prior to testifying before the committee in Ottawa Thursday.

Tories Get Set For New Round

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons voted down Thursday a Conservative amendment calling for a plebiscite to decide the issue of a distinctive national flag for Canada despite a final plea by Opposition Leader Diefenbaker.

Conservatives indicated they are prepared for another round of speeches on the issue—it was not known for how long—and one said there would be no vote until Prime Minister Pearson cleared up his party's position on the flag.

Robert C. Coates (PC—Cumberland) said the recommendation by a Commons committee on the flag design would not be allowed to come to a vote until Mr. Pearson and his ministers answer such questions as why government switched its flag allegiance and just how the government would proceed in making the design recommended by the committee a national flag.

The plebiscite vote came in the ninth day in the current chapter of the flag debate, on the report tabled Oct. 29 by the special flag committee. A majority of the committee recommended a single red maple leaf design, with most Conservatives dissenting.

Seven Quebec Conservatives, including Leon Balcer, Mr. Diefenbaker's Quebec lieutenant, voted against the plebiscite proposal.

Prime Minister Pearson called for an immediate vote on the flag recommended by the committee, but the Conservatives objected and the Commons turned to the regular Thursday private members' hour.

The flag debate resumed at 8 p.m. with MPs speaking this time on the flag recommended by the committee.

PLEBISCITE SUPPORTED

The pebiscite amendment, introduced Nov. 30 by J. Waldo Monteith (PC—Perth), was supported by 78 Conservatives including one Quebec MP, Theogene Ricard (ST. Hyacinthe - Bagot), two New Democrats and two Social Credit members all four from British Columbia.

The 115 Liberals voting against the amendment were joined by 12 New Democrats, 13 Creditistes, seven Social Credit MPs and the seven Quebec Conservatives.

NDP Leader Douglas, his deputy Douglas Fisher and David Orlikow (NDP — Winnipeg North) were absent. So were two Quebec Conservatives — George Valade (Montreal Ste. Marie) and Clement Vincent (Nicolet - Yamaska) — and Ralph Cowan (York—Humber), the only Liberal MP on record in favor of the Red Ensign. Altogher, 30 MPs missed the vote.

Mr. Diefenbaker spoke for 80 minutes, arguing that a maple leaf flag approved by Parliament would split the country deeply.

On the other hand, a flag chosen in a national plebiscite would become acceptable to a majority of Canadians.

He said the flag proposed by the Commons committee is unacceptable to his party because it contains nothing to represent the British and French heritages.

"Do not, do not tear down in this nation the whole history of our past," he said.

"The reading of history proves that a nation which forgets its past dondemns its future. This design forgets our past.

He rapped the government for shifting its support from the three-leaf resolution introduced last spring to the single - leaf design recommended by the committee.

Creditiste Leader Real Caouette accused Mr. Diefenbaker of falseness in his speech after the opposition leader stopped one heckler with the remark that "one can take a donkey and give him arguments but one cannot give him the sense to understand."

PROTEST DISMISSED

Speaker Alan Macnaughton ruled out the protest and said Mr. Diefenbaker had named unbody in particular and the term could be applied to anyone in the chamber."

A flag plebiscite should be open to all Canadians aged 18 and over and list at least five alternatives, Mr. Diefenbaker said.

These were the Red Ensign, a modified ensign incorporating a French symbol, the single maple leaf, the three-leaf design introduced last May by the government and a modified single-leaf flag incorporating a small Union Jack and fleur-de-lis. The last design had been submitted by the Conservative members of the flag committee.

Mr. Diefenbaker asked was the government proposes to proceed with a separate recommendation from the committee that the Union Jack be proclaimed the symbol of Canada's ties with the British Crown and Commonwealth.

Mr. Pearson replied that he intends to ask Committee Chairman Herman Batten (L—Humber-St. George) to proceed with the Union Jack debate as soon as the current debate ends.

Robert Coates (PC—Cumberland) said as the flag debate resumed after the supper adjournment that the Conservatives wouldn't allow the main motion to come to a vote until Prime Minister Pearson and other cabinet ministers answered some questions.

Why had the government switched its allegiance from the three-leaf flag to the present design recommended by the committee? How would the government proceed with making the single leaf flag the national banner? Did it intend to pass an order-in-council in favor of the three-leaf design?

Africans Attack Whites' Rescue

UNITED NATIONS (CP)— African delegates for the second day Thursday continued to attack as a cynical and racist aggression the Belgian-American action to rescue white hostages held by Congolese rebels.

Western diplomats, braced for sharp criticism in the Security Council debate on the issue, were shocked and dismayed by the harshness of the attack.

Guinea's foreign minister Louis Lansana Beavogui blamed the killing of white hostages by the rebels in Stanleyville directly on intervention by Belgian paratroopers, dropped from American planes.

Before the intervention, he said, mercenaries of the central government supported by U.S. aircraft had "massacred hundreds and hundreds of innocent Congolese." But nobody cared then, he said because "their skins were black like those in Mississippi."

Moise Tshombe, premier of Congo, is on his way to the UN to present counter-charges that other African countries are supporting the rebellion against his regime. He called on Pope Paul at the Vatican Thursday and received a Papal appeal for peace in The Congo.

Mammadou Ba the Nali foreign minister, said the Stanleyville operation was a deliberate and gross subterfuge designed to destroy "the bulwark of true Africanism in The Congo, where the flame of Patrice Lumumba was still shining brightly."

He scoffed at American and Belgian protestations that the operation had been undertaken for humanitarian reasons at the request of the country's legal government.

Algeria's delegate, Tewfik Bouottoura, accused the Americans and Belgians of "premeditated aggression . . . to protect their sordid interests."

He said the lives of the Stanleyville hostages "surely were not seriously threatened" before the operation and that they had been killed "after the Belgian-American aggression and because of it."

The consistently racial tone of the African statements has particularly disturbed Western delegates here. However, Senegal's foreign minister complained earlier this week his African colleagues were going to the council like "cackling hens" without examining their own consciences.

Belgium's foreign minister Paul-Henr Spaak was expected to defend his country's action in the council today.