

LOBSTER PRICES CONFUSED

No Logical Reason Seen For Poor Market Threats

By NEIL MATHESON
There is no logical reason why the lobster price situation should be in the present confused state, with threats of a poor market. The Guardian was told last night with a considerable degree of emphasis.

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NOT SATISFIED
Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae told this paper Tuesday the government has not been satisfied that the talk of a depressed lobster price situation was warranted, "so we have asked our Marketing Director"—Mr. Sangster works for the department of agriculture—to investigate the situation. "The survey results reported here are the result of that request. Mr. Sangster has been working in close cooperation with Mr. Gillis and this situation will continue. The Guardian was assured.

Nova Scotia lobsters shipped to Boston yesterday, the Gillis-Sangster pair reported last night, sold at 76 cents which means well above 80 cents a pound when the rate of exchange is considered. This price is no weaker than it was at the same time a year ago, Mr. Sangster observed.

Director Will Review Prison Term

TORONTO (CP)—William Bowman, Ontario director of public prosecutions, said Tuesday he will review a six-month prison term given Monday in connection with the death of a one-year-old boy.

Robert Charles Armstrong, 24, an unemployed truck driver, was sentenced to six months definite and 12 months indeterminate after pleading guilty to manslaughter in the death of Roy Laquerre.

Roy was the fourth child of Mrs. Carmen Laquerre, with whom Armstrong was living. The boy died in hospital March 30 from brain injuries.

Armstrong, originally charged with non-capital murder, was quoted by homicide detectives as saying:

"He wouldn't stop crying, so I belted him. I killed him. He fell down in the crib. He was bleeding about the nose and mouth. I got a cup of water and threw it in his face.

"He stiffened up. I wiped his face off, but he wouldn't sit up right so I took him to the hospital. I told the nurse he fell off his bed."

In addition to the fractured skull, the baby had a burned hand, four fractured but healing ribs, two chest burns, four loose front teeth and multiple bruises behind his ears and in the groin.



PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

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Gloucester, New Bedford and Boston areas.

In fact there is very little hold-over at all, they said, and these areas, Mr. Sangster observed, constitute the best sales area in North America for lobster meat.

FROZEN LOBSTER
Also reported here last night was that the price of frozen lobster meat in the Boston area is \$2.00 to \$2.25 a pound at the wholesale level, with the retailer paying up to \$3.00 per pound, according to Mr. Sangster.

Mr. O'Brien does the market news report for the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and he works out of the Commonwealth Pier in Boston.

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Pearson Government Wins Vote 133 To 106

CBC Supervisor Explains Problem

OTTAWA (CP)—Reeves Haggan, supervisor of the CBC's public affairs department, said Tuesday the corporation's management has tried to undermine his position and put out indirect suggestions that he resign.

Mr. Haggan told the Commons broadcasting committee that management has acted within his field of jurisdiction without consulting him, and treated him with "contempt" by unilaterally firing one producer in his department.

He said that J. Alphonse Omet, corporation president; H. G. Walker, general manager and vice-president, and W. E.

S. Briggs, senior vice-president, had expressed doubt about his capacity to run his department. There were no direct suggestions he resign, Mr. Haggan said, but there were indirect suggestions and he understood the source was management.

DECIDED TO STAY
He told Robert Stanbury (L—York-Scarborough) he decided to remain because of a mandate from the people working under him, but added:

"If I was to consider my own health and peace of mind I would not stay."

The committee is investigating management's removal of co-hosts Patrick Watson and Laurier LaPierre from the public affairs television program This Hour Has Seven Days. It is also investigating statements that the Seven Days controversy is only a symptom of general trouble between management and the program personnel.

Mr. Haggan said the low morale among production units is most noticeable in the public affairs and news departments but added it pervades the entire French and English networks.

Because of a non-confidence vote in the Commons, the committee adjourned its hearing until Wednesday afternoon when it will hear testimony from Mr. Walker.

CHANGES NEEDED
Asked what changes in management are needed, Mr. Haggan said that for the good of the corporation and the country management should be more up to date in understanding the problems of television and the country it serves.

Mr. Haggan said management is on record in favor of controversial programming. "It's when you try to do it that the difficulty arises."

He said he has never heard any objections stated to Mr. Watson's performance as a Seven Days host.

To some extent he agreed with criticisms of Mr. LaPierre as far as they went, but they were not compelling reasons for getting rid of him.

"For that program (Seven Days) I cannot think of a better host," he said.



PRIME Minister Pearson is seen on his way to the Commons on Ottawa's Parliament Hill yesterday, where he took part in a debate on a Conservative motion censuring him for "undermining the institution of Parliament" by having the RCMP provide information on the past of all MPs.

Mr. Pearson spoke amid building tension in the Commons, the public galleries were packed.

Prime Minister Obtains Majority

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson was given a thundrous round of applause for a solid minute before the Commons voted Tuesday night to sustain his minority government and, in effect, vindicate his personal conduct.

The vote — 133 to 106—amounted to endorsement by a majority of the Commons of his contention that he acted from the highest motives in asking the RCMP to tell him whether any MPs had contact with dubious and criminal elements 17 months ago.

Mr. Pearson denied asking the federal police force to give him information on the past conduct of MPs generally. This has been alleged in a Conservative non-confidence motion.

Mr. Pearson's Liberal party stood solidly behind him and 115 Liberal MPs were joined by four New Democrats, the nine members of the Creditiste party, three Social Credit MPs and the two independent MPs.

The 93 Progressive Conservatives voting for the motion were joined by 13 New Democrats, including NDP Leader Douglas.

WORD ACCEPTED
Immediately after the vote, two New Democrats who backed Mr. Pearson — H. W. Herdridge (Kootenay West) and Tom Barnett (Comox-Alberni)—issued statements saying they accepted the prime minister's word.

Two other New Democrats, Frank Howard (Skeena) and Barry Mather (New Westminster), abstained from voting. Mr. Mather objected to the "time-wasting and mud-throwing" by the two major parties.

Mr. Howard has stated that he would not vote against the government in a confidence test.

Conservatives Davie Fulton (Kamloops) and George Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich) announced they did not vote because they were paired with absent government members. Both said they would have supported the motion.

Mr. Pearson said he took the unusual step of asking the information of the RCMP in late November, 1964, when "deeply disturbed... by the disclosures of pressure on members of Parliament by dubious and, at times, criminal elements."

The vote came after two days of debating attack and reply on a Progressive Conservative non-confidence motion which said: "This House strongly deprecates and condemns this government's actions in having the RCMP provide information to the government as to the past conduct of all members of Parliament generally—a course of action which would destroy the independence of all members and undermine the institution of Parliament."

FOLLOWS RCMP TESTIMONY
The motion, moved Monday by R. G. L. Fairweather (PC—Royal), followed testimony Thursday by RCMP Commissioner George B. McClellan at hearings of the Gerda Munsinger judicial inquiry.

Commissioner McClellan said on oath Mr. Pearson asked him whether the RCMP had information "indicating any impropriety or anything of a scandalous nature" with respect to MPs in the previous 10 years.

Mr. Pearson said what he sought at the time "was information as to the extent to which, over a period of 10

years, there had been political intervention, or attempted political intervention, in police investigations, in the administration of justice and in our processes of law, to determine to what extent there had been abuse of position."

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker immediately labelled Mr. Pearson's explanation "an alibi of tortured guilt." Mr. Pearson had "placed the (RCMP) commissioner on the dock and said of him that his evidence was false."

"The evidence (before the Munsinger inquiry) showed that what was done, despite alibis in words and contemptuous ridicule, was calculated to annihilate political opponents."

At the root of the Conservative indictment were two major crises which rocked this and the previous minority Parliaments.

The first involved Opposition charges in November, 1964, of bribery and coercion against Liberal supporters over efforts to get narcotics smuggler Lucien Rivard out of jail on bail.

A judicial inquiry criticized the judgment of then justice minister Guy Favreau, who resigned to become president of the Privy Council.

The second involved charges by Justice Minister Cardin March 10 that two or more Conservative cabinet ministers were improperly involved with Gerda Munsinger and that Mr. Diefenbaker mishandled the case when it was brought to his attention during his term as prime minister.

A judicial inquiry under Mr. Justice Wishart Spence of the Supreme Court of Canada now is inquiring into this case. It has heard evidence by Mr. McClellan that Mr. Munsinger was a security risk and received RCMP reports stating she was the mistress of former associate defence minister Pierre Sevigny before leaving Canada in 1961.

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Fifth, Third Liberals Selected For Election

SUMMERSIDE — The leader of the provincial Liberal party, Alexander Campbell, was nominated once again to represent Fifth Prince as councillor in the forthcoming provincial election on May 30th.

Mr. Campbell, who was first elected in February of 1965 by defeating Conservative representative Claude Ives in a by-election for the seat left vacant by Progressive Conservative member Lorne Monkley, went in by acclamation last night.

His nomination was moved by Edgar Ramsay and seconded by James DesRoches.

Nominated as assemblyman was Leonce Arsenault of Summerside. His nomination was moved by Mrs. Justin MacLellan and seconded by Adelard Gallant.

Chairman of the meeting was Dr. W.E. Callaghan. The meeting was originally scheduled as the annual meeting of the East Prince Liberal Association, but this section of the meeting was adjourned to a later date due to the late hour in the nominating convention was completed.

Main speaker was Alex Matheson, former opposition leader. Other speakers included Dr. Lorne Bonnell and W.R. Jenkins, Charlottetown, provincial president of the Liberal Association.

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Conservatives Named In 4th Kings District

MONTAGUE — Willard MacLean, Peters Road and Robert Dorgan, Woodville Mills were nominated to represent the progressive Conservative party in Kings in the May 30th provincial election. The convention was at Murray River.

Mr. MacLean, for councillor, farmer and machine operator of the area was nominated by Murdoch McGowan of Kilmuir, seconded by Russell Moase, High Bank. Mr. Dorgan, a farmer, had his nomination as assemblyman, moved by John Daly of Whim Road and seconded by Nat Campbell of Montague.

The meeting was largely attended with approximately 150 on hand. The speakers were: Russel Riscoll, Robert Dorgan, Preston MacLure, Dr. J.C. Sinnott, Albert Fogarty, Tom Curran, Harry McCallum, Hon. Leo Rossiter, Walter Dingwell, Reddy Pratt, Hon. Andrew MacRae was guest speaker. The meeting was chaired by John McGowan, president of the Fourth District of Kings, Progressive Conservative Association.

Minister Addresses Conference
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Soviet Minister Is Called Liar

HONG KONG (Reuters)—The Chinese Communist government has called Soviet Defence Minister Marshal Rodion Malinovsky a liar for saying that China had hampered the transit of Russian aid to North Viet Nam.

A Chinese foreign ministry statement quoted by the New China news agency Tuesday said all military aid requested by North Viet Nam and delivered by Russia to China had been forwarded with priority.

The statement claimed that Soviet aid to North Viet Nam was deplorably meagre and consisted mostly of old weapons, some of them worn out and useless.

The statement said, "Malinovsky is a liar. China has never hampered the transit of Soviet aid materials to Viet Nam."

WASHINGTON (AP)—Mrs. George C. Wallace, stand-in for her husband, took an early lead Tuesday night in the race for the Democratic nomination for governor in Alabama, focus of national attention in primary balloting.

First word of the heart attack came Monday night in the Commons when Bryce Mackasey (L—Montreal Verdun) said Mr. Tremblay, accused by the opposition of impropriety in a furniture purchase four years ago, was "on his death bed."

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GATHERING ALL NIGHT

Thousands Of Catholics Lament Barring Of Pope

By GENE KRAMER
CZESTOCHOWA (AP)—Thousands of Roman Catholics massed at Poland's millennium rites Tuesday lamenting the barring of Pope Paul from the country and acclaiming Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, who is being castigated by the Communist government.

A crowd estimated at from 200,000 to 500,000 by church officials was told that Cardinal Wyszynski, Poland's primate, is being slandered and that the

prestige of Poland was lowered by the closing of the frontiers to the Pope.

The crowds had been gathering all night below the ramparts of the Shrine of the Black Madonna of Czestochowa to observe the 1,000th anniversary of Christianity in Poland with prayer and singing pagentry.

They cheered Cardinal Wyszynski, who had been barred from foreign travel and assailed

by the government as an enemy of "people's Poland."

At one side of the huge outdoor altar high above the crowd of pilgrims was an empty papal throne. A wreath of yellow roses and a portrait of the pontiff were on it.

MENTIONS PONTIFF

Facing the throng, Cardinal Wyszynski said, on the Pope's behalf that the pontiff had wanted to come "but God's will Continued on page 6 col. 1