

Federal Health Department Alive To Smoking Hazards

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal health department would be ready to do almost anything, including testing cigarette filters, to lick the major health hazard of cigarette smoking, Deputy Health Minister Dr. J. N. Crawford said Tuesday.

He was replying in the Commons health and welfare committee to Marvin Howe (PC—Wellington-Huron), who asked whether the cigarette manufacturers have asked the department to help to develop a filter.

Dr. E. A. Watkinson, head of the department's health services, said he is aware of reports that the United States public health service is proposing to examine filters.

"We are so concerned about the impact of this problem on health that we would be prepared to do almost anything to assist in eliminating it," added Dr. Crawford.

One measure of the effectiveness of the program to make people aware of the dangers of cigarette smoking is the fact that doctors themselves seem to have switched to pipes and cigars or stopped smoking.

They were the only occupational group in the country showing a decrease in the incidence of lung cancer.

Dr. Watkinson said the department is revising its public information about the danger of cigarette smoking in the effects on heart and arteries, with lung diseases second.

Dr. Lewis Brand (PC—Saskatoon), a pipe smoker, said he has read that six cups of coffee a day will have as great an effect on heart and arteries as cigarette smoking.

Dr. Watkinson said he has seen similar material but doesn't know whether it's true.

He said surveys indicate 50 per cent of Canadians are aware of the danger of health authorities with the effects of cigarette smoking on health.

But only about 50 per cent accepted the information and a smaller number did anything about it.

"Our major inroad appears to be in the age group 15 to 19." The number smoking seemed to have declined slightly in the younger age group.

to make a profit it has to provide the customer with exactly what is required when it is required.

Mr. Starr says: "When the trans-Canada pipeline was being built we worked along the system selling welding equipment, nuts, bolt and screws and a variety of things that were needed quickly. So really we didn't build the business on price, but on service."

As well as being a wholesale distributor of automotive and industrial equipment, Acklands operates steel warehouses and distributes records and radios under a franchise.

It now handles more than 50,000 products ranging from nuts and bolts to welding units and from Decca records—it's the franchise in Alberta + to 75-foot long road contractors scales.

EXPECTS TO EXPAND

Mr. Starr said the company went public in 1962 because it needed money for expansion.

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Morse Opposes New LBJ Term

CHICAGO (AP)—Senator Wayne Morse (Dem. Ore.) says he will oppose renomination of President Johnson at the 1968 Democratic convention and possibly support Senator Robert F. Kennedy (Dem. N.Y.), instead, if Kennedy remains critical of United States policy in Viet Nam.

"If Bob Kennedy continues his present course, I wouldn't hesitate to support him," Morse said Sunday on a television program.

Morse, one of the severest Senate critics of the administration's Viet Nam policy, added that if Johnson is re-nominated, he hopes the Republicans "will nominate someone who can beat him in the November election."

He mentioned Governor Mark Hatfield of his home state, Oregon, as a possible Republican contender who could defeat Johnson.

Morse, a former Republican, said he intends to vote for Hatfield in the Oregon Senate race this fall. Hatfield, a critic of Viet Nam policy, is running as the Republican candidate against Representative Robert B. Duncan (Dem. Ore.), a supporter of Johnson's Viet Nam course.

LBJ Wage Guides Called Dangerous

MONTREAL (CP)—William Pollock, president of the International Textile Workers' Union of America said Monday President Johnson's wage guide posts are a dangerous threat to the United States economy.

Mr. Pollock was speaking to some 1,100 delegates attending the five-day 141 biennial convention of the Textile Workers Union of America (AFL-CIO, CLC). The delegates represent nearly 212,000 Canadian and U.S. textile workers.

He said the wage guide posts limit wage increases to a maximum of 3.2 per cent of the employee's salary, condemned the textile workers to be "second class industrial citizens, glued to the bottom of the national wage ladder."

Pollock said the average U.S. textile worker gets \$2.50 an hour while workers in the U.S. textile film industry there had been no career opportunity for Canadian actors and film technicians. Many moved to the United States.

The main Canadian output was in industrial and documentary films, TV commercials and TV work generally. Development of a feature film industry would complement the arts.

WOULD SHARE PROFITS

The new corporation could invest in the Canadian film industry. For its investment, the corporation would reap a return of any profits and plow this back into the corporation.

There also would be achievement awards both for producers and technical staff. A stress would be put on distribution and export.

Big chains would not be told they had to take a percentage of Canadian feature films. However, the government was "counting on film agencies to support the new corporation."

Michael Forrestall (PC—Halifax) said the Conservatives supported the proposal. He thought the plan was one to "excite the bold and encourage the daring."

However, he wondered if a government could guarantee "legislative artistic and fiscal success" in a field such as the film industry.

MUST AVOID PATRONAGE

Patronage must be avoided in appointments to the corporation. Its makeup must be "not only from the arts but from the world of business."

As he spoke unidentified MPs suggested Miss LaMarsh in the role of Laura Secord sneaking through the enemy lines might make a good subject for a feature film. Or one based on Gerda Munsinger might prove a hit.

Robert Priddle (NDP—Burnaby-Richmond) said the reason a Canadian feature film industry had not developed was because control of the theatre was vested outside Canada.

NDP Blames Government For Unrest

OTTAWA (CP)—The New Democratic party's federal council Tuesday blamed inaction by the federal and provincial governments for unrest among Canadian workers.

In a statement reporting on a weekend meeting, the council said no action has been taken to curb or expose unwarranted increases in living costs and that unplanned implementation of automation has spread fear and uncertainty through the work force.

It also said there has been an armless dissipation of investment funds, and that both levels of government have failed to establish labor's right to share in decisions and benefits resulting from technological change.

The statement also called for a change of law so that employers cannot misuse the courts by seeking injunctions "whose sole purpose is to destroy effective strike action."

In Ontario, government initiative has now resulted in a judgment upholding this abuse by recalcitrant employers.

The council said 11th-hour settlements of individual labor disputes are no solution to the basic problem, but only temporarily remove the symptoms without getting at the root causes.

MISSING STATUE FOUND?

Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson has told newsmen that the whereabouts of this missing statue of former Premier Maurice Duplessis is known. The statue disappeared shortly after its completion in 1960 when the Quebec government was taken over from the Union Nationale by the Liberals. (CP Wirephoto)

California Seen Headed For Trouble

WASHINGTON (AP)—California was pictured as headed for disaster unless its fantastic rate of population growth is checked.

If the present net gain of about 1,500 new residents daily continues there will be 1,500,000 people in California in 100 years, about half the present population of the entire planet.

"Congestion of such magnitude was described as 'intolerable and impossible,'" by Robert C. Cook, president of the Population Conference Bureau, Inc. He said the problem presents an unprecedented challenge to human ingenuity.

The bureau is a private non-profit educational organization publishing information on population trends and their economic and social effects.

Writing in the June issue of the bureau's bulletin, Cook said California's current 19,000,000 people already are faced with urgent housekeeping problems centering on "the basic essentials of existence: Pure air and pure water for residential, industrial and agricultural use; sufficient land for living space; and the production of adequate energy to keep the whole complex operative."

Primaries Suggested

MONTREAL (ZCP)—Candidates for political office in Quebec should be selected by primary elections, not by the present system of political conventions which are often rigged, Arthur E. Seguin, independent member of the Quebec legislature, said Tuesday.

He told a service club meeting that primary elections would "take politics out of the sewer" and eliminate the "sham and scandal" associated with present constituency conventions.

"The institution of a primary system in Quebec would mean that within a given period before a general election or even a bye-election, party supporters who wish to do so would be entitled to register their party allegiance," he said.

Registered members would then vote for the candidate of their choice.

Mr. Seguin said the June 3 provincial election had produced evidence of widespread dissatisfaction with present methods used by the principal parties to select candidates.

Protection For Seals Improved

HALIFAX (CP)—Ross E. S. Homans, director of the federal fisheries department's Maritime region, says Northwest Atlantic seal herds will receive greater protection by being included in the convention of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries.

Mr. Homans, who recently returned from the commission's annual meeting in Madrid, said in a statement that Canada, Norway and Denmark have signed an agreement bringing seals within the scope of the commission.

He said the three countries will meet later this year to discuss what protection regulations can be brought into effect. Recommendations would be submitted to the next meeting of the 13-country commission in Boston next year.

Mr. Homans said Canada has been a leading exponent of seal protection.

White Quits Rights March

BELZONI, Miss. (AP)—Hank Coleman has left the Mississippi civil rights march after a week of hot sun, hard walking, tension and loneliness.

"There are enough here without me now," he said. "They are having a hard time feeding us. I counted 275 at lunch Saturday. Saturday night they ran short and were serving dogfood from cans."

It might be thought difficult to be lonely in a crowd which has fluctuated between 100 and 1,000 in the week Hank was here, but he was never at ease in this company.

Hank is 23, white, with lofty ideals. He went to school in Omaha, Neb., recently graduated from Rice University in Houston, Tex., and is headed for two years of Peace Corps duty in Peru.

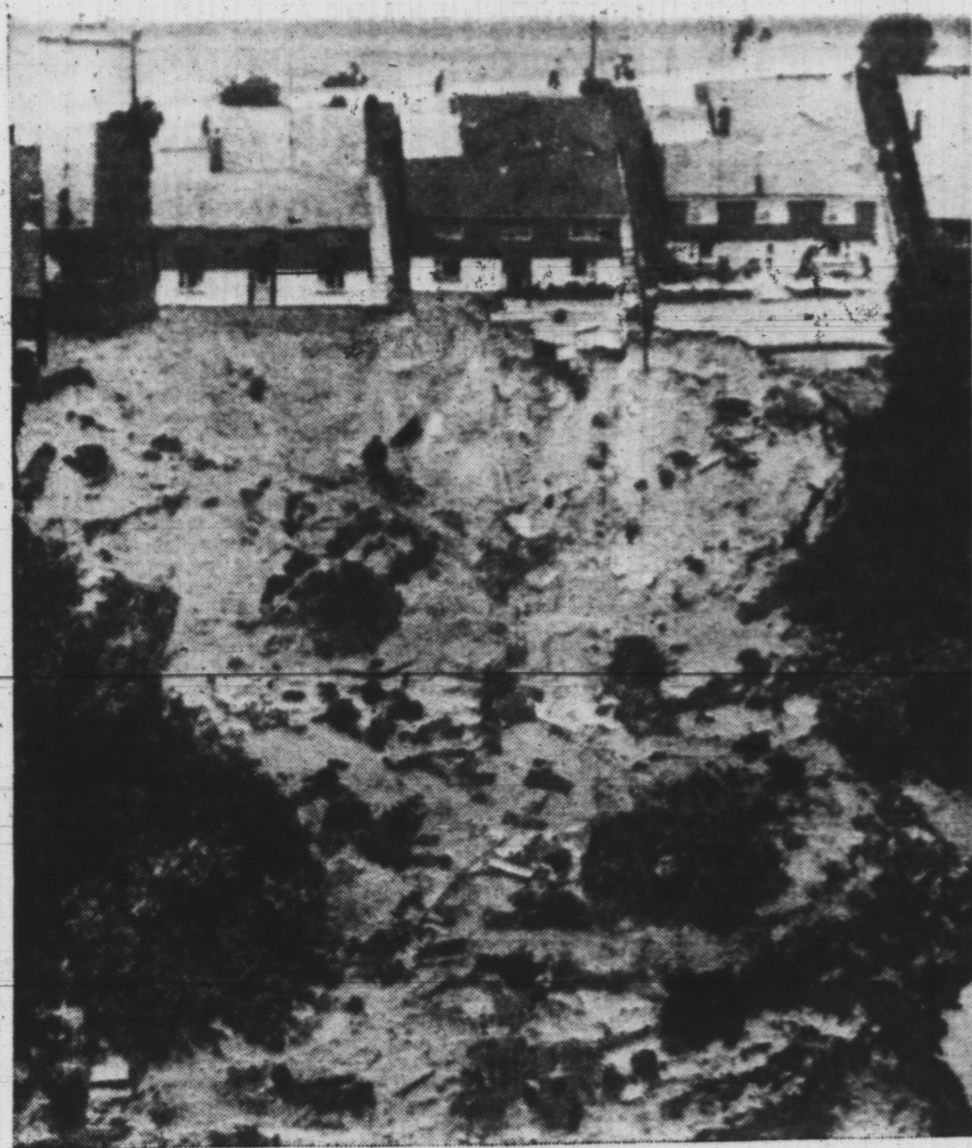
He joined the march because he felt the presence of whites would demonstrate there are whites deeply concerned about the Negroes' plight.

IDEALS OFFENDED

However, some of the whites with the column in its early days—some of them still are here—offended Hank's ideals.

He rated the deliberately sloppy whites with wild mops of hair and stubby chins a handicap to the Negro movement, not a help.

"These weirdoes are intelligent and so are the Negro leaders," he said. "It seems only common sense to me that if these white volunteers shaped up a little, shaved, their voter registration work would not arouse nearly so much animosity from white people in the community."



WHERE SLIDE KILLED MAN

The aerial view shows where several houses on a northeast Toronto street lost their gardens in a slide that took the

life of one man. The man had been in his garden when it slid into the ravine. At the

time of the slide, workers were reinforcing the hill to prevent such a slide. (CP Wirephoto)

Company Shows Friendship Only When Profit Appears

By GORDON GRANT
TORONTO (CP)—If it's profitable we'll be friends, otherwise we're not interested.

That about sums up the business approach of Acklands Ltd., distributors of almost anything-at-a-price, with its head office in Winnipeg, its executive offices in Toronto and branches scattered across Canada.

The company doesn't apologize for being motivated by profits.

"We want to give our customers the best we can, but at the same time we are not interested in making friends and losing money," says Nathan Starr, vice-president and secretary-treasurer. "What comes first, service or profit? We can't service if we don't profit."

He says that while the company sells and distributes a wide variety of products, its main asset is service.

STARTED IN 1890s

Acklands started in business back in the horse and carriage days of the 1890s providing blacksmith services and accessories for buggies.

"Even then the first question asked a manufacturer who wanted us to handle his goods was 'What's the markup,'" Mr. Starr said in an interview. "If it was profitable the line was taken on, if not it was a quick goodbye to the salesman."

Unlike many companies which flourished when the automobile replaced horse-drawn transportation, Acklands changed its business and began selling car parts which now account for about 50 per cent of the company's sales—they were \$17,000,000 in 1965 and were up 24 per cent in the first quarter of this year.

The company moved along slowly until 1959 when President Hyman Bessin and Chairman Leonard Wolinsky bought the company from Mr. Wolinsky's father.

At that time the company had seven branches, it now has 35 and net profit has jumped to \$370,000 from \$75,000.

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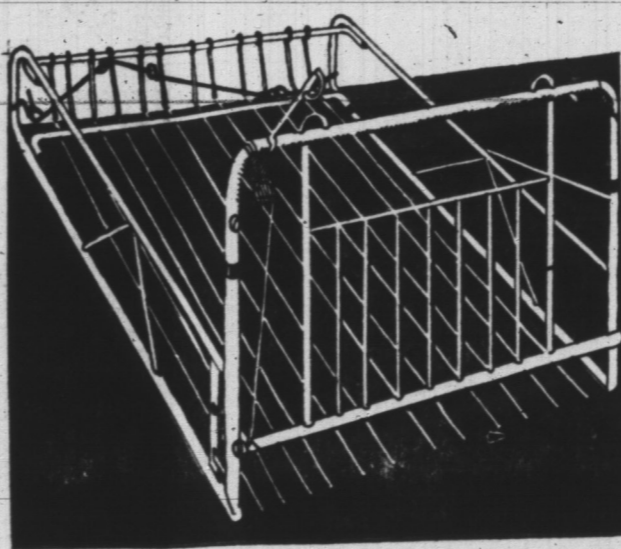
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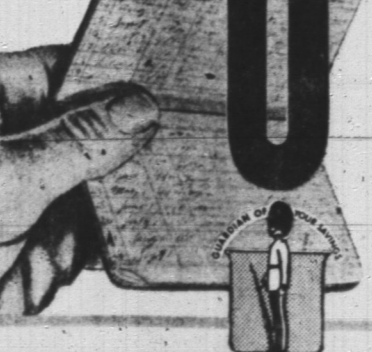
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