

DREW CLAIMS DEFENCE PRODUCTION BILL GREATEST ISSUE SINCE 1867

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Drew said Monday the government's attempt to make permanent the broad powers of Defence Production Minister Howe is the greatest issue to face the Commons since Confederation.

In a marathon speech he termed it a "threat to our freedom, to the supremacy of Parliament and to the rule of law."

Mr. Drew's voice was fading only slightly at the close of a 2 1/2-hour speech Monday, a continuation of a speech he began a week ago when the matter last was before the House. Altogether he spoke just over 3 1/2 hours—the longest speech of the session by a member.

Other opposition members followed Mr. Drew in a continuation—for the fifth day of debate—of a Conservative fight against a bill to extend indefinitely the Defence Production Act, due to expire July 31, 1956.

TERMED FILIBUSTER
David Croll (L—Toronto Spadina) termed it "a filibuster if I ever saw one." Opposition to the bill was a bold, calculated political attack on Mr. Howe in which Conservatives hoped "to gain their greatest victory and at the same time to bring upon us our most inglorious retreat."

The 60-year-old Conservative leader reached into history as he said the government has sought such wide powers from a free Parliament since the days of the English Stuart and Tudor rulers.

He said the bill takes away authority not only from Parliament but from the government as well by giving the minister wide and extraordinary powers.

Mr. Drew showed no signs of the serious attack of meningitis which put him in hospital for a month late last year and delayed his return to Parliament until Feb. 17, almost six weeks after the session started.

SECTION BY SECTION
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SC Retains Seat

VERMILION, Alta. (CP)—Election of James A. Smith, Social Credit, in Monday's Battle River-Camrose federal by-election was reported by The Canadian Press at 8:48 p.m. MST. (12:48 p.m. ADT) almost three hours after the polls closed. The result left the political affiliation of the riding unchanged.

Opens U. N. Anniversary Ceremonies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—President Eisenhower solemnly promised the United Nations Monday that at the Big Four conference next month he will work toward lasting peace—"a glorious way of life, free of threats of atomic holocaust."

Opening the UN 10th anniversary ceremonies in the golden glitter of the San Francisco Opera House, birthplace of the United Nations, the president also urged the member countries to join in striving anew for such a way of life.

In it, he said "the atom, dedicated once as man's slayer, will become his most productive servant."

Looking ahead to the July 18 meeting of the Big Four chiefs of state in Geneva, Eisenhower foresaw it taking place in a "season of high hope for the world."

NO PRECEDENT
He declined to make any prediction whether Russia will join in a start toward "dismantling the terrible apparatus" of war.

Behind the president, seated among veteran participants of the UN organization here 10 years ago, sat Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, grim and unsmiling under the glare of the flood lights.

Canada's representatives at the ceremony were External Affairs Minister Pearson and D. M. Johnson, retiring permanent UN delegate.

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Parish Priest Honoured On Anniversary

Rev. Martin Monaghan, parish priest at Miscouche, P. E. I., was tendered a complimentary dinner by the Clergy of the Diocese at St. Dunstan's University yesterday on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination. Pictured left to right: His Eminence James Cardinal McGuigan, His Excellency Malcolm J. MacEachern, D.D., Bishop of Charlottetown, Rev. Martin Monaghan, who is a uncle of Cardinal McGuigan.

S' side Lawyer Elected Law Society President

Mr. Donald O. Stewart, Q. C. of Summerside was elected president of the Law Society of Prince Edward Island at its 79th annual meeting held at the Law Society of Prince Edward Island held last evening at the Law Courts Building, Charlottetown.

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French Prison Guards Strike

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The reason was a 24-hour strike of all 8,000 prison guards.

The guards present many complaints. The biggest is that some prisoners, they say, earn more than they do and often benefit from housing conditions far better than their own.

A French prison guard gets the equivalent of \$71.42 to \$85.71 a month. Some prisoners, a spokesman for the strikers declared, get as much as \$114 when they are allowed to work inside their cell for outside firms.

Furthermore, some prisoners live in cells equipped with running water, central heating and even television sets, the guards say, while "with our meagre salaries we can only afford a small flat with practically no comfort."

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Quebec Is Shocked By Week-end Fatality Toll

MONTREAL (CP)—Shocked at the weekend fatality toll that reached 35 in Quebec province—25 through drowning—police and safety authorities Monday urged extra precautions and all means of halting a waste in lives.

Police said they believe the toll the highest for any weekend in the province's history and that the drownings, accompanying sizzling summer heat, were an ugly introduction to national water safety week.

H. E. Herschorn, president of the Canadian Life Saving Society, said he was appalled at the number of drownings.

"Such a senseless waste of life could have been avoided had swimmers followed the rules laid down by the society to eliminate just such destruction of life," he said.

He felt compulsory swimming instruction should be a part of every school curriculum and urged everyone to learn at least rudiments of life saving, which the society teaches in free courses.

"JUNGLE LAW" PREVAILS
George McNamee, managing director of the Royal Automobile Club of Canada, urged the provincial government to take further steps to prevent highway accidents. Until the government sets up a central traffic department, he said, "the law of the jungle" will prevail on Quebec roads.

Seven of the weekend deaths were attributed to traffic accidents, two to industrial accidents and one to the collision of two freight trains.

Provincial police director Hilaire Beaugard said all heavy-duty vehicles will be checked by police to ensure that all equipment is in first-class working condition. If it is not put in top shape promptly, prosecution will follow when the vehicles are again stopped.

At the same time director Beaugard deplored what he termed the small number of lifeguards on duty at bathing beaches in the Montreal district. "There used to be lifeguards everywhere a few years ago," he said. "Now they are rarely seen at private beaches."

The danger of swimming alone or at unsupervised beaches was emphasized by D. Ross Firth, provincial co-director of the water safety service of the Canadian Red Cross. He said many accidents were caused by bathers ignoring elementary safety rules and urged a provincial law to force all beach operators to provide lifeguards.

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Unemployment Talks Open

"I take pleasure in handing over to you the keys to the former powder magazine building in Victoria Park which in future will be known as 'Fort Edward Museum' Mayor J. D. Stewart said as he made the presentation to Mr. Justice G. J. Tweedy at the annual dinner meeting of the Historical Society last evening at the Y.M.C.A.

The occasion marked the official recognition of the opening of the first museum established in this Province. Mayor Stewart who spoke briefly following the address of the guest speaker, Rev. L. J. Ayers of St. Charles.