

"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

By Keith Kincaid

HALIFAX (CP)—Justice Minister Fleming Friday defended the Bill of Rights as a "landmark in the march of liberties" and said he would be glad to hear any suggestions to improve it.

The minister, here to attend closing sessions of the Canadian Bar Association, remarked at a press conference, however, that so far he has received no specific proposals for strengthening it.

Mr. Fleming's statement was prompted by criticism of the bill expressed before the association earlier this week. By reason of his justice portfolio, he is honorary president of the association.

A paper read by lawyer Irving St. Pierre of Winnipeg, which reported on cases involving the bill since it became law two years ago, said the bill has failed to become the superstatute the government hoped for.

Mr. Fleming said criticisms he has heard so far have been mainly that it does not extend to the provincial field and that it was not written into a consolidated bill as he has proposed.

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West's Nuclear Tests Sparks Special Talks Of Atomic Test Cuts of Russian Offers Consideration

GENEVA (Reuters)—The West called on Russia Friday to agree to uninterrupted nuclear test-ban negotiations to reach agreement by the end of the year.

The United States and Britain want the disarmament conference's three-power nuclear test-ban subcommittee to continue to meet while the main conference is in recess from Sept. 8 to Nov. 12.

Arthur Dean, chief U.S. disarmament delegate, told the conference that with "maximum pressure" on the subcommittee, agreement on a test ban should be possible by Nov. 1 with treaty ratification by Jan. 1.

The agreement would be entered on the basis of a complete ban or a limited agreement excluding underground tests stipulated by the West Monday, he said.

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Abans Earned Banks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House announced Friday that two Cuban ships fired on a United States Navy plane Thursday over international waters. It said that hereafter such attacks will be met with "all means necessary" to assure protection.

All means necessary" signifies that U.S. planes and naval vessels have been ordered to fire back if fired upon. The navy plane was said to have been attacked with machine-guns by two small naval vessels "believed to be Cuban," 15 miles north of the Cuban coast. The plane was not hit and none of its crew of three were injured.

Island at the National Council meeting in St. John's, Nfld., September 13 and 14. All three men are from Charlottetown.

Bank Official Is Killed By Bandit

HALIBURTON, Ont. (CP)—Bank manager Eric McConell, aged 45, was shot and killed Friday night by a gunman who evidently took just after the 6 p.m. closing.

McConell's wife was waiting for him outside the Bank of Montreal branch. They were just about to start their holiday.

She ran into the bank and found her husband dead, shot twice in the stomach with a .25-calibre automatic.

The gunman fled in a late-model car on highway 919. He evidently took no money, police said.

Provincial police set up roadblocks all along leading from the holiday area about 35 miles north of Peterborough.

Some nations stepped from the bank manager's shirt led to speculation that there was a brief struggle in the office.

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Danish Premier Resigns Position

COPENHAGEN (Reuters)—Danish Premier Viggo Kampmann, in hospital with chronic heart trouble, Friday handed his resignation after two years in office.

Foreign Minister Jens Otto Krag was named by the majority Social Democratic Party to succeed him.

Kampmann, who had been in office since 1959, was a member of the parliament, legislature and CCF leader from 1959 to 1965. He quit politics to devote all his time to the union.

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NAVY LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS

Jack Smallwood, (centre), took over as president of the Navy League of P.E.I. with the election of officers at the League's annual meeting on board HMS Queen Charlotte.

Other officers elected were: Secretary—treasurer and Ivan Doherty, vice—president. Mr. Smallwood will represent the Island at the National Council meeting in St. John's, Nfld., September 13 and 14.

ECONOMY GETS SHOT IN ARM

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Agriculture Minister Sticks To Central On Economy

Ottawa (CP)—Agriculture Minister Hamilton, buoyed by estimates of a vastly increased Canadian grain crop, said Friday he is not backing down on his controversial statements on the immediate post-election period about Canada's economic health.

On the CBC television program "Newsmagazine of Wednesday, June 29, the minister said "never have conditions looked so good." He added there was no crisis that anyone can point a finger at.

On the following Sunday, Prime Minister Diefenbaker went on TV to outline a government austerity program arising from Canada's foreign exchange troubles.

Hamilton's statements were hotly disputed at the time by the leaders of the three opposition parties, who appeared with him on a CBS TV program. Since the austerity program

was announced, opposition parties have backed back to those statements.

"I'm not backing down one-quarter from what I said on that TV show," Mr. Hamilton said Friday in commenting on the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' forecast of a 530,654,000-bushel Canadian wheat crop, up 37 per cent from last year's drought-ravaged harvest.

However, Mr. Hamilton said Friday he believes the bureau's initial estimates for wheat and oats may yet prove to be a bit on the low side.

He said that with wheat exports running around 150,000,000 bushels a year and annual domestic consumption averaging 150,000,000 bushels "we can sell all that the farmer has produced."

Sleeping Sickness Toll Increases

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—The death count from an epidemic of sleeping sickness in Trinidad County rose by two Friday to 10. In addition, three more suspected cases were recorded, bringing to 13 the number of persons who have been admitted to hospital.

Sleeping sickness, known medically as encephalitis—is a disease which is known to attack the brain and nervous system.

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Beef Purchase Formula Is Effective At Once

The formula agreement with Canada Packers of Winnipeg, which was the basis of dressed carcass weight for the Red, Blue and Standard brands, has been explained that this will be transferred into the approximate price per pound liveweight as cattlemen here are more acquainted with selling cattle on the live weight basis.

The producers meeting held here in July agreed that the proposed formula sales should be given a trial for a period of up to one year.

The formula is based on the price paid at Winnipeg, plus the transportation cost to Halifax, less the transportation cost of beef from Charlottetown to Halifax. The net result is a price to the farmer here on a rail grade basis—no dressed weight—almost identical with the cost of sold dressed meat in Winnipeg, it has been explained.

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Typhoon Hits Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP)—Typhoon Wanda hit this overcrowded British colony Friday with winds of 70 miles an hour and gusts ranging up to 135 m.p.h.

At 8 a.m. the eye of the typhoon was 36 miles east-south-east of Hong Kong. The royal observatory reported the city was being lashed by some of the worst winds since the typhoon centre.

Schools, shops and offices were closed.

The observatory warned of possible flooding low areas by high tides.

Mrs. JFK Arrives Home From Italy

NEW YORK (AP)—Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and daughter Caroline arrived at Idlewild airport late Friday after a 23-day vacation in Italy.

2,000 To Flee From Volcano

TOYO (AP)—About 2,000 inhabitants, mainly the aged, women and children, will be evacuated today from Miyakejima Island, 120 miles south of Tokyo, in the face of continuing earth tremors and volcanic threats.

The island's volcano erupted with explosive violence Aug. 24, injuring 30 inhabitants, and earth tremors continue to jar the island.

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Canada Forced To Sell Gold

WASHINGTON (AP)—Canada was set to sell \$100 million of gold to the U.S. Treasury, it was learned Friday.

Figures published by the treasury show that in the April-June period, Canada sold the U.S. \$150,000,000 worth of official gold holdings, one of the largest such transactions in post-war years.

Washington said the \$100 million purchase from Canada was the largest gold sale by the International Monetary Fund in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962.

Europe was the big buyer of U.S. gold, a trend that has worried American officials. They are concerned over the sharp decline in American gold holdings.

Threat Grows Of Civil War In Algeria

ALGIERS (AP)—Mutinous guerrillas took up positions in Algiers harbor Friday to bar any effort by troops backing deputy Premier Ahmed Ben Bella to land from the sea.

Units in camouflage uniforms set up machine-guns near the French air military building, around which French sailors had strung barbed wire.

The French garrison of 10,000 men was placed on a state of alert to protect the lives and property of French citizens in case the city is swept by violence.

Nine heavy French tanks rolled along the waterfront as thousands of Muslims spilled into the streets, screaming "down with civil war!"

More than 20,000 Algerians turned up at a rally organized by labor unions to force the politicians to seek a compromise.

Farm trucks brought thousands of peasants from the areas surrounding Algiers.

Throughout the city there was shouting: "Seven years of war is enough!"

King Arthur Tomb Reported Found

LONDON (CP)—An archeologist says he has found the tomb of King Arthur—the half-giant, half-elf hero of ancient Britain—near the ruins of Glastonbury Abbey in Somerset.

According to tradition, the body of the sixth-century monarch was to remain hidden from future generations until the rise of the British nation.

British nation, he said it was from Saxon invaders centuries ago.

After years of painstaking excavation at the abbey, C. A. Davison, 61-year-old Devon scholar, said he found the tomb.

The tomb was 10 feet underground between two stone courses.

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