

Conservatives Lose Bid To Adjourn Flag Debate

OTTAWA (CP) — Creditable MP Gilles Oregre is quoted as saying that the Conservatives and Liberals in the Commons flag debate Tuesday to support an adjournment of the debate. Oregre has spoken for long.

Mr. Oregre said the Commons has wasted 28 days in various stages of the flag debate. He said the Conservatives have had freedom of speech and repeated their plea for a plebiscite endlessly to prevent the issue reaching a vote.

Addressing himself to Opposition Leader Diefenbaker (home with a cold), he quoted the Commons in French: "How long will you abuse our patience... How far will you carry your audacity?"

Mr. Oregre (Lapointe) also quoted Greek poetry but did not translate it. He said this was fitting since the Conservatives speak were all Greek to him.

PC MOTION DEFEATED

Just before he spoke the Conservatives failed in their second attempt to adjourn the flag debate for the day. The motion by Jack Horner (PC-Atlantic) was defeated 139 votes to 68.

Lining up with the 108 Liberals

also opposing the motion were four Quebec Conservatives, eight Creditistes, 12 New Democrats and seven Social Credit MPs.

The adjournment was supported by 66 Conservatives, Ralph Cowan (L-York-Humber) and Bert Leboe (SC-Far-beroo).

Mr. Horner said the flag debate should be set aside to open the way for the daily question period and study of government bills such as the labor code, railway changes and amendment of the constitution.

Because of a quick Commons rules, the flag debate has wiped out the question period and the last session in Commons reports such as the one recommending a single red maple leaf flag take precedence over the questioning of cabinet ministers.

Political observers could not recall an instance when the question period has been suspended for so long.

"The Conservatives' first motion to adjourn the flag debate was defeated 129 to 65 Thursday night. Standings in the Commons are Liberals 129, Conservatives 96, New Democrats 18, Creditistes 13 and Social Credit nine.

Mr. Oregre compared Mr. Diefenbaker to a grave-digger who turns up bones. The bones represented the wrongs of Britain, which were dead in Canada.

He said it would be wrong in Parliament to order a flag plebiscite. He said representatives of the people had a duty to make decisions for their constituents.

He had quoted 18 Conservative MPs who had made three speeches on the flag issue and two who had spoken four times.

"All madmen are not locked up," he added amid applause from the public gallery, which is forbidden.

Marcel Lambert (PC - 2nd motion) said the Conservative speaker in the latest phase of the debate, accused Mr. Oregre of desiring to gag the Conservatives.

"The braying of jackasses in the Commons is the harvest of the '60s," he said in an obvious reference to the Creditiste.

Leban's Second Hunt For Missing Trowers



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Summerside Neptune Makes One Sighting

HALIFAX (CP) — RCAF search and rescue had Tuesday night searched for the missing Trowers. The men on the Marie Carole were identified as Capt. Edmond Richard and crewmembers Alphonse Dore, Pierre Poirier, Rosaire Lapierre and Redger Cyr. All are believed from the Magdalen Islands.

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Another Green-wood-based Argus reported sighting an oil slick and debris 80 miles south of Sable Island, where search and rescue officials believe the fishing vessel Acadia Sea Hawk out of Mulgrave, N.S. disappeared a week ago with 14 men aboard.

The Canadian survey ship Hudson was sent to the area of Sable Island.

DROP FLARES

The ocean - escort Swansea was speeding to the area east of Canoe where the aircraft had dropped long-burning flares and smoke buoys on which the ship could "home."

The Canadian Coast Guard Ship Montserrat was sent to the area 80 miles south of Sable Island.

The 138-foot Acadia Sea Hawk, working for Acadia Fisheries Limited of Mulgrave, was skippered by Capt. Ronald Mc-

shier of Canoe, N.S. Identifies of his crew were withheld.

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Minister Threatens Action On Furniture Deal Stories

OTTAWA (CP) — State Secretary Lamontagne said Tuesday published reports concerning his personal furniture purchases in 1961 and 1963 include insinuations of improper dealings which are false.

He told reporters after a cabinet meeting he intends to "take all the actions needed to protect myself."

The reports, published in Vancouver's Toronto Telegram, stem from a question put on Commons order paper Nov. 27 by Donald Maclean (PC - Cape Breton South), asking whether

any cabinet minister or MP had received campaign contributions from a Montreal firm now in bankruptcy proceedings. The firm was being investigated by the Quebec attorney general's office.

Mr. Lamontagne told the Commons Press that as soon as he saw the question on the Commons order paper, he reported to Prime Minister Pearson that he had no connection with the firm, but that it had received no favors from the government.

"The purchases were made in 1961 when Mr. Lamontagne furnished a house in Ottawa, and in December, 1963, when he rented an apartment in Montreal. He was a cabinet minister at the time and he became a cabinet minister. He represents Montreal Outremont-St. Jean in the Commons."

(favorable consideration to this payment plan.)

The purchases were made from a firm headed by Max and Adolf Sekind. Mr. Lamontagne said he had been a friend through me from the government.

"There was never any question of a gift of any sort," Mr. Lamontagne said. "Mr. Sekind never received any favor through me from the government."

"If we are not allowed to buy furniture, we may as well go back to igloos."

The minister said any effort to connect him with possible fraud in the bankruptcy of the Montreal firm "seems to me to be going too far."

When Mr. Lamontagne met reporters after the cabinet meeting Tuesday (Continued on page 5, col. 7)

Living Costs Had Increase In November Border Change Seen In Ridings

OTTAWA (CP) — Living costs in Canada rose to a record high in November with the consumer price index increasing three-tenths of a point or one-fifth of one per cent to 135.9 from 135.8 a month earlier.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics said Tuesday that the index at Nov. 1 was 1.4 per cent higher than the November, 1963, index of 134. The index is based on 1949 prices equaling 100.

Six of the seven main components of the index showed increases, with the transportation index unchanged.

The DBS index of average weekly wages and salaries was 204.9 in September, compared with 203 a month earlier and 196 a year previous.

The November food index rose four-fifths of one per cent to 132 from 131 in October. Prices were higher for eggs, lard, beef, oranges, potatoes, tomatoes, celery, dairy products and honey. Lower prices were reported for sugar, grapefruit, bananas, apples, lettuce, cabbage, onions, canned fruit and vegetables and trest and cured pork.

A rise of one per cent in the housing index increased it to 139.3 from 139.2. Both the shelter and the household operation components increased fractionally.

conjunction with the setting up of a provincial commission to decide on boundaries for the Province's federal electoral ridings. (See also story on page 11).

Red Premier Seen Ousted In B. Guiana

By Robert Berrellez

GEORGETOWN (AP) — Marxist Premier Cheddi Jagan's People's Progressive Party moved into the lead Tuesday night in British Guiana National Assembly election returns. But it appeared certain he would fail to obtain the majority required for him to retain the premiership of this British colony.

Official returns from 25 out of 35 voting districts comprising 72 per cent of the registered vote gave Jagan 79,547 votes to 75,119 for the People's National Congress led by top opposition leader, Forbes Burnham.

In the absence of a majority for Jagan, the premiership was expected to go to a coalition headed by Burnham, a pro-Western socialist. Burnham was expected to join forces with the ultra-Conservative United Force to marshal a bare majority in the assembly.

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N.B. Judges Appointed

OTTAWA (CP) — Appointment of Fredericton lawyers Ralph V. Limerick and David M. Dickson to the Supreme Court of New Brunswick was announced Tuesday by Justice Minister Pavreau.

Mr. Justice Limerick, admitted to the New Brunswick Bar in 1933, was made an appeal judge of the Supreme Court. He fills a vacancy created recently when Mr. Justice Dickson was appointed chief justice of the Court of Queen's Bench division of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Justice Dickson was appointed judge of the Court of Queen's Bench, replacing Mr. Justice C. J. Jones, who has resigned. He was admitted to the New Brunswick Bar in 1947.

Commission On Education Meets Gov't

The royal commission, appointed by the government to study the financing of higher education in the province, met with the cabinet yesterday.

Following the meeting, Premier Walter R. Shaw said '64 was a private talk with the commission on matters considered during the commission's course of investigation.

The premier said he had no public announcements to make "at present," but expects that the commission's final report will be delivered to the government "within a week."

Premier Shaw said the commission's report will be made public "after cabinet study."

18 Persons Left Homeless In Fredericton, N.B. Fire

FREDERICTON (CP) — Eighteen persons were left homeless here Tuesday when a two-alarm fire ripped through two buildings in the city's business district, destroying one and heavily damaging the other.

Three businesses were wiped out and two others damaged in the late afternoon blaze which broke out in a half-block area of Regent street. A number of apartments were also destroyed. An estimate of damage was not immediately available.

There were no injuries but a two-and-a-half-story Ramsey building containing Eda's Place, a dress shop; Thorne's Flower Shop; and Wilson's Dry Cleaners' fur storage.

Bomb-Carrying Plane Destroyed

PERU, Ind. (AP) — A superior B-58 Hustler bomber carrying an unarmed nuclear bomb caught fire and burned Tuesday on a ramp at the Bunker Hill air force base. Three airmen were injured.

Col. Paul K. Carlson, base commander, emphasized that there was no danger of nuclear explosion and that no harmful radiation was released.

However, the area was cleared except those who fought the fire.

The cause of the mishap to the multi-million-dollar SAC alert plane was not learned immediately and Col. Carlson says an investigating board of officers would be appointed.

Tremblay Explains Furniture Purchase

OTTAWA (CP) — Citizenship Minister Tremblay Tuesday said a furniture purchase he had made by himself was the subject of rumors involving his actions as Quebec deputy minister of industry before his election to Parliament in 1962.

He told a press conference of buying about \$4,000 worth of Italian- and French-style furniture for his home in Quebec City through a company now bankrupt.

He identified as part of that company Max Sekind and said Mr. Sekind also was part of

Wilson Heads For Canada As U.S. Talks Concluded

Washington (AP) — President Johnson said a preliminary to further discussions among interested members of the alliance.

Wilson today visits Prime Minister Pearson in Ottawa.

Some of the points in the communiqué:

1. They voiced again a determination to support United Nations peace-keeping operations and to strengthen systems of regional alliances in Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East.

2. NATO, CENTO and SEATO.

They spoke of an urgency for progress on arms control and disarmament.

3. They expressed a need for improvement in the balance of payments, and in the production of goods and services of both nations, so as to bolster economic strength, which they said is vital to fulfilling heavy international responsibilities.

NATO PRIME TALKS

But NATO and a proposed multilateral nuclear force were not mentioned in the Johnson-Wilson talks.

On this they said:

"They recognized the importance of strengthening the Atlantic alliance in its strategic nuclear defense. They discussed existing proposals for this purpose and an outline of some

School For Blind To Be Improved

HALIFAX (CP) — The governments of the Atlantic Provinces have agreed to share the cost of improving buildings at the Halifax School for the Blind, president H.L. Roper of the school's board of managers said Tuesday.

He said in his annual report a plan originated in 1963 provided for the renovation of the estimated \$350,000 cost by annual grants over a five-year period beginning in the fiscal year 1965-66.

The amount of each grant would be determined by the average percentage of population in each province had in the enrollment during the previous five years.

Cuban Minister Shoots Self

A comrade of Fidel Castro's guerrilla days, Augusto Merinets, shot himself in the head Tuesday after being fired upon by a Cuban revolutionary force.

Merinets was a government official and a revolutionary leader. He was in critical condition. He fought at Castro's side and later became defence minister. The communiqué said

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CHRISTMAS ON TV

ONLY 3 DAYS LEFT

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON

night at the conclusion of two days of conferences. The two leaders searched for a satisfactory way to bring about a major restructuring of the western world's nuclear defenses, but world up "vying that defence discussions are necessary."

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