



Inspector Nevin Remembered

Inspector W.H. Nevin, R.C.M.P. (the personnel of the Division prior to his leaving for Vancouver yesterday to assume his new duties there. The presentation was made by Inspector E.L. Martin, former-ly of Halifax, who succeeds to the command of the Island Division.

Other Leaders Cool To Idea

Drew Hints At Opposition Union To Defeat Liberals

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Drew dropped an oblique suggestion Monday that the CCF and Social Credit parties should join with the Progressive Conservatives and put the Liberal government out of office at the next federal general election.

He referred in the Commons to a statement Friday by Mervyn Johnson (CCF — Kinderley). Mr. Johnson said some persons in western Canada are becoming so fed up with the Liberal government that they are thinking of secession from Confederation.

Mr. Drew said that when secession reaches the point where "even a small minority speaks of secession, it is time the CCF and Social Credit members give careful consideration to how long the Liberals should be left in power simply through division of non — Liberal votes among their parties and the Conservatives.

The next federal election is expected next year. Mr. Drew was speaking on his motion of non — confidence in the government, calling for federal assistance to provinces who ask for development of power resources.

CCF Leader Caldwell said he is ready to join Mr. Drew in supporting the motion but added: "That is the only way I wish to join him."

COALITION NOT NEW

George Hahan, 80 New Westminster) said it is not unusual in the west for some political candidates to run under Liberal, Conservative and CCF banners at one time.

That indicated there was little to choose between the political

G.M. Diesel Plant Back In Production

LONDON, Ont. (CP)—A diesel locomotive rolled out of the General Motors diesel plant for a road test Monday only an hour after union employees started back to work following the longest strike in Canada's history.

The locomotive had been ready for the test last September 29 when the 540 members of the CIO United Auto Workers set up picket lines and it took only a couple of twists on a wrench to get it rolling.

Coming Events

Bingo at Morell tomorrow, 8 o'clock.

Crokinole Party in Kingston Hall Wednesday February 22.

Reserve Friday, March 2 for New Haven concert in Borden Legion Home.

Reserve Feb. 21st for Crokinole Party, Margate School, in aid of Margate Y. P. U.

Unloading car of Coop feed Friday and Saturday Vernon River Coop.

Cavendish Pastoral Charge official board meeting Wednesday 2 p.m. in Cavendish Church.

Hockey North River Rink, tonight Cornwall vs. Milton 7:30; Hampshire vs. York 8:45. Skate after. Ice Sports Friday, Feb. 24th.

Thieves Make Haul But Most Non-Negotiable

MONTREAL (CP)—Police Monday night reported the theft of \$1,600 in cash and a \$50 bond from the offices of the Canada Star Company. Thieves also took two non negotiable promissory notes of \$100,000 each and a \$10,000 cheque made out to the company.

The theft was discovered when company employees showed up for work. The offices are located on the 19th floor of the 23-storey Sun Life building.

Police said the theft apparently occurred during the weekend and that thieves probably used a key to enter the offices.

Detective Sgt. Steve Savchuck said there were no indications that the burglars had forced their way into the offices, which were ransacked. A metal box containing the cash and papers had been forced open.

Unemployment Up Steeply In 6-Week Period

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's unemployment rose steeply in the six weeks up to Jan. 21, the federal government announced Monday.

The government's estimate of persons without work and looking for jobs climbed 86,000 to 286,000, the second-highest January figure since the war. The high for the month was 363,000 in January 1955.

During the Dec. 10-Jan. 21 period the government's bureau of statistics estimated, the number with jobs moved down by 157,000 to 5,231,000. This was 228,000 more than January, 1955.

Donald MacDonald, secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Congress of Labor, said the statistics call for prompt and positive action by the federal government.

Leslie Wismer, research director of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, commented: "While there is no doubt a good deal of effort is being made to improve seasonal employment conditions, there is still a long way to go."

Mr. MacDonald said in a statement the figures show Canada is experiencing a serious unemployment situation and that "it undoubtedly will get worse before it gets better."

LOWER THAN '55

He said the number of persons shown as looking for work through National Employment Service, 484,533—was lower than last year and 1954 but was 26 per cent above the January figure for 1953, which was regarded as a good year.

Cold Wave Continues

COMMUNISTS CALL TROOPS TO KEEP INDUSTRY OPERATING

LONDON (AP) — Communist East Europe called out troops Monday to keep industries rolling in the continent's biggest freeze of the century.

Europe's cold wave, now in its fourth week, claimed at least 673 lives. But some areas reported milder weather.

The Budapest said troops were brought into the Stalins iron and steel works to keep the huge plant operating after heavy snowfalls hampered work. Radio Prague said soldiers were digging coal to keep up with Czech industrial demands. Sunday "volunteer" shifts worked the mines to help overcome shortages.

SEINE, THAMES FREEZE

Near Paris, the swift-flowing Seine froze from bank to bank. In England the Thames froze over below Windsor Castle.

Paris and Rome reported a growing scarcity of vegetables because ice and snow conditions prevented normal market deliveries. Prices of vegetables generally doubled in France. Grocers at Saint Germain en Laye near Paris rationed potatoes at four pounds a head because of a shortage.

FOODSTUFF PRICES SKYROCKETED IN ITALY. In Rome, potatoes doubled in price to the equivalent of about nine cents a pound.

Many Italian building workers were laid off because of the cold. At Sunderland in northeast England, 3,000 shipworkers were sent home because snow had buried the dockyards and made work impossible.

Roads over four-fifths of Britain were covered with snow and ice. The master of the 14,287 ton Polish liner Batory decided to stay in port at Southampton because its home port of Gdynia is frozen tight.

French Airliner Had 64 Aboard

52 Die In Desert Crash

CAIRO (Reuters) — A four-engine French airliner crashed in the desert near Cairo Monday, killing 52 of the 64 persons on board.

A sandstorm whipped across the crazy terrain near the disaster scene this afternoon and held up rescue teams. A fire engine and four trucks got stuck in the sand and Egyptian camel convoys patrolled the road leading to the spot where the DC-6 crashed.

Officials of the French airline the International Air Transport Company, said 49 of the 55 passengers died, including 11 women and 11 children. Of 27 men passengers and two boys, six of the nine crew members. The pilot and two other crew members were injured.

30 HOURS OVERDUE

The airliner was about to hours overdue on a flight from Saigon to Paris when it plunged into the desert about 15 miles southeast of Cairo and burst into flames. It was heading for Cairo airport. All the passengers but two Vietnamese were French persons coming home from Saigon.

Disagreement In Administration

Expect US Decision Soon On Israel's Arms Request

British Boost Servicemen's Pay

LONDON (Reuters) — The government Monday announced an increase in pay for regular servicemen in a drive to boost flagging recruitment figures and encourage men to enlist for long periods. Enlistments have dropped from 100,000 men in 1952-53 to 62,000 last year.

Under a new plan beginning April 1, higher pay will be given to men enlisting for longer periods of service.

A man who joined the forces for a long period heretofore received the same rates as a man who signed for short term service.

In the future, a trainee army private will get three years' service now getting the equivalent of \$9.31 a week will get \$16.66 a week—if he signs up for nine years.

Members of the women's services, including nurses, and draftees will also get pay increases.

The new rates will cost about £70,000,000 a year.

Maritime Title For Debating Decided Today

HALIFAX (CP)—The Maritime entry for the Dominion debating finals will be decided here Tuesday night when Dalhousie University debaters meet a team from St. Dunstan's College, Charlottetown, in the Maritime intercollegiate final.

Subject of the debate is the resolution "that international rivalry still holds more promises than threats."

The Dalhousie team consists of two law students, Malcolm N.S. Davidson and H. David Peed of Truro. St. Dunstan's speakers will be Ian Gillies of Charlottetown and Leo Peddie of Corner Brook, Nfld.

The winners will leave later in the week for London, Ont., where the Dominion finals will be held. The team winning the Dominion title will receive the Eaton Shield and will be flown to Europe for debates against other teams overseas.

CCF and SC Support Promised

House Debates Power On Motion By PC Opposition

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Drew suggested Monday the creation of a joint investment program that would provide federal assistance to any province requesting it for development of electric power resources.

He framed his proposal as an amendment to a routine government supply motion in the Commons. Technically, that made it a motion of non-confidence in the government.

Mr. Drew said he was in no way suggesting that the federal government should invade the resources field, which is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the provinces.

But it was apparent that some provinces would need financial help in developing their power resources. Some didn't need as much as others to make use of their water power resources but almost every province would require assistance

to develop atomic energy projects that produce electricity.

He referred particularly to the long-discussed plan to build a power and irrigation dam on the South Saskatchewan river near Outlook, Sask. He also mentioned a proposed power project at Grand Falls on Labrador's Hamilton river.

SHOULD START DAM

Mr. Drew said the federal government should proceed as quickly as possible with the Saskatchewan project. The irrigation it would provide for an estimated 500,000 acres in the area and the power for development of secondary industries would stabilize the whole agriculture picture of Saskatchewan.

He predicted that if the Grand Falls dam were built power-consuming industry would soon grow up within reach of the project's electricity supply.

"Industry goes to power," he said.

CCF Leader Caldwell and George Hahn SC—New Westminster said their parties will support Mr. Drew's motion.

Reds Head Rioting In Chilly Italy

FOGGIA, Italy (AP)—Thousands of jobless workers battled police in this bleak city Monday as Communist-led rioting spread through winter-battered southern Italy.

Demanding more winter relief, men and women tried to storm the Foggi city hall and headquarters of the Italian government prefect.

They fought with stones, clubs and knives. They were driven off by streams from fire hoses and a tear gas barrage. Three riot police were seriously injured and 12 rioters received bruises.

Forty-two alleged ringleaders were arrested. Police said most were Communist party cardholders.

It was the fourth large outbreak of crowd violence in southern Italy since the "Reds" latest recruiting drive, since the worst freeze of the century descended on Italy three weeks ago.

In Rome, Premier Antonio Segni called his cabinet into session to study the situation.

Agents reported that in Foggia, as well as in Benevento, Avellino and Andria where riots have broken out recently, Communist demonstrations have cropped up in other communities throughout the poverty-stricken south.

COLD DESTROYS FLOWERS

SAN REMO, Italy (AP)—Growers on the Riviera of the Flowers estimated today that 40 per cent of the flowers had been destroyed by cold. The association of flower producers estimated damage at \$11,000,000.

Britain Announces She Will Not Join In Wheat Agreement

GENEVA (CP) — Britain gave formal notice Monday that she will not join the new International Wheat Agreement being written by a 60-nation conference here.

The announcement raised the question of whether Canada will join. Trade Minister Howe told the Commons in Ottawa Britain's decision will lessen the agreement's effectiveness but declined to state definitely whether Canada will also drop out.

However, a trade department official said earlier Canada will not take part in a new wheat pact if Britain's decision means that only a small proportion of the world's wheat is to be covered by the agreement.

Although Britain is the world's biggest wheat importer, she is not a member of the agreement expiring July 31. However, she sent a delegation to the conference drafting the proposed new agreement.

The conference, which adjourned Nov. 16 last year to give governments time to consider the proposed draft, reopened Monday.

British delegate George Bishop promptly told the conference that "the United Kingdom government has decided that it is unable to adhere to a new agreement of the present kind."

TOO MUCH WHEAT

Bishop said that, in the British view, the world's main wheat problem is "the continuing production of wheat in excess of effective demand and the accumulation of surplus stocks."

He said the IWA does not deal effectively with the problem of surpluses.

In Ottawa, a trade department official said the Canadian government was not surprised by the British announcement.

"Canada regrets that the United Kingdom has not seen fit to join Canada still supports the agreement."

However, he recalled that Trade Minister Howe had told the Commons last week that Canada will be interested in joining the new agreement only if a very substantial quantity of wheat is covered by it.

State Dept. Has Been Marking Time

WASHINGTON (Reuters)—U. S. officials reported Monday that the state department will reach a decision soon on Israel's request for \$50,000,000 worth of fighter planes, arms and military supplies.

It is thought in authoritative quarters that Israel will be sold at least part of the arms shipment it requested three months ago, contending that Soviet bloc arms sales to Egypt threatened its security.

The state department had been marking time on the request because of its desire to avoid an arms race in the Middle East and to show its disapproval of a review of the Israeli armory in a violent border outbreak last month.

Disagreement still exists within the Eisenhower administration on the wisdom of adding such substantial quantities of equipment to present Middle East arms supplies.

But high level officials conceded that the new shipment of 18 modern light tanks to Saudi Arabia, one of the Arab bloc nations at issue with Israel, made it exceedingly difficult for the state department to resist the heavy pressures to sell the Israelis at least part of the weapons requested last November.

STUDYING REQUEST

Senior officials of the state and defence departments now are in the midst of a review of the Israeli request and a comprehensive study ordered by President Eisenhower of future arms shipments to the Middle East in general.

They were ordered as a result of last Friday's sudden embargo, and its cancellation a day later, on all arms sales to the area because of the sharp reaction caused by the tanks shipment to Saudi Arabia. The Associated Press reported that Saudi Arabia has 18 more U.S. tanks on order—M-47 Patton nearly twice as big as the M-41 Walker Bulldogs shipped Monday.

The AP said American and diplomatic officials also reported that Israel has received at least \$3,000,000 worth of U. S. ammunition, spare parts and radio gear since last August.

Adenauer Gets Setback In Vote

DUSSELDORF, Germany (AP)—Socialists of the left and Free Democrats of the right joined Monday to wrest control of West Germany's richest state from Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic party.

Proclaiming "the Adenauer era is ending," the unusual combine voted out of office—102 to 96—Premier Karl Arnold of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, home of the booming industrial Ruhr.

Arnold, son of Adenauer's top Lieutenant and a founder of the Christian Democratic party, was replaced by Socialist Fritz Steinhoff.

Leaders of the right-left alliance promptly said they will carry on their campaign to end what they called one-party domination of West Germany by Adenauer. Steinhoff said similar anti-Adenauer alliances may be welded to topple the Christian Democrats from power in other states.

The long-term aim of the alliance is to undermine Adenauer's political supremacy in preparation for the 1957 national election. The immediate objective is to force him to modify his unwavering pro-Western policy.

WANT UNITY TALKS

For despite their diametrically opposite views of domestic questions, the Socialists and Free Democrats agree on this: they want a more independent German foreign policy and direct German-Russian negotiations to end the division of their country.

In Bonn, the Christian Democratic party said in a statement the vote was "a defeat for the young German democracy."

A severe setback, which cannot help its reputation at home or abroad."

Adenauer's majority in the Bundestag (Upper House of Parliament) was seriously reduced on the eve of parliamentary decisions on permanent rearmament legislation. The Bundestag is composed of representatives elected by state parliaments.

In the national coalition in Bonn, the chancellor was left in an uneasy alliance with the same Free Democrats who deserted him in North Rhine-Westphalia.

Will Preside As Mr. Speaker

Mr. J. Augustin Gallant (above) whose name will be proposed as Speaker of the House when the Legislature meets today, is one of the Liberal representatives from the third district of Prince County. He is the son of Mr. Peter Gallant, Egmont Bay and received his early education at Egmont Bay school. He later attended Prince of Wales College, St. Dunstan's and Mount Allison Universities.

On graduation from University, he entered the teaching profession and taught in Prince County until the outbreak of the Second World War. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force and after serving with distinction overseas, was stationed at Penfield, N.B. and Mount Allison Universities.

Mr. Gallant is 39 years of age, and his wife is the former Marcella Bernard, a daughter of Hon. J.A. Bernard former Lieutenant Governor, and the late Mrs. Bernard. They have five children: Peter, Mickey, Carol, John and Robert.

Mr. Gallant is the first Speaker of the Prince Edward Island Legislature of Acadian descent since Hon. S.F. Perry a great grandfather of Mrs. Gallant, held the distinguished office in 1873. During his incumbency Mr. Perry was required to write the Reigning Queen Victoria for permission for Prince Edward Island to enter the Canadian Confederation. Mr. Perry's father is integrated in the British North America Act relative to this Province.

MODELS FLEE HOTEL FIRE

HELSINKI (Reuters) — Seven fashion models in night dress among them Miss Europe 1955—leapt into the snow from a burning hotel in Toronto, north Finland, Monday. Two bodies were found later in the ruins. Miss Europe, Helsinki's Inga Britt Soederberg and the six other models arrived in the hotel after giving a show in the nearby Swedish town of Haparanda.

FLOODS HIT AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters) — More heavy rain are forecast for New South Wales where weekend floods left about 6,000 persons homeless and flooded millions of acres of farmlands. An Australian Navy helicopter Monday rescued a man clinging to an overturned skiff after he had been washed out to sea by a swollen river.

There would be more folks trying to succeed if successful men seemed to enjoy life more!

Begin Dangerous Towing Job On Antarctic Supply Mission

LYTELTON, New Zealand (Reuters) — The U.S. Navy icebreaker Glacier, towing a barge laden with 275,000 gallons of fuel oil and 2,000 square yards of linoleum, left here Monday on a hazardous 2,000-mile supply mission to the American Antarctic expedition.

Because of the dangers involved in towing the low-lying barge through the rough seas, the normal crew of 22 was cut to eight for the voyage.

Cmdr. E. N. Maner, captain of the Glacier, said the barge "lies so low in the water that if she does get ice up we'll have to drop

to zero speed and wait better conditions or lie up in the shelter of one of the islands of the Ross sea."

Meanwhile, the British expedition ship Therop, now homeward bound from the Antarctic, is expected to reach London March 23, a radio message said today.

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