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Nuclear Statements By SC Reveal Mystery Variation

OTTAWA (CP)—The Social Credit Association of Canada has issued two separate policy statements on nuclear weapons. One was issued Feb. 14 in Ottawa and Montreal; the other in Edmonton about two weeks ago.

A party spokesman said the statements are identical except for one sentence which appears only in the one issued at Edmonton.

Both versions say a Social Credit "pledges that upon election, it will immediately appoint a non-partisan parliamentary defence committee to recommend defence policies in light of secret security information, military requirements and international developments."

The Edmonton statement adds: "A social Credit government would approve the adoption of the defence of Canada and in conjunction with her Allies in the defence of the Western world."

The spokesman said he had no idea why the sentence was added to the Edmonton statement or who had authorized it.

OTTAWA (CP)—The Social Credit Leader Thompson said in his election campaign kickoff speech in Montreal Feb. 24: "I will do all in my power to avoid Canada becoming a nuclear nation or having Canada involved in a nuclear war."

In an interview, March 6, he said that when a non-political committee of Parliament can decide whether or not nuclear warheads are needed for Canada, "then we must accept the will of the majority as to what is essential."

The same day he issued a statement in which he said "Social Credit regards it the right and duty of each member of Parliament to bring his views and those of his constituents to Parliament and to fight for them in debate and in any committee on which he may serve."

Deputy Leader L. Couette has consistently declared his personal opposition to acquisition of nuclear weapons in Canada.



COLDER THAN USUAL

Temperatures will remain below normal over Eastern Canada from mid-March to mid-April, according to the United States weather bureau. Most of western Canada will enjoy above normal temperatures. The forecast, based on long range predictions, is subject to error.

BAY FORTUNE

At the dance held in Fortune Hall recently, music was furnished by Miss Marilyn Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Dingwell and family were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Delaney, Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Major Reid, Rollo Bay West, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Peters, Rollo Bay East.



S'SIDE HIGH GIRLS WIN BASKETBALL CROWN

The Summerside High School girls' basketball team won the Island Intercollegiate Senior "A" championship for the second straight year last Friday night defeating Prince of Wales High in two straight games. After the game at Civic Auditorium the plaque emblematic of the championship was presented to Team Captain Judy Cook by Rev. F. A. Cameron, principal of St. Dunstan's High School and secretary-treasurer of the P.E.I. Scholastic Athletic Association. The presentation was made on behalf of the association. At right is the coach of the team, Mrs. Mark Ferguson.

Bank Head Urges Efforts To Keep Economy Rolling

By DON HANRIGHT
OTTAWA (CP)—Louis Rasminsky, governor of the Bank of Canada, has called for sustained and vigorous efforts by government, industry and labor to keep up the momentum of improvement in Canada's balance payments.

He noted in his annual report that last year Canada's current-account deficit—narrowed to \$850,000,000 from \$950,000,000 in 1961.

Mr. Rasminsky said that when, on the basis of recent experience, it would have been normal for the deficit to increase.

He stressed that the lower exchange value of the Canadian dollar, taken in conjunction with the degree of price stability we have been able to maintain, has played a helpful role in the improvement which has occurred, and that if we take advantage of our opportunities we can expect to derive additional benefits from this and other actions that have been taken affecting our balance of payments.

"At the same time, sustained and vigorous efforts on the part of government, industry and labor to increase the efficiency, flexibility and skills of the Canadian economy will be needed if the momentum of improvement in our international accounts is to be maintained."

Farm Production In Russia Reported Increasing Slowly

By PRESTON GROVER
MOSCOW (AP)—A Soviet economic magazine says that despite repeated reorganizations, Russian agricultural production continues to increase only slowly.

The magazine, Ekonomika Voprosi (Economic Questions), reported Saturday that the annual rate of increase per acre of land had been only 1 1/2 per cent since 1958, compared with a substantially larger increase in the years from 1953 to 1958.

Despite this record, Premier Khrushchev last week ordered still one more reorganization of the agricultural department, saying an effort to get enough wheat, meat and milk to make living easy in this Communist country.

Ivan Vlodavchenko, 46, a genius farmer, was chosen to head the agricultural department, succeeding Konstantin Pavlov who lasted little more than a year.

In the last 10 years, land put under the plow in the Soviet Union has increased well over one-third, the economics magazine indicated, and production has gone up proportionately, but the increase per acre, which jumped sharply after 1953—a low production year—has slowed down.

MORE CAPITAL NEEDED
Soviet statistics are a confusing tangle even to Soviet economists but Western agricultural specialists have expressed the view repeatedly that constant

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