

Veteran Parliamentarian Celebrates 90th Birthday

VANCOUVER (CP)—George Black, former soldier, parliamentarian and adventurer, celebrated his 90th birthday Wednesday.

"It's been a good life, yes, a long, happy one," he says.

Mr. Black's life has been filled with adventure. He is a veteran of the great Klondike gold rush but made only enough money from mining to buy a house and practice in the Yukon.

Yukon politics in those days of the late 1890s were as wild as the Yukon itself. It was Mr. Black, a native of Woodstock, N.B., began his political life, which was crowned when he became Speaker of the House of Commons in 1930.

From 1905 to 1911 he was a member of the Yukon territorial legislature of the area. He was appointed commissioner of the Yukon in 1914 and remained in office until 1916, when he led the Yukon Infantry Company overseas during the First World War.

FIRST ELECTED IN 1921

He was first elected to the Commons in 1921 as a Conservative candidate for the Yukon and served successively until 1949—except for one term owing to ill health. He was Speaker of the House from 1930 to 1935. He retired in 1949.

During Mr. Black's illness-enforced absence from the Commons, from 1935 to 1940, his Yukon constituency was held by the man, Martha. She died in 1957 at 91. The following year

GEORGE BLOCK

Mr. Black married Sadie King, a widow and sister of the late Mickey O'Rourke, VC.

Among the first greetings to arrive for his 90th birthday was one from Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

When he was still very young, Mr. Black's family moved from Woodstock to Richibucto near Moncton and he received his early schooling there.

He recalls that when he was 17, he went to Fredericton to work in an uncle's law office. He rented a tiny bare room and there, with two pals, "read and ate" law books.

He was admitted to the bar of New Brunswick in 1896 when he was 23.

Possession Of Liquor Case Adjudged In Police Court

The case of George Reid, 348 Dorchester Street, charged with the illegal possession of liquor in a place other than his residence, was adjudged at Trial 23 by Magistrate A.J. Haslam.

The accused pleaded not guilty in city police court Thursday.

Constable Maynard Roy and William Wilson, of the 104th Detachment of the RCMP, who seized the liquor, were called to the stand by crown attorney Alan K. Seales and gave testimony.

The case of John H. Reid, Charlottetown, charged with unlawfully failing to register a motor vehicle in this province for 10 days following its purchase in another province, was further adjudged to Trial 23.

George Anderson, Union Street on the same charge, was fined \$50 and costs or 30 days.

Winston H. MacPhee, Charlottetown, pleaded guilty to the charge of causing bodily harm to the face with his fist, and was remanded to April 18. When he

returned to court for sentencing, he must have a bill of \$86.50 paid covering the hospital and doctor bill and the week's wages lost by the complainant, Gerald Morrisey.

Dennis M. Irving, Charlottetown, charged with disorderly conduct, pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and costs or 15 days.

On a charge of being drunk and disorderly, Percy MacInnis, Charlottetown, was fined \$10 and costs or five days. The sentence was light due to the fact that he has already spent nine days in jail while the case was being heard.

Five charges of failing to stop at a stop sign, all brought on fines of \$5 and costs or two days.

LOVE CELEBRATING

The Burmese love celebrating and take four days to ring in the Buddhist New Year in April.

Cross examinations were conducted by John P. Nicholson, counsel for the defence.

The present term ends in October, 1964, and the betting now is that Macmillan will not call for a general election before next May, when the 1963 budget has had its hoped-for effect on the economy and after the voters have been sweetened by more tax cuts in the 1964 budget.

At the moment, according to the polls, more than 60 per cent of the nation's voters think Labor will win the next election.

SCARS STILL SHOW

VANCOUVER (CP)—This city still shows the scars of Typhoon Freda which wreaked havoc on the lower mainland of British Columbia last fall. The All Canada Insurance Federation estimated the storm Dec. 12-15 caused close to \$100,000,000 damage to private homes on the mainland.

ANITA MARRIES

LUGANO, Switzerland (AP)—Swedish film star Anita Ekberg was married in a civil ceremony Tuesday to American film actor Rick van Nutter. Assistant mayor Edgardo Bernasconi of the Lugano suburb of Vignanello performed the ceremony. "It was very simple, improvised and very beautiful," Vignanello Mayor Modesto Taddei said.

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Red Camp Gives Welcome To Pope's Peace Letter

BY GERALD MILLER

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Communist camp has given a rousing welcome to Pope John's encyclical "pacem in terris" (peace on earth).

Without waiting for word from Moscow, the major Communist parties of Western Europe praised the Pope's call for peace and disarmament.

The encyclical and the recent anti-symptomatic of the spirit developing between communism and Roman Catholicism.

It has become increasingly clear in the last six months that the Vatican is attempting a new approach to communism, displaying a willingness to talk with Communist governments on non-ideological issues.

The Soviet world likewise shows a desire for a new and less hostile approach to the church.

CHANGE WITH TIME

Without mentioning communism by name, Pope John's encyclical said that under certain conditions Catholics could work with persons who reject Catholic doctrine. The Pope said that political movements change a great deal with time even though the basic philosophies remain the same.

Commenting on the encyclical, the French party organ L'Humanite expressed "a sense of satisfaction." The Italian party organ L'Unita talked of "a spirit of negotiation."

None mentioned the encyclical's real firmation of the church's bedrock opposition to

Communist philosophy and methods.

Though Pope John opened the door to practical cooperation in the effort to achieve world peace, he kept it tightly closed against Communist dictatorship.

He spoke against fear and punishment as means of government and stressed that men have the right to choose their leaders.

But the pontiff made plain that despite such objections, all men must make every effort to reduce world tensions.

PROVIDE EVIDENCE

Concrete evidence of the change in relations between the Vatican and the Kremlin first came six months ago when Russian Orthodox churchmen came to the Vatican ecumenical council as observers. It was the

first formal contract between the churches since the 11th century. The Russians made another overture to the Vatican in February by releasing Archbishop Joseph Slipyi, primate of the Ukrainians, after 18 years in Siberia.

Last month, the Pope received Soviet Premier Khrushchev's son-in-law Alexei Adzhubei, and his wife in private audience. This was the first papal audience ever given to a top Communist.

LIVESTOCK

MONTREAL (CP)—Hogs were 25 to 50 cents higher, calves \$1 to \$3 lower than last week on the Montreal livestock markets this week. Trading was generally active under a fair demand.

Receipts were: 1,349 cattle, 3,300 calves, 1,638 hogs and 106 sheep and lambs. Cattle receipts of the last week were 1,417.

Good steers sold at 23.25 to 25.00, medium 20.25 and common 15.25. Good heifers were 20.25 to 22.00, medium 15.75 and common 12.19.

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BICYCLING 600 MILES

These Simcoe, Ont., teenagers are taking advantage of their Easter holidays to bicycle 600 miles around the Lake Erie shoreline. They set out and by the time they re-

turn they'll have crossed the international border twice. Left to right are Stan Haskett, 17; Jim Crandall, 15, and Tom Hebert, 16. (CP Wirephoto).

British Tories Given New Hope

BY FRASER WIGHTON

LONDON (Reuters)—Prime Minister Macmillan's Conservative party has found new hope in the downward trend of the last 18 months that seemed to have ended any prospect of a fourth consecutive general election triumph.

The Conservatives, though still far behind the opposition Labor party in public opinion polls, have had their morale boosted by three developments in the last two weeks.

First was Treasury chief Reginald Maudling's 1963 budget which slashed taxes and offered incentives to business to move into the economically depressed areas of Britain.

Second was Macmillan's own pep talks to rank-and-file Conservative members of Parliament Wednesday when the prime minister squashed rumors that he planned to resign in favor of a younger man and vowed to lead the party to victory in the next election.

And third was the opinion polls themselves, which have shown a slight reversal in the growth of Labor popularity for the first time in months.

servatives, but this was a drop of two per cent from last February.

A sobering factor of the latter, however, is that the government's gains appear to be mainly at the expense of the minority Liberal party, at its lowest ebb in the polls since the fall of 1961.

But the Conservatives also realize that the apparent slight improvement in their fortunes recently is only a start, and that massive gains must be made if they are to have any chance of winning another five-year term in office.

The latest polls gave Labor a 12-per-cent lead over the Conservatives, but his viewing range and underwater mobility is limited. The bathyscope would be used to scan the submarine's bulk, not to try to salvage it.

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