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PM Denies Auto Deal Ignores Buyer Benefit

Price Cut Is Evident, Guelph Audience Told



FRAUD, ARSON

By BEN WARD
GUELPH, Ont. (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson dismissed as "complete nonsense" Wednesday allegations the new Canadian States auto agreement gives \$50,000,000 a year to auto firms and ignores consumer benefits.

"The automotive agreement is reducing car prices," he told 400 persons at a coffee-and-sandwiches election campaign reception here. "The facts now show it."

The prime minister said the tariff rebates contained in the job-creating agreement work out to \$70 a car.

"The first company to publish 1966 price lists was General Motors," he went on. "It has reduced prices, compared with the equivalent car last year, by an average of \$73. In other words, the full saving in tariff has been passed to the consumer."

He said Conservative and New Democratic Party critics of the auto pact "have lately become remarkably silent on the issue," and singled out Conservative Alfred D. Hales, seeking re-election here in Wellington South in the Nov. 8 vote.

Inside the entrance hall he stroked the dark wood of the banister and told Mrs. Witzel: "I used to slide down these stairs. I see that the post I knocked off at the bottom has never been replaced."

WAS ON PHONE
Before setting out on his day of campaigning, Mr. Pearson spent two hours in his Toronto hotel suite, talking on the telephone to Ottawa and London about the Rhodesian situation.

He told reporters it is "highly unlikely" he will be asked to serve on the Commonwealth prime ministers' mission to Rhodesia proposed by Prime Minister Wilson of Britain.

However, he said that if he was asked to join the mission he would go.

Mr. Pearson told his adult audience in Guelph he had spent a good deal of time on the Rhodesian problem because it would be a catastrophe if the white government of that African nation seized independence on its own terms.

"Rhodesia may seem to be far removed from Guelph, but in our modern terms it is not very far at all," he said. World problems now were on everybody's doorstep.

The only unsettling incident of the prime minister's day came when two youths in the crowd of school children shoved small placards in front of him, lettered: "Is honesty, Liberal policy?" and "Lester, you stole our vote."

Mr. Pearson smiled and walked past the youths, who told reporters they were students at the University of Guelph, but refused to give their names. One of them admitted he was too young to vote.

Canadian Flags Disappear From Diefenbaker's Cars

By STEWART MacLEOD
LETHBRIDGE (CP)—Conservative Leader Diefenbaker rode on toward the Rocky Mountain foothills Wednesday, mingling with farmers, Ruttles and Indians and driving for the first time in a motorcade decorated with maple leaf flags.

But the flags didn't last long. While the Conservative leader was delivering a 20-minute talk to several hundred school children at Taber, someone was quietly removing all the flags from the six cars outside.

The removal operation was something of a mystery. All local organizers, responsible for the cavalcade, disclaimed knowledge of the lost flags when questioned by reporters.

One of the drivers said someone took away the flags, which were taped to the right front fender of each car, because "they said they shouldn't have been there." He didn't know "they."

Conservative candidate Deane Gundlock of Lethbridge said he didn't know who took away the flags. "Some nut, I guess."

classes by the time he arrived at the auditorium.

"Maybe we're at the wrong place," he said, surveying the empty school.

"Clear the decks, they are coming," warned Mrs. Diefenbaker as a stampede of students headed back for the auditorium.

Because of the delay in the schedule, Mr. Diefenbaker bypassed a visit to the Taber sugar beet factory.

Earlier he met about 150 people at Bow Island. He and Mrs. Diefenbaker shook hands with virtually all of them an hour after the special train left Medicine Hat at 7:30 a.m.

"In 1957 and '58," he said, "we averaged about 45 people at whistle-stops. Much greater crowds this time."

MEETS INDIANS
At Fort Macleod, some 400 persons, the majority being school children, packed the platform when Mr. Diefenbaker's train pulled in two hours late.

Three Indian chiefs from the Peigan tribe were there in full attire to meet the leader. Mr. Diefenbaker was jostled by milling school children as aides tried to clear a path for him.

He talked for a few minutes with Norm Grier, 78-year-old

former rancher, who said he never voted anything but Conservative in a federal election.

Arthur Small Legs, Conservative organizer for the Peigan tribe, said he could deliver 500 Conservative votes.

Along the railline, on which Mr. Diefenbaker travelled toward the rally in Lethbridge, school children dominated the crowds. Their teachers gave them time off to see the Conservative leader. More than half the 200 people at Clare-helm were school children. They welcomed Mr. Diefenbaker with such placards as: "Your vote for Honest John will get Rivard's friends out of Ottawa."

He met some 50 people at Nanton and more than 150 were out at Highriver for a 15-minute stop.



IN THE SAME BAG

Dr. Guy Marcoux, MP for the 24-page booklet in which he says Transport Minister John Pickersgill and Finance Minister John Doyle participated in transactions which led six creditists to support the Pearson's Liberal government after the 1963 general election. The book is entitled "Dans le meme sac" meaning "In The Same Bag". It was released Wednesday. Dr. Marcoux said the pamphlet contains only some extracts from a book that he is writing and will be published within a few months. He said the affair of the six was the shadiest usurpation of political power in the history of Canada. (CP Wirephoto)

Speculation On Cabinet Shuffle Is Rampant In Quebec Circles

QUEBEC (CP)—Rumors that a provincial cabinet reshuffle might be announced today are growing in Quebec City.

Asked about this, Premier Jean Lesage has only smiled and said, "the newspapers are always shuffling my cabinet for me."

Mr. Lesage has called a meeting of his cabinet for today.

On his return last week from his three-week tour of Western Canada, he said he would have to put back to today a cabinet meeting scheduled for Tuesday "because I have too much to do."

One particular report stands out among all those now circulating: about the next Quebec cabinet reshuffle. It is that Revenue Minister Eric Kierans will become minister of health within a few months.

The minister of health, who runs the hospital-insurance program, oversees the biggest departmental budget—about \$400,000,000 annually.

Demonstrators Stone, Sack, Jakarta Red Headquarters

JAKARTA (AP)—Young demonstrators stoned and sacked a Communist youth headquarters here Wednesday in support of the Indonesian army's anti-Communist campaign, reputed now to have the tacit approval of President Sukarno.

About 2,000 strong, the mob smashed windows, seized documents and broke furniture in the Communist youth hall only 100 yards from Sukarno's palace. The hall has been a traditional gathering place for anti-Western street demonstrations.

As in other such raids since Moslem youths burned the head-

quarters of the Indonesian Communist party (PKI) here last Friday, the demonstrators shouted for destruction of the party and the death of its fugitive leader, D. N. Aidit.

"Hang Aidit," they cried. "Crush the PKI."

They made a bonfire of the documents and broken furniture.

DISPERSED MOB
Troops posted nearby watched without interfering. But palace guards moved in with fixed bayonets and broke it up when it seemed the demonstrators might get out of hand.

Smith, Cabinet Discuss Issue

SALISBURY (Reuters)—Prime Minister Ian Smith met with his cabinet for three hours Wednesday on the explosive issue of Rhodesian independence, but neither he nor his ministers would say whether they reached any decision.

Nor was there any indication of the white-minority government's attitude to Tuesday night's dramatic appeal by British Prime Minister Wilson.

In a radio-television speech to Britons — and to Smith, with whom he had just concluded an unsuccessful series of talks — Wilson proposed a new Commonwealth initiative to break the deadlock on the Rhodesian independence issue.

Plowing Opened By Hays

By IAN MacLAINE
MILLIKEN, Ont. (CP)—Harry Hays, federal minister of agriculture in the last Parliament, Wednesday urged further co-operation at all levels of government to offset possible food shortages as 16 competitors completed their opening day furrows in the Canadian Plowing championships.

Mr. Hays was speaking to a frock-coated crowd beneath cloudy skies at the official opening of the matches in this hamlet of 200 persons on the northern fringe of Metropolitan Toronto.

The Canadian championships are being held in conjunction with the 52nd International Plowing championships that will decide an Ontario champion by Saturday.

The two-day Canadian championships, with team representation from every province except Alberta and Newfoundland, started with contestants plowing stubble in 60-foot wide plots and ends today with sod plowing.

GROUND FIRM
Plowing conditions were ideal for opening day as the clay-loam soil, saturated by several days of rain, was firm and closely packed and competitors were better able to control their tractors and two-furrow plows.

Maritime teams include Roy Allison, 42, and Aubrey C. Smith, 35, both of Athol, N.S.; Barry Wilson, 22, of Cornwall and Eric Phillips, 23, of O'Leary as the P.E.I. delegates; and Allison M. Briggs, 26, of Plaster Rock and Gary Gray, 22, of Midland, the New Brunswick team.

Last year's Canadian champion, Donald Dunkeld of Clarendon, Ont., and Carl Willis of Charlottetown, runner-up, competed in the 1965 world championships at Oslo, Norway, Oct. 6-9.

Pearson Hails Wilson Offer

TORONTO (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson Wednesday acclaimed as "a wise and imaginative proposal" the suggestion of Prime Minister Wilson of Britain that a mission of Commonwealth leaders attempt to ease the Rhodesia crisis.

Mr. Pearson, interviewed at Toronto International Airport while en route to Guelph, Ont., to campaign for the Nov. 8 general election, said he was notified of the proposal in a telegram from Mr. Wilson Monday.

Following a threat from Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith to declare independence from Britain without the United Kingdom's approval, Mr. Wilson suggested that a mission of senior commonwealth premiers try to see whether agreement can be reached.

Mr. Pearson said: "I have wired back that I thought this was a wise and imaginative proposal and we would give it our full support and complete approval. We will do anything we can to help in this matter."

The Canadian prime minister added: "I hope that a mission of this kind, if it could be sent and received by the Rhodesian government, might through consultation postpone—if not prevent—a step which I think would be disastrous for Rhodesia."

Asked whether he would be a member of the mission, Mr. Pearson said: "I have no reason to believe I would be asked to take part in it, but if I were asked to take part and it was considered important that I should be a member of the mission, well, of course I would go."

Ship Said Unstable On Voyage

MONTREAL (CP)—Counsel for the transport department said Wednesday the freighter Fort William, which sank last month in Montreal harbor with the loss of five lives, had insufficient stability all the way down the St. Lawrence Seaway from Hamilton, Ont.

The counsel, Kenneth C. MacKay made the statement at the opening of an official inquiry into the sinking of the Canadiana Steamship Lines freighter.

The Fort William, loaded with 300 tons of calcium carbide, steel and other cargo, exploded just after berthing here Sept. 14.

The department of transport is calling 22 witnesses including the ship's captain, Sam E. Wilkinson, Capt. Wilkinson was trapped in his cabin following the explosion and had to be rescued by members of his crew.

Mr. MacKay said the ship had doors in its side for unloading cargo. The doors were opened when the ship docked here and while trying to lighten the vessel, he said, it became unstable and started to list.

At this point water rushed in the cargo doors. He said the explosion occurred while the ship was sinking.

More Refugees Reach Key West

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP)—Braving angry seas in small craft, 102 more Cubans crossed the Florida Straits Wednesday before bad weather temporarily stopped the flow.

At the same time, a possibility arose that Fidel Castro might see free tens of thousands of political prisoners who are in jail because they oppose his regime.

Leaders On Hustings

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Pearson—Ottawa.
Diefenbaker—Calgary.
Douglas—Galt, Ont.
Thompson—Saskatchewan.
Cautele — Terrebonne riding in Quebec.

Heath's Speech Lacking In Fire

By CARL MOLLINS
BRIGHTON, England (CP)—Edward Heath served up a fish-and-chips speech Wednesday to a Conservative party conference hungry for an exciting new political menu from their chief.

Heath, elected leader last July as the up-to-date Tory answer to Prime Minister Wilson's modern socialism, addressed his party for the first time with a flat recital of how Britain should "build up one by one our achievements as a country."

His 40-minute speech was a repeat run through a 23-page Tory manifesto published a week ago, a subject already exhaustively praised by a two-hour parade of conference speakers who preceded Heath.

The leader repeated his pledge that a Conservative government would try again to join the European Common Market. But he added that the first priority is to strengthen the British economy, get out of debt and "once again be able to hold our heads high in the world and use our influence for good."

POLITELY APPLAUDED
The 4,000 party delegates, crowded on canvas chairs into a decaying hockey arena, gave Heath a polite standing ovation. But there was none of the spontaneous cheering that greeted Wilson's major address to the Labor party conference two weeks ago, a speech credited with stretching Labor's lead

Fulton Planning Leadership Try

VANCOUVER (CP)—E. Davie Fulton said Wednesday he expects to be a candidate for leadership of the Progressive Conservative party "if and when a leadership convention takes place in the proper circumstances."

The former justice minister in the Diefenbaker government, told a press conference it has never been any secret that on a long-range basis he is a potential leadership candidate.



REQUIRED READING

It'll be a few years before Damir Djoric, 6, finds his name up there, but there's no harm in taking an advance peek. To reach the height of his political ambition, Damir enlisted the aid of two of his Vancouver playmates. (CP Wirephoto)

MASTER PUBLICIST, TORY ADMITS

Wilson's Dash To See Queen Takes Spotlight From Heath

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Wilson, a political strategist without equal in Britain, snatched the limelight Wednesday with a dramatic dash to see the Queen in Scotland, effectively upstaging rival Edward Heath's debut at the Conservative party convention.

Tory delegates at Brighton, baffled and infuriated by newspaper speculation on Wilson's trip—could he be about to call a general election?—heard one of their members of Parliament describe the Labor premier as "the master publicist of the age."

But Wilson had in fact only gone to brief the Queen on the Rhodesian crisis and give her a full account of last week's deadlock negotiations with Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith. But the mystery and drama surrounding the 1,000-mile jet flight to Balmoral Castle and back—Royal protocol disapproves of advance publicity on audiences—kept its flavor long enough to wreck public interest in Heath's speech.

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