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SAYS TAX RENTALS UNFAIR

Opposition Leader Makes Motion Of Non-Confidence

A vote of non-confidence in the Government was moved yesterday afternoon by Mr. R.R. Bell, leader of the Opposition after he had completed his speech on the Draft Address.

The Motion introduced by the Opposition Leader reads as follows: "We regret that your Honor's advisers have failed, by reason of indifference, inertia and lack of leadership in the face of serious provincial financial problems to press our claims at Ottawa for a better tax rental agreement and are not entitled to the confidence of this House and have lost the confidence of the people of Prince Edward Island."

Mr. Bell said, "every five years, a new arrangement has been finalized—I do not know if a new one last year was completed or not and the Speech from the Throne is devoid of any reference. This is something the people wish to know, this to my mind is root of all our troubles."

"What is our situation. Is it true, what I read in the press? Is it a fact that our Federal revenue will be less in 1957 than in at least a million more? No wonder the Government is embarrassed; no wonder we have no money for education and other necessary public works."

"If the press reports are correct, and no doubt they are, we are getting a rotten and unjustifiable deal and our local government has completely failed in their duty to the people to see that this Province gets a fair deal. I can't understand what is going on and the people of the Province are ignorant of the actual situation."

"It has been given out that the new deal with the Provinces will cost the Federal Government some 15 per cent additional in subsidies—upwards of \$200,000,000 possibly."

MILLION AND HALF EXTRA "If we got this average increase we should have received for"

Adenauer Accepts Red Offer To Discuss Increased Trade

BONN (Reuters) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer Thursday accepted a Soviet offer to discuss increased trade between West Germany and Russia.

He also agreed to negotiate for an agreement to facilitate the repatriation of Germans held in Russia since the Second World War. But the 81-year-old chancellor rejected Moscow's renewed call for direct negotiations between the East and West German governments on reunification. He also rebuffed charges that West Germany's Atlantic Pact partners are trying to involve her in a nuclear war.

Adenauer replied to a private letter Feb. 8 from Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin. The 2,000-word reply was delivered in Moscow Wednesday and published here Thursday night.

RELATIONS UNSATISFACTORY Bulganin had commented that Soviet-West German relations had not progressed satisfactorily since Adenauer's trip to Moscow in September, 1955.

The Soviet premier proposed a trade treaty and consular convention which, he said, would facilitate repatriation of both Germans and Russians.

Bulganin also reaffirmed the Kremlin argument that the Bonn government must recognize and negotiate with Communist East Germany to effect reunification of the divided nation.

1957-58 about one and one-half millions extra, but are we to get anything. Just listen Mr. Speaker, New Brunswick, a Conservative Province, is getting an increase of \$4 1/2 millions; Newfoundland 3 millions, Nova Scotia, another Conservative Province an increase of 28 per cent or about 6 millions, Alberta, a wealthy province, an increase of nearly 9 millions and Quebec and Ontario, if they want it, large increases of tens of millions.

"What is to be done, Mr. Speaker, your Government has failed where all other Provinces have succeeded. Perhaps a threat might have some effect. Just as Mr. St. Laurent threatened to scuttle the Commonwealth, why not a dose of his own medicine, and a threat to leave Confederation. Something must be done and done soon if we are to save this Province, otherwise it will be deserted, signs of which we can see at present."

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Will Boost Feed Grain Freight Aid

OTTAWA (CP) — Increases in federal freight assistance on shipments of prairie feed grain, aimed at offsetting some of the recent freight rate boosts, will take effect today.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner announced the change in the Commons. The federal subsidy, begun in 1941 to encourage wartime livestock production, applies to feed grain moving from the Lakehead to Eastern Canada and from Alberta to British Columbia.

Mr. Gardiner said that because of recent freight rate increases, the subsidy has become a smaller proportion of total freight costs. The revision would restore "approximately the same percentage relation between freight assistance and freight costs as prevailed before the recent freight increase."

It is the first change in the subsidy since Jan. 28, 1955, when the aid was cut on feed grain moving to Ontario, Quebec and B.C. There was no immediate estimate of the cost of the present boost. In the crop year ended last July 31, \$17,046,000 in subsidy was paid on 2,576,643 tons of feed grain.

For the Montreal zone, the subsidy will cover \$5 of the present \$12.20-a-ton freight cost. It is an increase from \$4.50. Two years ago the freight charge was \$11 a ton.

HOPES RAISED MIDEAST SETTLEMENT NEAR

Report Israel Will Accept Withdrawal Plan Today

Education Hearings Will Begin Soon, Says Premier

"I am in one hundred per cent agreement with what the Opposition Leader has said in regard to our fiscal needs," said Premier Matheson. "In fact everything he said, was said by me in budget speech at the last Session of the House". The Premier spoke briefly before the adjournment of the House yesterday evening. He will resume the debate when the House meets on Monday at 3.00 p.m.

Dealing with the Opposition Leader's criticism of the Government for not setting up a Royal Commission on education, Mr. Matheson said that only a few weeks ago the Government had been waited upon by a widely representative group on educational matters.

He said many members of the delegation had different ideas on what should be done. "No one seemed to know what the other was asking for," he said, "but all seemed unanimous in wanting a Royal Commission". "Instead of the Royal Commission we are shortly going to appoint a select standing committee on

Education at an early date and the members named to that committee will hear these different opinions. Members are elected by the people and they should be prepared to listen to what the people have to say", he added.

The Premier felt that the figures referred to by Mr. Bell in regard to comparative salaries paid teachers were in error and said this would be one point taken up by the Committee.

Mr. Matheson said he could not agree with the Leader of the Opposition when he said that higher salaries would solve all the teaching problems. "As a matter of fact, Mr. Parker who was with the delegation in education said salaries were of only secondary importance", said the Premier.

Referring to the Opposition Leader's motion of non-confidence the Premier said the only place where inertia was evident was in the Opposition.

Mr. Bell: "How about a by-election in first Queens before the Federal Election?" Premier: "You want an election in First Queens? You may get it sooner than you think".

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION The Premier said that with good progress the remaining rural electrification applications for 260 miles should be pretty well taken care of by the end of the year. He reported that in spite of the sleet storm in 1956, a total of 120 miles had been completed. This makes a total of 346.7 miles altogether.

He stated that with the extension of the rural electrification program throughout the Province, the Maritime Electric Company had seen fit to reduce their rates so that at present rural users of electrical energy were now experiencing a savings of \$91,000 per year.

STORM INSURANCE Since the sleet storm of last year, the Company has been out a storm policy for \$1,000,000 with \$25,000 deductible at an annual premium of \$2,500.

Referring to the cost of installation, the Premier said the initial estimate was for \$2,000 per mile and in most instances this figure has been cut somewhat. He noted that a good report had been received from a Quebec crew now working in the Western part of the Province. He pointed out that these linemen were doing more work in the same length of time than other crews but at the same time their cost per mile was slightly higher, \$2,011 - \$2,591 per mile.

Man Is Held In Shooting Case WINDSOR, Ont. (CP) — Four Hamilton police officers arrived here Thursday night to pick up a man wanted in connection with the shooting of a Hamilton woman Wednesday night.

Windsor police picked up Alexander Markovich, 30, as he attempted to board a tunnel bus for Detroit. Detectives said they made the arrest on a Hamilton police request.

Markovich, police said, appeared at the tunnel entrance less than an hour after another Hamilton man had reported he had been forced to drive him to Windsor.

Hamilton police issued the province-wide warrant for the arrest of Markovich after the body of Mrs. Jelena Lacz was found in her Hamilton apartment.



PREMIER MATHESON

U.S. Sources Optimistic That Arabs Will Give Approval

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP) — A new report Thursday night that Israel will announce today her acceptance of the United Nations assembly's Feb. 2 resolutions to withdraw her troops from the Gaza Strip and the Egyptian side of the Gulf of Aqaba raised hopes here that the Middle East deadlock may be broken this weekend.

Earlier a belief that the expected Israeli withdrawal announcement would once again lay down conditions unacceptable to Egypt and the Arab states had caused pessimism. Many quarters felt the announcement would change the situation unchanged.

During the evening, however, The Associated Press quoted "a high diplomatic source" as saying that the Israelis would withdraw in accordance with the American-sponsored resolutions which Egypt and the Arab states voted for at the beginning of the month.

The resolutions called first for an immediate withdrawal behind the 1949 armistice lines, then for both Egypt and Israel to observe the armistice terms and endorse recommendations by Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold of the UN for stationing the UN Emergency Force along the line. The vague wording of this second resolution was credited with getting its support from the Arab bloc.

CANADA APPROVES It was learned that Britain, Canada and France had been informed by the U.S. of the new proposals and had signified their approval. The reaction of the Arab states was not immediately learned, but the use of the resolution they had already voted for was an apparent bid for their support.

The Israelis let it be known Thursday, after continuing talks at the state department in the U.S. capital, that they would make the withdrawal statement when the UN assembly meets today.

The announcement came from Washington late in the afternoon after Egypt and Jordan had both criticized the United States move in the UN toward a settlement. Egypt protested bitterly against Israel's continued "playing for time."

Canada had no comment on the decision pending its announcement in the assembly. But External Affairs Minister Pearson was understood to feel that it would be unrealistic to assume that the talks outside the UN, in which the Arab side was not consulted, would achieve any co-operation from that quarter.

Informed sources thought the Israeli announcement will include N. B. Child Is Burned To Death NEWCASTLE, N.B. (CP)—Four-year-old Roger Richard was burned to death Thursday when fire destroyed his home at Beaverbrook, 12 miles from here. Two brothers and a brother were injured.

Nine children were in the new, one-storey dwelling with their mother when a stove exploded after a child poured gasoline into it. Cecilia, one of the oldest children, was badly cut by glass and overcome by fumes in trying to rescue Roger Fernandez, 1, and Regina, 7, suffered severe burns and cuts.

The father, Victor Richard, and another son were at work. BIGGEST PIKE LONDON (Reuters) — London businessman Harold Atherton has landed the biggest pike ever caught in England—a 41-pounder described as having "head like a crocodile." Caught in a lake near Welney, Norfolk, the pike was 46 inches long with a girth of 27 inches.

Biggest Immigrant Airlift Is Scheduled To Begin March 15

OTTAWA (CP)—The biggest immigrant airlift the Canadian government has ever undertaken will begin March 15, Immigration Minister Pickersgill announced Thursday.

He said in the Commons that the first of 350 special charter flights is scheduled March 15 to bring British and French immigrants to Canada. This airlift will also be bringing over from Australian refugee camps.

assumptions on what would follow the withdrawal. But since such a move requires the consent of Egypt, opposition would leave the situation unchanged.

Israel has refused to withdraw without guarantees of protection against Egyptian aggression. ANNOUNCED IN ASSEMBLY Israel made its announcement as the assembly took up the Middle East debate again. Delegation member Mordecai Kidron said only that "the Israeli delegation will be in a position to make a statement on the Israeli plan for withdrawal at a meeting of the General Assembly today."

Shortly afterwards Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban confirmed the withdrawal would be announced. Pearson kept in close touch during the day by telephone with A. D. P. Heeney, Canadian Ambassador to Washington, who was being kept informed on the progress of the American-Israeli talks.

Meanwhile Canada had no immediate plans for any further intervention in the UN. Pearson indicated that he did not put his four-point settlement proposals into the assembly in the form of a resolution since the U.S. at that time had been working on one of its own.

The U.S., however, has taken no further action on its resolution in view of the Washington negotiations. SUCCESS DOUBTFUL The Canadians were understood to feel that while a settlement through the Washington efforts would be welcome, its prospects of success were dim.

American sources said it was expected the Israeli statement would be followed by individual declarations by the U.S., France and other countries. There was more speculation on the what would happen in the Gaza Strip in the event of withdrawal. Pearson and others have suggested the deployment of the UN Emergency Force there, plus some form of UN civil administration. Getting Egyptian agreement appeared unlikely.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi told the assembly that Egypt had "hardly been consulted" and "scarcely been informed" about the Washington talks. He called the situation "intolerable."

The Egyptian minister also criticized France's participation. Believe Plane Ran Out Of Gas OTTAWA (CP)—Indications are that an RCAF Mitchell bomber that crashed Feb. 17 in a residential area of St. James, Man., ran out of gas, the parliamentary assistant to Defence Minister Campney said Thursday.

The assistant, Paul T. Hellyer (I-Toronto) told the Commons that investigation is continuing into the crash, in which six buildings were damaged but no persons were seriously injured. St. James is adjacent to Winnipeg.

Says Markets Are Greatest Need Of Maritime Farmer

OTTAWA (CP)—A Nova Scotia agricultural expert said Thursday that markets are the key to the Maritime farmer's plight. Conversion to livestock production seemed to be the solution.

F. Waldo Walsh, Nova Scotia deputy minister of agriculture, told the Senate's special committee on land use that "we think livestock is the solution" because the Atlantic provinces now have to import great quantities of meat for their own use.

"In the Atlantic provinces," he said, "we would require to feed ourselves 130,000 head of cattle, 45,000 veal and 490,000 hogs a year. We are deficient to that extent at the present time and have to import."

"Production of livestock can be our job if we go at it properly and there is some assistance," he said.

He said Nova Scotia is deficient by 45,000 head of beef cattle, 15,000 veal and 190,000 hogs a year. New Brunswick was deficient 38,000 head of beef cattle, 4,000 veal and 116,000 hogs; Newfoundland 43,000 beef, 21,000 veal and 134,000 hogs while Prince Edward Island was short 3,500 veal but had a surplus of 15,000 head of beef

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Nova Scotia now had 700,000 acres under cultivation, less than one-half of what she had 30 years ago. Desertion of the land was due to economic stress, to rising production costs and the price of equipping farms.

Dr. Walsh said Canada's export markets have diminished, which has not been offset by population growth. He said a few counties of Maine bordering on New Brunswick grow 70,000,000 bushels of potatoes a year, as much as is produced in all Canada.

"If we have the markets that the Maine growers have," he said, "we could produce just as much, and just as good a product."

QUEBEC, N.B. CONDITIONS The committee also heard outlines of agricultural conditions in Quebec and New Brunswick from J. B. Lemoine of the Union Club of Cultivateurs of Quebec.

Dr. E. M. Taylor, deputy agriculture minister of New Brunswick, Dr. Taylor agreed when Senator Montarville (Ind. — Quebec) suggested the whole question of land use in Canada is tied to the availability of markets, so said as far as the Maritimes are concerned they face high transportation costs on shipping to other parts of Canada. More industrialization in the Maritimes would provide more markets there.

Many Oppose Sask. Plan For Drunk Driving Tests

By THE CANADIAN PRESS Disapproval ranged from mild to sharp and approval was guarded throughout Canada after the Saskatchewan government announced its controversial plan to police drunk drivers.

The plan: All Saskatchewan drivers would be denied licences if they refused to sign agreements promising they would, if arrested, give samples of breath, urine or saliva for intoxication tests. And if they signed but later balked, their licences would be revoked. Courts would still accept the tests as only corroborative evidence.

The reaction: In favor were the Newfoundland government, the president of the Saskatchewan Motor Club, the secretary manager of the Alberta Motor Association, and the executive secretary of the Manitoba Temperance Alliance.

Opposed were spokesmen from Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Manitoba and New Brunswick, the Maritime Automobile Association, Ontario Motor League and British Columbia Automobile Association.

NO COMMENT In Ottawa, a department of justice official declined to comment until he had seen a copy of the bill.

Attorney-General R. A. Walker of Saskatchewan said Thursday he is reasonably confident that the Supreme Court would uphold the Saskatchewan government's right to put the drunk tests in the provincial statutes.

The best that was said for the plan came from Attorney General of Winnipeg, executive secretary of the Manitoba Temperance Alliance.

ACCURACY NEEDED "The Saskatchewan plan was similar to one possessed by York State for several years. Mr. Potorka said his organization "is of the opinion that the time is overdue when each province should move with decision and imagination in this area and the federal government through necessary revision of the criminal code, should move with the provinces."

George A. McNamee of the Royal Automobile Club of Canada said in Montreal his association was in favor of "lawful tests for intoxicants and narcotics" — provided they are accurate and administered by specially-trained personnel.

In Regina the president of the Saskatchewan Motor Club said "In principle, we are for it. If it can cut down on drunk driving."

Walter Balke of Edmonton, Alberta Motor Association secretary manager, said compulsory tests are "pretty drastic but possibly effective."

Police Chief Arthur Cookson of Regina said it would be costly and difficult to put into practice full-scale chemical tests for drunken drivers.

The Saskatchewan presbytery of the United Church of Canada urged the Saskatchewan government to make compulsory the use of scientific tests, such as the drunkometer, for drinking drivers.

LARGE GROUP The term "British Commonwealth of Nations" was used as long ago as 1917 by the late Gen. Jan Smuts.



SOUTH AFRICAN WAR VETERANS HONORED

Comrades Lorne Stewart (left) and Harry Hyde receive gifts from Comrade President Spurgeon W. Leard (right) on behalf of the members of the Charlottetown branch of the Canadian Legion at the regular monthly meeting of the or-

ganization held in the Clover Club last night. Comrade Col. W.C. Cook's third city resident who saw service in the South African campaign, was unable to be present.

In a prepared address, President Leard referred to the great service performed by the honored guests and their comrades "to God, Queen, and country".

"They battled so heroically that the enemy later became our friends," the President stated. "If I had my way, these men would be named our ambassadors to foreign lands and by their courage and character, and this cold war which is threatening our way of life even more than the atomic bomb"