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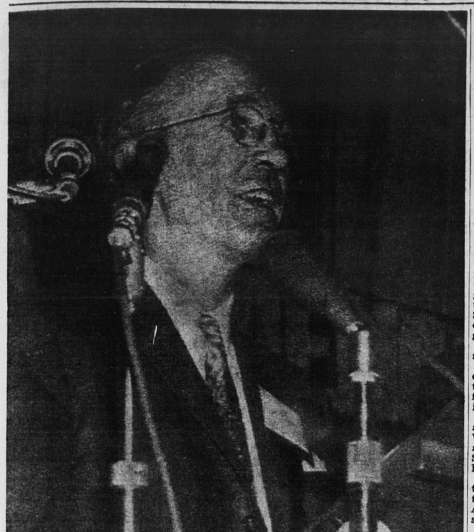

T.C. DOUGLAS beams after being re-elected leader of the New Democratic Party during the party's national convention in Regina Thursday. (CP Wirephoto)

Douglas Re-elected Levels Nuclear Arms Plan Blast

By KEN KELLY

REGINA (CP)—T. C. Douglas, New Democratic Party Leader, said Thursday the Liberal government has no right to sign an agreement with the United States to acquire nuclear arms without first consulting Parliament and the people.

Mr. Douglas, speaking to the party's national convention shortly after he was unanimously re-elected to a second two-year term as leader, said the New Democrats in Parliament will continue to oppose the signing of such an agreement. If one is signed, they would do all in their power to take Canada out of the agreement at the earliest opportunity.

He noted that the Canadian cabinet now has before it the draft agreement for acquiring nuclear arms for Canadian forces.

But since Parliament had debated the question of acquisition shortly after Parliament met in May, the cold war had thawed and tensions had eased as a result of a limited test-ban treaty and divisions between Russia and Communist China.

"I say to Mr. Pearson and the cabinet that they have no right to commit Canada to acquiring nuclear arms without first consulting Parliament and consulting the people of this country."

NOT NEUTRALISTS

New Democrats weren't neutralists but believed stockpiles of nuclear arms now were large enough to destroy the world many times over. Therefore, Canada could make her best

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Canada Signs Test Ban

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nearly one-third of the countries of the world, including Canada, subscribed to the limited nuclear test-ban treaty on Thursday—the first day it was open to general signing.

Diplomats queued up in Washington, London and Moscow for the honor of pledging their governments as associate charter members of the U.S.-British-Soviet pact to outlaw all atomic explosions except those under ground.

Canadian representatives signed in all three capitals.

George Drew, Canadian high commissioner, put his name to the London copy to lead off 23 first-day signatories in the British capital.

Australian Ambassador Howard Beale headed 31 signers in Washington. C. A. Ritchie, Canada's ambassador to the United States, registered a short time later.

In Moscow, where 22 countries recorded their approval of the treaty on opening day, Ambassador Arnold Smith signed for Canada.

Allowing for many duplications, Thursday's total of signatories came to 54, making a total of 37, counting the originators who signed last Monday.

62 READY TO SIGN

The U.S. state department said 62 of the world's 114 nations already have announced their intention to sign and more are expected to do so eventually.

The treaty, open to all states, is expected to pick up more signatures today and Saturday.

The treaty document is in English and Russian. Each envoy signed both the English and Russian versions.

Many countries signed in all three atomic capitals to stress the importance they attach to the treaty.

British Police Using Dogs, Barricades In Bandit Hunt

Damage Feared From Trawlers

ALBERTON BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

Two unidentified foreign trawlers have been sighted off shore close to the area where Alberton South fishermen have their nets.

Although they stay beyond the three-mile limit in the daytime, it is reported that they come much closer to shore at night. Their presence is causing grave concern to the fishermen.

There are many more nets out from Alberton South this season than there have been for a number of years and prior to the coming of the trawlers more than a week ago catches of cod have been very good. Now, the fishermen claim, they have dropped to almost nothing.

Allegedly, the trawlers ply back and forth, about half a mile apart, from Kildare Capes to Hardy's Channel, a distance of approximately 20 miles, with a huge drag net between them.

Upton Fraser, who lost $1,100 worth of gear to foreign trawler activity last year, said the trawlers were only about a quarter of a mile from his cod nets when he went out to fish them yesterday morning. He would like to see a patrol boat in the area to protect the nets.

Wilbur Fraser, who lost more than $500 worth of nets last year, brought in his nets as soon as he spotted the trawlers about a week ago. He was the only one fishing mackerel this year and his nets were farther from shore than the cod nets of the other fishermen.

Harvey Hutt, manager of Alberton Fisheries, said he felt the department of fisheries should give more protection to the inshore fishermen.

Mr. Hutt said he talked with the Provincial deputy minister of fisheries who was sympathetic and said he would contact the federal department and ask that the Cygnus be sent to protect the nets.

Another resident of the west Prince community, who has been fishing for more than 40 years, agrees with Mr. Hutt. When asked if he thought one of the small patrol boats would be of anyuse in protecting the nets he said, "the little boat would be no good. They might even run it down. The Cygnus should be there."

All the men interviewed last evening stated that the nets belonging to Alberton South fishermen are all within the three-mile limit.

ERIC KIERANS, former president of the Montreal and Canadian Stock Exchanges, was sworn in Thursday as Quebec revenue minister. The portfolio had been held by Premier Lesage since the death last May of Revenue Minister Paul Earl. (CP Wirephoto)

Brazen Holdup Jolts Nation

CHEDDINGTON, England (CP)—A gang of masked bandits ambushed a royal mail train Thursday and staged what was believed to be the world's greatest train robbery.

The pre-dawn holdup, in a lonely stretch of the English countryside, gave them a haul which one official said could amount to £1,000,000 ($3,000,000) in cash and registered mail.

Police and postal authorities first estimated the gang at 30 men. Later a police spokesman said it probably numbered about 15.

The brash and brazen robbery jolted Britain with its massive organization and split - second timing.

Postmaster - General Reginald Bevins cut short his vacation and immediately offered a £10,000 ($30,000) reward for information leading to the gang's arrest.

Police with tracker dogs scoured the countryside and threw up roadblocks around Cheddington, 40 miles northwest of London, where the gang struck after faking a red signal to stop the 12-car, diesel-powered train at a rural junction.

Of comparable robberies, the biggest cash haul in North America came from the robbery of a United States mail truck last Aug. 14 outside Plymouth, Mass. That loot totalled $1,551,277.

EN ROUTE TO LONDON

The train was en route from Glasgow to London. It carried only mail and a staff of 75 postal workers. They were sorting through letters and parcels as the express stopped at the isolated Sears Crossing just after 3 a.m.

Fireman David Whitby clambered down from the locomotive to investigate the red signal.

Five men, masked by stocking pulled over their heads, were waiting for him.

"One of them pushed me down," Whitby said. "Another put his hand over my mouth. He told me: "If you shout, I'll kill you."

"Then they marched me back to the engine. My driver, (engineer) Jack Mills, was coshed (blackjacked) and the next thing I knew the gang was handcuffing us together."

Meanwhile, another group of bandits uncoupled the front two coaches from the remainder of the train. Whitby and Mills then were ordered to take the engine and leading coaches about a mile down the track to a bridge over a country road.

Whitby said he and Mills were made to get out of the cab and lie down beside the rails. More masked men appeared and unloaded the mail bags. They took about 10.

DIAMONDS IN LOOT?

There was a report the loot may have included a consignment of diamonds for Hatton Market, London's gem trading centre.

But office workers in the two front coaches said the robbers battered their way in, threatening to shoot anyone who stood in their way. As they huddled in a corner, the bandits began hurling the mail bags into a waiting truck.

So expert was the raid that the post office men in the rear coaches knew nothing until a guard noticed that the front of the train had disappeared.

After the gang drove off, Whitby, 26, and Mills, 58, stumbled along the track in the darkness until they spotted an approaching train. A mail sorter flagged it down with a flashlight.

Mills was in hospital with a concussion.

Local police were agog at the planning and detail which had gone into the robbery. A spokesman said the bandits cut telephone wires over a wide area around Cheddington immediately before the robbery.

The railway lights at Sears Crossing had been rigged to signal danger—with four ordinary flashlight batteries wired to the red lamp and a glove covering the green that showed the track was clear.

"It was obviously a very professional job," said Detective Supt. Malcolm Fewtrell. "They seemed to know their railway signalling. The whole operation, from the time the train was stopped to the time the raiders drove away took only about 15 minutes."

STIRS OUTCRY

The robbery stirred an outcry in the British press. Newspaper articles called for stronger protection for post office employees and better security methods.

A post office spokesman said "this is probably the first successful robbery of a travelling post office train since they were introduced in Britain 125 years ago."

He said the haul included a large quantity of used but still valid paper currency which was being returned by Scottish banks to the London mint for repulping. One bank, the National Provincial, officially admitted it had lost more than £500,000 ($1,500,000).

Que. Cabinet Is Shuffled

QUEBEC (CP)—Premier Jean Lesage of Quebec shuffled his cabinet Thursday and called a special session of the legislature Aug. 12 to set up machinery for handling federal loans to municipalities.

His cabinet changes involved adding a new revenue minister and realigning three other portfolios.

Eric W. Kierans, 49, Liberal candidate at a byelection Sept. 25 in Montreal Notre-Dame-de-Grace, was brought into the cabinet as revenue minister.

Mr. Kierans, who resigned last week as president of the Montreal and Canadian Stock Exchanges, is seeking election in the riding left vacant by the death of Revenue Minister Paul Earl last May.

Georges Lapalme, 56, gave up the attorney-general's portfolio to devote all his time to the cultural affairs department.

Rene Hamel, 53, switched from labor minister to attorney-general.

Carrier Fortin, 48, minister without portfolio, takes over as labor minister.

Potato Bd. Here Is Reorganized

The reorganization of the Potato Marketing Board was announced yesterday at the Provincial Cabinet meeting.

Representing the potato producers on the board will be Leith Townshend, Souris; George Howatt, French River; and Heber Myers, Albany.

The co-operatives will be represented by Bernard Shea, O'Leary; Leo P. MacIsaac, Mermaid; and Kenneth MacLean, Lot 16.

Eric Robinson, Augustine Cove; E.D. Reid, Charlottetown, R.L. Burge, Five Houses, will represent the potato dealers.

The present director of marketing, Reid Sangster, will serve on the board as a member ex-officio.

A marketing board chairman will be chosen from the above group at a meeting Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m.

Hurricane Approaches Bermuda

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Unpredictable Arlene, the hurricane that died and came to life again, approached the British Crown colony of Bermuda Thursday night with 75-mile-an-hour winds.

The weather bureau placed her centre at latitude 29 north and longitude 69 west, about 330 miles southwest of Bermuda, or 700 miles east of Daytona Beach, at 6 p.m.

The Miami weather bureau said the centre of the hurricane would pass near, probably a little to the northwest, of Bermuda this morning.

Last weekend, as Arlene moved toward the Leeward Islands, residents were warned to prepare for high tides and 100-mile-an-hour winds. Then, suddenly, the storm began to die. Arlene was demoted to a tropical storm, then to a harmless easterly wave.

Thursday, she wound up again to hurricane force. Gales extended outward from the centre 150 miles in all directions.

Government Backs Move To Retain Rail Services

Premier Walter R. Shaw and his cabinet yesterday "conveyed to officials of Canadian National Railways the desire of the government to have adequate railway services maintained between Charlottetown and Tignish."

The premier said "we felt that industrial development in Prince County and the interest of potato producers warranted the CNR's reconsideration of their proposed curtailment of rail service."

In May, the CNR announced that it was considering cutting daily train service between Charlottetown and Tignish to thrice-weekly service.

Following an early meeting yesterday morning with a delegation from the Alberton and West Prince Board of Trade, Premier Shaw said he urged on CNR officials who met the cabinet later the desirability of giving further consideration to continuing daily train service. "My government," he said, "gave definite support to the views of the people of Prince County who want the daily service continued."

The premier also announced that the CNR had agreed to a government request that an extra trip be made three times a week late at night by the Borden ferries during Old Home Week so that visitors to the festivities can get back to the mainland after attending evening events at the show.

Missing Boy Found Safe

CAMPBELLTON, N.B. (CP)—Searchers Thursday found four-year-old Gerald Legacy safe but hungry in dense woods where he had become lost Wednesday about three miles from his home at St. Arthur, about 15 miles south of here.

The boy was picking hazel nuts with other children but apparently wandered from the others who returned home.

He was found huddled behind a bush. More than 200 searchers and a helicopter had been used in the hunt before he was discovered by a ground search party.

Some searchers stayed in the woods all night and were joined by more at dawn.

The lad was unharmed except for mosquito bites.

Borden Ferry Late Crossing Is Scheduled

Canadian National Railways will run extra trips on its Northumberland Strait service to accommodate the movements of tourists and visitors during Old Home Week.

Announcement of the added crossings was made in Charlottetown Thursday by Ernest J. Cooke, general manager of the Atlantic region. Old Home Week is being celebrated Aug. 12 to 17.

A ship will make a crossing from the island at 12.30 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday to handle people who might not otherwise have stayed for late evening festivities.

"We are very curious to see just how many people will take advantage of this service so as to be guided in our thinking about such special occasions in the future," Mr. Cooke said.

Red Adair To Try Hand At Gas Fire

FORT ST. JOHN, B.C. (CP—Red Adair, famed oil well fire fighter, will fly from Texas to try to put out a raging gas well fire 65 miles north of here.

A spokesman said Thursday the insurance company with a policy on the well won't allow any attempts to extinguish the well fire unless Adair is on hand.

The fire is consuming 250,000 cubic feet of Natural Gas a day.

Tony Guay, 16, of Dawson Creek, B.C., was killed in an explosion that started the fire early Wednesday. Four others were injured.

Dief's Dog Destroyed For Vicious Tendency

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader John Diefenbaker's golden Labrador retriever, Happy, has had to be destroyed because an operation disclosed a congenital ailment which provoked viciousness.

The dog, Christmas gift of Mrs. Diefenbaker two years ago when Mr. Diefenbaker was prime minister, showed signs of bad temper in recent weeks and recently snapped at a maid at the opposition leader's residence.

Late last week, the dog bit Mrs. Diefenbaker in the hand when she went to pat him.

A veterinary surgeon operated on the dog and after two hours found the disorder which would leave the animal maimed for life, and the decision was taken to have him destroyed.

The dog, which arrived in the Diefenbaker household as a puppy, frequently provided reporters with copy.

HAPPY SPIES CAT

A typical story told by Mr. Diefenbaker about himself and Happy often ended with a punch-line with a political connotation.

One story goes that Mr. Diefenbaker was out for a quiet stroll one Sunday morning when Happy spied a cat and took off in pursuit.

A passing motorist stopped his car at the sight of prime minister chasing dog chasing cat, and offered to help. Mr. Diefenbaker took one look at the volunteer's somewhat corpulent build and shouted, "I can run harder than you can, anytime."

He later told reporters he might be able to easily enough, and had not really intended to comment on the physical condition of someone who had so readily volunteered assistance. But the remark was not lost on reporters during a subsequent election campaign when most agreed that Mr. Diefenbaker was the one who could run harder than anyone else around him.

Ont. Election Date Undecided

TORONTO (CP) — Premier Robarts said Wednesday night "no decision has yet been made" on a date for the next Ontario general election.

He was commenting on a published report that the probable date would be Sept. 26. The Star suggested the date in quoting highly placed officials of the Progressive Conservative party.

The last Ontario election was June 11, 1959, and the next must be called no later than next June.

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JFK HAS HAPPY SMILE

Huge Breathing Device Aids President's Baby

BOSTON (AP)—An enormous breathing device—the only one of its kind—was put to use Thursday to aid the baby son of President and Mrs. Kennedy.

One-day-old Patrick Bouvier Kennedy's condition was listed as improved but still serious.

Doctors at the children's medical centre placed the baby, born 5½ weeks prematurely on Cape Cod Wednesday, into a three-compartment device that measures 31 feet long and eight feet in diameter. The baby weighed four pounds, 10 ounces at birth.

Press Secretary Pierre Salinger told reporters at 6 p.m. the child then showed immediate improvement.

Earlier in the afternoon, the president telephoned Mrs. Kennedy, who is recovering from the caesarean delivery at Otis Air Force Base hospital, that the baby was "slightly improved."

Plans called for the president to remain in Boston Thursday night, as he did Wednesday night following the transfer of the child to Boston.

Salinger said at the press conference that "a halt in the downward trend in the baby's condition" occurred in later afternoon.

RESPIRATION IMPROVES

The baby's respiration improved immediately and laboratory tests also showed improvement after he was placed in the spacious submarine - like high pressure chamber. Salinger said. He did not say how long the baby would remain in it.

Kennedy was beaming broadly as he walked out of the building where the chamber is located and talked happily with Salinger and then turned back into the main hospital section again.

It was a direct contrast to the solemn-faced president and the brisk efficient stride of the doctors earlier in the afternoon.

Shortly after, the president left the hospital for his hotel

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HIS NEW-BORN son seriously ill in a Boston hospital, President Kennedy spends deep in meditation as he sits alone in car after visit to his wife, Jacqueline, at Otis Air Force Base Hospital Thursday. Later in the day, after a visit to Boston hospital where a more favorable report on the baby's condition was received, the president was described as having a broad smile. (AP Wirephoto)

Judy LaMarsh Sees Pension Plan Right

By ROD CURRIE

LONDON (CP) — Judy LaMarsh, Canadian minister of health and welfare, said Thursday her talks so far with British officials confirm that Canada's proposed pension plan is "a good one."

Referring to the scheme outlined in a white paper recently, she said her inquiries make her confident "the decisions we have taken are right."

Miss LaMarsh, speaking at a press conference in Canada House, said that because of the division of authority between the federal and provincial governments it is impossible to enact a scheme along the lines of the British plan.

But she admired the "flexibility" of the British system which packages old age, disability and other pensions into one plan.

Miss LaMarsh, who also will study welfare in West Germany, Holland, Sweden and France during this tour, said she would like to see old age pensions for women at age 60 instead of 65.

One difficulty in the pension plan was that of fitting it in with proposed provincial ones. There will be a federal-provincial meeting on this in September.

THINKS LESAGE ASTUTE

The white paper proposed increasing the basic pension from $65 to $75 for everyone and adding a contributory plan related to income.

Asked if she thought Premier Lesage of Quebec would be more flexible in his attitude to this plan, Miss LaMarsh replied: "I don't like the word flexible in this case — an elastic band is flexible but it has no character."

"I think he is too astute" not to appreciate the value of the plan, she said.

She added she feared Quebec is using its provincial plan "as an economic tool rather than a social tool."

A provincial contributory plan would be a good way to "get money in quickly," she said, and it would not have to be paid out for 20 years or so.

Mainly, she said, she wants to remove pensions from the realm of politics where they "lurch" back and forth as each party tries to "outbid" the other at election time