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Seaway 'Defects' Enquiry Is Proposed In Commons

OTAWA (CP) — A full-scale parliamentary inquiry into alleged defects in St. Lawrence Seaway construction was proposed in the Commons Wednesday by CCF House Leader Hazen Argue.

Mr. Argue said he had been informed there were "substantial faults" and at least one "almost unbelieveable error" in construction and engineering of locks around Montreal.

Inspection authorities had pointed out faults, he said, but nothing had been done to correct them.

Transport Minister Hees replied with a statement from the seaway authority that in a work as complicated and extensive as the seaway there are bound to be some parts not satisfactory in the first instance.

WITHHOLD PAYMENTS

The authority was following the usual practice of withholding full payment from contractors until specifications had been met fully.

Mr. Hees gave no indication that he would accede to the CCF call for an inquiry.

Mr. Argue attacked the construction of the new Cornwall Bridge, built across the river near that Ontario city in conjunction with the seaway, saying an engineer friend had told him it was "doomed" and could not last its normal life.

He said one pier already had started shifting because the foundations had not been placed on bedrock. Its safety should be investigated.

Lionel Chevrier (L — Montreal Laurier), former president of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, defended the bridge.

"There is absolutely nothing wrong with it," he said.

"JUST GOSSIP"

Liberal J. W. Pickersgill of Bonavista - Twillingate described Mr. Argue's accusations as "just gossip" when the CCF leader refused to give the House the name of his informant.

Mr. Argue said he was an engineer who had worked on the construction of the seaway and who was willing to appear under oath before any investigating body.

On a recent visit to the St. Lambert, Cote Ste. Catherine and Beauharnois locks, he had seen huge bulges in the walls, which he termed "as almost unbelieveable error in engineering and construction."

Mr. Argue said he had seen water spurting through leakages in the lock gates and coming up between cement blocks in one of the locks.

"If these reinforcement blocks are so porous that water comes up through the cement, I am sure that their life will indeed be limited."

He wanted competent engineers brought before a committee to "testify as to why this fautly construction exists and to what extent it, in fact, endangers the life of the seaway."

SEEKS FULL INQUIRY

"I have seen plenty of evidence that suggests to me there should be a full inquiry," he said.

Other developments in the House Wednesday:

1. The Liberals tried unsuccessfully to bring on an emergency debate over the government-authorized sale of Indian lands at Sarnia, Ont., to an investment firm which made a profit of about $800,000 by reselling to Ontario Hydro.

Amendment To Criminal Code Will Include Instalment Fines

By DON PEACOCK
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — The government plans Criminal Code amendments which will include a provision that all fines may be paid in instalments at the discretion of the courts, informants said Wednesday.

Justice Minister Fulton gave notice Wednesday on the Commons order paper that he will introduce today legislation amending the code.

Informants said that in addition to instalment paying of fines, the amendments will empower airline pilots to arrest law offenders while their planes are in flight, much as sea captains now can arrest offending passengers at sea. Such persons will be made subject to prosecution in Canadian courts.

DEFINES OBSCENITY

The code amendments will include a legal definition of obscenity which is intended to make clear that any undue exploitation of sex or crime in books, pictures, records or in various other ways is a criminal offence.

Another amendment will make possible the suspension of the licence of a driver for leaving the scene of an accident.

Mr. Fulton also gave notice of plans to amend the anti-combines legislation.

Informants said one change will be aimed at penalizing businesses that engage in misleading advertising, such as incorrectly representing prices as being wholesale prices.

ALLOWS SOME MERGERS

Certain types of competition-eliminating business mergers also will be allowed, as long as they can be shown to be in the public interest.

Of vital importance in the changes is the fact that when a person is unable to pay a fine, he must pay his penalty by serving a jail sentence.

The amendment is expected to make it easier for people with little means to avoid serving a jail term because they can't afford the fine.

Reds' Berlin Package Deal Studied For Agreement

By ARTHUR GAVSHON

GENEVA (AP) — Though the Western powers branded the Russians' new Berlin package deal Wednesday as unacceptable, they are combing it for points of possible agreement.

There are parts of the package the United States, Britain and France do not dislike, and indeed could accept if they were amended and shorn of conditions.

The Russians themselves, startled perhaps by the fierce public blasts against their plan, spread word that the proposals are negotiable.

Accordingly Western experts have started taking a long, careful look at the fine print.

PLAY IT CALMLY

U.S. State Secretary Herter, British Foreign Secretary Lloyd and French Foreign Minister Couve de Murville have decided to play this present crisis calmly.

The Western reactions toward the new Soviet plan flow from two expert interpretations of Moscow's possible motives.

The first — an uncharitable interpretation—is that the Russians want to break up the Big Four talks, maybe because Soviet Premier Khrushchev no longer wants a summit parley. Some Western spokesmen Wednesday made exactly this sort of accusation publicly.

The second interpretation—perhaps more accurate—is that the Russians figured on jolting the Western Allies into a state of near-submission. But exactly the reverse has happened. Western resistance has stiffened.

TWO-LEVEL TALKS

East - West negotiations invariably are conducted at two levels.

There is the level on which the spokesmen, and sometimes the statesmen, of the two sides assume public postures to impress world opinion.

And there is the rockbottom level on which real diplomacy works in secret whenever possible.

At this point of the Big Four talks here, no new secret sessions have as yet been arranged. But few people doubt that some will be fixed, probably after the coming weekend provides a pause for reflection.

Gromyko's plan was for a one-year standstill in the Berlin dispute to give the Big Four time to try to work out an all-German peace settlement on Soviet terms.

But the West saw the proposal as something suspiciously like an "ultimatum," a "threat," "pressure tactics."

DENIES ALLEGATIONS

Gromyko has denied this and has said his ideas don't exclude counter - propositions from the West.

His aides have passed the word that the period could be prolonged to two or three years. Presumably if the West were to accept the principle an even longer period might be agreed for a "standstill" on Berlin.

As they stand now the conditions which Gromyko attached to his proposal are unacceptable. But some of them embody principles which the western powers themselves have shown a readiness to consider.

These include:

1. A cut of Western troops in West Berlin to "symbolic" strength. The issue here is how many men make up a "symbolic" contingent.

2. A halt to hostile propaganda from West Berlin. Here the point is whether the Reds would undertake similar action in East Berlin.

3. A bar on the activities of spies and saboteurs in West Berlin. The West might co-operate if the ban also applies to East Berlin.

4. A pledge to keep nuclear weapons and rocket bases out of West Berlin. Any such pledge also would have to cover East Berlin.

The big thing East and West would have to settle is the shape of the program to be undertaken during any agreed "standstill" period for the unification of Germany and the conclusion of a final peace treaty.

KENSINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Mathews accompanied by Miss Elaine Mathews and Master Mark Mathews left by plane for their home in Hamilton, Ontario, after spending a most enjoyable holiday with relatives and friends in this vicinity. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mathews, Baltic.

Mr. Eric Grant, Sackville was a weekend visitor with Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Donald, Sea View.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Burns have returned home from a pleasant motor trip where they visited friends and relatives in Eastern States.

Mrs. James Hickey has returned to her home in Darnley after being a patient in Prince County Hospital.

A large number of people from Kensington and surounding districts attended the graduation exercises of the Prince County Hospital nurses on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bryenton, accompanied by Mrs. F. Champion, Malpeque were visitors to Bedeque on Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Simmons.

Sergeant and Mrs. Hans Menke accompanied by their two daughters Janet and Carol, have arrived from Forth Worth, Texas, to spend a holiday with Mrs. Menke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wyman Clark and family of Malpeque. Mr. and Mrs. Menke will then leave for Puerto Rica.

Mrs. James Wall entertained the members of Baltic Womens Institute at her home on Tuesday evening for the June meeting. The president Mrs. Wm. Cousins presided.

It was a pleasure to welcome a former member, Mrs. Earle Mathews to the meeting. After the regular routine of business, a social hour followed. A most delicious supper was served by Mrs. Wall assisted by Mrs. Bruce Crozier. —C.V.

KINGSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. Walace MacDonald, Charlottetown, were recent vistors to South Lake and Elmira where they were guests of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ramsey and children Bebbie, Garth, and Dwight of Winslow, P.E.I., spent a brief holiday with friends at South Lake and North Lake. Mr. Ramsay is a former station agent of Elmira and friends are happy to see them in this vicinity once again.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Mossey Charlottetown, are spending their holidays with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. B.J. Massey, Bothwell.

Eldon Stewart who is serving with the Royal Canadian Navy in New Brunswick is spending his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Stewart, Red Point.

YACHT IN HEAVY SEAS

SYDNEY (CP)—Canadian navy officials here said Wednesday that the royal yacht Britannia has run into heavy seas in mid-Atlantic and will not arrive here until Sunday. She was originally due Saturday. The Britannia is expected to be here a week taking on fuel and provisions before sailing for Sept - Iles, Que., to take aboard Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

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