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Charlottetown and Queens County

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Beef Producers To Meet Tonight

Beef cattle producers in Prince Edward Island will meet this evening at Montserrat Hall, Charlottetown, to discuss problems in the industry and also to elect a board of directors for their organization.

The chairman of the organization, Daniel G. S. Cornwall, has announced the meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock.

The rapid succession of the association last July on a temporary basis, the beef cattle producers have tried out a formula on price arrangement with Canada Packers.

The efficiency of this arrangement will also be discussed at tonight's meeting, it is considered likely.

Other members of the organizing committee in addition to Mr. Gass are Leo P. McLean, Mermaid; Norman A. MacMillan, Albert Plains; P. M. E. Young, Wilcox Valley; William Lank, West Royalty; Lloyd Lockyer, Hamilton; M. A. Thompson, Victoria; J. D. MacDonell, Charlottetown; M. R. MacRae, Charlottetown; William Hayden, Cherry Valley; Sterling Wood, West Royalty; and Chester Hughes, Covehead.

Park Royal UC Kindergarten, Nursery Presents Concert

A large appreciative audience was on hand for the annual Christmas concert and party staged recently by the pupils of the Park Royal United Kindergarten and nursery school.

The guests were welcomed by Mary Knox, Cathy Peacock, Linda Wigninton and Jimmie Ewing. Both classes combined to form a chorus to sing a Christmas song, "I'm Happy", "Ring the Bells of Christmas", "Do You Hear the Bells of Christmas?", "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "Jingle Bells".

Read, Melody Gay and Calvin Wells, while duets were heard from Heath and Jo Ann MacLellan, and Jimmie Ewing and Gordon Matheson. A number of Christmas songs were performed by Bobby Thompson, Bob Verchul, Paul Moore, Calvin Wells, Max Cook and John Chipman.

The superintendent, Mrs. Stewart Mackay, acted as mistress of ceremonies. The program concluded with the children being given gifts and a treat.

Veteran Worked Six Months To Prepare Bus For Escape

BERLIN (AP) — For six months Hans Weidner, a crippled war veteran, worked deep in the forests of East Germany, some 10 or 12 miles from the border, to prepare a bus for the freedom of West Germany.

The preparations were complicated and thorough. Weidner and Wagner worked together to obtain the necessary permits, fit them to the side of the bus and to make eye-sights in the plates to go over the windshield.

They also built steel guards to protect the double tires of the 10-ton, assault bus. They attached a steel plow clear the heavy nails they expected they would find at the crossing-point.

At about 5:30 a.m., the bus approached the first East German control post at 15 miles an hour, as East German regulations provide. Then Wagner gunned the engine and burst through.

It was a moment before the police saw what was happening and began to shoot. "I grabbed the steering wheel with both hands," Weidner said, "while Wagner stopped on the official permission first. He gave us the green light."

They were his driver, Jürgen Wagners 22, and his wife and two children, one 18 months old.

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Poet Frost May Recover

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors are still hopeful that the escapee of poet Robert Frost's complete recovery, the director of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital reported Wednesday. But he said the 88-year-old four-time Pulitzer Prize winner remains

in serious condition. Frost entered the hospital Dec. 3 and, after doctors studied him for yet undisclosed ailment, an operation was performed Dec. 10.



CASTRO GREETED RED CROSS OFFICIALS

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, center, greets representatives of the American Red Cross Sunday on their arrival aboard the freighter African

Pilot in Havana harbor. The freighter carried the first installment of \$5 million worth of food and medicines for Castro's swap of the 1,113 Bay of

Pigs invasion captives. The Red Cross officials were not identified. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Havana)

My Brother Made Mistake U.S. Attorney-Gen. Says

NEW YORK (AP) — "My brother made a mistake." With that frank statement, U.S. Attorney-General Robert F. Kennedy took a hand in negotiations to bring back the 1,113 Cuban invasion prisoners, a crusade official said here.

In a conference with manufacturers, Kennedy asked for donations of pharmaceuticals as part of the \$5,000,000 worth of drugs, instruments and baby food collected for liberation of the men captured in the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion—the "mistake" in April 1961—this source said.

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The drug firm which asked not to be identified by public, said the attorney-general told him he was acting as a private citizen in making the request.

Cuba's Premier Castro spelled out his needs in a thick catalogue, written in Spanish, he said. The catalogue listed the value of requested items, in wholesale or lowest market price.

"It was suggested fairly early in December that the value of donated supplies could be claimed as an income tax deduction under charitable contributions" to the American Red Cross.

"But overall, the catalogue reflected desperate needs for medical supplies and food in Cuba, and great care in selection of items to meet their needs."

"The drug firm official said that on Dec. 7, officials of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association received a request from the department of justice, setting up an appointment with Robert Kennedy."

But this understanding was not made firm until a few days ago when many supplies already were en route, the informant continued.

PRIVATE CITIZEN — Kennedy emphasized he was talking as a private citizen, and on behalf of the president said, "My brother made a mistake," in the Cuban invasion.

"This was an apparent reference to the president's acknowledgment he picked the wrong course in Cuba in 1961. The acknowledgment was made in the president's Dec. 17 filmed television-radio review of his first 20 months in office when, he believed the U.S. made the wrong choice in helping to support the Bay of Pigs invasion."

"Then he expressed the strong emotional desire to Russia, in exchange for other things. The list also contained some chemicals, like sulphuric and nitric acid, which might be basic for making explosives. We declined not to fill such requests."

"We didn't know what that meant, so we ignored it," the official said. His firm was one of about 50 contributing \$25,000 in drugs and medical supplies.

"One item in the catalogue was for a 17-year supply of a compound used for diagnosing blockage of arteries in the brain or circulatory tree. This was totally unrealistic—the Cubans would never be doing that much surgery of that kind."

"Things like that made us wonder whether some items would really be used in Cuba"

PRECIOUS CLAY — Four rare ores—titanium, rutile, zircon and ilmenite—are obtainable from clay found on the Natal south coast in South Africa.

"We never had a chance to learn the name of the family," Spewer said, "but it was obvious they could stand some help. So we schemed up this project."

"Of course," he added quickly, "we asked for the official permission first. He gave us the green light."

NOT ALL THE THUNDER WAS ON THE BATTLEFIELD ... A Man Could Go Crazy Thinking About Tracey!

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MONTAGE PRINCIPAL HONORED

John Yeo, teacher at Montage Regional High School, is pictured presenting a cigarette lighter to the principal of the school, John Hughes, on behalf of the teaching staff.

The presentation was made at a teachers' annual banquet held at the Bison Restaurant last week. Mr. Hughes stated "the

half of the teaching staff is one of the things that contribute to the success of the school."

Canadian Business Scene Shows Little Easing Sign

By GREG MACDONALD Canadian Press Staff Writer There is little evidence of a major dent in the Canadian economy in 1963, says the Bank of Montreal.

But there was also evidence of some slowing down in the flow of long term capital investment into Canada, as well as falls in exchange reserves and the exchange rate.

The rapid succession of developments which led to the fixing of a par value for the Canadian dollar at a lower rate continued heavy losses of exchange reserves and speculative pressure against the dollar culminated in an exchange crisis which required corrective measures, the bank said.

Noting that the year started out in an encouraging atmosphere, the bank says that most business indicators were pointing upwards and the external economic environment seemed generally favorable.

Nevertheless, the economic advance in Canada continued without pause and industrial production and retail sales rose to record levels, unemployment was substantially reduced, and agricultural output exceeded earlier expectations.

"In the first half of the year, durable goods purchases were the outstanding feature of the consumption pattern, reflecting strong gains over the previous year, largely as a result of the first half of the year's expansionary fiscal program."

York School Has Concert

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Government expenditures on goods and services have also contributed to the increase in total spending. During the first half of the year purchases of goods and services by governments at all levels were running at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of about \$8,000,000, some 10 per cent above the previous year."

The bank added that although the continued rise in government outlays since mid-year has tended to help slow down somewhat by the implementation of the federal government's program of cutting expenditures, the reductions will be small in relation to the total.

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What seems to be in store, it says, is a further moderation in the rate of expansion, perhaps a double-digit rate of growth in 1963, before many months by another upturn.

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Reviewing the factors that

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Back is Named by Freed Prisoner

Humberto Sanchez, 28, was in the Cuban armed forces under Fulgencio Batista, until the Bay of Pigs. He left his homeland when Fidel Castro took over. A member of the Bay of Pigs invasion force, he was released Sunday. This is his story.

Once some militawomen showed up in our camp and started firing at us. Well, this is war. We blasted them with a few hand grenades.

It was inevitable that the end would come, for most of our equipment and supplies were either destroyed or in the water. The battle was over in 72 hours.

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