

Sir Alec Must Decide Soon If Election To Be May-June

By KEN SMITH
LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home must decide in the next week whether he will call the British general election in the May-June period or defer it until October.

The ruling Conservative party's mandate runs out in November and an election must be called before then. Thursday, June 11, has been spotlighted as the most likely date if an early contest is to be held from then on until autumn, many voters will be away from home on vacation.

The prime minister was flying back to London Sunday from an Easter vacation at his Scottish home and will likely confer with his chief Conservative aides on the timing question.

He is in the middle of opposing the pressures. A majority of his cabinet colleagues are believed to favor a late spring contest with an influential minority pushing for October.

CITE PROSPERITY
Despite the opposition Labour party's current head start over Conservatives in popularity continued prosperity should eventually cause the government's stock to rise.

If the prime minister wants an autumn contest he need make no announcement for the time being. But if the election is to be timed for spring he must make his decision shortly.

Treasury chief Reginald Maudling must know the prime minister's intentions to complete preparations for the budget due to be brought down April 14. The shape, presentation, and length of the budget could be materially affected by the timing of the election.

Some politicians believe the

prime minister will make his decision after this week's county-wide county council elections.

BURTON

William Perry, who is employed in Charlottetown, spent the Easter weekend with his wife and family in Cape Wolfe.

Miss Carol Collicutt, nurse-in-training at the Prince Edward Island Hospital spent the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Collicutt, Cape Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin MacGregor and Mr. Lance Dalton, Burton, visited their sister, Sister Agatha, OSM, who is a patient at the Charlottetown Hospital. Leland Currie, student of SDU Charlottetown, spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reg Currie, Cape Wolfe.

Kevin Howard, who is employed in Charlottetown, spent the Easter weekend at the home of his mother, Mrs. Annie Howard, Cape Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bulgar, Cape Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dalton daughter Paule of Charlottetown spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dalton, Burton and Mrs. Annie Howard, Cape Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCarthy of Boston, Mass., recently visited her mother, Mrs. Belle Butler, who is a patient at O'Leary Community Home in Charlottetown. They also visited relatives in Glenarry and Campbellton.

Miss Katheline Stewart, nurse-in-training at the Charlottetown Hospital, spent the Easter holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stewart, Glenarry.

Miss Beverly Howard of Ormston, N.B., and Elaine and Wayne Howard, students of SDU Charlottetown, spent the Easter holidays at the home of their mother, Mrs. Inez Howard, Glenarry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Howard of Schomberg Falls, Quebec, spent the Easter weekend visiting their parents, Mrs. Inez Howard, Glenarry and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin MacGregor, Burton.



LEAVING NATO POST

Dirk U. Stikker, 67, has notified the North Atlantic Treaty Organization that he will retire in mid-summer from his post as secretary-general.

He told NATO's permanent council in Paris his health will not permit him to continue. Stikker is a former foreign minister of The Netherlands. (AP Wirephoto)



ANNUAL INVASION OF HORSES

Horses the up traffic in a residential area of Calgary as they arrive for the annual spring auction sale which starts today. About 1,000 horses will be offered.

Mfld. Sealers Returning After Tough Month in Ice

By DAVE BUTLER
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—It was a pretty good year, but there's a lot of frozen fingers and toes to remember first spring.

It was the comment of one Newfoundland sealer as he stepped from the icy deck of the Halifax seal boat Arctic Endeavor shortly after she docked here early Sunday. With 12,500 seal pelts in her hold, the Endeavor was the highlight of the fleet.

Four sealing ships came into Newfoundland ports Sunday. The first vessel into St. John's was the veteran 700-ton Algonquin owned by the late Capt. J. J. First vessel into St. John's was the veteran 700-ton Algonquin owned by the late Capt. J. J. First vessel into St. John's was the veteran 700-ton Algonquin owned by the late Capt. J. J.

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Two vessels did not even leave for another week. The 240-ton Notre Dame Bay after being crushed by the heavy ice. Her 30-man crew was rescued by another sealer and later ferried home by helicopter.

Edward Ching and Weston Coffin, were business visitors to Charlottetown on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cameron are both confined to their home through illness at South Lake.

Vincent Mossey, Charlottetown, spent the weekend with his wife and family at both.

Among the 70 livestock farmers touring the 10-day trip to Ontario from this area are Russell Dingwell, North Lake, St. Mary's; Cameron, East Point; Leland Winn, Bothwell; Gordon Robertson, Kingsboro; Richard C. H. Basin, Head Martin; Bert, Souris; Gordon Ching, Black Pond.

George Bruce, Kingsboro, attended the funeral of the late Miss Mary Strahan at St. Columbus Church Friday morning. Miss Strahan who had resided

in the Nfld. about 50 miles from here, and reported heavy damage from ice. She has been trying to move down the east coast from Notre Dame Bay for the last week but decided to make temporary repairs before continuing here. She is reported to have taken no seals.

PLANS TO REMAIN
The largest ship in the sealing fleet, the 2,000-ton Sir John Crosbie, is still on the icefields along the coasts of Labrador and north-eastern Newfoundland and will remain there until the end of April. She lost nearly two weeks of the season when she had to return to drydock here for repairs after a bout with ice. She has only 2,500 seals aboard.

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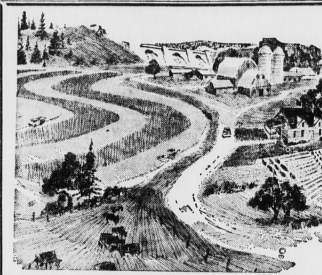
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