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Mass CBC Resignation Triggers Commons Row

Liberals Lose Move For 'Urgent' Debate

OTTAWA (CP)—Speaker Roland Michener Tuesday ruled out of order a Liberal motion for an urgent Commons debate on mass resignations in the CBC talks department.

Opposition Leader Pearson had moved that regular House business be set aside for a special debate on charges of "clandestine political influence" being brought to bear on the CBC management, resulting in some 25 resignations from the talks department of the corporation.

Mr. Michener said the Liberal motion made no charge that the government interfered with management of the publicly-owned CBC. In the absence of such a charge, he could not accept the motion as a matter for urgent debate.

"CLEARLY OUT OF ORDER" Justice Minister Fulton argued beforehand that Mr. Pearson's motion was "clearly out of order."

The matter blew up Monday when the CBC announced cancellation of the morning radio program Preview Commentary from Ottawa. The program, carried on the trans-Canada network, comprised opinion of newspaper men on parliamentary news.

Twenty-two top CBC employees in Toronto, including four senior executives, Tuesday announced they have resigned in protest against "unprecedented surrender to political pressure" by the CBC.

Mr. Pearson's motion immediately touched off a procedural fight. Speaker Roland Michener, indicating at the outset he might rule it out of order, said he wondered whether the matter was one under the administrative responsibility of the government.

Mr. Pearson said the issue was a matter of responsibility to Parliament on the part of the publicly-owned CBC.

"Surely this House is entitled to inquire into such affairs," he said.

He said that to him the im-



WELCOME HOME

Tom Lewis is embraced by his wife after he made port safely at Escuminac, N.B. His was one of the fishing boats caught by a violent Northumberland Strait storm but he lived to tell the tale.

Pricing Practices Inquiry Is Suggested In CLC Brief

OTTAWA (CP)—A public inquiry into pricing practices by large Canadian corporations would be welcome, a Canadian Labor Congress brief said Tuesday.

An inquiry also should be made into ways and means of co-ordinating policies of banking and non-banking financial institutions to benefit economic growth and stability, it said.

It also urged a study of what it called non-monetary selective controls designed to deal directly with specific inflationary pressures as they arise.

The CLC brief was read to the Senate finance committee, studying inflation, by President Claude

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Political Interference Is Charged By CBC Top Producing Personnel

TORONTO (CP)—Most of the top production personnel of the CBC department of talks and public affairs resigned Tuesday, charging "political interference"

has made their work impossible. At least 26 had quit at the Toronto headquarters of the department and the three-member staff at Montreal had joined

them. Some of these said others were planning to quit but did not give names.

The action stemmed from the CBC's cancellation of Preview Commentary, a five-minute radio opinion program from Ottawa which followed the 8 a.m. national radio newscast. It was carried five days a week and featured comments by newspaper men on parliamentary news.

A statement by the Toronto group said:

"By removing Preview from the air under political pressure the CBC management, with the

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Jet Crash Slays Five

SEATTLE (AP)—An eight-jet bomber manned by a five-man Boeing Airplane Company crew crashed Tuesday near Burns, Ore., during a low-level experimental flight, the company announced. All aboard apparently were killed.

The B-52 plane, assigned to Boeing by the air force for the series of low altitude test flights, had been scheduled to fly 500 feet above the ground on a U-shaped course from the Dalles, Ore., to Malheur Lake and Burns, then turn north to Walla Walla, Wash.

The company said the bomber failed to report after passing over the checkpoint at Dalles.

The low-level tests had been in progress since April.

Six Persons Die In Crash

WINONA, Ont. (CP)—Six persons were killed Tuesday night when their car collided with a Canadian National Railways passenger train bound towards Hamilton from Niagara Falls.

Identity of the victims was not immediately available but it was known they included two men, two boys and two girls.

The car carried Ontario licence plates and was registered in the name of Walter Ukraine of Hamilton, an employee of Canadian Westinghouse.

The crash occurred at No. 80 sideroad near this Niagara Peninsula town.



QUEEN AT MINE ENTRANCE

The Queen passes at the entrance of the huge Gagnon iron-ore mine near Schefferville in northern Quebec as a mine official points out interesting parts of the open-pit mining operation. She has just looked at a chart of the mine (right). Behind her is the rim of the iron-ore pit and some of the mining machinery used. (CP Photo)

Fishing Insurance Claims Will Be Paid Expeditiously

Action will be taken to have insurance claims paid on fishermen's losses as expeditiously as possible, Hon. J. Angus MacLean said in a telephone conversation from Ottawa last evening.

As for those who do not have their equipment insured, the Minister of Fisheries said losses incurred under such circumstances have long been the responsibility of provincial governments but when the loss is beyond the ability of the local government to pay, then a request is usually made to Ottawa for assistance.

Mr. MacLean said he did not know of any such request having been made from either New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island. He felt that a lot of the equipment lost was insured.

"The Federal Government is aware of the great loss that our fishermen have suffered and reports are being examined with a view of rendering all possible relief," he said.

VAN DOOS OF QUEBEC

QUEBEC (CP)—Queen Elizabeth Tuesday presented colors to three battalions of the Royal 22nd regiment, the famous "Van Doos" of Quebec. She said she entrusts them the colors "with absolute confidence."

She told officers and enlisted men: "Your past history gives me the assurance that you will defend them as your elders defended the old colors, without fear or reproach."

On the colors were names of French cities the Royal 22nd helped to liberate in the First World War.

"What emotion, you must have felt in liberating these of your blood and what joy for them to greet the descendants of French people who, three centuries earlier, had left for Canada."

The Queen spoke in French.

Public Relations Termed Failure

General inability to interpret their work to the everyday public from whom they expect to draw most of their financial support was social workers' most glaring failure to date, guest speaker Rev. Swithun Bowers, O.M.I. told delegates to the Maritime Conference on Social Work yesterday.

Director of Ottawa University's School of Social Welfare, Father Bowers said that social work's historic mission was to act as a social conscience. Society, however, was made up of more than those who sit in the seats of the government—"It is the man-next-door and the woman-across-the-street."

It was at this latter level that this interpretation failure was most evident, the Ottawa teacher said.

Father Bowers was introduced by the conference president, Eugene MacDonald, director of child welfare for the Province of Prince Edward Island. The session was held in the auditorium at St. Dunstan's University.

Miners' Aid Probe Seen

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Tuesday he will look into the question of financial assistance for distressed Cape Breton coal miners.

He was answering questions in the Commons from H. J. Robichaud (L-Gloucester) and CCF House Leader Hazen Argue.

Muffled sobs and uncontrolled weeping punctuated the two funeral services. About 1,200 jammed into the 900-seat Baie Ste. Anne Roman Catholic church for the funeral mass of Edgar Daigle, William George Manuel and Remi Martin, all of Baie Ste. Anne. Hundreds more spilled out onto the road. The crowd was estimated as high as 5,000.

The three caskets draped in black and gold were cranking the small cemetery across from the church. At a nearby yard, Edgar Daigle's three small children played unconcerned.

Most Rev. Norbert Robichaud, archbishop of Moncton, urged the mourners to pray for the bereaved. He encouraged them to "hold strong" in the face of tragedy.

Hundreds Mourn For Storm Dead

By GEORGE McNEVIN
ESCOMINAC, N.B. (CP)—Hundreds of mourners overflowed two churches at nearby Baie Ste. Anne and Bay du Vin Tuesday to pay their last respects to six victims of New Brunswick's weekend fishing fleet disaster.

Meanwhile the search by beach-combing ground parties and boats drafting nets continued for 24 bodies still not recovered. Thirty-five men died in the vicious Friday night storm that scuttled a fleet of 45 to 60 salmon boats. Eleven bodies were recovered.

When the howling gale subsided 22 boats were missing. All eventually were accounted for from among the number of wrecked derelicts that still dot the coastline.



GUEST SPEAKER at the 1959 Maritime Conference on Social Work which began in Charlottetown yesterday, Rev. Swithun Bowers, O.M.I. (left), director of the University of Ottawa School of Social Welfare, chats with three discussion group leaders following delivery of a major conference address at the SDU gymnasium, yesterday afternoon. With Father Bowers are Jean Dorgan, Ottawa, consultant in social work with the mental health division of the federal department of national health and welfare; David Weiss, Montreal, executive director, Baras De Hirsch Institute and the Jewish Child Welfare Bureau; and F.R. MacKinnon, Halifax, deputy minister of public welfare for the Province of Nova Scotia.

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