

Hanoi Talks Useful

OTTAWA (CP)—External Affairs Minister Martin told the Commons Monday that Canada's senior delegate on the International Truce Commission in Viet Nam has had a "very useful and fruitful" discussion with the premier and foreign minister of North Viet Nam.

He said the delegate, Victor Moore, also talked to the North Viet Nam vice-president for defence affairs.

He said the discussions concerned matters which would interest all who wanted to see a ceasefire and an end to the war in Viet Nam.

Mr. Martin said Mr. Moore's discussions did not directly concern Canada's proposal to India and Poland that the international commission be used as a vehicle for starting peace negotiations.

Canada, India and Poland are the members of the commission.

AWAITS REACTION
Mr. Martin also said he is still awaiting official reaction from India and Poland on the Canadian proposal for reconvening the 1954 Geneva conference.

He said in reply to Opposition Leader Diefenbaker that he has had no intimation from any spokesman for the Indian government that India would have no interest in the Canadian proposal unless Poland signified an interest in advance.

However, Mr. Martin added that there would have to be unanimous agreement within the commission before it can undertake any action.

Six Islanders Included In Boy Scout Awards

Trawler Missing

HALIFAX (CP)—The trawler Blue Mist, with 13 men aboard, has been reported missing off the southwestern coast of Newfoundland. It was last heard from Sunday night during a storm.

Treasure Hunt At Standstill

OAK ISLAND, N.S. (CP)—A search for buried treasure on this 123-acre south shore Nova Scotia island has slowed to a near standstill, Robert Dunfield, Jr. said Monday.

Mr. Dunfield, a 39-year-old Los Angeles petroleum geologist who began digging in search of a legendary treasure trove here last August, said in an interview that a bucket from a large digging crane is stuck in a 70-foot deep hole near a spot where he still hopes to recover a multi-million-dollar fortune.



FRANK JAMES Costello, LEFT, and John N. Richard, RIGHT, look over the shoulders of Brigadier William W. Reid, D.S.O., E.D., as they read the names of scouts who have been awarded distinctions of merit for their contributions to the scout movement. The awards were announced yesterday by Governor-General George Vanier, Chief Scout of Canada.

Brig. William Reid To Get Silver Wolf

The names of six Islanders included with 34 other Canadians who have received service awards from the Boy Scouts Association of Canada were announced yesterday by Governor-General Vanier.

General Vanier made the announcement in his capacity as Chief Scout of Canada, on the anniversary of the birth on Feb. 22, 1857, of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the boy scout movement.

Out of the 34 awards, the highest one, the silver wolf, went to Brigadier William W. Reid of Charlottetown. The silver wolf is given for exceptional service of natural importance.

The silver acorn, an award for especially distinguished service, was given to Eric Tanton, Summerside, while medals of merit were awarded to the following Islanders for especially good service: Frank J. Costello and Walter S. McMurtry of Charlottetown; J. Frank Gaudin, Southport, and John N. Richard, Sherwood.

Brig. Reid who was also the recipient of the silver acorn in 1953, has been active in scout leadership in this province since 1938. He served with distinction in the armed forces from 1939-1945 and, on his return to Prince Edward Island, Brig. Reid started scouting again. He was provincial commissioner from 1946-1947 and was elected to the post of president in 1947, the position he presently holds.

Mr. Reid was appointed to the Canadian General Council in 1948 and has also been a member of the organization and expansion committee.

His citation reads, in part: "Over a period of 30 years, except for active service, Brig. Reid has given outstanding leadership to boy scouts of Canada at practically all levels, and, in addition, still continued in the capacity as scoutmaster of his troop."

Brigadier Reid was Camp Chief of sub-camp Atlantic at the World Jamboree held at Niagara-on-the-lake in 1955 and gave valuable service in directing this camp for some 1000 scouts from Canada and foreign countries.

He was Camp Chief for the Second Prince Edward Island Jamboree held at Camp Buchan in 1964 for some 400 Island and other Canadian scouts.

OTHER AWARDS
Eric Tanton's services have been continuous as a cubmaster, scoutmaster, assistant district commissioner and district commissioner, since 1946.

Mr. Tanton was awarded the medal of merit in 1954 and since that time he has continued as district commissioner and is still active in all phases of scouting, the most recent being the organization of a wolf cub pack at Lennox Island.

Frank Costello has been active in the scout movement since 1942 when he was leader of the St. John's pack. He has led troops and packs in Parkdale and East Royal.

Mr. Costello received his wood badge in 1954, a long service medal in 1957 and a bar to service medal in 1962.

Active at the Brudenell Scout Camp each summer, he has also acted as junior leader at provincial camps from 1946 - 1948 and in 1950 and 1961.

He was assistant scoutmaster with the P.E.I. contingent at the Second Canadian Jamboree in 1963 at Ottawa, and program director of a sub-camp Atlantic, Eltham World Jamboree, Niagara-on-the-lake in 1965, for 1,000 Canadian and foreign scouts.

John Richard, with a leadership history spanning 13 years, received his wood badge in 1956 and has led troops and packs in 1950 and 1961.

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Quebec Mourns Lt.-Gov's Death

QUEBEC (CP)—Quebec went into mourning Monday for the province's lieutenant-governor, Paul Comtois, who lost his life in an early morning fire which destroyed his official residence, Bois de Coulonges, in suburban Sillery.

Tributes to Mr. Comtois, who served as mines and technical surveys minister in the former Conservative government and was appointed lieutenant-governor by Mr. Diefenbaker following the death in 1961 of One-sime Gagnon, were paid by political leaders across Canada.

Premier Jean Lesage announced today that he would not enter officially into mourning, the provincial legislature will not meet again until the appointment of a successor to Mr. Comtois.

He said the two houses could not sit officially when one of branches of the legislature is missing, as is now the case following the tragic death of the lieutenant-governor.

REMAINS FOUND
Following the finding of Mr. Comtois' remains in the burnt-out house, Premier Lesage ordered a death certificate signed as soon as possible so as to speed up the machinery leading to the appointment of a new lieutenant-governor by the federal government.

The funeral of Mr. Comtois will take place in Quebec City Thursday morning.

Mr. Lesage said the funeral mass in the basilica of Quebec will be sung by Maurice Cardinal Roy and that burial will be at Pierreville, Que., 90 miles southwest of Quebec City. Mr. Comtois was born in Pierreville. The body will be brought there by train.

REDUCED TO ASHES
The fire in which the 70-year-old Mr. Comtois died broke out shortly after midnight and swept through the 48-room wooden Bois de Coulonges residence in minutes, reducing it to ashes in two hours.

Mrs. Comtois, her daughter Mireille, and two guests, Mr. and Mrs. Max Sterns of Sherbrooke, Que., managed to escape into the 20 - below zero night.

Mrs. Comtois was carried to safety by two servants and was later reported suffering from light shock.

Mireille, 35, was taken to hospital suffering from burns to her arms and face. She later told one of her brothers in hospital that she was reading in her room when there was an explosion.

She hurried from her room and found thick smoke already in the hall. On the first floor of the main staircase she saw fire and a large hole in the floor.

She told her brother she saw her father who pointed to a window and shouted: "Jump! That's an order."

ROUSED GUESTS
She jumped from the second storey window. Before fleeing she roused Mr. and Mrs. Sterns. They also jumped from the second floor into a snow bank, but were unharmed.

F.X. Perreault, the provincial fire commissioner, is carrying out an investigation into the cause of the fire. Police and five department officials said Monday there is no indication it was of criminal origin.

Col. J. P. Martin, aide-de-camp to the lieutenant-governor, said the fire started up as if "it was in a matchbox."

"I made three trips around the building but there was nothing anyone could do," he said.

PAY TRIBUTES
Governor-General Vanier said Monday he and his wife are "distressed beyond words" by the tragedy.

In a statement, the Governor-General said he had "a high regard and deep affection" for Mr. Comtois. He was a great gentleman and a worthy representative of the crown.

Tributes to Mr. Comtois were paid in the House of Commons by Prime Minister Pearson and the leaders of other political parties.

Wilson's Prospects Seen Dim In Moscow

MOSCOW (CP)—British Prime Minister Wilson arrived Monday night in hopes of getting Soviet help for a new effort to end the Viet Nam war but the prospects seemed dim.

The British leader also stated an attempt to get Soviet Premier Koygin to move forward toward new disarmament accords. Wilson has in mind an extension of the partial nuclear test-ban treaty to include underground tests and an East-West pact to stop the spread of nuclear weapons.

In the sector of British-Soviet relations Wilson hopes to win some big Soviet orders for Britain's lagging shipbuilding industry. He wants to balance trade between the two countries which now runs British buying around \$200,000,000 worth of Soviet goods yearly against Russian purchases of less than half that amount from Britain.

Youth Controls Runaway Truck
SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—A runaway Irving Oil tanker was brought under control in this city's east end Monday by a youth who jumped out of a city transit bus and into the cab of the runaway vehicle.

John Johnston, 20, of Saint John brought the tanker to a halt after it had sideswiped a parked car, struck a home and clipped a traffic sign in a 100-yard downhill journey on Waterloo Street. There were no injuries.

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Two-time winner David Lean was named for Dr. Zhivago and three-time winner William Wyllie for The Collector. Another former winner, Robert Wise, was selected for The Sound of Music and newcomer John Schlesinger for Darling.

The Oscars will be presented April 18 with the customary hoopla at Santa Monica, Calif. Civic Auditorium. Bob Hope will again conduct the festivities for the 38th annual celebration.

Halifax Grain Reported Short

OTTAWA (CP)—Halifax was given 2,150,000 bushels of feed grain to be stored for Maritime Province farmers during this winter but the supply is not expected to meet demand.

Foreign Minister Saive said Monday in a written Commons return.

Defence Program Is Described By MP Hoax Of Epic Proportions

OTTAWA (CP)—Ed Schreyer, freshman NDP member from the Manitoba riding of Springfield, said Monday in the Commons the government's defence program has been "a hoax of epic proportions."

He said an expensive public relations campaign had given the public a "false and misleading impression" of what is going on in the defence field.

In the third day of a Commons defence debate, Mr. Schreyer said it is peculiar that the defence department gave "lavish" retirement bonuses for men to leave the armed forces and then turned around and offered re-enlistment bonuses.

"This is a complete contradiction of policy in the course of a few short months."

Mr. Schreyer asked where the advertised savings in the defence program have gone. They had been supposed to go into new weapons procurement. But spending on new weapons had fallen to 12 per cent of the \$1,550,000,000 defence budget.

Defence capability had not improved at all.

CALLS BONUS 'SOP'
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The defence department had forced 500 pilots to retire after spending \$175,000 each for training. Now it was spending \$65,000,000 in bonus money to get men back.

"What kind of a hodgepodge is this?"

The first items of the defence estimates, on which there is general debate, appeared to be going to pass when Eric Winkler, Conservative MP for the Nova Scotia riding of Digby-Annapolis-Kings and son of the late George Nowlan, former revenue minister, said the \$200-a-year re-engagement bonus announced Friday is a "sop" and "too little and too late."

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Nominations Announced For '65 Academy Winners

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The Sound of Music and Dr. Zhivago tied for top honors Monday in academy award nominations.

The two films scored 10 nominations apiece and were followed by Ship of Fools with eight.

The academy, which last year awarded all the acting Oscars to foreigners, this year chose 12 foreigners out of the 20 acting nominations.

Julie Andrews, 1964 winner for Mary Poppins, was once more nominated, this time for playing another melodic nanny in The Sound of Music. Two other English actresses were nominated: Julie Christie for Darling and Samantha Eggar for The Collector.

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Shaky NATO Foundation Gets New DeGaulle Blow

By PETER BUCKLEY
PARIS (CP)—General de Gaulle gave another shake Monday to the foundations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The 75-year-old French president told a press conference that France intends to bring all foreign bases in France under her own control and to assert her independence and sovereignty.

The move is aimed particularly at the United States forces and bases still in France, but it would certainly affect RCAF units still stationed here.

De Gaulle said the move "is not at all a rupture but a necessary adaptation" of France's defence position to take into account the improvement in the international situation since the NATO treaty was signed in 1949.

He promised that the changes would be made gradually so France's allies were not suddenly inconvenienced.

He had warned previously that France would not take part in NATO after 1969, when the current treaty expires, unless the NATO structure was drastically altered. Monday's statement was, if anything, more explicit.

TALK WANDERED
De Gaulle also unbundled himself of some kind words for the Common Market and its future, some strong words on the subject of the kidnapping of Moroccan Opposition Leader Mehdi ben Barka, and a rambling discourse on the December presidential elections and the French economy.

Citing U.S. involvement in Korea, Cuba and Viet Nam, de Gaulle said other wars "could, by virtue of the famous escalation extend in such a way as to lead to a general conflagration and in that case, Europe, whose strategy in NATO is the American strategy, would be automatically involved... even if she had not wanted it."

France's insistence on being her own boss "is incompatible with a defence organization in which she is subordinated," he added.

The RCAF air division, with headquarters at Metz, France, has 6,000 men in France and West Germany at four air bases, of these, 2,200 are in France.

An armed forces spokesman in Ottawa said Canadians attached to the NATO integrated headquarters in Paris probably would not be affected by President de Gaulle's declaration.

Warmer Trend Expected To Arrive In Day Or Two

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Belief is just a day or two away.

That's the outlook for most of Canada as the extreme cold which had most Canadians shivering through the weekend is expected to give way to milder and more seasonal temperatures within the next 48 hours.

There was improvement in the Prairie weather Monday as cold air over Alberta and Western Saskatchewan moved slowly northeastward, while mild Pacific air in British Columbia spread into western Alberta.

The Prairies had mostly sunny skies Monday with only patchy cloudiness and temperatures ranging from the 40s in far western Alberta to five above in western Saskatchewan.

The forecast for today is for temperatures between 30 and 40 degrees over most of Alberta and 10 to 15 above in Saskatchewan. More seasonal temperatures are also called for in Manitoba with temperatures about 30 degrees above the highs of the last few days.

Strong winds along the coast with temperatures in the 40s are forecast for B.C. Rain is expected on the coast but inland will remain sunny.

COLD TO RETURN
While most of Saskatchewan will get a few days relief from the frigid weather, cold temperatures are expected to return to the area by Thursday night or early Friday. Snow is expected late in the week.

Milder air which moved across the northern portion of Labrador and Quebec during the weekend, was caught in the strong northerly flow which is persisting over Ontario and Quebec. Temperatures in the forecast regions are expected to show gradual moderation today, but considerable cloud and snowflurries will remain over the area.

Temperatures are expected to range from 5 in the northern section of Ontario to 25 in the south.

Warmer temperatures were predicted for Quebec with a forecast of 10 to 15 degrees above.

Coldest period of the winter is still prevailing in the Atlantic provinces and little change is expected for at least another day. Most Maritime centres were reporting record low temperatures.

The coldest spot was Campbellton, N.B., where the mercury dropped to 30 below, 22 degrees lower than the record for Feb. 21 set in 1959.

The weather office forecast a gradual moderation in temperatures over the next 48 hours in the Maritimes.



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