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Liberal Member 'Erred' Committee Report Says

By DON MACLEOD

A committee of the Legislature has concluded that a Liberal member "erred" when he made charges that there is political interference in the making of appointments to the public service by the civil service commission of the province.

The report of the select standing committee on privileges, appointed to investigate the charges of patronage made several weeks ago by George Ferguson (L-4th Kings), came to the conclusion that Mr. Ferguson erred in making statements which he was not prepared to substantiate before the committee.

According to the committee report, submitted by chairman Robert Grindlay (PC-2nd

Prince), "your committee met in the office of the civil service commission to investigate allegations made by Mr. Ferguson of political interference in the operations of the civil service commission."

Mr. Ferguson said earlier in the session that he would not attend any meeting of the privileges committee as he wanted the investigation carried out by a committee of the House that had equal representation from the Liberals.

Dr. Hubert MacNeill, minister of health, suggested that (Continued on page 5 Col. 3)

Session Speedup Seen Move To Prorogue By March 26

The frequency of sittings of the current session of the Legislature is to be stepped up, according to Premier Walter R. Shaw.

He said last night that two sittings are scheduled for today—at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. In the past, there has been only a morning sitting on Friday.

Premier Shaw added that the House will probably sit Monday afternoon. Since the session

opened, no Monday sittings have been held.

There were indications yesterday that the government is trying to get the business of the current session completed by Friday, March 26. This may present its difficulties, however, as several large pieces of legislation are to come up, committee reports are to be discussed and the budget debate and consideration of fiscal estimates still face members.

Plane Crash Mystery Continues Unsolved

UPPER MUSQUODOBOIT, N.S. (CP)—The mystery of Wednesday's Eastern Provincial Airways passenger plane crash in the Musquodoboit Valley remained Thursday.

Five transport department investigators, headed by a task force of 25 aeronautical experts, spent the day collecting wreckage of the twin-engine Dart-Herald that crashed near here, killing three crew members and five passengers.

Donald McClellan of Montreal, the transport department's chief investigator, headed a team that included representatives of Handley Page, the plane's manufacturer; Rolls Royce, makers of the engines, and Eastern Provincial Airways, the owners. The weather continued fine.

So far the only clues to the cause of the crash are statements of eyewitnesses. They say they saw the tail section break away from the aircraft in mid-air with an explosive roar, after which the main fuselage cartwheeled over and over straight down to earth.

RCMP and workmen Thursday recovered the last body—that of co-pilot R. C. Clements, 41, of Moncton, which had been caught in compressed wreckage of the turbo-prop's nose section.

Five bodies were recovered Wednesday and two more were removed from wreckage earlier Thursday.

Eastern Provincial Airways Flight 102 left Halifax International Airport about nine minutes before the crash and there was no report of any trouble after the takeoff. The flight originated at Moncton with stops at Summerside and Charlottetown, P.E.I., and New Glasgow before arriving at Halifax. It was heading for Sydney and St. John's, Nfld.

The wreckage, scattered over a two-square-mile area, is being collected and taken to Halifax airport where it will be examined.

Bodies of the victims will be sent to their homes from the Halifax morgue for burial. All but one of them—Scarborough, Ont., salesman, lived in the Maritimes.

NEW STEP TO PLANETS

Russian Scores Space First

By SIDNEY WEILAND

MOSCOW (Reuters)—A Russian cosmonaut "swam" out of an orbiting craft Thursday to become the first man to stand alone in the great vacuum of outer space.

The maker of this fantastic history was Lt.-Col. Alexei Leonov, fair-haired 30-year-old father of a small daughter. His partner in the historic flight, Col. Pavel Belyayev, 30, remained in the spacecraft.

Wearing a specially insulated suit, Leonov spent 20 minutes outside his spacecraft Voskhod (Sunrise) II as it hurtled at five miles a second, 18,000 miles an hour, some 300 miles above earth.

Leonov reported he felt well after the feat which, scientific observers said, appeared to put Russia far ahead in the space race with the United States.

Late Thursday night the two new spacemen whirled through space with every sign they planned to stay up at least until dawn.

There was speculation here the ship would come down today to give doctors a chance to examine Leonov within a fairly short time after he ventured outside the ship.

MIGHT LAUNCH ANOTHER

But there were also suggestions that Russia would first launch another ship for a space rendezvous.

After eight orbits, Moscow radio broadcast a conversation in which the spacecraft's ground station congratulated the two cosmonauts "on the completion of the first part of your task."

Leonov moved about in the dangerous nothingness, took pictures with a movie camera and carried out experiments.

There was no hint from official sources what these were, but there was speculation that he was testing conditions for the eventual erection of prefabricated satellite "service stations" in outer space in preparation for flights to the planets.

It was a gamble with death for Leonov, who is said to have hopes of being chosen for a Russian-manned flight to the moon. He was co-pilot of the craft, with Belyayev as commander.

Clad in his space suit and helmet, which shielded him from the sun's intense heat rays, Leonov stepped gingerly out of the hatch of the capsule.

COULD HAVE DIED

The cosmonaut knew he would die an instant, burning death, if the slightest space particle punctured the suit.

And if the lifeline connecting him with the spacecraft had snapped, he might have continued in orbit as a human satellite for about two weeks, eventually burning up as he re-entered the earth's atmosphere.

Tass news agency said his suit was padded with an "independent life support system" which carried oxygen as he stepped out into space just after the start of the second orbit.

Leonov was poised for some time in the air lock, holding onto a rail around the edge of the aperture. Then his whole body emerged. He pulled up his legs behind him, held a hand-rail for a time, shifted first into a lying-down position and then stood up.

For some seconds he swam around, resembling a strange fish in an aquarium. The thick cable linking him with the cabin floated in space like a piece of string in water.

For some time he swam freely up to 16 feet away from the ship, operating a movie camera. He inspected the outside of the craft and made visual observations of earth and outer space.

LOOKED LIKE SNOW

A camera was attached to the ship, resembling a giant hand. He inspected the outside of the craft and made visual observations of earth and outer space.

To viewers here it was an eerie scene with the spacecraft bathed in white, as if covered with snow.

The spacecraft orbited the earth once every 91 minutes. Its minimum distance from the earth was 110 miles and its maximum 310 miles.

The ship ranged higher above the earth than any previous manned spacecraft launched by Russia. Its maximum was some 55 miles higher than that reached by Voskhod I, and about 120 miles higher than Maj. Yuri Gagarin's flight four years ago.

2 Men Presumed Dead In Explosion Of DC-3

Matheson Says Gov't Is One Of Juggling

By MARIAN BRUCE

The Conservative Government was branded "a government of juggling" by A. W. Matheson (L-4th Kings) in a scathing attack on government financial policies in the Legislature last night.

"This government is a government of juggling—that's all it is and all it's ever been. This provincial treasurer is a worse juggler than the last," Mr. Matheson said.

"What happened to the \$210,000 that was transferred from the Hospital Services Commission to the government? Why wasn't it included in the auditor's report?"

"That was not transferred to the government," Provincial Treasurer Alban Farmer replied. "It was just a credit to the commission."

Mr. Matheson charged "this was for the same reason \$200,000 was taken from the government garage and put into the revenue just to make the government look better."

CRITICIZES REPORT

He called the provincial auditor's report "the worst report ever tabled here. It's a disgrace to the man who signed his name to it. There's nothing in the report except statements of matters passed in this House two years ago. It would have been just as well for the treasurer to table a blank sheet."

He said there was "not one single, solitary explanation of why the government did anything. It will take the public

accounts committee two months at least to investigate the report."

Mr. Matheson said the government had been "terribly negligent in not setting up a (Continued on page 3 Col. 4)



THIS PICTURE of late Captain Wylie C. Irving was taken when he was senior master of the Canadian National Rail-

Retired Captain Of Ferry Dies

Edward Irving was senior officer of the ice-breaking car ferry, MV Abegweit, died suddenly in the Prince

Edward Irving was senior officer with Canadian National Railways' Northumberland Strait ferry service, and the only person who had worked his way from the bottom in the fleet to that position.

A native of Cape Traverse, P.E.I., he entered the service July 2, 1925 as a coal trimmer. He served briefly as a caterer and steward in 1928, and then became deckhand and quartermaster.

He attended the government navigation school at Yarmouth, N.S., from 1940 to 1941, where he earned his mate's ticket, home trade.

He became a third mate with the service in March 1941 and second mate in January 1942. He returned to navigation school to earn his master's certificate, home trade, and became a revenue master in 1945. He became senior captain in 1953.

Capt. Irving has at one time or another commanded every vessel in the fleet, except the MV Confederation.

STARTED ON P.E.I.

He started work on SS Prince Edward Island, and had served aboard SS Scotia 11. He also had served with SS Scotia 1 and SS (Continued on page 5 Col. 8)

Wreckage Falls Into Nfld. Lake

GIN COVE, Nfld. (CP)—Two men are believed to have been killed Thursday night when an Air Canada DC-3 aircraft exploded at 8,000 feet and fell in pieces into a small lake a few miles from this eastern Newfoundland hamlet.

Officials said there was little hope the men could have survived.

The plane was en route from Gander, Nfld., to Santa Maria in the Azores when it exploded near this community six miles east of Clarendville and 120 miles north of St. John's.

Police said no one had been able to reach the crash scene by midnight NST. It was expected to take a ground party at least two hours to cover the rough terrain between the nearest road and the wreckage in Lady Cove Pond.

The victims names were withheld.

There was no radio or radar contact with the plane after it took off from Gander on the 1,500-mile flight to the Azores. Turbay Airport at St. John's said it received no word from the plane. An escorting aircraft said it lost contact shortly after takeoff.

The plane was first reported down near the mouth of Conception Bay to the east of here, but RCMP later confirmed the twin-engine aircraft had crashed near here.

It was the second aircraft accident in the Atlantic province in two days. An Eastern Provincial Airways plane crashed shortly after taking off from Halifax International Airport Wednesday morning and five passengers and a crew of three were killed.

Parliament At A Glance

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS

THURSDAY, March 18, 1965.

The Commons started study of the procedure committee report on streamlining operations of the House.

Prime Minister Pearson accepted some proposals but rejected others, saying the report should go back to the committee for more work.

He agreed with a 20-day limit for the Commons estimates debate with detailed study of the spending program in committee.

He disagreed with a proposal for frequent two-week adjournments of the House.

The government doubted the wisdom of creating an advisory panel of committee chairmen.

Douglas Fisher (NDP—Port Arthur) said the Liberals talk much but do little about parliamentary reform.

Gerald W. Baskin (PC—Peace River) said Parliament has become "a creaking mechanism" badly in need of overhaul.

Pauline Jewell (L—Northumberland) said a new system must be tried to see whether strengthened committees would aid Parliament.

Jack Horner (PC—Acadia) said he doesn't believe the changes would help MPs serve their constituents better.

Royal assent was given the federal labor code bill. A bill to prevent take-overs of trust and mortgage companies.

FRIDAY, March 19

The Commons meets at 11 a.m., probably to continue study of the procedure committee report. The Senate adjourned until March 23.

Crash Victims To Be Buried

MONCTON (CP)—The co-pilot and stewardess of the Eastern Provincial Airways plane which crashed shortly after takeoff from Halifax International Airport Wednesday, will be buried in funeral services here Saturday.

Funeral mass for Doris Chevare, a 24-year-old stewardess on the ill-fated Dart-Herald plane, will be held at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church in nearby Dieppe. She was engaged to be married next month.

Funeral service for First Officer Ross C. Clements of Gungahaville will be conducted at the First United Baptist Church.

Eight persons, including five passengers, were killed when the plane, on a scheduled flight from Moncton to St. John's, Nfld., apparently blew apart over Nova Scotia's Musquodoboit Valley after a brief stop at Halifax.

Funeral for the aircraft's other crewmember, Capt. R. F. Murnaghan of Riverview, N.B., will be held Monday at St. Dunstan's Basilica in Charlottetown. The 46-year-old pilot was a veteran of more than 20 years of commercial flying.

Charges Of Irregularities Are Withdrawn In House

A Liberal resolution charging irregularities in the handling of public funds of the province was withdrawn in the Legislature yesterday after two of the bitterest hours of debate thus far in the current session.

Moved by William Acorn (L-1st Kings) the resolution said there had been charges of mis-handling of public funds in the P.E.I. Industrial Corporation and the provincial fishermen's loan board and called for the tabling of all vouchers, correspondence and accounts of the organizations.

The resolution maintained that the name of Industry and Natural Resources Minister Leo Rossiter would be cleared if the alleged irregularities were found to be incorrect.

"I am the one evidently alleged to have been responsible for the mishandling of public funds," said Mr. Rossiter, "and I want the promoter to produce his charges right now. I am prepared right now to table the documents called for in the resolution."

PRODUCES DOCUMENTS

Mr. Rossiter left the chamber and returned within seconds pushing a wheelbarrow full of documents.

A. W. Matheson (L-4th Kings) suggested that the committee of the House should rise and sit later so an opportunity to examine the documents could be had by the members.

Premier Walter R. Shaw said "a serious charge has been made but where are the charges—what are they? Are we going to be put in the position where anyone can make a charge which smears the reputation of a member. This is an unheard of resolution and most indefensible."

Mr. Acorn read from a transcript of former opposition leader A.W. Matheson's remarks made at the 1964 session in which Mr. Matheson produced vouchers signed by Mr. Rossiter for a trip to London and furniture moving of an employee of Bathurst Marine Industries.

"Are these the only charges?" (Continued on page 2 col. 4)

Gignac's Wife, Children Found

MONTRÉAL (CP)—The wife and children of Robert Gignac, reported missing earlier in what was described as a possible kidnapping, have been found, police said Thursday night.

Sgt. Roland Aubuchon, duty officer at Quebec Provincial Police headquarters in Montreal, reported shortly before midnight that the Gignac family had been found, "all in good condition."

"That is all."

He declined to say where or under what circumstances Gignac's wife and three children were discovered.

MINISTER SPEAKS

Small School Units
Classed Inadequate

Construction of consolidated schools would cost the province in the vicinity of \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000, according to Dr. George Dewar, minister of education.

Dr. Dewar, taking part in the budget debate in the Legislature last night, said added to this estimate would be costs of operating the schools.

Because the consolidated schools could operate on a more efficient basis than the present smaller units, however, many economies could be made in operation costs, he said.

Reviewing the conditions of the province's rural schools, which he said made necessary plans for consolidation, he said only 60 per cent of the schools had electricity; 54 per cent were heated by coal or oil stoves, and in 24 per cent outdoor toilets were still in use.

He said "the commentary of all" was that only 20 per cent had libraries.

"These facilities are not adequate to look after our most precious assets—growing boys and girls," the minister stated.

LONG-TERM PLANS

"Something will have to be worked out over a great length of time, as a great many of our people are conservative with respect to change in education as well as in many other fields."

Dr. Dewar said an argument against consolidation had been based on the problem of transporting children long distances in the schools.

Since the system of regional high schools was established, he stated, "the very fact transportation was provided was an in-

Small School Units Classed Inadequate

centive for students of grade eight or higher to continue their education."

NOT ENOUGH REVENUE

Dr. Dewar said he was "concerned" that the revenues of the province "are not sufficient" to provide "all the services needed." Pointing out that although the budget for the department of education for the next fiscal year exceeds \$200,000,000, he said "this is about \$1,500,000 short of where I would like to see it."

The minister said his department could use another \$200,000 on higher education and \$500,000 on the elementary school system "and not be considered extravagant."

In the last fiscal year, Dr. Dewar said, his department (Continued on page 5 Col. 6)

2 Priests Die In Accident

MONTRÉAL (CP)—Two Roman Catholic priests were killed and two others severely injured Thursday when their car left the highway and crashed into a vacant house near Contrecoeur, 30 miles southeast of here.

Police identified the victims as Rev. Julien Paré, 58, and Rev. Charlemagne Bégin, 54, driver of the car, injured were Rev. Aldéric Robit, 55, and Rev. Orléan Lussier, 55.

The priests were from St. Jacques parish in Montreal.



WHILE A WHEELBARROW to table vouchers in connection with spending by the P.E.I. Industrial Corporation. A resolution, promoted by William Acorn (L-1st Kings) called for the tabling of the vouchers and Mr. Rossiter found there were so many documents that the one-wheeled vehicle was necessary. At left is Robert Grindlay (PC-2nd Prince) chairman of the committee of the House, calling for order. Beside him is Mr. Acorn and right of centre are Dr. George Dewar, minister of education, and Agriculture Minister Andrew Maclean.

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