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Problems Discussed At APEC Committee Meeting

Many of the problems facing Prince Edward Island industry in the fishing, agriculture and tourist fields can be cured by a "self-help" policy, Nelson Mann, executive manager of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council told directors and committee members of APEC's Prince Edward Island division at the Prince of Wales College yesterday.

EDUCATION INQUIRY RESUMED

Committee Hears From Dr. Frank MacKinnon

Expressing his belief that there were too many people "looking over the teacher's shoulder" Dr. Frank MacKinnon, principal of Prince of Wales College, last night told the Select Standing Committee on Education that it would be better to get good teachers, leave them alone and let them set their own course than to get inferior teachers and "over-regulate" them.

Death Toll In Blizzard Mounts

KANSAS CITY (AP)—A spring blizzard which isolated small communities throughout the Great Plains, stalling passenger trains and automobiles in snowdrifts up to 20 feet, veered northeastward toward the Great Lakes Monday.

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LECTURER

MONCTON N.B. — Dr. O.M. Solandt, O.B.E., F.R.S.C. assistant vice-president of research and development Canadian National Railways, will arrive here today.

Makes Atlantic Flight Safely

SHANNON, Ireland (Reuters)—"Flying grandfather" Max Conrad, 47, landed a twin-engine Piper Apache here Monday after his 25th crossing of the Atlantic in a light aircraft.

Brief On Education By Ministerial Association

Objection to the licensing of all public schools of our province you will not neglect to visit a number of the small one and two-roomed schools.

UK Gov't To Probe Strike At Shipyards

LONDON (AP)—Attempts to settle Britain's shipyard strike broke down Monday night and the government stepped in.

Heads Maritime Patrol Squadron

HALIFAX (CP)—Wing Cmdr. Ian A. H. MacFarlane, 38, of Vancouver has been appointed officer commanding No. 404 Maritime patrol squadron, RCAF station Greenwood, N.S.

COMMONS DEBATES HOSPITAL INSURANCE

Federal Government Eases Requirements, Martin Says

May Mean Plans Can Be In Operation At Earlier Date



BUDGET NIGHT

Many citizens are expected to be a hand tonight to hear the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, Earl Macdonald bring down the annual budget.

Prime Ministers Open Conference

TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda (CP)—Prime Ministers St. Laurent and Macmillan met in plenary session for two hours and 20 minutes Monday to discuss defence, nuclear tests and other atomic questions of common concern to Canada and Britain.

Scotland Yard Head Slips In Forbidden Evidence

LONDON (AP)—Superintendent Herbert Hannam of Scotland Yard pulled off one of his famous "trick" stunts Monday and slipped over the courtroom floor in a forbidden piece of evidence in the murder trial of Dr. John Bodkin Adams.

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OTTAWA (CP)—Health Minister Martin Monday night said the federal government has eased its requirement that at least six provinces must have acceptable hospital insurance plans "in operation" before federal financial aid would be forthcoming.

"There is a difference" between the original federal government proposal and the one it now is making, he conceded as the Commons wound up a day of debate on a government resolution preceding a bill to enable the federal government to share half the costs of standard ward hospital care and diagnostic services with the provinces.

Instead of requiring that at least six provinces have federal assistance before the plan is put into operation, the bill now allows that many provinces have signed agreements with Ottawa and passed enabling legislation, he said.

The new federal attitude might mean federal-provincial shared hospital insurance will come into effect in provinces such as British Columbia and Saskatchewan, which already have their own schemes, much sooner than previously expected.

Until now, the feeling was that federal aid would not be available to any province before at least Jan. 1, 1959—the date on which Ontario proposes to implement its scheme, even if the necessary sixth province should accept the federal proposal immediately.

So far B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Newfoundland are the only provinces which have accepted the original federal plan, even if a sixth province accepted, the plan could not have been implemented until all six provinces had their schemes operating.

Mr. Martin kept the House guessing about this point most of the day, however, by side-stepping opposition attempts to have him clarify a hint he gave of the federal change when debate started.

Mr. Martin had opened debate by saying the bill would show that "a favorable modification" has been made in the original requirement that a majority of the provinces must have their plans in actual operation.

At another point he said the resolution makes clear "the requirement that six provinces, representing at least half of the population of Canada, must have passed the necessary legislation, concluded agreements, established the required provincial administrative machinery and otherwise qualified for the receipt of contributions before the federal obligation under any of the agreements becomes effective."

Later, Stanley Knowles (CCF—Winnipeg North Centre) asked whether that statement meant it will be possible for accepting provinces who already have their plans in operation to start drawing federal money before other participating provinces have their plans actually going.

Wait for the bill, said Mr. Martin. As the intermittent quizzing of Mr. Martin went on, it appeared the federal government has decided to start paying into the scheme as soon as at least six provinces have passed necessary legislation and are clearly on their way toward actual operation of a hospital insurance plan within a reasonable time.

In an exchange with George Hees (PC—Toronto Broadview), Mr. Martin said the federal government will sign with the five provinces—British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Newfoundland—that have signed their approval of the federal proposal as soon as the bill is passed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Mr. Hees: "Will the legislation be passed before the sixth province comes in?" Mr. Martin: "The minute it does pass we will sign with the five provinces."

Mr. Hees: "And start the plan immediately?" Mr. Martin: "I did not say that."

Mr. Hees: "How soon will you start the plan?" Mr. Martin: "I said when the six provinces have passed the necessary legislation and have agreements in being."

At the night sitting, J. Angus MacLean (PC—Queens) quoted Premier Matheson of Prince Edward Island as saying the federal proposal is beyond the financial capabilities of his province. Other Maritime provinces would face the same difficulty, Mr. MacLean said, unless Ottawa increased its share of the cost to 60 per cent.

Mr. Martin interjected that the federal contribution will be greater than that.



QUAKE SHAKEDOWN

SAN FRANCISCO—A grocery store was faced with cleanup tasks such as this. The earthquake was the biggest to strike this area since the big one of 1906. (AP Wirephoto)