

HIJACKERS RELENT

Truck Drivers Released Following 2-Day Ordeal

THESSALON, Ont. (CP)—The lives of two truck drivers may have been saved early Friday when hijackers who had kidnapped them tipped off police to their whereabouts.

The two, Kris Miske, 42, of Vancouver, and David Lukiv, 39, of Coquitlam, B.C., were found shivering and shackled to a bannister in a deserted dance hall on Highway 17 near here. Thessalon is 50 miles east of Swift Ste. Marie.

They had been left there handcuffed to the bannister for two days after three gunmen hijacked their tractor-trailer loaded with \$180,000 in cigarettes. There was no trace of the transport, owned by D. S. Scott Transport Ltd. of Vancouver.

WERE HUNGRY

The truckers were suffering from hunger, exhaustion and cold. They said they shouted for help practically all the time they were handcuffed in the hall. They were given a medical checkup. They were expected to return to the Toronto terminal, from where they set out about 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Provincial police at Sault Ste. Marie said they received a telephone call about midnight Thursday. The caller said he had read nothing in the papers about the two drivers and feared for their safety. Police were told they would find the men handcuffed in the dance hall.

The drivers said they were taken on a 200-mile ride of terror while handcuffed and blindfolded in the back seat of the gunmen's car.

They said they were flagged down on the Trans-Canada Highway shortly after leaving a roadside cafe near North Bay. Three men waving revolvers and wearing stocking masks forced them out of the truck.

One of the hijackers took the wheel of the truck while the other two kidnapped the drivers.

Swindle Draws Five-Year Term

MONTREAL (CP)—Claude Bourdeau, 28, former manager of a Montreal finance company, was sentenced Friday to five years in penitentiary for operating a giant swindle which cost his firm \$269,000 last year.

Bourdeau recently pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy and fraud of \$254,000. He was sentenced by sessions Judge Edouard Archambault.

Airman's Body Sought In Bay

OTTAWA (CP)—An air-search for the body of RCAF Flt.-Sgt. Robert William Major, 44, is continuing in the Bay of Fundy, the defence department said Friday.

He fell through the camera hatch of an Argus aircraft Thursday during camera trials over the Bay. He was flight-engineer in the aircraft's crew.

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

FRIDAY, March 25, 1966

Finance Minister Sharp tabled his budget white paper in the Commons predicting further expansion in the economy.

The paper forecast a deficit of \$34,000,000 for the fiscal year ending March 31.

New Democrats sought adjournment of the Commons' regular business to discuss the Ontario truckers' strike but were ruled out of order.

The Commons passed a bill giving the government a two-month money supply of \$370,000,000 to meet bills and payrolls.

Transport and public works items took the spotlight as the House then turned to study of supplementary spending estimates.

MONDAY, March 28

The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. to continue the capital punishment debate. The Senate stands adjourned until March 29.

United Kingdom Tour Goes To Freetown Man

William Cairns, prominent Freetown farmer, has been selected to represent this province in the tour of the United Kingdom, sponsored by the Bank of Montreal.

The bank provides the sum of \$2,000 for the tour, as well as footing the bills for two smaller trips.

Mr. Cairns spent six months in England in 1953 when he was awarded the Nuffield scholarship. This time he intends to continue a study of British agriculture which he began at that time.

"I'll be studying all phases of agriculture, but I'll naturally be particularly interested in potatoes," Mr. Cairns told The Guardian last night. During his previous trip he spent some time with a man who produces 150 acres of potatoes, and he recalls that the production at that time "was heavier than we were able to produce here at the time."

The potato farming was also more heavily mechanized, he recalls.

A trip to Montreal is scheduled next month when details of the trip will be discussed. But



MR. CAIRNS
Mr. Cairns, a busy farmer, does not intend to make the trip until this autumn.

Several Bills Considered By Legislative Assembly

A bill entitled The Unclaimed Articles Act received second reading yesterday in the Legislative Assembly. The bill provides for the disposal of articles left with businesses for a period longer than six months.

The bill was promoted by Attorney General Alban Farmer.

Second reading was started to amendments to the Highway Traffic Act, but it was not completed and the promoter, Provincial Secretary George Dewar reported progress to the Speaker.

A beginning was made on a bill entitled The Prince Edward Island General Welfare Assistance Act but time ran out before the second reading could be completed. The bill is preparing the welfare services of the province to fall in line with the Canada Assistance Act which is yet to be passed by the House of Commons.

The Act is being promoted in the Legislative Assembly by Labor and Welfare Minister Dr. Hubert MacNeill.

The legislature is scheduled to resume Monday afternoon.

\$12 Million ADB Grant Sparks N.S. House Feud

OTTAWA (CP)—A Nova Scotia feud erupted in the Commons Friday after a Newfoundland Liberal drew from Transport Minister Pickersgill an announcement that the Atlantic Development Board is giving \$12,000,000 to Nova Scotia for power development.

Richard Cashin (L-St. John's West) asked during the oral question period whether such a grant had been made.

"Yes," Mr. Pickersgill replied, the first public word of the decision.

Donald MacInnis (PC-Cape Breton South) asked whether the minister would have been as quick to reply if asked to give comparisons of ADB aid to Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

"Just as quick," Mr. Pickersgill snapped back. He represents Newfoundland in the cabinet.

Well, what were the figures?

"The figure is \$12,000,000 for Nova Scotia," the minister said. "And for Newfoundland?" Mr. MacInnis pressed. There was no reply.

Later the Commons turned to a money supply debate which opens the field for any subject.

ACCUSES LIBERALS

Robert C. Coates (PC-Cumberland) rose in anger to complain about the way the Nova Scotia project had been revealed. He said it was a typical Liberal trick and accused Health Minister MacEachen, Nova Scotia's representative in the cabinet, of being a party to it.

The Nova Scotia Conservative said the province had waited two years for something to be done for it along the lines of

board assistance to New Brunswick and Newfoundland which had each received \$20,000,000 to help finance hydro projects. Both are under Liberal administrations provincially.

Any announcement of that type should have been handled in the proper manner, not by the back door. The Liberals were afraid that some Conservative might get a bit of the credit.

Mr. Coates said the health minister wasn't giving proper attention to Nova Scotia. The 10 Conservatives from that province were prepared to give him "a devil of a lot of trouble" over this.

"You're not worrying me," Mr. MacEachen said.

Mr. Pickersgill arrived back in the chamber at the height of the exchange and took it over.

SEE NO NEW POLICY

He said there seemed to be a notion among Conservatives that Liberal MPs have no right to ask questions in the House. There had not been an earlier

statement on the Nova Scotia grant because it did not involve new policy.

Mr. Pickersgill said the development board had made grants to assist important hydro projects in New Brunswick and Newfoundland and had started looking for another way to help Nova Scotia, which did not have a hydro source it wanted to develop.

First it was suggested that a grant be made to promote secondary industry. But the industry department later set up a regional development program and made this unnecessary.

Recently Premier Stanfield had proposed a program to use Nova Scotia coal for power development. This had been given cabinet support on Thursday and there would be a meeting in Nova Scotia Monday to discuss arrangements.

Mr. Pickersgill said the premier's idea was sound. It would provide new industrial growth for the province.

"If we can transform coal in Nova Scotia into electricity for Nova Scotia it will be a lot better than having his subsidies to ship this coal to Ontario and Quebec," he said.

Then he thanked Mr. Coates for raising the matter and providing an opportunity for a full statement.

Mr. Coates asked whether "this kind of a thing" should be reported in reply to a question. Why not a formal announcement?

The minister said he didn't believe in "self-advertising announcements," except on policy matters. This wasn't one.

Expansion Of Economy Reduces Federal Deficit



Coal Board Resignations Are Rumored

OTTAWA (CP)—The government was asked Friday whether any members of the Dominion Coal Board have resigned or are considering resigning.

The Commons' question by Robert Muir (PC-Cape Breton North and Victoria) was ruled out of order.

J. Watson MacNaught, former mines and technical surveys minister defeated in the Nov. 9 election, was appointed to the \$20,500-a-year job as chairman of the board last month.

The six members get no salary though they are paid expenses during hearings by the board.

A board official said in an interview that any resignation would be submitted to the prime minister. He had heard of none.

Process Crop Aid Announced

Quebec and British Columbia in that assistance will be aimed at recompensing growers for enough of their crop losses to permit them to operate again during the coming season. Details of the joint program will be announced by the Prince Edward Island Minister of Agriculture, who will be in charge of its administration.

In making the announcement Mr. Greene emphasized that the only continuing protection from crop losses like these is crop insurance, and he was pleased that he had been assured by the provincial Minister of Agriculture that it was his intention to seek coverage for these canning and freezing crops in future years.

Canada's New Minister of Agriculture, J.J. Greene, RIGHT, was chatting with Prince Edward Island's agri- culture minister, Andrew Mac- Rae, when The Guardian cameraman caught them last night at the annual dinner meeting of the P.E.I. Dairy- men's Association. Mr. Greene discussed the recent increase in the guaranteed price level for certain dairy products.

No Reason For Consumer Alarm Seen In Butter Price Increase

Urban consumers should not be alarmed by the recent increase in the Agricultural Stabilization Board's price for butter, Canada's agricultural minister J.J. Greene told the P.E.I. Dairy-men's Association here last evening.

There would have been far more reason for concern, the minister suggested, had the government left the dairy industry to continue deteriorating. This would have led to shortage of much larger and uncontrollable consumer price increases in the long run.

PRICE STILL LOW

The board's butter price is still the lowest in any developed country excepting the United Kingdom and New Zealand and it's not much higher than in those countries, Mr. Greene observed.

The new policy, he said, is intended to raise producers' incomes, stabilize the industry and prevent uncontrollable consumer price increases caused by shortages, Mr. Greene explained.

Butter production in the year ending on March 31, for example, is expected to some 23 million pounds short of the butter consumed by Canadians in that period.

Stocks of butter built up in years of surplus production have thus far held off any sharp rise in the consumer price. But stocks on hand are only sufficient to carry through to the season of heavy production in spring and early summer.

There'll be a butter shortage next year, he warned, if production is not increased and consumption maintained at present levels.

Farmers have been moving out of dairying at a disturbing rate, said Mr. Greene as he echoed the words of farm leaders in this province in the last few weeks. Some have switched to other types of farming. But "far more disturbing are the numbers moving out of farming altogether . . . because they no longer can make a living on their dairy farms."

For these reasons, he explained, the government has decided that for the new dairy year beginning April 1, the support level should provide an average net return of \$4.00 per 100 pounds of manufacturing milk.

IMPORTANT POLICY

"The importance of the new dairy policy to the farmers of Prince Edward Island," he said, "is obvious from the importance of dairy income to total income in this province.

"Agriculture accounts for about 25 per cent of all Prince Edward Island income and dairy farming accounts for about 13.2 per cent of all farm cash income in this province. This compares to about 10 per cent as farm production's share in total production for all of Canada. By far the major portion of dairy production in this province will benefit from the new federal dairy policy because about 90 per cent of all Prince Edward Island dairy output is in the manufacturing sector.

"The trends in the Prince Edward Island dairy industry have been generally the same as in other parts of Canada, Mr. Greene continued. "With characteristic foresight and awareness of the direction of economic winds, the farmers of Prince Edward Island have been diversifying their operations. The share the dairy farmer contributes to total farm income in this province has declined from 18.5 per cent in 1957 to the estimated 13.2 per cent in 1958.

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Budget Provisions May Control Boom

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor shortages, high wage costs and higher prices are in prospect for Canada's 1966 boom economy, Finance Minister Sharp advised the Commons Friday in a 194-page report to preface his budget speech Tuesday night.

He tabled the white paper in the Commons without comment. Its review of the economy for the last year and prospects for the future are based on tax and spending intentions as they now stand.

What changes he will propose to counteract the inflationary pressures are a closely-guarded government secret until the budget speech is delivered.

But the white paper said frankly that the expansion mood of the economy, which has been growing since the spring of 1961, has turned into a boom.

MUST PREVENT BUST

Boom is not a term used lightly by economists. To prevent it from turning into a bust is the key problem in this year's budget.

Mr. Sharp's report said buoyant government revenues in the fiscal year ending March 31, up 4 1/2 per cent from last year's forecast, had reduced the anticipated deficit for 1965-66 to \$34,000,000 from the \$300,000,000 forecast last spring by former finance minister Gordon. There was a deficit of \$38,000,000 in 1964-65.

Though final figures will not be available for another month, the white paper said Canada's gross national product — total value of all goods and services produced in a year — rose in 1965 "by more than nine percent." It was \$47,007,000,000 in 1964 and was running at an annual rate of \$52,056,000,000 in the third quarter of last year.

UNEMPLOYMENT DOWN

With production pressing hard against the country's capacity to produce, unemployment has been cut to less than four per cent of the labor force and shortages of skilled labor have developed. Productivity — output per person employed — did not keep up with the rise in wage costs and unless changes are made the situation may grow worse.

"The productive facilities of the Canadian economy," the white paper said, "now are close to their maximum rate of utilization, and the present and anticipated rate of expansion in demand appears likely to strain the resources currently available to meet it.

" . . . Current upward price trends could well persist, unless significant productivity improvements emerge to add to the supply capability of the economy or unless the rate of increase in demand should turn out to be notably lower than currently expected."

Philip Expects Visit Next Year

LONDON (CP)—Prince Philip said Friday it was a "reasonable guess" that he and the queen would visit Canada next year in connection with the centennial celebrations and Montreal's Expo 67.

In jovial mood as he held a press conference at London Airport on his return from North America, Philip said:

"Well, we've been invited. And taking into consideration the fact it is Canada's centenary as well as the opening of the world fair, I would say it was a reasonable guess we would probably go there.

"But I'm not making an announcement."

The prince looked sun-tanned and relaxed as he strode smiling into the midst of some 50 reporters.

RECALL INCIDENT

He was asked for comments on an incident, seen and heard on British television, when Philip used some salty language to a microphone-waving reporter in Houston, Tex.

"I object to eavesdropping in private conversations," said Philip. "I was just passing the time of day with someone and this chap poked his damn stick in—I told him what he could do with it."

Then he said with a chuckle: "It was a good thing they cut that."

"They didn't," chorused several reporters.

Not the least perturbed, Philip shot back: "Then in that case I hope he did what I told him. I'm not taking it back."

Philip described the general aim of the U.S. portion of his trip as "to create an atmosphere of goodwill" for British businessmen following in his footsteps, rather than actively boosting British products. Americans were rather confused about this, he said.

Asked what reactions he found among Canada's businessmen to British trade efforts, Philip said:

"Well, Canada is rather different. My position there is roughly the same as here. I did meet some businessmen at a Toronto club luncheon, but we merely discussed trade in general.

"There is a very severe balance against us and I don't know quite how that can be overcome. Canada's trade is so intimately connected with America, for one thing."

USAF COMMENTS ON SIGHTINGS

Space Visitors Seen Unlikely

DETROIT (AP)—A special U.S. Air Force investigator said Friday that numerous sightings of unidentified flying objects in the southern Michigan skies were probably the result of swamp gasses and not visitors from space.

"I emphasize . . . that I cannot prove in a court of law that this is the full explanation of these sightings," said Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a scientific consultant for the air force who was brought to Michigan to investigate a week-long series of reports of mysterious celestial objects.

Hynek added at a press conference:

"It appears very likely, however, that the combination of the conditions of this particular winter — an unusually mild one in this area — and the particular weather conditions — were such as to have produced this unusual and puzzling display."

Hynek added that photos released Thursday to the press showing two lights in the sky over a series of street lights were "without any question" trails made as a result of a time exposure of the rising moon and the planet, Venus.

Hynek said the photos were taken March 17 near Milan, Mich., about 25 miles southwest of Detroit and have no reference to the sightings at Hillsdale, to the north, March 21.

Hynek noted that most of the sightings were near a swamp. "A dismal swamp is a most unlikely place for a visit from outer space," Hynek said.

"It is not a place where a helicopter would hover for several hours or where a soundless secret device would likely be tested."

Most witnesses to the flying objects described them as having glowing lights, some red, green and yellow and appearing to move sideways and move a short distance.

Hynek said that such a sight is not to be seen frequently. "I have never seen it myself," he said, "and I can easily understand the dismay of the witnesses who saw it and who sincerely and accurately described what they saw."

SUGGESTS CASES

Hynek said it seems likely that present spring thaws released trapped gases resulting from decomposition of organic materials.

"It would seem to me that the association of the sightings with swamps in these particular cases is more than coincidence," Hynek said.

"No group of witnesses observed any craft coming to or going away from the swamps. The glow was localized there."

Hynek said that he wants it understood he is not making a blanket statement to cover the entire phenomenon during the last 20 years in the U.S. and other countries.

He said he has recommended that competent scientists quietly study such cases as occurred in New Hampshire last year and puzzling foreign cases such as one in Mexico last fall.



DONATION MADE CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Mackinley Brothers, North River donated \$150 yesterday to the Easter seal campaign in aid of crippled children from the sale of their grand champion steer at the Easter Beef Show. Leroy Mackinley is holding "Timmy" who is Jeffrey Hopkinson, as brother John looks at the happy youngster with a smile. The 1,051-pound Mackinley steer sold for \$1.10 per pound. (See story on page 5.)

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