



ROCK'N BOMBS AWAY

Youths among anti-H-bomb demonstrators do some rock'n roll dancing as they stopped at Albert Memorial in Kensington

Gardens, London. They were enroute in a march from Trafalgar Square to Britain's atomic weapons research center at Alder-

maston, a 50-mile trek. A mass rally was held by the marchers to protest development of nuclear weapons. (AP Wirephoto)

Potato Growers

(Continued from page 1) having to do with the elimination of a number of egg grading stations.

Mr. Smith commended the Department on its livestock improvement program. He felt the membership in the Federation should be doubled so that the farmers would be able to speak with a strong voice. He urged potato growers to give closer co-operation with the Department in its disease control program.

NOTES OMISSION
Fred Ramsay (Liberal 1st Prince) said farmers were looking to the Federation for leadership in solving many of their problems. He noted that unem-

ployment insurance for farmers was not included in the brief and felt that this was a serious omission. He noted that during the past year 30,000 workers have left the farm and if the trend continues would result in a loss of 300,000 workers to the industry.

Mr. Ramsay said he favoured freer trade with both United States and the United Kingdom. "The only thing tariffs do is to give us less for what we sell and make things we buy more costly", he said.

Frank Myers (P. C. 1st Queens) said there seemed to be some confusion regarding daylight time. He hoped that something satisfactory to all concerned could be worked out. Mr. Myers paid high tribute to the Women's Institutes of the province stating,

"without them, the men would get nowhere."

Mr. Myers agreed that contract farming should be curtailed. As an example he said a man might be raising ten hogs and a dealer, professional or businessman might offer to supply the feed for an additional ten hogs—in which case, he said the farmer would be competing with his own ten hogs for the ten he had raised for the contractor.

Morely Bell assured the Federation that their annual briefs were given high respect in the Legislature and it was not unusual to hear such remarks as, "What has the Federation to say about this?"

WHAT ABOUT PLANT?
Mr. Bell wondered why the silence about the new frosted food

plant. He felt that this plant would be a great boon to the agricultural economy of the Province. The Summerside member expressed the belief that the terms of the act should be enlarged so that it would work to the benefit of the young man wanting to get a start in farming.

G. E. Saville said he could not see why "all the fuss" about daylight time. "If the City people want to get up an hour earlier or go to bed an hour earlier, that's their business, why try to enforce it upon the farmers and the fishermen?"

R. R. Bell said he was happy to see that out of some 14 presentations of the Federation since 1944, many of the recommendations have been implemented.

He was in complete agreement regarding the extension of farm noting that he had advocated this for years. He said Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have a farm settlement policy and the province of Quebec through its loan board has advanced \$150,000,000 to farmers without loss and loaned at 4-1/2 per cent.

The Opposition Leader stressed the importance of disease control in potatoes and urged farmers to pay more attention to the marketing and packaging of potatoes. "We have a wonderful product and we should make every attempt to see that it has quality when it reaches the market."

The following is a partial text of the Federation Brief:

Tenant farming in Britain, where the tenant does not have capital invested in land, is compared in the brief with the contract system which is coming into some vogue here. The farmer invests in land and buildings while another party provides the investment in livestock, feed, fertilizer and equipment.

"We believe the time may soon be at hand when special legislation will be required to cover the matter of contract between farmers and other parties. Authorities on farm economics point out that under a system of vertical integration that many of the management decisions will be made by other parties involved in the agreements and it therefore logically follows that a high percentage of the profit related to management will not accrue to the farmer."

UNIFORM TIME
"This organization continues its support of the principle of provincial regulation of time as being satisfactory and superior to a situation where municipalities are allowed to deal with this matter."

"We are strongly of the opinion

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that uniform standard time in this province is strongly supported by our rural people and that they expect its continuation during the coming season."

The brief notes the decline of approximately 1,000 farms per decade during the past 40 years, partly from consolidation but partly also from abandonment.

"There would seem to be little real justification for allowing productive land in this province to lie idle, the development of policies which will encourage young people and immigrants to either continue or to settle here is one of real importance."

SOME REMEDIES
Some of the proposals in the brief for achieving this are: "In our brief last year we asked that as a preliminary step that a study should be made with a view of determining the best manner of providing encouragement to our young people and immigrants to keep the land of the province in production and arrest the too frequent evidence of decay apparent in many of our rural communities."

"There is probably very good reason for believing that a greater measure of stability can be introduced into the potato industry by the provision of more and better storage facilities. Coupled with this proposal is the possibility that a system of cash advances might be made to the farmer on potatoes in public storage thus enabling him to handle his obligations while at the same time moving his crop to market in an orderly way and taking advantage of the average market price."

"Realizing that many of the forces acting on the rural community are neither realized nor fully understood and believing that information of value can be obtained from a social and economic study of sample Island communities the Federation of Agricul-

ture plans to attempt to have made by competent persons or agencies a socio-economic study of rural communities."

"We have asked for the support of the Department of Agriculture in this request and would further ask that the support of the government be given as well."

LIVESTOCK
"We note with satisfaction and approval," states the brief, "the efforts of the Department of Agriculture to develop such policies as veterinary services, herd improvement, artificial insemination and the use of better sires. All this and others are important factors in the development of the livestock industry."

"We believe that it is very much in the interest of this province that sufficient funds be made available to the Department of Agriculture for the improvement of present livestock policies and the development of others. Livestock represents a sound long term investment and should be encouraged wherever possible with sound policies and the generous provision of finances for them."

EGG STATIONS
The reputation of Island eggs and the future of the industry are being jeopardized, observes the brief, by too many egg-grading stations and inefficient stations. Quality would be improved too by increasing the size of the farm flock from a hundred birds to three to five hundred. "We recommend . . . the setting up of a number of poultry demonstration farms which would serve as examples of efficient management and economic operations."

The brief commended the Department for assisting in the testing of improved strains of rosbred fowl. It requested further, that any producer group requiring help in the marketing and processing fields should receive

every consideration in requests for assistance.

DAIRYING
Noting the basic position of dairying, the brief points out that, "There is nothing to be gained by sending out of this province money for substitutes for dairy products which are efficiently produced and which protect not only the health of our people but the agricultural health of the province."

BEAUTIFICATION
"The two entrances to the province at Wood Islands and Bowden," notes the brief, "present a very good opportunity for beautification and landscaping, which if brought about would serve to make a favorable impression on arriving and departing visitors. The provision of roadside picnic tables and parking areas will provide for the tourist an expected and appreciated service."

The brief notes in a section on Fish and Game Legislation that while, "generally sportsmen respect the rights of property, unfortunately there is a minority which persist in driving through crops, leaving gates open, and using firearms in the vicinity of livestock and buildings."

"There appears to be no adequate penalty which acts as a deterrent in such cases and we recommend that any new legislation should provide for a minimum penalty of \$25.00 on persons trespassing on farm property willfully destroying crops, leaving gates open and making a nuisance of themselves generally. Further no hunting should be allowed within 100 yards of livestock or people working fields. There should be no relaxation of regulations covering the use of rifles."

EDUCATION
"Education must rank in importance with all other responsibilities of government," states

the brief," and nothing should interfere financially or otherwise in carrying educational improvements forward at a rapid rate.

"It is becoming increasingly apparent that reliance upon taxation or real estate is no longer an equitable means of financing education. In an era when practically all ratepayers were land or property owners such a system was satisfactory. However, many ratepayers no longer own property and receive educational benefits for a minimum of taxation with consequent hardship upon the land owner.

"We feel that a continuing study is necessary to determine a more satisfactory method of taxation for education than is presently in use."

The brief recommends that bursaries be provided for young farm people wishing to avail themselves of the practical farm course at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

The brief urges that there should be no further increase in the tax on fuel used for farm power purposes. It asks for farm market radio reports to be provided by the Department of Agriculture. It suggests that the defunct Potato Growers Association be wound up.

WRITER DIES
WASHINGTON (AP) — Magazine writer Henry Fowles Pringle, 60, who won the Pulitzer Prize for biography in 1931, died Monday night in hospital after an illness of several weeks. Pringle won the prize for his Theodore Roosevelt, a Biography.

SPECIAL STUDIES
Anthony von Hlland, Quebec physician, opened the first anatomical school in Canada at Quebec in 1820.

Plan No Move To Track Sputnik

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian scientists are planning no concerted effort to track Sputnik II when the Russian earth satellite enters the earth's atmosphere. The RCAF's ground observer corps which kept a death watch on Sputnik I last fall hasn't been asked by the Defence Research Board to track the descent of Sputnik II. The Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Cambridge, Mass., said Tuesday the dog-carrying satellite likely will enter the earth's atmosphere Saturday.

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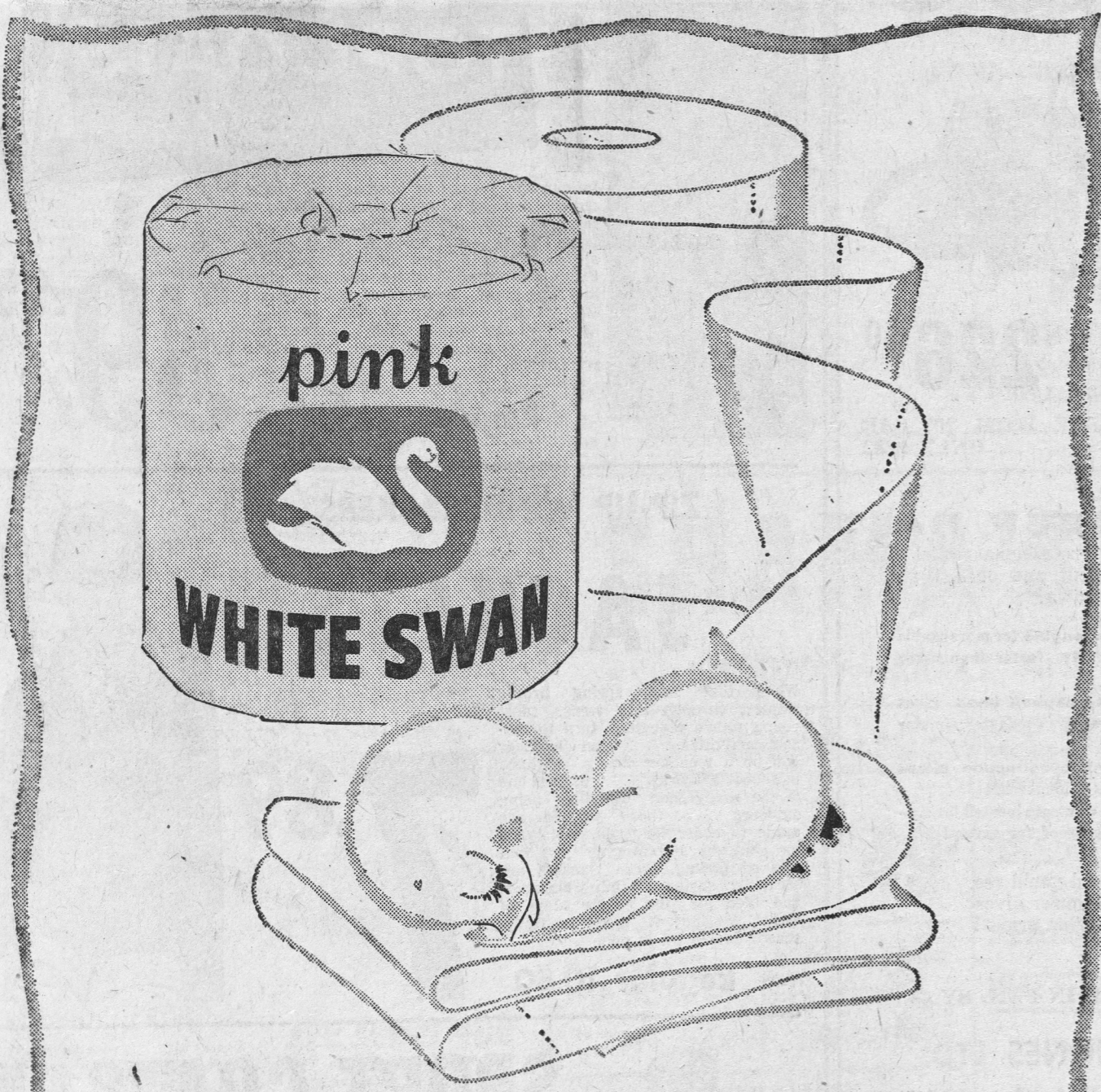
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