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Crop Insurance & Credit Legislation Said Planned

Harkness Gives Farmers Outline

OTTAWA (CP)—A federal plan to insure Canadian farmers against the misery that might result from loss of crops through drought, hail or other disasters is to be brought before Parliament for approval early in 1959.

At the same time, Parliament will be asked to endorse a government scheme to expand federal lending facilities to make it easier for farmers to get bigger loans, perhaps on easier terms, to enlarge their farms and make them more productive.

Agriculture Minister Harkness, in announcing this Thursday before the closing session of the annual federal-provincial agricultural conference, emphasized that farmers must increase efficiency and research to boost sales and earnings.

Production of certain products might have to be held down because of existing surpluses, but farmers should not take a defeatist attitude.

The need for soil conservation and land use policies was "very much" on the government's mind. He hoped a preliminary federal-provincial conference on natural resources to open here next week would lead the way toward better land use under full federal-provincial co-operation.

Mr. Harkness gave the conference no details on the farm credit and crop insurance legislation but he told a reporter later that the government intends to have the insurance plan made available for all farmers. Producers would pay premiums varying with the value of their crop. The federal and provincial governments would pitch in.

EXPRESS CONCERN

The final conference session was marked by expressions of concern over inflation, surpluses, the question of extending land use and whether the government was wise in spending large amounts of money on defence.

Manitoba's Agriculture Minister Willis suggested that emphasis be placed on quality and research to produce a better Canadian food product at lower prices.

Housewives Help Boost Food Costs

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian housewife, intent on "built-in maid service," has sparked a social and technological revolution in food retailing, a price-probing panel was told Thursday.

Forsaking kitchen stove for supermarket—where 40 per cent of Canadians now buy their groceries—she demands techniques that drive a dollar-and-cents wedge between producer and consumer, two large food organizations said.

In submissions to the Stewart royal commission on price spreads of food products, Canada Safeway Limited of Winnipeg and General Foods Limited of Toronto broadly agreed that the cost-cutting services are provided simply because the housewife demands them.

Leon Miller, president of General Foods, bluntly predicted that the prices "spread"—the gap between what farmers receive and customers pay—may get even bigger.

Ottawa Explosion Inquiry Hears Gas Leaks Evidence

By KEN KELLY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Complaints about gas leaks increased after natural gas replaced manufactured gas here late last January, a coroner's inquest was told Thursday.

The testimony came from Frank Ayers, city planning and works director, during a coroner's inquest into the death of William Anderson, 65-year-old caretaker fatally burned in an Oct. 25 explosion in centre town that caused property damage estimated in millions of dollars.

Mr. Ayers furnished the inquest with a breakdown of the causes of 22 leakages complained of between March 1 and Nov. 4. The leaks in gas service outlets included five caused by obsolete services, two defective valves, two defective plugs, one defective coupling, two defective meters, one broken service pipe and one partly-open gas jet.

The question of the effect of natural gas on joints of pipes through which manufactured gas had passed was examined during testimony by gas company official William M. Kelly, general superintendent of distribution for Consumers Gas Company, Toronto.

UP MOISTURE CONTENT

Concerning the effect of natural gas on pipe joints, Mr. Kelly said the gas is humidified by passing steam through it to raise its moisture content because of the tendency of natural gas to its untreated state to dry out pipe joints in lines formerly used for manufactured gas.

He said he believes natural gas could make joints leak more than manufactured gas if not humidified. This humidifying treatment is done before the gas is piped to Ottawa homes.

He said engineering reports on the Ottawa Gas distribution system, made before Consumers bought it in 1957, showed it was in excellent order and could be converted safely and efficiently to the use of natural gas.

The explosion's lone fatality, Anderson, was janitor of addressograph-multigraph company whose premises were demolished in the blast.

Reds Put Finger On Bulgainin

LONDON (AP)—The Soviet Communist party Thursday night asked former premier Nikolai Bulgainin with the "anti-party group" of high officials expelled from office last year.

Bulgainin was mentioned almost casually in a report on Russia's forthcoming seven-year plan for economic development of the Soviet Union.

Moscow Radio, quoting the report, said the Communist party "is conducting a determined struggle against those who cling to the old outmoded form and methods of work, were afflicted with conservatism and opposed the implementation of the Leninist general line of the party."

In this context the reports refer to the exposure and routing of the anti-party group of Malenkov, Kaganovich, Molotov, Bulgainin and Shepilov who joined one, who slid down the road to faction-splitting activity.

MV Abegweit Is Expected Back Today

The car ferry M.V. Abegweit was expected back on its normal run today following a lay-off at Borden for the installation of a new armature in a starboard motor.

The repairs were held up yesterday by some difficulties described by Moncton C.N.R. officials last night as "complexities of the job."

D. W. Blair, superintendent C.N.R. Atlantic Region said the repairs were also delayed by high winds.

The ferry was supposed to have been held up from its regular run for only one day according to an earlier C.N.R. report it was reported to not have made any crossings at least until last night.

Dartmouth Water Supply Curtailed

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—An estimated 5,000 persons here and in outlying areas were left without water Thursday by an 18-foot-long break in a high pressure water line.

Fire Chief George Patterson said his department would have difficulty coping with a major blaze in upper areas of the town unless a natural water supply was handy.

The downtown and low-lying areas were not affected by the water cut-off. They receive water through another main. Other residents were having essential supplies delivered to them by tank trucks. One woman was melting cubes.

Nov. 17 Made Key Day In Rail Dispute

OTTAWA (CP)—Key day in the strike-threatening dispute between the major railways and 135,000 non-operating employees has become Monday, Nov. 17.

The board of transport commissioners Thursday announced it will hand down at 9:30 a.m. EST Monday its decision on a railway application for a 19-per-cent freight rate increase of some \$60,000,000 a year.

The 15 unions involved in the dispute have set Dec. 1 as a strike date to reinforce a demand for wage increases of about 14 cents an hour.

The railways have stated they will grant the wage hike only if they get enough money out of a freight boost to cover it.

The transport board's decision could make the difference between normal rail service and a crippling strike such as the same group of unions staged in 1950 for 11 days before emergency parliamentary legislation ended it.

POTATO AWARD FOR ISLANDER

Teen-Age Alberta Girl Wins World Wheat Title

TORONTO (CP)—A teen-age girl from Alberta was named world wheat champion at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Thursday.

Gail Adams, 16, a Drumheller farmer's daughter, won the title against competition from farmers of Canada, the United States and five other countries.

A sample of spring Chinook wheat grown on the family farm was judged best of 130 entries to recapture for Canada a title lost last year to Britain. It was the third time a Drumheller area grower has won the coveted honor in seven years.

DOMINATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Canada won three others of the five world championship results announced Thursday to bring its total to six of the eight staged by the world's biggest annual indoor agricultural show.

William Whitecock, Sr., of Kelwood, Man., winner in 1957, took the oats title again with an entry of Garry variety, to make it three wins in a row for Canada after some years of Scottish domination.

The world's barley championship went to F. J. Schulz, of Coutts, Alta., who entered a company variety.

The British winners of the rye championship, Brooks (Mistley) Limited of Manningtree, Essex, took the title with a new variety yet unnamed.

Summit Talks Favored By Canadian Minister

SEATTLE (CP)—Canada's External Affairs Minister Smith said Thursday that if global war comes, governments of this day will be damned by generations to come unless every possible means to avoid war has been taken.

That was why, he told a press conference, Canada would favor a summit conference of the great powers, even including the presence of Red China's Mao Tse-tung. But he did not think prospects for a summit meeting looked promising.

Canadians, he said, have shown in two world wars that they don't favor appeasement. But a summit meeting, even if it failed, couldn't make matters worse and there was always the possibility such a high-level forum might provide some meeting of the minds.

The minister, heading Canada's 10-man delegation to the Colombo Plan meeting here, reiterated Canadian policy about recognition of Red China. He told a battery of correspondents that Western countries cannot continue to put their heads in the sand and say the Red Chinese government does not exist because it does exist.

CRITICISM FROM DULLES

A short time after the Canadian minister held his press conference, U.S. Secretary of State Dulles launched a sharp, new criticism of the Red Chinese regime.

St. Peter's Bay And Tignish Students Award Winners

Miss Jean MacIsaac of St. Peter's Bay and Charles Broderick of Tignish, both students at St. Dunstan's University, have been named winners of a scholarship and bursary, respectively, it was announced yesterday by university officials.

Miss MacIsaac, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. MacIsaac, was named winner of the Daniel Sophus Edmonds Memorial Scholarship and Mr. Broderick was awarded the National Federation of Canadian University Students Atlantic Regional Bursary.

Miss MacIsaac graduated from Notre Dame Academy Grade XII in June 1957. She ranked first in her class of 94 in her freshman year at St. Dunstan's and is now a sophomore arts student although she has only recently reached her 18th birthday.

The Daniel Sophus Edmonds Scholarship is provided annually by a St. Dunstan's Alumnus to perpetuate the memory of a devoted Prince Edward Island school teacher of some decades ago.

ARTS STUDENT

Charles Broderick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Broderick. The 18-year-old sophomore arts student maintains a high scholastic standing while taking part in numerous extracurricular activities.

This year he is a member of the university unity of the Maritime Intercollegiate Debating League and also manager of the S.D.U. hockey team.

The bursary he has been awarded is provided by funds raised by students in participating universities and is restricted to students who have resided in the Atlantic region for at least one year. The basis of the award is personal merit, academic standing, character and participation in extracurricular activities.

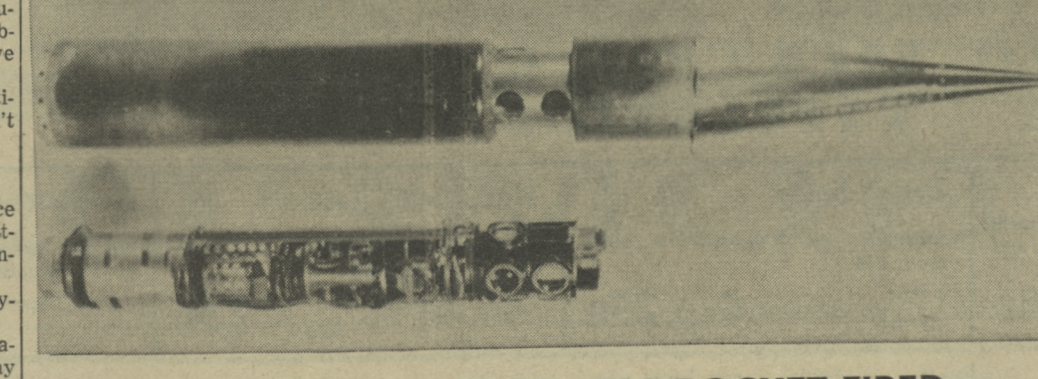
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CANADIAN EXPERIMENTAL ROCKET FIRED

This rocket, its nose cone full of instruments, was fired 90 miles into the upper atmosphere at Fort Churchill, Man. Thursday. The nose-cone cover of the Nike-Cajun rocket is seen above while below are the multi-lens optical systems and other instrumentation which fit inside the nose-cone.

The firing was part of a Canadian study of infrared radiation at night.

The defence research board said the rocket, a twin of one that sent a similar 85-pound nose cone to the same altitude Friday, transmitted to earth recordings of the experimental measurements.

The firing of the Nike-Cajun rocket was under the supervision of L.F. Smith of Halifax and R. P. Lowe of London, Ont., both are from the Defence Research Board's Canadian Armament Research and Development, Establishment at Valcartier, Que.



SPEAKS TO C.F.U.W.

Miss Una Wilson, eastern vice-president of the Canadian Federation of University Women, addressed a meeting of the club last evening.

While in Charlottetown Miss Wilson is a guest of Mrs. T.M. Lothian.

Announce Program Aimed At Reviving Springhill

BY DON HOYT
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HALIFAX (CP)—The Nova Scotia government Thursday announced a six-point program aimed at re-establishing the wrecked economy of Springhill, N.S.

Premier Stanfield, in a statement issued following a cabinet meeting, said "special inducements" would be offered to attract new industries to Springhill. He did not elaborate. A change had been made in the setup of crown-owned Industrial Estates Limited to offer "exceptional inducements" to industry.

"The government," said the premier, "is determined to take all reasonable measures to alleviate the hardship which, it is all too apparent, may face the citizens of the area."

Mr. Stanfield said the government requested the decision of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation to close No. 2 mine where 74 miners died in an Oct. 23 cave-in near the bottom of the continent's deepest colliery. The mine was Springhill's only industry. It employed 900 men.

WON'T ACCEPT OFFER

One thing was obvious from the government statement. The province does not plan to accept the opening left by Dosco to enter the coal business.

Dosco spokesmen said Wednesday night the company's lease on property of the subsidiary Cumberland Railway and Coal Company would be returned to the crown on request.

The premier said his government would co-operate as much as possible with any company or persons interested in renewing coal operations provided there was assurance of miner's safety.

No mention was made of the royal commission which will investigate the mine disaster, second at Springhill in two years. In 1956, 39 miners died in an explosion at No. 4 colliery. The commission inquiry was announced earlier. The chairman and other members have not been named.

The government will select "a qualified person or persons" to help find temporary employment for jobless miners while efforts continue to find a new industry, the premier said.

PM Arrives In Pakistan

KARACHI (CP)—World-touring Prime Minister Diefenbaker, now in a tan summer suit, arrived in Pakistan for his first visit to south Asia Thursday, opening a three-week tour of Asia Commonwealth countries.

The temperature was 90 under a clear sky as the Canadian premier stood on a platform at Karachi airport to review the army band of honor and hear O Canada and Pakistan's national anthem played by a navy band.

Psychiatrist Urged Desk For Pilot Before Crash

By ROBERT RICE
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MONTREAL (CP)—A pipe-smoking psychiatrist who uses hypnosis to uncover hidden thoughts Thursday told an air crash inquiry how he tried "calmly and quietly" to advise a pilot to take a non-flying job.

Less than three months later, the pilot—Capt. Norman Ramsay, 27, of Montreal—was involved in Canada's worst air crash, the Iles-la-Peine, disaster of Aug. 11, 1957, in which 79 persons perished.

Dr. Bernard B. Raginsky, 56, president of the International Society of Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis, was summoned Thursday before a three-man board of inquiry investigating the cause of the Iles-la-Peine crash, including a Maritime central airways plane bound for Toronto.

PREVIOUS CRASH

This evidence at the one-day hearing dealt largely with a previous crash in which Ramsay was involved. This crash, in which no lives were killed, involved a TCA Douglas Constellation landing at Hampton, Ont., in 1954. Pilot negligence was ruled as the cause.

Asked if the findings of his hypnotic work with Ramsay in the summer of 1956 could have had a bearing on the Iles-la-Peine accident, Dr. Raginsky replied: "I can't answer that. My chairman."

Several other psychiatrists and doctors gave evidence on medical examinations of Ramsay—both mental and physical—after the Brampton crash. He was found in A-1 condition and was given an airline pilot's licence.

The last medical examination was required every six months, was in June, 1957, about two months before the Iles-la-Peine crash.

Dr. Raginsky, asked for his work in the field of scientific hypnosis, said Ramsay wrote to him seeking help in trying to find out what happened in a few "clouded" moments before the Brampton crash.

UNDER HYPNOSIS

Ramsay, who had tried "truth serum" to recall the unromantic crash in 1956, was hypnotized on two consecutive days for about 45 minutes each and was questioned by Dr. Raginsky.

On the basis of the hypnotic revelations, Dr. Raginsky said he