



ROTARY AUCTION HELD HERE

Three participants in the annual rotary radio auction are shown here checking bids before they went into the auction at the Charlottetown branch of the Royal Canadian Legion last night. The three workers include: (from the left) Sid Logan, Reuel LePage and George Rogers. The auction got underway at 6.00 p.m. and a spokesman for the club said they expected to work until early this morning. (See story on page 3.)

Pope Paul Has Proclaimed Final 4 Council Decrees

By BENNET M. BOLTON
VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Paul proclaimed the final four decrees of the Vatican ecumenical council Tuesday, climaxing three years of work with historic decisions for both the Roman Catholic Church and the cause of Christian unity. The Pope told 2,400 bishops the council's "great purpose has now been achieved." The council's four final decrees, last of 16 issued since the council began in October, 1962, comprise a declaration favoring religious liberty, a 36,000-word document on modern world problems and declarations of priests and missionaries. All were adopted by more than 2,300 of the 2,400 bishops. The religious liberty decree, guaranteeing every man the right to believe according to the dictates of his conscience, represents the council's major undertaking in the interest of Christian unity. Protestant observers at the council consider it the most important single document adopted. In another Christian unity move the Vatican and the Orthodox Church erased an 11th century mutual excommunication.

S' SIDE STOP PLANNED

Plane Faces Trouble After River Landing

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—A single engine Cessna 170 plane equipped with pontoons made a forced landing in the St. John River here Tuesday and grounded on a small island near the world famous Reversing Falls rapids. James Taylor, 29, of Toronto, pilot and only occupant of the aircraft, escaped injury. Taylor, ferrying the plane to Gander, Nfld., from Toronto, decided to land on the river after his controls began to ice up and he lost radio contact with Saint John municipal airport. The plane drifted into the island after a line thrown from a nearby tug snapped. The aircraft broke away from the island a short time later but Taylor managed to start the engine and get back to the island where the plane was secured. Taylor landed at Fredericton earlier in the day and had planned landings at Summerside, P.E.I., and Sydney en route to Gander. The plane, not believed to be damaged, was to be towed away from the rapids at slack tide.

Farm Economy In Good Health, Is Conclusion Of Conference

OTTAWA (CP)—A government conference which ended Tuesday concluded Canada's farm economy is in good health with only occasional dark spots. Experts told the federal-provincial agricultural outlook conference high hog and cattle prices are expected to remain for some time. Hog prices are expected to remain high until at least late next summer in the United States with Canadian prices following suit. Canada, in one official view, is regarded as a component of the North American livestock market. In the words of one official, the cattle industry scarcely has a "cloud on the horizon." Another said the outlook is the most optimistic ever. Good prices and markets are expected to extend through 1966 and 1967 for cattle, and possibly into 1968, according to one official projection. Total U.S. beef supplies for the next three years would likely be lower than in 1964 and 1965. This factor should keep prices up or increase them on North American markets. The downturn arrived after years of cattle supply increases. Canadian beef production this year is expected to total a record 1,425,000,000 pounds, a 10-per-cent increase from 1964. On the dark side, mutton and lamb production fell sharply in 1965. Pork production was off a shade. And sheep numbers are expected to decline further with a consequent reduction in wool production. Wool prices, however, should hold steady next year. Federal experts prepared outlook reports for the conference attended by provincial officials and observers from several foreign embassies including Japan and Russia, two big customers for Canadian wheat. Farm organizations also were represented. WHEAT TO LEVEL OUT The experts estimated Canada's wheat exports would level off at an average of 400,000,000 to 500,000,000 bushels annually until 1970. This would be a new high plateau compared with the 1950s.

ONLY 15 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Ukrainian Groups Ask Culture Preservation

By DON MACLACHLAN
EDMONTON (CP)—Western Ukrainian groups appeared before the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism Tuesday with appeals for federal and provincial aid to preserve their own culture. Proposals included a federal department of culture to "foster and maintain the various ethnic cultures" and a multilingual CBC network in the West to serve all minority ethnic groups. Commissioner Royce Frith questioned one group's suggestion that confederation, as "an equal partnership of the two founding races," reduces other ethnic groups to second-class citizenship. He told the Edmonton branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee: "Maybe the Ukrainian-Canadian wants to learn Ukrainian instead of French... But I can't understand this second-class concept." The Winnipeg-based Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood suggested the federal culture department and backed the committee's proposal for ethnic radio and TV broadcasts in the West. Both groups said ethnic minorities are subject to pressure to become assimilated with majority groups. The 10,000-member "brotherhood held 'some provincial governments' responsible. The commission was to end a two-day hearing here Tuesday night. Five members also sat at Regina Monday. The commission sits at Winnipeg Thursday and Friday and begins its last hearing at Ottawa Monday. Among briefs tabled was one from the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association of Edmonton saying any Canadian who doesn't speak English should be regarded as a second-class citizen. Later, the commission tabled a brief from the Edmonton branch of the 35,000-member Canadian Protestant League calling for Canada to "get rid of Quebec" by 1967. The brief from the interdenominational league said Quebec owes allegiance to "a foreign power, the Vatican" and the Catholic Church will not allow it to "stop making demands on the rest of Canada." "There will be no peace until Quebec is out of Canada. Quebec is a liability to the rest of Canada. The plan is to make Canada a part of de Gaulle's French empire." "A Confederation in 1967 without Quebec would be the beginning of a new Canada which would go forward in co-operation with each other and the federal government," the 45-member branch said.

New Highways Policy Ready

TORONTO (CP)—Canada's provincial highways ministers adopted a uniform policy statement for presentation to the federal government Tuesday but refused to give any clue as to what it was, they had thrashed out after two days of deliberations. In a brief, vaguely worded communique issued at the end of their conference, the ministers said only that they had agreed upon the need for "improved and adequate nationwide highways programs" and upon a "proposal outlining criteria involved in meeting these needs. The commission was to end a two-day hearing here Tuesday night. Five members also sat at Regina Monday. The commission sits at Winnipeg Thursday and Friday and begins its last hearing at Ottawa Monday. Among briefs tabled was one from the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association of Edmonton saying any Canadian

Meeting Gets Stark Picture Of Poverty-Stricken Indians

OTTAWA (CP)—A stark picture of Indians in worse-than-slum dwellings, many of them unemployed because of bad health, was presented Tuesday to the federal-provincial conference on poverty and opportunity. A brief from the federal Indian affairs branch says an accurate measure of Indian poverty is difficult to obtain. But it gives statistics showing levels of credit buying, wages, living conditions and education far below that of other Canadians. It recommends a 10-year program—some of it already underway—that would promote the extension of provincial services to Indians for two main reasons. "To relegate Indian communities on an ethnic basis to an exclusive relationship with one federal branch is to promote their economic, social and cultural isolation from the mainstream of Canadian life," the brief said. NEEDS MORE MONEY Another reason is that the branch has not been given the money to override the difference between provincial services offered the general population and what the Indian receives. The brief said the average age of death in 1963 for Indian males was 33.31 years and for Indian females 34.71. The national average ages at death in 1963 were 60.5 years for males and 64.1 for females. Three-quarters of all Indian deaths are attributed to five main causes—colds and pneumonia, accidents, heart trouble and strokes, infant disease and stomach and bowel disorders such as diarrhea.



SOVIET FINANCE MINISTER GARBUZOV

Russian Gov't Claims Darkening War Clouds

MOSCOW (Reuters)—The Soviet Union has announced plans to increase defence spending by five per cent next year because of attempts by the West to "create new hotbeds of war." A 13,400,000,000 ruble (about \$14,000,000,000) military bill introduced Tuesday before the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) reversed a two-year trend to cut the Kremlin's arms expenditure. It is part of a record 105,500,000,000 ruble (about \$116,000,000,000) budget announced by Finance Minister Wasil Garbuzov at parliament's annual December session. Plans for defence spending in 1965 were cut by 50,000,000 rubles (about \$50,000,000) and in 1964 by 600,000,000 (about \$600,000,000). Next year's defence expenditures will go up by 600,000,000 rubles. Garbuzov said more money is needed to raise Soviet defence potential at a time when "the international situation is becoming aggravated and the menace of war is growing." SEES GROWING ACTIVITY "The latest events testify to the growing activity of the aggressive forces of the imperialist states, to the desire to create ever-new 'seeds of war,' and to arrest the process of social and national liberation by military means," Garbuzov said. Despite the rising defence bill, it still forms about the same proportion of the total budget as last year—about 12.8 per cent. This is a marked decline compared with 1963, when defence formed 16.1 per cent of the budget. The 1,400 Supreme Soviet deputies also heard a report by Nikolai Baibakov, new head of the state planning commission, on the Soviet economic plan for 1966. He announced lower growth targets for many branches of the economy, apparently in line with the Kremlin's policy of more realistic economic planning.

Canada Seeks To End Split On UN Force

UNITED NATIONS (CP)—Canada submitted Tuesday a compromise draft resolution to the United Nations aimed at preventing a further split in the world organization over the question of peacekeeping operations. The Canadian resolution, co-sponsored by 15 other countries, calls on all UN member states to make voluntary contributions to pay for peacekeeping operations while the 33-member UN special committee on peacekeeping operations completes its study. The draft was submitted to the General Assembly's special political committee which is studying the question of peacekeeping operations. The 117-nation special committee hopes to resolve differences between such countries as the United States on the one hand and France and the Soviet Union on the other on how peacekeeping should be handled.

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Levy Will Become 6 Per Cent April 1

FREDERICTON (CP)—A doubling of New Brunswick's sales tax to six from three per cent was announced in the provincial legislature Tuesday by Finance Minister L. G. Desbrisay. The new tax will become effective April 1. Mr. Desbrisay said that in its "program of equal opportunity" the provincial Liberal government has rejected a recommendation by the Byrne royal commission on finance and municipal taxation for an automobile and truck tax. He said this is the only tax increase proposed in planned changes of municipal and administrative functions. Additional costs of the program would be paid from new revenue sources rather than relying on possible future revenue increases or borrowing. He said this is the only tax increase proposed in planned changes of municipal and administrative functions. Additional costs of the program would be paid from new revenue sources rather than relying on possible future revenue increases or borrowing. He said this is the only tax increase proposed in planned changes of municipal and administrative functions. Additional costs of the program would be paid from new revenue sources rather than relying on possible future revenue increases or borrowing.



MR. DESBRISAY

MAKES OTHER CHANGES

In addition to the sales tax increases, principal revenue changes proposed are abolition of personal property, poll, non-resident, local occupancy, business turnover and wildlands taxes; limiting real property taxation but basing it on a more realistic assessment; supplementing municipal revenues by an equalization grant and grants in lieu of taxes on provincial real property. The sales tax changes are expected to yield an additional \$18,000,000 in 1966-67 and \$30,000,000 in 1967-68. Exemptions will continue on food, fuel, electric power, children's clothing, children's footwear and major farming and fishing equipment and supplies. New items to be taxed include hotel and motel accommodations, adult footwear and non-prescription drugs. Mr. Desbrisay gave a timetable for implementation of major legislation if it is enacted by next April 1.

Gemini 6 Launch May Be Monday

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP)—Voices bright but husky, Gemini 7 pilots Frank Borman and James Lovell gave their music-filled spacecraft a tweak of rocket power Tuesday—nudging it into higher orbit for a coming day with a sister ship in space. "See ya around," said Lovell in a spirited baritone, tinged with hoarseness. The Gemini 7 spacecraft entered its 46th orbit at 5:34 p.m. EST. At Cape Kennedy, Fla., there was trouble with the computer aboard the Gemini 6 spacecraft that will hunt down and fly formation with the Gemini 7. While flight officials had wanted to press for the earliest flight possible, one of the unexpected problems occurred making it doubtful Gemini 6 can be launched before Monday. Mr. Desbrisay gave a timetable for implementation of major legislation if it is enacted by next April 1.

De Gaulle Will Try New Vote

By HAROLD KING
PARIS (Reuters)—President de Gaulle has agreed to a runoff vote in the presidential election, virtually assuring himself of a second seven-year term as France's head of state. The presidential palace spokesman told correspondents Tuesday that de Gaulle will be a candidate in the election's second ballot Dec. 19 against left-wing candidate Francois Mitterrand, his nearest rival. A full statement will be made after today's (Wednesday's) weekly cabinet meeting, the spokesman added. In last Sunday's first ballot, de Gaulle failed to gain the necessary over-all majority for victory. He won 44.61 per cent of the votes against Mitterrand's 31.72. EXPECTS TO WIN De Gaulle, 75, was expected to win the runoff vote for a second term by a comfortable margin. Political observers believed the majority of voters who Sunday backed Jean Lecanuet, Centre candidate who came third with 15.59 per cent of the votes, will support de Gaulle against Mitterrand, who is backed by the Socialists and Communists. De Gaulle, looking fresh and relaxed, arrived back in Paris earlier Tuesday by helicopter from his country home at Colombey-les-deux-Églises.

Wilson Refuses To Embargo Oil

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Wilson was attacked by Liberal and left-wing Labour members Tuesday as he refused to impose an oil embargo against Rhodesia or halt a British tanker carrying 12,000 tons of oil to the breakaway colony. Speaker Horace King came to his support in the Commons, rejecting a Liberal bid for an emergency debate on the issue. He said members knew the tanker British Security—was on its way Monday and should have raised the issue then. When several left-wing Socialists rose to offer the Speaker advice on his ruling or to argue that they could not raise the issue earlier as Wilson made his position clear only Tuesday, King said he needed no advice and would entertain no further argument. The Liberal bid for an emergency debate on the issue. He said members knew the tanker British Security—was on its way Monday and should have raised the issue then. When several left-wing Socialists rose to offer the Speaker advice on his ruling or to argue that they could not raise the issue earlier as Wilson made his position clear only Tuesday, King said he needed no advice and would entertain no further argument.

Tourists Die In Air Crash

SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, Canary Islands (AP)—A Spanish charter plane carrying tourists, believed mostly from Sweden, crashed in a wind-and-rain storm shortly after takeoff here late Tuesday. All 32 on board were killed, officials announced. The Liberal bid for an emergency debate on the issue. He said members knew the tanker British Security—was on its way Monday and should have raised the issue then. When several left-wing Socialists rose to offer the Speaker advice on his ruling or to argue that they could not raise the issue earlier as Wilson made his position clear only Tuesday, King said he needed no advice and would entertain no further argument.



DISCUSS POVERTY AT CONFERENCE

Tom Kent (left), chief of the federal government's war on poverty and special adviser to Prime Minister Pearson, talks with Claude Morin (centre), Quebec deputy minister of federal-provincial affairs, and Ian Macdonald, Ontario government economist; during a break Tuesday in the federal-provincial conference on poverty and opportunity in Ottawa. The week-long, closed conference is being attended by federal and provincial officials and private organizations. (CP Wirephoto)