

Faces First Contest As Premier In Nova Scotia

HALIFAX (CP) — Canada's youngest premier, 41-year-old Premier Hicks, faces his first provincial election as Nova Scotia Liberal leader Oct. 30.

The Annapolis Valley lawyer and former Rhodes Scholar took office in 1954 to fill the shoes of the late Angus L. Macdonald, who in 1933 started the Liberals on their long term in office. Mr. Hicks won the leadership over five older rivals at a bitterly fought convention.

Short and stocky, with a high forehead and clipped moustache,

salaries, expanding their training program and creating a new basis of provincial municipal school financing.

The Progressive Conservative opposition say the new scheme places too great a burden on rural areas.

The premier is a family man. With his wife and four children he lives in an old-fashioned house in the Halifax west end.

Like his father before him he likes working with wood. His hobby is cabinet-making.

Father's Diet May Fix Sex

LONDON (Reuters)—It may be possible to control the sex of unborn babies by giving their fathers drugs, oxygen or altering their diets, a British scientist has suggested.

Dr. K. G. McWhirter of Oxford University put forward his theory in the scientific journal Nature.

He claimed that the question of whether it is a boy or a girl is that it depends on blood acidity.

Research at University Museum, Oxford, led him to conclude that if the amount of blood acid were lowered sufficiently in the father the child would be female. McWhirter also found that athletic fathers tend to have daughters and at high altitudes animals produce more males than females.

"Folklore has it that it takes a good man to produce a daughter," he says. "That seems to be confirmed by the work I have been doing."

Polish Army Supports Changes

LONDON (AP)—Warsaw broadcasts announced support of the Polish army general staff and Warsaw's security troops Monday night for Poland's newly-revamped Communist party.

General staff officers are under the command of Defence Minister Konstantin Rokossovsky, the Polish-born Soviet marshal who lost his seat on the party politburo Sunday and is believed to be on his way out of the defence job.

The security troops, a militarized police force, are under the interior ministry. Their commander is Gen. Wacław Komar, once imprisoned as a Titoist, who is reputed to be in line for Rokossovsky's job.

NIZAM RETIRES

HYDERABAD, India (Reuters)—The Nizam of Hyderabad, hereditary head of the state and one of the world's richest men, Monday announced his retirement from active public life of state because of "advancing age and present state of health." The Nizam is 70.

Paper Takes Look Into The Future

LONDON (CP) — The London newspaper, The People, has published a special edition to mark its 150th anniversary.

But the paper is only 75 years old. So its birthday edition is a lye look at the kind of paper it might be printing in the year 2031.

In many ways, it's the same old world.

There's a murder in the channel tunnel (which doesn't exist yet). A judge rejects peep pictures in a blackmail case (taken by a button-size telecamera) and in Sweden, a polygamy plan—"as many wives or husbands as you like"—flops after a 10-year trial.

The people claims scientific backing for everything it sees in 2031. Among the news carried 75 years hence:

King Charles, in his 83rd year, walks away from a crash of a helicopter he is flying himself to Balmoral, and his royal doctors refuse to advise him to quit flying.

"In the 21st century," they are quoted as saying, "it's unrealistic to describe a man of 83 as more than middle-aged."

The newspaper, which relishes an expose in mundane 1956, crusades in 2031 against skyscraper slums.

On the sports page, there's this amazing item:

"The world test series is approaching its climax with the New York Giants two points behind

Attempt Record Balloon Flight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two U.S. navy men will attempt to rival a manned balloon flight of 7,000 feet over Minnesota Nov. 11, the navy announced Monday.

The flight will be made in a specially constructed gondola attached to a skyhook plastic balloon.

The previous altitude record for a manned balloon flight was established Nov. 11, 1935, by two U.S. army airmen. Their balloon ascended from a point near Rapid City, S.D. to 72,985 feet.

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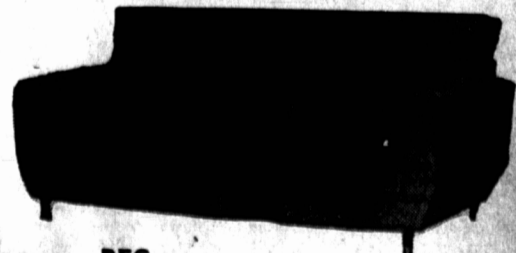
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Premier Hicks is something of a political wonder boy. He was a member of the legislature at 30, education minister at 34 and premier at 39.

LOOKS TO FUTURE

A fort-right and often scholarly speaker, his platform performance was a big factor in his becoming premier.

He said the Liberal appeal to the electors in the current campaign is based on a program for the future, not on the record of 23 years in office.

In the last two general elections the Liberals lost ground. Just after Mr. Hicks became premier they dropped one of three by-elections to the Progressive Conservatives. Three more former Liberal seats were vacant when the election was called.

He says he almost didn't run for the leadership at all. Some close friends persuaded him to enter at the last minute.

"I must be frank," he says, "there were no hundreds of people after me to run."

The son of a Bridgetown, N. S., mill operator, Mr. Hicks taught a one-room rural school for a year to get money for college. He took honors at Mount Allison University in Sackville, N. B., and went from Dalhousie University as Nova Scotia Rhodes Scholar to Oxford.

IN SECOND WORLD WAR

He served as an army radar officer in Britain and Holland during the Second World War, was elected to the legislature from his home constituency of Annapolis while still in uniform. In 1950 he became Nova Scotia's first education minister.

Soon after becoming premier he piloted through the house a new education act, boosting teachers'

Fined, Jailed On Hunting Charge

SUSSEX (CP)—Douglas Gray and Currie Takles, Norton, were apprehended on charges of hunting with the assistance of a light on Oct. 20, at Cassidy Lake, Kings County. The appeared before Magistrate William B. Bonnell. Takles pleaded guilty, was fined \$60 and sentenced to seven days in the county jail at Hampton. Gray pleaded not guilty and was remanded for trial.

Four other men, Donald Mitchell, Samuel Hodgins, Norton, Jesse MacLeod, Lancaster and Clinton Forsythe, Havelock were apprehended by Forest Ranger Harold L. Lockhart. Sussex charged with hunting at night Sunday. The appeared before Magistrate Bonnell, Monday. All pleaded not guilty and were remanded.

New Barley Strain Ready For Use

OTTAWA (CP) — Some 20,000 Canadian farmers will be able to plant next year the first maturing barley resistant to rust ever developed in Canada.

Scientists say it will bring higher yields and savings of millions of dollars through reduction of crop losses.

The agriculture department announced Monday that the new barley variety, named Parkland, has been released for public sale after 20 years of effort by federal scientists.

The announcement said Parkland has given bigger yields and has a stronger straw than Montcalm, the best-making barley now in common use.

Parkland will be sold to farmers in Western Canada. A small supply of seed is being reserved for eastern farmers if the tests show it is adaptable to eastern growing conditions.

FEWER VISITORS

OTTAWA (CP)—The number of foreign vehicles entering Canada on travellers' permits in September declined four per cent to 256,857 from 269,449 and in the first nine months to 2,136,794 from 2,192,448 in the corresponding periods last year, the bureau of statistics said Monday. Vehicle entries in the first nine months by provinces with last year's figures in brackets: Quebec 345,911 (358,178); New Brunswick 125,198 (138,718).

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