

"At Last" Is Code Name For Unloading The Maggie

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PORT SAID, Egypt (CP)—The arrival of the Canadian carrier *Magnificent* was almost tantamount to the lifting of a siege and has been described as "the relief of the UNEF."

In fact they called the unloading operation here "At Last."
Huddled supply people apparently had been going around for weeks answering all requisitions with: "It's on the Maggie." They meant everything from 17-ton breakdown trucks to paper clips.

MYSTERY MAGGIE
"And most of us hadn't a clue to what 'Maggie' meant," said a Swiss procurement officer, looking happily at the cargo slings dropping trucks and other supplies from the broad deck of the carrier into big Egyptian lighters.

The *Maggie's* discharging operations were impeded by a clutter of sunken shipping at the Suez canal entrance and she had to lighten her badly needed cargo from an anchorage in the roadstead outside.
This caused complications but the ships unloaded in record time. Twenty days had been allowed and the job was done half that.

Meanwhile, the Canadian administrative contingent of sappers, service corps, signalmen, and workshop troops joined their comrades already in operation ashore. Makeshift and improvisation are giving way to first-class Canadian equipment, facilities and skills.

Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns, the UNEF chief, who was getting by with some borrowed Anglo-French equipment reinforced with other expedients, says his force will be operating at full efficiency in a very short time.

COOL GREETING
But if the *Maggie's* reception by UNEF was warm, her welcome by the Egyptians was extremely chilly.

Despite the fact the ship was plastered with big United Nations blue and white insignia especially painted on sheets of canvas for use on her sides and decks, the Egyptians eyed her with suspicion. They spotted the white ensign on her stern, listed to the pipes, saw the callors in British-type uniforms and watched them carry out the daily routine they'd seen followed on the British invasion fleet and they wondered if the invaders were returning.

Members of the crew who did get ashore in the early stages wore UN berets and armbands as well as the usual UN shoulder patches. They went accompanied by UNEF guards and found they had to talk themselves through time-wasting and obstructive red tape to carry out their work.

Part of this apparently is the custom of the land but part seemed deliberate.
There was considerable haggling over monetary exchange when it was finally agreed that the ship would send escorted parties ashore on conducted tours. The tours in-

cluded Cairo and the pyramids where the political climate was a little warmer.

OFFICIAL WELCOME
However, when the Port Said governor finally came aboard for a ceremonial call, the situation eased noticeably. A Greek explained:

"They didn't know how to accept you at first. They were confused by the white ensign and they don't know much about Canada, its British connection and its independence, so they were pretty suspicious."
"Most of them think it's okay now. Besides, times have been tough around here and they aren't the type to let even patriotism stand in the way of them making a buck from a tourist."

A burly member of the Canadian Provost Corps—"if you use my name I'll be court-martialed"—figures he helped in the change of attitude. He has been on duty in Port Said for some weeks and he got to know many of the street merchants.

When the *Maggie* first arrived and the crew were confined to ship, he went around to his Egyptian friends with: "Too bad those guys can't get off. They're just loaded with money and dying to spend it. But Nasser won't let them."

And the MP added: "They caught on fast and went away muttering. They were real friendly when the navy guys finally landed."

United Church Explains Stand

TORONTO (CP)—Rev. Aubrey Jones of Hamilton said Thursday his recent suggestion about the attitude of the United Church of Canada toward drinking were misinterpreted in the press.

He said he had been quoted as advocating that the church substitute a temperance policy for one of abstinence. This was incorrect in several ways.

First, he said, the church does not have an outright abstinence policy. It did pursue a campaign for total voluntary abstinence but the term voluntary showed there was room for moderation.

Second, he did not suggest substituting one policy for another, but a broadening of the present policy.

Mr. Jones made his original remarks Tuesday at a meeting here of provincial Christian education, evangelism and social service conveners. Thursday he amplified his statement in an interview.

He said the church, recognizing that it cannot advocate total abstinence as a clause of membership on spiritual or practical grounds, should give more recognition to the existence of the moderate drinker.

The moderate drinker should be encouraged to join in the church's program, particularly in the solving of some problems connected with drinking, such as drinking and driving.

The moderate drinker, he said, is as anxious about these problems as the abstainer.

Mr. Jones had said Tuesday: "We must recognize the existence of moderate drinkers. We need a program which does not reflect upon the integrity of our people or insult their intelligence."

Any temperance program must be presented in such a way that a person can take an honest stand on the issue, he said then.

Life Expectancy of 100 Seen Possible

CINCINNATI (A)—A Philadelphia medical expert said Thursday that if two problems are conquered "there is no reason why people cannot have a healthy and happy life expectancy of 100 years within a quarter of a century."

Dr. Edward L. Boritz of Philadelphia's Lankenau Hospital told the third annual Merrell Symposium on medicine in aging that these are the two problems:

"1. Conquering the diseases which can be called 'diseases of over-abundance or prosperity.' Diseases could be cut 50 per cent if communities were put on proper diets. Cancer, for instance, occurs three times more in fat people."
"2. Conquering the major dilemma of today's 'young man of 65'. Retirement and social security have robbed him of activity; he becomes old because he is bored. There is a great necessity of a positive energy maintenance and a high motivation for living."

U. S. Company Hikes Price of Newsprint

NEW YORK (AP)—Great Northern Paper Company announced Thursday it will raise the price of newsprint March 1 by \$4 a ton to \$134, delivered in New York. It is the first U.S. owned manufacturer to announce an increase in the current round of price boosts.

A spokesman for the Great Northern Sales Company in New York said the firm serves about 240 U.S. newspapers. Its mills are centred in Maine.

Other firms which have made similar increases are owned by Canadian or British interests. They are Abitibi Power and Paper Company, Consolidated Paper Corporation, St. Lawrence Corporation, Bowater Paper Company and Powell River Company.

Montreal Mayor Bucks Plan For Slum Clearance

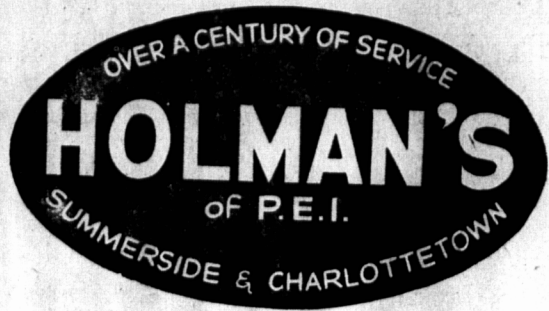
MONTREAL (CP)—Mayor Jean Drapeau refused Friday to sign minutes of the city council meeting which last Tuesday established a six-man housing bureau to implement a slum clearance plan.

Mr. Drapeau said the council's decision "were open to contestation."

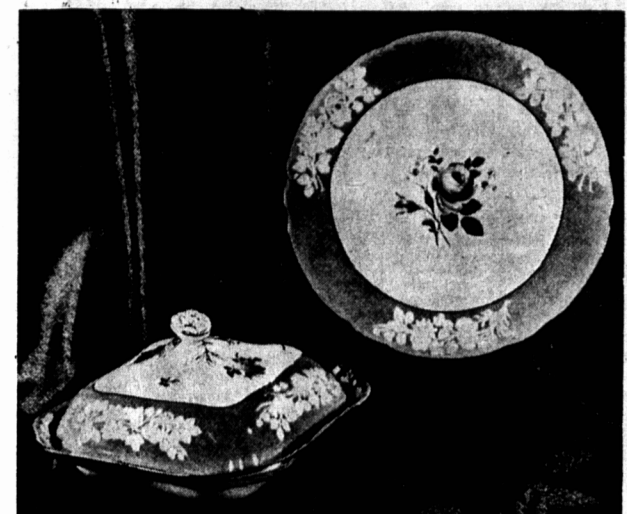
Three legal alternatives remain if the meeting decisions are to become effective. The first gives the chairman of the executive committee the authority to sign the minutes if the mayor refuses. The second provides that the city clerk must table them with the mayor's objections at the next council meeting. If a majority of council reaffirms, the decision will take effect. The final one, which stems from recent provincial legislation, permits the chairman of the housing bureau to sign the minutes if the mayor declines.

The first alternative is considered a doubtful solution since executive committee chairman Pierre DesMarais has been a constant supporter of Mayor Drapeau in the Civic Action League's fight against the plan.
Mayor Drapeau and his supporters oppose the \$13,750,000 slum-clearance plan. When the mayor and his supporters on the executive committee blocked implementation of the plan, the legislature authorized the city council to go over the mayor's head to sign the minutes.
Establishment of the housing bureau was the first step towards this objective by the council.

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Far-Reaching Changes In The Election Act Are Suggested

OTTAWA (CP)—A Liberal member of the Commons has proposed that Parliament make some far-reaching revisions to Canada's federal election laws.

Russell Reinke, Hamilton South, wants the Canada Elections Act amended to provide for the self-registration of persons eligible to vote in general elections.

His proposal is one of 23 resolutions placed on the Commons order paper by private members representing all parties in the House.
Debate on private members resolutions will start the first Monday following completion of the throne speech debate. The first private members day probably will be Monday, Jan. 28. Under House rules, six Mondays and two Thursdays are set aside each session for such debates.

Mr. Reinke suggests a Commons committee be set up to consider his plan.

He proposes that self registration of persons eligible to vote, replace the present method of door-to-door enumeration. He also suggests that machines be used to simplify and speed the tabulation of election results and that "incentives" be adopted to persuade Canadians to cast ballots.

Mr. Reinke's resolution does not elaborate on this latter suggestion except to say that such methods

are practised in other Commonwealth countries. Australia has a system under which eligible voters may be fined if they do not cast a ballot.

WORRIED BY FUMES
Other resolutions: John A. Charlton (PC—Brantford) enacted to compel operators of diesel motors of all types to equip their engines or vehicles with devices to render exhaust fumes harmless.

Claude Richardson (LIM nt d real St. Lawrence-St. George) that the government consider co-operating with the provinces in a national survey of the extent of mental illness, its causes and methods of treatment.

Mervyn Johnson (CCF—Kindsley) that the government consider extending unemployment insurance to agricultural workers.

DUNDAS

Messrs John Riley and Wilbur Wood, Dundas, were Saturday night guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Clay, Bridgetown.

Mr. Gerald MacDonald, Red House, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truelove Taylor.

Miss Kathy Livingstone employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan MacKinnon, Strathcona, spent the weekend of her home in Dundas.

Mr. Eldon MacKinnon employed with Eddy Downe, spent the past weekend at the home of Mr. Lyman Acorn, Upton.

Mr. Lawrence MacLeod, Dundas, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roddie MacKenzie, Primrose.

Mr. James Campbell Dundas, is enjoying a pleasant holiday with his family in Boston.

Miss Minnie MacLeod, Dundas, has left recently to spend some time with friends in Boston.

Mrs. Myles Matheson, Strathcona, is spending some time in Bridgetown, guests of her parents.

Manitoba's Oldest Citizen Dies At 109

TRAVERSE BAY, MAN. (CP)—Mrs. George Thomas, believed Manitoba's oldest citizen, died at her home Friday at the age of 109.

Mrs. Thomas was born at Ile a La Crosse in the northern part of the province and later moved to Brochet where she married George Thomas who eventually became factor at the Hudson's Bay post at Moose Factory.

She lived almost her entire life in the north and until she was almost 100 years old she lived alone in a cabin on the outskirts of the land owned by her son Peter.