

U.S. Satellite Fired Into Space Last Night

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) The army's Jupiter-C missile blasted off Friday night, carrying a satellite into space.

LIGHTS SHOW FORM

Even before the missile was launched, its form, heretofore secret, could be easily made out in the searchlights playing on it.

The rocket vehicle itself on taking off demonstrated that it was one of the most powerful rockets ever launched here.

EARTH ROUTE POPULOUS

The Jupiter-C was to be launched slightly to the south of east. Thus its satellite nose would follow orbit path over a considerable part of the most heavily populated areas of the earth.

The new satellite, a tube 80 inches long and six inches in diameter and weighing 29.7 pounds, was expected to complete a trip around the world every 90 minutes.

The new launching attempt came in the midst of a flurry of reports that the Russians had launched some kind of a large space vehicle.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Asks \$415,105 For City From Atlantic Grant

The probability that the City Corporation will lay claim to a portion of P.E.I.'s share of the special Atlantic Provinces federal grant of \$25,000,000 was forecast in the annual report delivered by His Worship, Mayor J.D. Stewart, to the City Council last night.

Basing his claim on decisions arrived at during the Dominion-Provincial conference held last November, which he attended as a delegate, Mayor Stewart said that in his opinion the Conference had "ear-marked" a portion of this grant for "assisting Municipalities as well as Provinces."

"Taking the population of our Province as 92,225, and the population of Charlottetown at 16,447, we should receive of this amount \$415,105 or a per capita grant of \$25 per head," His Worship stated.

A table submitted by Mayor Stewart showed the gradual decline in the share of national tax income available to civic governments: from 39.4 per cent of the total aggregate national revenue in 1935, to only 14 per cent in 1955.

This decline in municipal revenue, he said, would indicate more and more "the need for greater assistance from Provincial and Federal governments."

SURPLUS UP

The Mayor noted that the current account for 1957 shows a surplus of \$69,359.78; also that, barring consideration of the debentures



MAYOR STEWART

issued to cover the cost of the new High School, the Corporation's net debt had decreased by \$209,864.36.

Last years estimated surplus of \$1,239.78 plus additional revenue received in excess of estimates to the sum of \$33,952.87 and an overall saving in actual expenditures in relation to the estimates of \$34,167.13, accounted for the current account surplus, the Mayor declared.

Noting that the greater portion of this surplus accrued from under-spending in various departments the Mayor congratulated the Councilors for "the great supervision given to the various Committees you chaired."

Recalling that most regular Council meetings were completed within two hours, the Mayor said that this fact indicated that much effective work was done in Committee during 1957.

This good Committee Work the Mayor declared showed a good relationship between Committees and departmental heads which cooperation he saw as tending to the development of sound policy — "a wise admixture of lay opinion and professional service."

TAX PICTURE

His Worship submitted a comparative statement of taxes collected in the years 1955, 1956 and 1957. This shows the percentage of yearly levies collected to be as follows: real estate tax — 1955, 89.1 per cent; 1956, 87.3 per cent; and 1957, 87.2 per cent; personal property tax, 1955, 86.5 per cent; 1956, 84.5 per cent; and 1957, 88.6 per cent; poll and educational tax, 1955, 64.9 per cent; 1956, 56.7 per cent; and 1957, 66.9 per cent.

This statement also showed the over-all percentage of taxes and arrears collected in these three years to be: real estate tax, 1955, 9.5 per cent; 1956, 76.9 per cent; and 1957, 84.2 per cent; personal

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ELRIC CAMPBELL

Potato Board Manager Resigns

Mr. Elric Campbell, Manager of the Prince Edward Island Potato Marketing Board yesterday tendered his resignation to the Board and it was accepted.

Castonguay Is On Critical List

OTTAWA (CP)—Jules Castonguay, 75, Canada's former chief electoral officer, Friday remained on the critical list in hospital here.

Mr. Castonguay has been unconscious since a heart attack at his home here Jan. 21.

His son, Nelson, succeeded him as chief electoral officer upon his retirement in 1949.

Thick Fog Descends On U. K. Again

LONDON (Reuters)—Thick fog descended on Britain again Friday night after lifting a little in some areas during the day.

The fog has disrupted ship and plane schedules and caused a total of 11 deaths and 94 injuries on British railways during the last 24 hours.

Two crowded electric railcars met head-on Friday morning in thick fog on a single-line track near Grimsby, northern England. One man died and seven were injured.

Thursday night, 10 commuters were killed and 87 injured when a packed commuter train plowed into the rear of another in thick fog at Dagenham, a suburb of London.

The Dagenham crash followed the pattern of a wreck in the fog last month at suburban Lewisham, when 90 commuters were killed when a commuters' special struck the rear of a stationary train.

A British Overseas Airways Corporation airliner from Accra, Ghana, which landed at London airport at noon was the first in almost 24 hours.

100 SHIPS STATIONARY

More than 100 ships were fog-bound along the River Thames. Those included the 21,000-ton liner Saxonia, scheduled to leave for Canada and the United States.

Fog also blanketed parts of Europe. Land, sea and air traffic was hampered in the Netherlands.

Nova Scotia MP Critically Ill

OTTAWA (CP) — Hospital authorities said Friday the condition of Angus R. MacDonald, 56, Progressive Conservative member of Parliament for Nova Scotia's Antigonish-Guysborough, "is still poor."

Mr. MacDonald suffered a severe stroke Wednesday night following a minor operation. He entered hospital Monday.

Earlier Friday the hospital said his condition was serious.

The colorful Scot, who appeared in the Commons in a kilt last November, is parliamentary assistant to Transport Minister George Hees.

He was first elected to the Commons last June 10.

FINANCE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

\$69,359 Surplus Shown At City Council Meeting

Requests School Board To Zone Pupils' Attendance

Coun. J. P. Nicholson at the annual meeting of the City Council last night made the suggestion that the City School Board zone the City so that students would not have to travel from one end of the city to the other in order to attend either of the new high schools.

Coun. Nicholson's suggestion followed the report of the City School Board submitted by Dr. R. G. Lea who in reporting on the near completion of the new Birchwood high school, stated that the extra facilities provided, would adequately take care of the overflow at Queen Square School and Rochford Square School.

Coun. Nicholson said, "I believe I am correct in assuming that the Birchwood High School is a non-sectarian school?"

Dr. Lea: "Your assumption is correct, Councillor Nicholson." Coun. Nicholson: "You mean then, that students of any denomination, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic, may attend the new school?"

NO POLICY CHANGE Dr. Lea: "That has been the policy in so far as Queen Square and Rochford Square Schools are concerned and the Board does not anticipate any change in this policy."

Councillor Nicholson felt that no immediate problem would result in this connection but expressed the belief that next September there would be many children in the area of the new high school who would want to attend it and could see no reason why they should not.

"I would like to suggest to the School Board that they make this matter clear. Many people have asked me about this matter—whether the new school was for

one denomination or was it non-sectarian - and I feel that it is my duty as a councillor to ask this question and have the matter clarified," Coun. Nicholson said.

CONFIDENCE VOTE

Councillor F. J. O'Neill said that by unanimous vote of the Council one year ago, complete confidence was voiced in the School Board and at the same time it was noted that the Council had no right or legal knowledge to advise the Board on matters of policy.

The meeting, which was the 102nd of the Charlottetown City Council, saw Mayor J. David Stewart make his farewell report. The Mayor said he was leaving with mixed feeling. On the one

hand he was happy to look forward to a life wherein he could devote more time to his family and to his business while on the other hand he asserted he would miss his daily visits to City Hall and the meetings of the Council where from time to time so many important matters are discussed.

Mayor Stewart first became elected to the Council in 1946 and has served three and a half terms as Mayor.

Coun. G. R. Foster who is attending the National convention of Young Progressive Conservatives in Ottawa was the only member of the Council absent from the meeting. His report as chairman of the Market Committee was read by City Clerk James A. Fullerton.

Re-Affirms Statement That T. C. H. Is Not All-Weather

"The statement that the Trans Canada Highway is an all weather road which is repeatedly made by truckers is not a fact and cannot be supported in any measure" said Hon. J. George MacKay Minister of Highways commenting on a brief presented to the Prince Edward Island Government by Mr. Keith MacKinnon last Thursday.

Mr. MacKinnon was representing the Maritime Transport Association of which he is President.

Mr. MacKay went on to state that when the matter of spring weight restrictions came up during the conference at Ottawa just prior to the signing of the Trans Canada Highway agreement, it was decided that it was not feasible to build an all-weather road at a cost the country could not afford.

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Life Term For Killing His Son

TORONTO (CP)—Marcel Lloyd Bezeau, 29, of Toronto was sentenced Friday to life imprisonment for manslaughter in the beating death of his five-year-old son.

The child, Richard Michael, died after falling down a flight of stairs at his home last Aug. 5. Bezeau was convicted Jan. 10 by a jury under Chief Justice J. C. McRuer.

The father testified he beat Michael for bed-wetting because his motto was "spare the rod and spoil the child."

Passing sentence, Chief Justice J. C. McRuer said: "Not only did you kill the child by beating it with at least 113 strokes but in addition you further tortured the child by sitting him on a high chair from morning until night while you drank in a beverage room."

"You should not be at large. You might do the same to another child."

FRENCH PLANE DOWNED

ALGIERS (AP) — The French charged Friday an observation plane with two men aboard made a forced landing Thursday after being shot at from across the Tunisian frontier. The pilot and his observer were unhurt.

Freight Rates Increase On Exports-Imports Held Up

OTTAWA (CP) — The board of transport commissioners suspended Friday an increase in freight rates on export-import rail traffic tied to a United States increase.

The increase—six cents per 100 pounds on most goods passing through Canadian ports—was held up indefinitely pending hearings starting March 31. The railroads proposed to put it into effect Feb. 15.

The order—due to be made public officially Saturday—is the second freight rate increase suspension this month.

The cabinet ordered suspension of a board decision authorizing railroads to put into effect a 3.6-per-cent general boost worth about \$15,000,000 a year.

This was the first cabinet suspension in 40 years. It is effective until at least March 1, or until the board hears argument by the railroads and the eight provinces—all except Ontario and Quebec—appealing the increase.

Third Russian Moon In Space?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government intelligence experts reported Friday they have some evidence Russia has fired a big missile into outer space.

They said this missile might have thrust a third and bigger Soviet satellite into the heavens but they acknowledged they are not sure.

No government department or agency was willing to say on the record that it knew positively the Russians had launched what was described as a very large missile.

These authorities, however, who usually keep close check on Soviet developments, said the evidence seems to have a firm basis.

This information became available a few hours after officials reported the Russians were about ready to fire a missile. The implication of the report was that, if true, the Russians launched it very recently.

The speculation was mainly about a new Soviet earth satellite but did not rule out an attempt to hit the moon.

Guarded remarks of a number of officials here, plus the refusal to comment by other usually well-informed sources, lent an air of expectancy in key government departments.

One informant said he was personally prepared for a Moscow announcement that "a new bigger and fancier satellite" had been put into orbit.

SUSPEND BELL BOOST

The cabinet also has suspended another board-authorized increase on the same terms, one that would have empowered Bell Telephone Company to boost Ontario and Quebec phone rates by an average three per cent. That also is held up until at least March 1 pending a cabinet hearing.

In the case of the export-import rates, the transport board broke sharply from precedent in deciding against following—without a hearing—a decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission that governs U.S. railroads.

From the ICC, the U.S. railroads received authorization to increase a series of rates that include those on export and import traffic through Eastern and Western ports. It has been customary for the Canadian board to grant similar increases in order to keep Canada and the U.S. port rates at a semblance of parity to avert cut-throat competition.

The U.S. increase in this case amounted to a flat six cents per 100 pounds, on a variety of commodities. Export wheat was exempted, but flour moving for export would be included.

WOULD HARM FLOUR The Canadian board received complaints that this imposition on Canadian flour would discriminate against it in world markets. One complaint, it was understood, came from the Canadian Wheat Board, in charge of the marketing of grain and grain products for the federal government. Others came from millers.

Officials here could give no estimate of what the suspension of the increase would mean in revenue to Canadian railroads.

Reports Show This Winter Mixed-Up In The Maritimes

HALIFAX (CP) — This could turn out to be one of the craziest, mixed-up winters in the Atlantic provinces since weather records were first kept in 1874.

In Halifax, there wasn't enough snow to measure in January. At Liverpool, N.S., a record of 11 inches of rain fell this month.

Northern New Brunswick has shivered under as much as 38 inches of snow at one time.

Prince Edward Island Friday was lashed by between five to eight inches of snow, the first big drop of the year. Newfoundland, for the most part, has been balmy. It has not had more than an inch of snow at any one time all winter.

NORMAL BUT MILD The weather office here says

precipitation actually has been "about normal." But it all came down as rain instead of snow because of continual mild spells.

The January scarcity of snow in Halifax broke all-time records. The closest year was 1937 when 3.1 inches fell. In fact, since winter began only 3.1 inches of snow has fallen here, not more than an inch at a time.

Sport convertibles with tops down have been noted around the city. Motorcycles also have been having a field day. In Amherst, two young golfers went a round the course in mid-January and claimed the record for "early starters."

The weatherman advised gloomily however that "February is usually a bad month and we could still catch up."

Tax Collections Are Above Year's Levy

A surplus of \$69,359.78, a substantial decrease in net debt apart from borrowings incurred for the construction of Birchwood High School, and tax collections exceeding the levy for the year for the first time since 1948, were highlights in the report of Coun. Edwin E. Johnstone, chairman of the finance committee in the Council, at the Council's annual meeting last night. Other members of the committee are Couns. A. Walthen Gaudet and Gerald R. Foster. Following is the full text of Coun. Johnstone's report.

This report of your Finance Committee is, as always, accompanied by the Balance Sheets as at last December 31st, and the Financial Statements for the last fiscal year, prepared by the City's auditors from the records of the City Clerk. These statistical reports are intended to indicate precisely, and authoritatively, the City's present financial position and the degree of success which attended the operation of the City's Business during the year considered.

REVENUE EXPENDITURE

Total Revenue for the year was \$1,107,653.37 as against \$1,053,439.90 in 1956.

Total Expenditure for the year was \$1,038,293.59 as against \$1,024,029.04 in 1956.

This shows a surplus of \$69,359.78 for the year 1957 and it is noted that our bank balance in current account as at December 31st, 1957 was \$78,799.53 as compared with an overdraft in that same account of \$33,097.32 at December 31st, 1956.

May I quote from the Auditors' report—"The net debt of the City, including debentures and

loans payable, bank overdrafts and accounts payable, less cash and bank balances and sinking funds, is \$3,941,455.52; an increase in 1957 of \$195,844.66. It will be noted, however, that since \$700,000.00 was borrowed for the Birchwood High School with \$294,250.98 unspent at the year end, this program alone resulted in an increase in the net debt of \$405,749.02, so apart from this, the net debt would have decreased \$209,864.36.

BONDS SOLD

Your Committee, during the year, sold bonds to the amount of \$993,350.00, made up as follows: Birchwood High School \$700,000.00 (Continued on page 9 col. 3)



COUN. JOHNSTONE

Election Date Is Big Question

OTTAWA (CP)—Friday night's wind-up of this session's 77th sitting day did little to shed light on the big question hanging over Parliament Hill: The date of the next election.

Works Minister Howard Green, government House leader, spoke at the night adjournment listing the order of Commons business for Saturday and Monday.

But he did not give specific assurance that Parliament won't be dissolved today for an early election.

Mr. Green said "any business Monday would have to be" either debate on a government proposal to repeal the Commons rule on debate-limiting closure, or a supply motion.

He declined to elaborate when Stanley Knowles, deputy CCF leader, asked what was meant by that.

Mr. Green gave a non-committal reply when Lionel Chevrier, Liberal House leader, asked when the government expects the session to end.

The man who would know the answer about a possible election—if he has made up his mind—is Prime Minister Diefenbaker. He isn't saying.

Questions to him on that point in the Commons Friday produced a tart reply which stirred up a brief storm.

Later, when reporters sought the same information following an afternoon cabinet meeting, he shrugged and smiled.

Much of the talk has been of a March 31 election to give time for preparing the election ma-

chinery that would require dissolution of Parliament by today at the latest.

Mr. Diefenbaker was asked whether Parliament will be in session Monday.

"I have no comment to make in answer to any questions on that matter at this time," the prime minister replied.

Governor-General Massey, who would normally sign dissolution papers, is in Quebec City. He will return Monday night for one day and fly to the Bahamas for a three-week holiday.

A reporter asked whether the deputy governor-general, Chief Justice Patrick Kerwin, had the legal power to dissolve Parliament.

"I haven't given that any consideration," Mr. Diefenbaker said.

Until Thursday, the government said Friday was its target for winding up the session which began Oct. 14. However, the Commons still has before it for approval more than half the spending program for the fiscal year ending March 31.

600 Young PC's At Convention

OTTAWA (CP)—Some 600 delegates registered at the 11th annual meeting of the Young Progressive Conservative Association of Canada Friday. Before the Conservatives came to power last June, peak attendance at the annual meeting was 125 delegates,



MR. ALEX MACLEAN (left) first president of the Charlottetown and District Labor Council and Mr. J. M. McAlduff, the present president, hold the charter.

Installation Of Permanent Charter Marks Labor Meeting

Installation of the permanent charter featured the regular meeting of the Charlottetown and District Labor Council held on Friday night in their quarters on Queen St. The Council has been functioning on an interim charter since its organization, pending design and printing of the permanent version.

The new charter bodies a graphic outline of the struggle of Canadian workers and their achievement in building a united labour movement. The base illustrates the earliest efforts of the worker to gain his rights through

organization with the breaking of the chains as symbolic of this.

The design on both sides depicts the steps of development and are suggestive of the various trades and occupations. At the top left, the figure holds the torch of knowledge with the symbol of the atom suggesting man's technological progress, while at the right, is the torch of freedom, symbol of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. Centre shows the founding convention

of the Canadian Labour Congress held in Toronto in April, 1956.

The charter was mounted and framed by Mr. Rendle Larter, Villa Ave., in imitation venerated walnut with gilt lining and his craftsmanship evoked many favourable comments from those present.

Business transacted included endorsing a resolution of the P.E.I. Association for Retarded Children regarding Federal legislation; a resolution of congratulations to Lieutenant Governor Designate Hyndman and a discussion on civic affairs.

All committees and delegates reported progress in their various duties. The meeting was chaired by President J. M. McAlduff

STORIED THIEF ESCAPES

EDINBURGH (Reuters)—John Ramsay—released from prison in the Second World War to help British commandoes crack safes in Europe—escaped Friday from a jail in Peterhead, Scotland.

Ramsay, 52, was sentenced to 10 years in prison in November 1955 after cracking a garage safe.