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LEGION GIVES VIEWS

War Pensions Increase Is Termed Inadequate

OTTAWA (CP)—The 267,000-member Royal Canadian Legion Wednesday described as "grossly inadequate" the 10-per-cent increase in war disability pensions announced Tuesday by the government.

In its annual submission to the cabinet, the legion said the increase "falls far short" of the requirements of war pensioners as set out in previous briefs to the government.

There now are 148,705 war disability pensioners. The maximum pension is $2,160 a year plus $720 for a wife of a pensioner and $324 for one child.

The legion brief said more than 60 per cent of disabled veterans receive a pension of 20 per cent or less of the maximum. For veterans in this group, the pension increase, to be made effective as of Sept. 1, 1964, would be $3.60 a month.

The brief said 58,386 veterans receive a pension of 10 per cent or less of the maximum. For 5,000 of them, the pension increase would amount to only 90 cents a month

COUNTRY IS RICHER

"In view of the improved economy of our country, as stressed recently by both the minister of finance (Mr. Gordon) and the minister of labor, (Mr. MacEachen) it cannot be accepted that a 10-per-cent increase in pension rates adequately repays the debt owed by this country to its pensioners and the thousands of war widows and children," the brief said.

The legion said none of the four previous pension increases granted since 1920 had been so "insignificant" as the one announced Tuesday.

In 1920, the maximum pension was based on the salary of a janitor in the government service. Since then the pension rate had increased by 240 per cent but a janitor's pay had gone up by 388 per cent, the legion said.

War veterans allowances cover some 50,000 veterans and 25,000 widows and children.

It said the pension rate for disability cases should be raised to a maximum of $3,500 a year.

It also asked that war pensions and allowances be adjusted automatically every two years according to advances in the cost-of-living index.

PREFERS RED ENSIGN

On the flag, the legion merely reiterated the stand of its Winnipeg convention that Canada's flag be the Red Ensign.

It proposed that a Canadian Second World War memorial be erected at Dieppe, France, where a Canadian force was cut to ribbons Aug. 19, 1942.

It asked renovation of the Vimy memorial and repeated its view that a national cenotaph and national shrine of remembrance should be erected in Ottawa in time for Canada's centennial in 1967.

The legion again charged that the pension commission places a narrow interpretation on the "benefit of the doubt" clause in deciding pension entitlements.

It cited the case of a widow who applied for a pension in March, 1960, and was refused seven times before the commission finally granted one in August, 1964. The pension was made retroactive to August, 1963.

The legion said the widow had lost the pension for about 44 months because the commission had not applied the "benefit of the doubt" clause in the first place.

Legion Head Reports PM Promises Review

OTTAWA (CP) — President Fred T. O'Brecht of the Royal Canadian Legion said Wednesday Prime Minister Pearson has promised to review the 10-per-cent increase in war disability pensions announced Tuesday by the government.

Mr. O'Brecht, from Durham, Ont., made the comment in an interview after a delegation from the 265,000-member legion made its annual submission to the cabinet.

The brief described the increase as inadequate.

Mr. O'Brecht said Mr. Pearson also promised in study the possibility of pre-dating the increase before Sept. 1.

The increase will not go into effect until approved by Parliament.

Mr. O'Brecht said the legion received a "very kind hearing which leaves us hopeful that we will get what we hope to obtain."

The legion asked for a maximum war disability pension of $3,500 a year with proportionate increases for widows and children

Souris Politician, Businessman Dies

A well known Island politician and Souris businessman, William (Wade) Hughes, of Souris West, died yesterday at the Charlottetown Hospital. He was in his 77th year.

A son of the late Senator J.J. Hughes and his wife, Annie R. McWade of Souris, he was educated at Souris and St. Dunstan's University.

After graduating from SDU, he was in Western Canada for a time as a surveyor. Returning to this province, he became actively connected with his father's general merchandising business, which operated under the name of J.J. Hughes Limited. Eventually he took full control of the business and held the post of president for the past several years.

Prior to his entering the field of provincial politics he was for several years a councillor on the Souris Town Council and also for one or two terms was mayor of the town.

Turning to politics, and backing the Liberal cause, he was first elected to the provincial legislature in 1935 as a member for the 5th District of Kings. He was subsequently re-elected in 1939, 1943, 1947 and 1951.

He first became a member of the provincial cabinet in 1943 when he was named provincial treasurer, a post he held until 1948. That year he was appointed health minister.

In May 1953 he received the appointment of provincial secretary in the Matheson government, and terminated his political career in 1955 when he did not stand for re-nomination for the election of that year.

Mr. Hughes was a long term member of the Souris Board of Trade and was also a Grand Knight in the Souris Council of the Knights of Columbus and a past state deputy.

W. (WADE) HUGHES

He is survived by four sons, James Joseph, Moncton, N.B., William Wade, Hamilton, Ont.; Thomas Francis, Toronto, Ont.; and John George, RCAF Station, Greenwood, N.S. Also four daughters: Mary Doris, Souris; Eileen Gertrude, (Mrs. L.J. Rossiter), Charlottetown; Helen Geraldine, (Mrs. Keith Taylor), Summerside; and Catherine Elizabeth, (Mrs. Cecil Murphy), Toronto.

His wife, the former Ellen Keays of Souris, whom he married in 1927, predeceased him in 1961. Another daughter, Elizabeth Doreen also predecased him in 1936.

His remains are resting at the Perry Funeral Home, Souris, until Saturday morning, when they will be transferred to St. Alexis Church, Rollo Bay, for Requiem High Mass at 10 o'clock.

Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Rusk Foresees Trouble In Asia

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk said Wednesday unless Communist China decides to leave its neighbors alone in Southeast Asia "there is trouble ahead."

"We have made it very clear that we are not going to pull away and leave Southeast Asia to be overrun . . ," he said.

College Students Charged In Death

MATANE, Que. (CP)—Three students were charged Wednesday with capital murder in the hammer slaying of Brother Oscar Lalonde at the Matane Classical College last April.

The three are Claude Poisson, 20, of Ste. Foy, a Quebec City suburb; Pierre Lemieux, 19, of Quebec, and Gratien Allaire, 18, of St. Jean Vianney, near Matane.

The three were found criminally responsible for Brother Lalonde's death after a two - day hearing by a coroner's jury

He was slain in his room at the college by repeated blows from a hammer, medical experts testified.

The brief said more than 5,000 persons, shivering in 32 - degree weather, stood in bowed silence. Mrs. Rivait paused for a moment, stared at the wreath, and then sadly turned and walked 10 paces back to join the governor - general and the prime minister.

Among the spectators, other mothers dabbed their eyes with handkerchiefs.

A few moments earlier, Governor - General Vanier, a bluegrey overcoat covering his army uniform, had walked to the base of the memorial to place a wreath. Mrs. Rivait was followed by Mr. Pearson, Dominion President F. T. O'Brecht of the Royal Canadian Legion and Air Chief Marshal F. R. Miller, chief of the defence staff.

The official party had arrived at the memorial just after a trumpet call had hushed the crowd, and the legion members in blue blazers had snapped to attention with their legion flags and Union Jacks. Sentries stood at each corner of the memorial, and an officer of the women's naval division faced the officials.

After the bands played O Canada, an artillery gun thundered from nearby Nepean Point, and all heads bowed for two minutes of silence. Radio appeals had been effective in eliminating horn - blowing, and the only sound came from moving vehicles on nearby streets. Another blast by the gun ended the period of silence, and the last post was sounded.

When the five wreaths had been placed, the air force trumpeter sounded reveille. And as the official party moved off to Parliament Hill, the diplomatic corps placed their wreaths, followed by various organizations and individuals. The memorial base was eventually a blaze of reds, purples and golds.

Later, on Parliament Hill, Governor-General Vanier stood on a reviewing stand and took the salute from troops, veterans, Red Cross nurses and firemen who marched by for 15 minutes. All city church bells pealed for 10 minutes.

Nuclear Sub Sparks Japanese Opposition

SASEBO, Japan (AP) — The nuclear - powered U.S. submarine Sea Dragon, first of its kind to visit the only country ever atom - bombed, tied up at this tense southern Japanese port today. Thousands of leftists promptly began massive demonstrations.

The 2,552 - ton Sea Dragon anchored in the big U.S. navy base area of Sasebo harbor.

Two thousand socialist demonstrators started a march against the base, guarded by 1,000 Japanese riot police with 2,000 more police waiting in reserve.

Hundreds of other demonstrators poured into the city of 262,000 — 35 miles from Nagasaki, atom - bombed just before the end of the Second World War in mid-August 1945.

Demonstrators came on every bus and train and more were trucked in by socialists, Communists and leftist - oriented labor unions.

The street protests and threats of a crippling Japan-wide strike presented the three-day - old government of Premier Eisaku Sato with its first political crisis.

Japan, at U.S. request, agreed Aug. 28 to allow nuclear submarines to dock in Sasebo and Yokosuka, another 7th Fleet port, provided the vessels did not carry nuclear weapons.

The Sea Dragon is on a three-day recreational visit.

Dwelling Barn Burn At Fortune

SOURIS — A two - storey dwelling and a 90-foot long barn were destroyed last night by fire in Fortune, five miles from Souris.

The buildings, owned jointly by Frank, Fred and Inez Coffin, two brothers and a sister, were destroyed when fire broke out in the house, and went unnoticed until a neighbor turned in the alarm about 8.30 p.m. No one was at home at the time, and cause of the fire is unknown

By the time anyone arrived, the fire had such a head start nothing could be saved from the dwelling. However, some 40 pigs and some cattle and a quantity of oats were saved from the barn before it burned. Some hay was lost.

Another barn, 125 feet long and standing 15 feet from the barn which burned was scorched badly in two places.

The Department of Natural Resources fire truck from St. Peter's arrived at the scene but could not do much. A bucket brigade was formed but was to no avail. The buildings were believed insured.

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British Budget Dubbed 'Callaghan's Cocktail'

Welfare Expanded, Taxes Are Increased

LONDON (CP)—Britain's Socialist government came out Wednesday with its first budget, dubbed "Callaghan's cocktail"—spiked with a tonic for pensioners and a stiff punch for the more affluent.

James Callaghan, 52-year-old chancellor of the exchequer, slapped sixpence (7½ cents) increases on income tax and gasoline tax and upped national insurance premiums. He forecast a bigger capital gains tax and a brand new corporation tax in the spring. This would replace existing company taxes.

Callaghan sought to balance the tax shocks with benefits for pensioners, widows and the ill and needy, saying this was "tangible evidence" that Britain was a country "where the weakest and the neediest were cared for."

Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Opposition Leader Sir Alec Douglas-Home were soon firing across the Commons quotations from one another's election speeches.

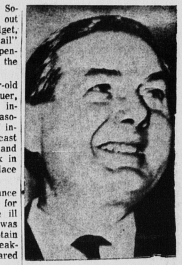
The world is seeing, said Douglas - Home, that "taxation is the road to the socialist paradise. . . . We've only seen the top of the iceberg of government taxation and it is a cold and uninviting prospect."

MISHANDLING CHARGED

Callaghan said mishandling by the Conservative government left Britain with balance-of-payments deficit that may amount to £300,000,000 ($2,400,000,000) this year. But Sir Alec countered that the new Labor administration did not really need to have "created the atmosphere of crisis."

"This is a budget to raise revenue for the social services and to raise it through increased taxation," said Sir Alec. "The balance of payments had little to do with today's budget."

It was the latest in a series of incredible moves by the new government which had already slowed down modernization of the British railways and aircraft industries as well as causing dismay among overseas trading partners.



MR. CALLAGHAN

Reginald Maudling, former Tory chancellor, is scheduled to deliver the main Tory rebuttal today but Sir Alec's initial reply caused Wilson to demand:

"Does he now feel the economy has seldom if ever been stronger and if he admits to have misled the country, was it deliberate or did he know no better?"

MAJORITY OF FIVE

The government has an overall majority of only five votes in the House of Commons but Liberal support and the absence of some Tories gave it a margin of 26 when the income tax resolution was put to a vote. The gasoline measure was approved by a 10-vote margin.

The budget implements the Labor government's recently-imposed 15-per-cent surcharge on imports, which Callaghan estimated would bring in revenue of £200,000,000 ($600,000,000) if maintained for a full year. There was reason to believe it would yield a savings on the import bill of £300,000,000 ($900,000,000) a year.

"But this is not in itself a cure," Callaghan added. "It gives us a breathing space."

Callaghan lifted the levy from a few items, including books,

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REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVED IN CITY

Mrs. Emma Alley, representing motherhood, lays a wreath at the Cenotaph during Remembrance Day observances in Charlottetown yesterday. On each side of the monument is a guard from Five Signal Regiment (left) and HMCS Queen Charlotte. In the background can be seen part of the large crowd which attended the ceremony. Representing the federal government was Solicitor General Watson MacNaught. Included in the parade to the cenotaph were Royal Canadian Legion members and other veterans, 2 Militia Group under the command of Lieut.-Col. K.M. Johnston and the P.E.I. Regiment Band, which played selections during the ceremonies. (See story on page 5.)

More Than 5,000 Attend Ottawa Service Yesterday

By STEWART MacLEOD

OTTAWA (CP) — Around a simple, solemn ceremony that has remained unchanged for 28 years, Canada Wednesday bowed its head to honor the 104,000 Canadians who died in two world wars.

The ceremony, under cold grey skies, was at the base of the 70 - foot National War Memorial, where a pleasant, plump woman, with three silver crosses gleaming on her coat, stood proudly between Governor - General Vanier and Prime Minister Pearson.

Mrs. Bernadette Rivait, 68, of Windsor, Ont., stood there on behalf of all Canadian mothers who lost sons in the Second World War. Five of her 13 children served overseas. Three of them died.

"They were all so young," she said sadly beforehand. "Alphonse was 19 and Leon and Lawrence were just out of their teens."

Tears glistened behind her glasses as Mrs. Rivait heard three massed bands softly play Abide With Me as she walked slowly to the base of the huge granite and bronze monument to place her "motherhood representative" wreat.

No Cut Seen For Women In Services

OTTAWA (CP) — The 5,000 women who are members of Canada's armed forces will not have their numbers reduced due to defence department integration plans, at least not at the time being, department sources said Wednesday.

"There are no plans to alter the present situation (of women in the service) at this time," said one informant.

The Canadian Women's Army Corps is the largest women's force in the country, but its 3,500 members serve on a militia basis only. The women in the reserve force parade two nights a week. There is a nucleus of about 10 permanent CWAC officers at centres across the country.

The Royal Canadian Air Force has about 900 airwomen, plus 280 officers.

There are about 250 WRENS in the Royal Canadian Navy, almost all of them based on the east coast. In addition, there are some 35 women officers in the RCN.

B.C. Senator Dies At 89

VANCOUVER (CP) — Senator Aristide Blais of Alberta died in Shaughnessy Military Hospital here Tuesday night. He was 89.

A Liberal, Senator Blais had been a member of the Upper House since 1940. He had lived here for a number of years.

Born in 1875 at Berthier, Que., he served in the First World War as lieutenant - colonel of a casualty clearing hospital.

Funeral services were not immediately announced.

Appeal Court Justice Dies

MONTREAL (CP)—Mr. Justice Bernard Bissonnette, 67, a member of the Quebec appeal court for the last 22 years and former speaker of the Quebec Legislative Assembly, died suddenly at his home of a heart attack Wednesday.

Born at St. Esprit, Que., he was a son of the late Dr. P. J. L. Bissonnette who was also a member of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Justice Bissonnette was elected to the Assembly ah a Liberal member for l'Assomption at the 1939 provincial elections and was appointed speaker the following year.

He was appointed to the bench May 12, 1942.

He was educated at l'Assomption College, Laval University and the University of Montreal from where he graduated in law in 1920.

Mr. Justice Bissonnette served on the Montreal Bar Council and was named law professor at the University of Montreal in 1941. In 1955 he was appointed dean of the University Law School.

E. Baltic Spud Entry Is Reserve Champion

TORONTO (CP)—Mrs. Allen Ryan of Charlton Station, Ont., won the international seed potato title Wednesday with an entry of the Keswick variety in advance of Friday's opening of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Reserve champion was Miss Sylvia MacAulay of East Baltic, P.E.I., with a Katahdin variety entry.

No world title is awarded since the competition in potatoes is limited to countries from which potato imports are not prohibited under the destructive insect and pest act.

Winning seed potato awards at the Royal is nothing new for the East Baltic family. The father, Sylvanus MacAulay and a daughter, Anne, both won championships previously.

Tax Increases Bring Some Angry Reactions

LONDON (CP)—Angry motorists criticized Britain's Labor government for imposing higher gasoline and diesel fuel taxes while company executives claimed higher income taxes and welfare insurance premiums will cut deep into their profit margins and force the country into inflation.

"Shocking," exclaimed one motorist as he joined hundreds jamming service stations trying to get their tanks filled before the 6 p.m. Wednesday deadline when the 19-per-cent increase in the petrol tax went into effect.

An anticipated increase in general sales taxes, which had sent Britons swarming to car dealers Wednesday to order new automobiles before any such increase could become effective, failed to materialize.

"We've got to increase prices," argued a British industries spokesman when confronted with the prospect that the basic income tax rate will go up by about 6.5 per cent next April, along with sharply higher employer - employee premiums to pay for bigger old-age pensions and other welfare programs.

Only the pensioners, the widows, the sick and the needy appeared to be quietly satisfied with the prospect the payments they receive will be increased next spring. For those in dire need, there will be increases perhaps by Christmas.

WAS LIKE COLD WATER

"When I heard the budget, it was like cold water," said a British telephone receptionist.

When told that the generally higher basic income tax and gasoline tax would ensure her a better old-age pension, she replied: "Ah, but some of us are still young."

James Callaghan, chancellor of the exchequer, followed up his budget presentation with a national television broadcast Wednesday night, saying he realized motorists were critical of the 4-pence-a-gallon increase in gasoline. But he had to start somewhere, he said.

His big aim, in fact, was to reduce inflationary tendencies, rather than increase them.

Yet industrialists generally appeared to agree that price rises may be inevitable. Some prices had already increased because of Britain's special 15-per-cent import duty imposed on manufactured and semi-manufactured goods.

The government admitted that the higher gasoline tax will add to living costs. Highway transport operators said they would have to pass the higher taxes on to consumers.

However, the government insisted its over-all program of higher taxes, import surcharges and proposed new company taxes next spring would add to price stability.

Callaghan told Parliament the Labor government would strive for an agreement to ensure stability in prices, wages and profits.

"No country in the world has yet achieved this," Callaghan admitted, "but great rewards await the country that can first secure such a policy."