



KENNEDY TAKES A SALUTE

President Kennedy gets a snappy salute from a member of the 2500 Cuban invasion brigade as he reviews the group in Miami. Without suggesting

U.S. intervention, he promised day return to a free Havana. (AP Wirephoto)

Labor Congress Will Seek To Give Gill Report View

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Labor Congress said Wednesday it will seek an early opportunity to make representations to the federal government on possible legislation based on the Gill committee report on unemployment insurance.

Claude Jodoin, president of the 1,000,000-member central labor federation, said the CLC has "mixed feelings" about the recommendations of the four-man committee of inquiry.

The committee's report, made public Dec. 20, proposed a three-stage program of support for unemployed workers, including a universal unemployment insurance scheme. The 55,000-word report made 45 specific recommendations in advancing a detailed blueprint for financially assisting jobless workers.

"This is a report of far-reaching consequences and it will require careful study by government, employers and trade unions," said Mr. Jodoin in a prepared statement.

"In our view the report represents an effort to revert the Unemployment Insurance Act to its ostensible purpose—to deal with relatively short-term unemployment. We note that the major objective of the committee has been to establish the Unemployment Insurance Act on what it considers to be sound insurance principles, although the report is careful to point out that there are substantial differences between social insurance and commercial or private insurance."

Mr. Jodoin said the CLC is pleased about some recommendations of the committee—including proposals to extend coverage to various categories of employees now excluded, to preserve the practice of a general pooling of the risk and to reject the concept of merit rate for unemployment.

Approval was also expressed for recommendations that the rates of benefits be increased to a higher ratio of earnings, that there be no special regulations for married women, that the

white pinafore, he in short pants—in a swing in a lovely garden of camellias, ferns and carnations on Santa Monica's float. It was judged most beautiful among 42 built around this year's parade theme, "Memorable Moments."

With millions of flowers and countless pretty girls on stately floats, with 225 equestrian units and 2,000 musicians marching in 21 bands, Pasadena thus staged its traditional New Year's Day spectacle.

A crowd estimated by police at well over 1,000,000 watched from sidewalks and buildings along a 3½-mile route.

The crowd was orderly except for perhaps 100 teen-agers.

Several hours before the parade, police said, one evidently threw into the street in front of Pasadena City College a flaming milk carton containing gasoline-soaked rags.

A motorcycle policeman arriving to investigate found his pistol yanked from its holster, he wrested it back. Bottles were thrown. About 40 policemen restored order, arresting juveniles. One was treated for a minor facial cut inflicted by a flying bottle.

CS Pay Awards Set For Mails

OTTAWA (CP)—The government's central pay office says that by Friday the first of 60,000 cheques covering retroactive civil service pay awards should be ready for mailing across the country.

Civil servants likely will begin receiving the cheques next week.

An estimated \$40,000,000 will be paid out under the retroactive pay increases announced last month by Finance Minister Novlan. In most cases the increases go back to Oct. 1, 1961.

"The position of our organization has been that unemployment insurance can be effective only when the economy is dynamic and unemployment is held to a low level, or what is generally known as frictional unemployment."

For this reason, said Mr. Jodoin, the CLC is pleased to note that the Gill report ties its recommendations to an unemployment attack on the causes of unemployment.

DOCTORS STRIKE

ROME (AP)—Doctors in all Italian hospitals went on strike for one hour Wednesday to call attention to their demand for parliament to establish pensions and retirement at 65 for doctors and medical assistants in state hospitals.

EXPRESS CONCERN

Concern was expressed about the proposal to exclude workers affected by seasonal unemployment from regular benefits and to eliminate the present seasonal benefit system.

The CLC said the Gill committee proposals about coverage

12 Men Killed In Meat Plant

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP)—An explosion ripped through a meat-packing plant Wednesday leaving at least 12 dead and 47 injured.

Deadly ammonia fumes, steam and falling debris hampered rescue operations at the Home Packing Company, which was shattered by the dawn explosion.

Indiana state police said 10 bodies were recovered from the wreckage and two other bodies were spotted in the debris.

George Obenchain, secretary-treasurer of the demolished plant, said 14 workers still were unaccounted for.

Some 200 of a total of 275 workers were in the plant when the explosion, of undetermined nature, shattered the brick building. The plant had been closed throughout the New Year's holiday and firemen said a gas seepage may have been the cause.

Bodies of some of the dead and injured were blown from the wreckage and two other bodies were covered with tons of red brick.

Damages were estimated by company officials at close to \$2,000,000.

\$50 Million In Mortgages Go On Market

OTTAWA (CP)—The government's housing agency announced Wednesday it will offer \$50,000,000 of its holdings of National Housing Act mortgages for sale to investors as the seventh such step in a program to develop a secondary mortgage market.

It is the largest block of mortgages to be put on the market by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Of the \$50,000,000 offered, bids will be accepted for only \$25,000,000. The announcement said the excess offering will give investors a wider selection.

So far, CMHC has sold \$88,000,000 of NHA mortgages to investment, mortgage and trust companies since the program began in April, 1961.

The purpose is to make available a supply of existing NHA mortgages to interested buyers. Some are purchased by specialized mortgage firms, which raise money through sale of debentures or shares to private investors.

Bids on the latest block being offered for sale will close Jan. 22. Half of the mortgages carry six-per-cent interest and the other half 8½-per-cent interest. They will be offered in 110 lots, with 50 of them valued at approximately \$500,000 and 20 at approximately \$250,000.

Correspondents Are Beaten Up

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (AP)—Two United States journalists and one British correspondent were beaten up and arrested at a Katanga province border point Wednesday, according to reports reaching Leopoldville.

The two American correspondents were named as Weldon Wallace of the Baltimore Sun, and Paul Bonner. The other correspondent was named as Lionel Fleming, BBC correspondent.

The report said the car in which they were travelling was looted and they were being held at Mushoshi, Katanga, about 11 miles from Kitwe in Northern Rhodesia.

TWO WOMEN KILLED

SARNIA, Ont. (CP)—Two women were burned to death Tuesday in a fire that destroyed their two-story frame home. Firemen found the bodies of Mrs. Daisy Mackie, 69, and her daughter Miss Teresa Mackie, 25, in an upstairs bedroom.

BIDS FOR CANE

QUEBEC (CP)—The Canadian freighter Eskimo is all alone in the run for the gold headed cane awarded annually to the master of the first vessel into Quebec harbor in the new year. The ship, especially built for navigation in ice, is expected here Jan. 2 from England.



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