

# Ottawa Will Make Final Ruling On TCA Monopoly

OTTAWA (CP) — Decision on whether Trans-Canada Air Lines' monopoly on trans-continental service will be relaxed will be made by the federal government, Transport Minister Hees said Wednesday.

While the air transport board is to hold hearings on two applications by carriers for competing services, Mr. Hees told the Commons, the final verdict will be that of the Government itself.

Mr. Hees was replying to charges by Lionel Chevrier (L-Montreal Laurier), former transport minister, that the present minister has taken "incongruous" and "contradictory" positions on the status of the publicly-owned TCA before and after becoming a cabinet member.

The debate developed as the House discussed a measure to set up its sessional committee for examination of the affairs of the CNR, TCA and Canadian National Steamships, all publicly-owned.

The committee, whose establishment was approved, is expected to begin hearings Monday, starting with the CNR.

**SABOTAGE SERVICE**

During the discussion, Mr. Chevrier accused the present government of participating in "sabotag-

ing" the CNS' West Indies service.

The eight-ship fleet of the CNS now is up for sale to private operators as the result of a long strike deadlock between the company and the Seafarers' International Union (CLC).

Mr. Chevrier said he does not blame the government exclusively for ending the West Indian service, but it was "a party to sabotaging" the service.

When the Conservatives were in opposition, he said, they had clamored for increasing the West Indies-Canada facilities as a means of expanding trade that particularly affected the Atlantic provinces.

He said it was extremely disappointing to see "a complete capitulation by the government in the face of difficulties that could have been overcome."

A CCF member — Frank Howard of British Columbia's Skeena riding—took the government to task for what he described as "ruthless and callous disregard of CNR employees when it comes to layoffs."

"This must be looked at closely."

**DIFFERENT ATTITUDES**

In the discussion on TCA's transcontinental monopoly, Mr.

Chevrier accused Mr. Hees of taking successively three different attitudes:

1. In opposition as a private Commons member, calling for all-out competition between TCA and private carriers.
2. Declaring last Feb. 7, in an election campaign speech at Timmins, Ont., that TCA's monopoly must cease.
3. Now seemingly favoring "gradual competition."

"As far as I am aware," Mr. Hees said, "at no time while I was at Timmins did I say that the TCA monopoly must cease. That was the interpretation taken from my speech by those reporting it."

Mr. Chevrier also referred to the report recently received by the government from Stephen Wheatcroft, British air consultant, suggesting Canada will not be able to support economically two transcontinental air services before 1966.

He wanted to know whether the government was going to adopt this report.

Mr. Hees replied the Wheatcroft report would be a guide for the Air Transport Board in the examination of franchise applications before it. But the decisions would be made by the government, on recommendation of the board.

## RELIGION AND LIFE

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### EXPRESSION OF RELIGION

Personal initiative is the first need in any form of work. Anyone can follow an established routine; it is the man who thinks for himself who discerns the need of the moment and is up at it before anyone else has a chance to tell him what to do.

There is a world of difference between the helper who does what he is told and waits to be told, and the one who makes the job his own and sees something in it that no one else has seen.

Each of us has a contribution to make to every situation in which he finds himself, but there must be the idea behind the act which brings the mind and soul of the worker into his work.

"Thank God!" a western farmer exclaimed when told of the arrival of a representative of an eastern implement company. It was rather an unusual happening for a debtor to rejoice at the coming of an agent of that sort, but, unfortunately, the occasion was unusual.

It was during the terrible drought and depression of the early thirties when neither the company nor their customers knew what to do. This farmer had been told that a new agent had been sent instead of the man with whom he had been dealing, and was glad to hear that this was not so and that he had to deal with one who understood him and his situation.

Now this particular "collector" was welcomed because he had made a study of each man with whom his company was dealing, his character and his circumstances, and was noted, not only for serving his company faithfully but also for helping its customers in every way open to him. And he believed that this was a required expression of his religion.

### SURPRISE

We remember our surprise when we first heard the expression "a divine discontent."

We had always associated discontent with complaining, a spirit the very opposite of that which found welcome opportunity in his lot.

Well, the only discontent that can be called "divine" is that which finds places for improvement in the work he is called to do, and brings new ideas and a new spirit into his work.

There is an unfortunate spirit abroad that regards work as an evil which must be escaped as far as possible.

Shorter hours with the same take-home-pay is a cry with which we are familiar. The call to increase the productivity of each work-hour has not received as warm a welcome.

Now the number of hours in a working day must be decided by the character of the work one has to do, and only those with personal experience have a right to judge. But work to do and strength to do it are gifts of God, and each worker is a steward whom God expects to be faithful.

Experience develops the artist, and the artist in any occupation is the one whose work has a quality which commands admiration and respect.

I owe this to God; the Giver of my gifts expects me to cultivate them and use them in such

### PRINCIPLES

There are moral and spiritual principles involved in every job one does. Fidelity, honor and honesty, the skill of the expert and the benefit given to the person served are general considerations expected of all.

So many of the services of our time are impersonal; there is no association between the worker and the one he serves. And yet people benefit by good work well done. Only two or three times in my life did I meet the engineer who drove my train, but in every mile of the thousands I have travelled I have felt that I was being served by one who had put his life between me and danger.

We expect this in our travels and we are getting it in tens of thousands of cases.

But our concern today is with the man who is not content with routine, but who sees in his work a quality and a chance to help in a way unnoticed by others. Observers have viewed the work to be done from without, but he understands it from within, and his experience shows him defects and possibilities that outsiders had passed by.

A young student was sent to a far-flung mission field with certain duties prescribed for him, but soon he saw a way of doubling his usefulness.

It called for greater effort on his part, but he had the strength needed and there was the opportunity, and by broadening the service rendered he multiplied the returns. A young man had to take over an old farm, and by introducing modern methods, he doubled its yield in five years.

Many a business has prospered because a new way was discovered of providing for the people's needs. The man with an idea becomes the creative factor in any situation when he puts himself into bringing it down to earth.

This is what Robert Browning calls converting air into a solid he can chape and use," by which a man finds progress. Such progress benefits others first, and by so doing gives the worker the deepest satisfaction he can know.

### 3 DEAD IN TORNADO

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP)—A wind and hail storm, containing at least one tornado funnel, battered the Topeka area early Friday. The twister missed the city. But high winds, heavy rain and some hail lashed Topeka. At least three persons died.

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## Plan Nuclear Talk Despite Red Coolness

GENEVA (Reuters)—Plans for East-West technical talks next week on policing a nuclear test ban went ahead here Thursday despite a Soviet threat to boycott the conference.

The general impression among Western delegates is that Russia and other Soviet-bloc countries will show up Tuesday for the start of the talks.

There has been no definite word of Soviet intentions since a bombshell declaration from Moscow 24 hours ago demanding an American assurance that the ultimate aim of the technical talks is suspension of nuclear tests.

A U.S. reply to this aide memoire was handed to Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko in Moscow this morning. It said that, as far as the West is concerned, the conference would proceed as agreed in previous exchanges of notes — namely technical instead of political talks.

British and French officials announced Thursday their governments still intend to send their experts and Canada has told Dr. O. M. Solandt, her representative, to proceed with plans to be in Geneva.

Russia Tuesday named its scientists for the talks and agreed to the conference preparations. Twenty-four hours later came the unexpected aide memoire.

This declared that if the United States did not give the required assurances "there is no need to send experts to the conference."

NATO's permanent council discussed the Soviet move in a private Paris meeting Thursday. None of the 15 member countries suggested the Geneva meeting should be called off or postponed. Most delegates expressed the belief that the Soviet-bloc delegates would appear on sched-

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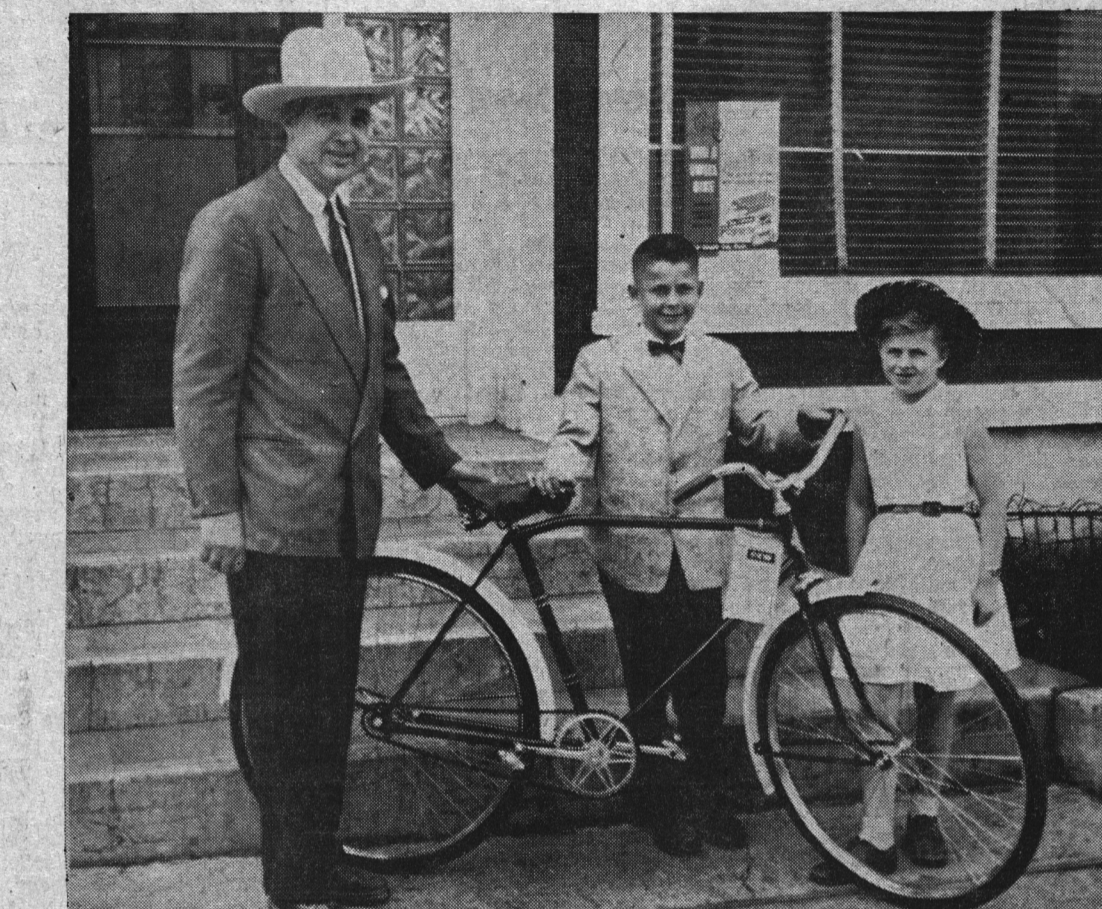
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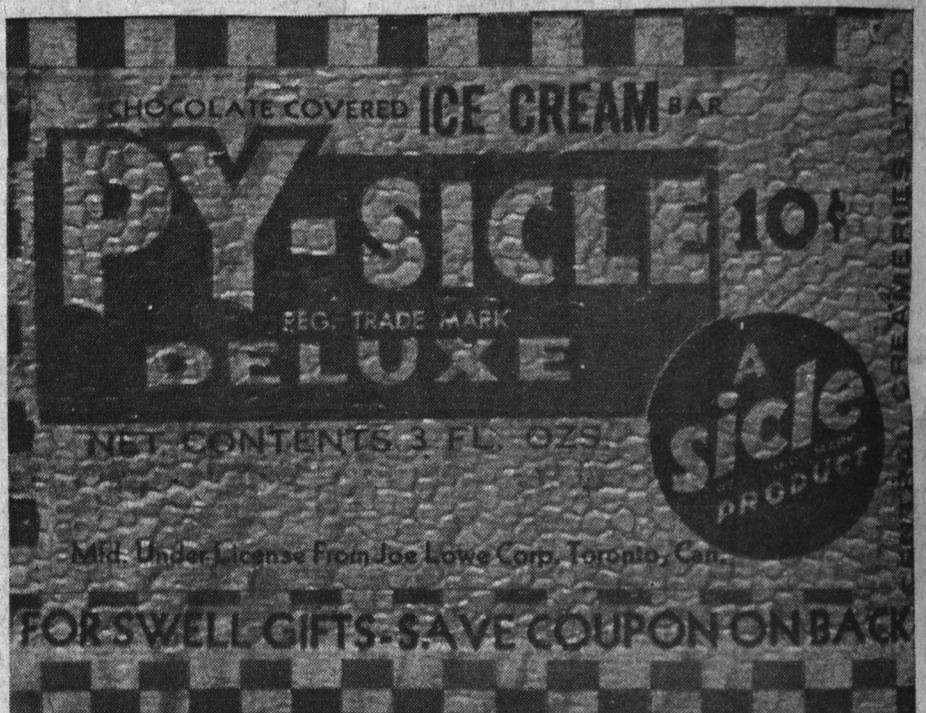


10-year-old Errol Ladner of North River is the first weekly winner in the Perfection "Wild West" contest. Pictured here with H. Keith Acorn, sales supervisor for Central Creameries Limited, the North River youngster was accompanied by his 8-year-old sister, Darlene, cowboy hat and all, who came along to see the prize ... a brand new C.C.M. bicycle. Errol Ladner thus qualifies for the grand prize in the contest ... an expense paid trip for two persons to exciting New York City.

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