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AGRICULTURISTS CHAT AT DINNER

Four members of the Agricultural Institute of Canada taking part in informal discussions prior to the special dinner meeting of the Island branch held last night were (left to right): J.E.D. Sterling, cerealist at the Experimental Farm; Dr. J. L. Bolton, Saskatchewan, national president; Dr. D. B. Robinson, president of the Island branch and plant pathologist at the Experimental Farm; and J. E. Arsenault, local representative for Niagara products.

Idle Remark Backfires On Home Sec'y.

By MILTON MARMOR LONDON (AP) — The nation that produced Shakespeare and Keats showed a deputy prime minister Thursday that there's poetry even in an English garbage can.

R. A. Butler, who is also home secretary, made the incautious remark a few weeks ago that no one had ever written a sonnet—or an ode—on the removal of refuse.

Many a "mute, inglorious Milton" in Britain's local government offices was stirred out of his or her lambic pentameter by such a challenge.

From town clerks to typists in this idle where a garbage can is called a dust bin, they sat down and penned sonnets, odes and just plain doggerel in romantic praise of garbage collectors and sewerage men, of road sweepers and meat inspectors, of borough engineers and town planners.

BUTLER WAS JUDGE Then they made Butler the judge and jury of contributions by 200 finalists in the unofficial competition.

Butler's poetic justice brought first prize to Miss Eileen Griffin of New Malden, Surrey, a shorthand typist in the Malden and Combe town clerk's department. Her winning poem was titled "Soliloquy of an Ashbinman." It starts like this:

"Was this his fire once, these ashes fine
"And this the flagon that contained his wine?
"These slender tins Sardinia's seas recall
"This broken vase perhaps a careless fall
"These darkened leaves whose flavor now is gone
"How far the cry from China or Ceylon!"

DUAL ROLE

OTTAWA (CP)—Georges Heisbourg, Luxembourg's ambassador to the United States, Thursday presented his credentials to Governor-General Massey as minister of Luxembourg to Canada. Mr. Heisbourg, who will hold both diplomatic appointments, will live in Washington.

Canada's Deficit In Trade Cut Sharply In 11 Months

OTTAWA (CP)—The deficit in Canada's foreign trade was cut by more than half in the first 11 months of 1958, due to a sharp fall in imports.

However, in November the trade deficit was three times that of a year earlier.

The bureau of statistics reported Thursday the deficit—excess of imports over exports—dropped sharply to \$289,300,000 in the 11-month period from \$749,600,000 in the corresponding period of 1957.

DEFICIT CLIMBS However, the deficit in November trade climbed equally steeply to \$48,500,000 from \$16,300,000 a year earlier, as imports picked up. This compared with the October deficit of \$43,900,000 which was a little more than half the \$73,900,000 deficit in October, 1957.

APEC Will Seek Answer To Lag In Poultry Trade

Improvement and development of the lagging Island poultry industry will be the top-ranking project of the newly re-organized APEC committee for agriculture in this province.

Meeting last night in the office of the Federation of Agriculture the nine-member committee under the chairmanship of Charles Yeo of Sherbrooke, registered 100 per cent attendance. Also in attendance were J. S. Wright of Summerside, APEC vice-president for P. E. I.; Hon. Eugene Cullen, minister of agriculture, and William Partridge, trade director for the province.

While matters related to the potato industry, cattle and hog production were discussed, possibilities of trade in the northland and value of developing a farm management service in the province were also considered.

BETTER QUALITY

The committee concluded that for the present, its most useful work would be in co-operating with the departments of agriculture in a campaign to put more life into the poultry business.

It was pointed out that if island markets for eggs are to be developed and held, there is required: (a) uniformly better quality; (b) more strict attention to packaging; (c) a much more uniform level of production throughout the year.

Solution of the latter problem will require producers to start more pullets in the late fall and early winter months rather than in the late spring months as is now the case.

In order to maintain quality and promote orderly marketing, the need of producers forming associations to develop a reputation for quality and a recognized brand name was pointed out.

Comprising the committee and in attendance in addition to the chairman were: Stewart Wright, department of agriculture; David Ward, department of agriculture; B. B. Jones, Bumbury; Ralph Raynor, Mt. Herbert; Ralph Adams, O'Leary; Col. F. I. Andrew, East Royalty; Charles Scranston, Canadian - department of agriculture; C.B. Daugh, Wilmet Valley.

By THOMAS P. WHITNEY DETROIT (AP) — A mob of screaming Hungarians surged against police lines Thursday night as Soviet Deputy Premier A. I. Mikoyan went to dinner with leading Michigan industrialists at the Detroit Club. The mob hurled snowballs at the Soviet leader. He was not hit.

The anti-Communist refugee crowd, which also had among it beside Hungarian freedom fighters some Ukrainians and other anti-Communist Iron Curtain groups, ignored President Eisenhower's plea Thursday for courteous treatment for the Soviet guest.

Heavy Detroit uniformed and plainclothes police and state department security men protected Mikoyan and other members of his group effectively from the demonstrators. Police estimated the crowd at 300.

Earlier Thursday Mikoyan told a group of leading automobile producers that it would be a "long long time" before every Russian worker has an automobile.

At the same time, the Russian deputy premier gave credit to the United States automobile industry for helping to build Russia's.

The late Henry Ford, he said, had shown more sense than the American government during the period preceding U.S. recognition of the Soviet Union because "he helped to build our industry."

Saint John Park Will Become New Shopping Centre

SAINT JOHN, N.B. — (CP) — Shamrock Park in Saint John's north end has been purchased by Camp Investments Ltd., of Montreal. The purchase from Principal Investments Ltd. of Toronto was announced in Montreal Thursday.

Local barrister B. R. Guss said the new owners will begin construction of a multi-million-dollar shopping centre at the site on or before May 1.

Mr. Guss said negotiations were underway with firms interested in moving into the development. It is expected that local industry and commercial establishments will have an opportunity to seek space for rental.

Shamrock Park is about 30 years old. It was used for general athletics, including football, softball, track and soccer.

In 1955, the city paid a \$75,000 price tag on the park. After 13 months of negotiations, the deed was transferred to Principal Investments Ltd.

WINTER GRIPS BRITAIN LONDON (Reuters) — Winter Thursday showed no sign of relaxing its grip over most of Britain. Road traffic was hindered by snow, ice and floods. Snowdrifts up to three feet were reported in Sutherlandshire.

The Russians, he said, came to the assistance of a lawful government just as the U.S. did in Lebanon last summer.

In Berlin, all the Russians wanted to do is remove "a trouble spot." Mikoyan declared his government has no desire to violate the freedom of the people of West Berlin.

Discussing China, he said that the Communists feel they have been persecuted because of lack of American recognition. It would do the U.S. more good, he asserted, to recognize China than it would do for the Chinese Communists.

Mikoyan arrived in Detroit this morning by plane from Cleveland on the second stop of his one-week, five-city transcontinental tour. Expert handling by authorities made it possible for Mikoyan's entourage all morning to avoid any sight of Hungarian pickets with anti-Soviet posters.

U.S. IMPORTS RISE The bureau, which gives no breakdown of the commodities involved until later, reported that imports from the United States—Canada's biggest trading partner—rose to \$300,600,000 in the month from \$299,900,000 a year earlier but in the 11-month period slipped to \$3,289,600,000 from \$3,722,000,000.

Exports to the U.S. were lower in both periods, down to \$239,800,000 in the month from \$256,800,000 and to \$2,641,700,000 from \$2,695,900,000 in the 11-month period.

Britain took more Canadian goods and also sold Canada more in the 11-month period, imports from Britain rising to \$487,000,000 from \$485,800,000 and exports increasing to \$712,700,000 from \$678,200,000.

For November, exports to Britain slipped to \$72,500,000 from \$74,100,000 while imports declined to \$49,500,000 from \$49,000,000.

MacNeill Skipped Quartet Scores Rare Eight-Ender

A real rarity in the realm of curling was accomplished at the Charlottetown Curling Club last night when a team skipped by Bill MacNeill scored an eight-ender.

In everyday parlance this means that this team scored eight points out of a possible of eight points in one end of the match. All eight of the team's rocks were placed in scoring position in the house.

The eight points were scored in the fifth end of a match in the play for the Rensdewou trophy. The MacNeill skipped foursome went one to win the match handily.

As rare in curling as a no-hit game is in baseball, it was seven years ago that the last perfect end was made at the Charlottetown Club. At that time a rink skipped by Dr. Wen MacDonald turned the trick.

The mate on the squad Dr. Chris Gallant, threw the final stone — a draw shot — and gave the MacNeill team the eight points.

Other members of the victorious foursome were Andy Likely, second stone, and Maynard MacMillan, lead.

Members of the defeated team were Lem Prowse, skip; Bill Burnett, mate; West Storey, second stone and Bob Lund, lead.

Welsh Miners Protest Village Facing Death

By ALVIN STENKOFF LONDON (AP) — About 150 Welsh coal miners came to London Thursday to protest that their village has been condemned to death.

They came by train in their Sunday suits and cloth caps. They marched to union headquarters here, singing their Welsh songs and demanding action.

Other communities are doomed to die, they said, and the executioner is the national coal board, which operates the nationalized mines. It plans to close 36 unprofitable pits.

They ask a reprieve for the village of Cwmlynnell in the Swansea Valley of Wales. It has a population of 3,000, a mine and a few merchants to serve the miners. Nothing else.

TO CLOSE NEXT MONTH The mine is scheduled to be closed next month, and the miners say there just won't be any reason then for the continued existence of Cwmlynnell.

Older miners recalled the days of the depression in the '30s when men idled away their days sitting on curbs, waiting for relief.

TENS OF THOUSANDS LINE STREETS

Chopin's Conquering Hero Welcomed To Havana

By HAROLD MORRISON Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian government Thursday night announced that priceless Polish art treasures, stored in Ottawa bank vaults, will be returned to Poland shortly.

The external affairs department said in a statement that the authorized depositors have signified their willingness that the two trunks of treasures, containing jeweled swords and armor and ancient scrolls, be returned to Polish institutions.

The department gave no indication what will happen to another part of the treasures, including 132 rare Polish tapestries, stored in the Quebec Provincial Museum. Premier Duplessis has stated he will not turn them over to the present Communist regime in Poland.

Thus ends some bitter diplomatic wrangling as far as the Ottawa treasures are concerned. Thus also is announced the capitulation of 70-year-old Joseph Polkowski, one of the original custodians of the treasures, who for 13 years fought the Communists' attempts to gain the treasures.

The external affairs statement said that Mr. Polkowski, one-time Polish museum architect and now an Ottawa delicatessen clerk, agreed that the treasures be returned to Poland.

The Ottawa treasures, which included the original works of Chopin and the first Gutenberg Bible ever printed, had remained locked in the two trunks for 12 years. The trunks were examined last month by Mr. Polkowski and four Polish professors representing Polish state museums.

That in admitting the treasures to Canada, they assumed no responsibility for them. The difficulty concerning their withdrawal was essentially one of establishing legal title and not one to which the Canadian government was a party.

The Poles considered the treasures equivalent to the British crown jewels. Authorities said the jewels and art works were priceless. Some persons have estimated their value at \$5,000,000 or more. One estimate ranged up to \$50,000,000.

Polish negotiators included Witold Malczukowski, world-famous pianist who slipped into Ottawa about five weeks ago. When the trunks were opened, Mr. Malczukowski had all of Chopin's original works photographed in case they crumbled later. He and his wife now will leave on a European concert tour and then return to their home in Switzerland.

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Biggest Task Still Remains, Castro Declares In Speech

By WILLIAM L. RYAN HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Fidel Castro rode into Havana Thursday and received a tumultuous liberator's welcome.

But the bearded conquering hero of the Cuban revolution, addressing a roaring multitude at the presidential palace, warned the Cuban people they now face their greatest task.

Tens of thousands of Cubans lined the streets of this capital. They roared in approval at the triumphant entry of the 32-year-old rebel warrior who toppled the dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista after two bitter years of guerrilla fighting.

Steering into Havana as Castro made his appearance was the yacht Gramma, on which he landed secretly in Oriente province almost 26 months ago to begin his dogged fight.

ONE WEEK LATER Castro entered the capital just a week from the day his 26th of July movement drove Batista into exile.

Castro was escorted to the palace by bearded warriors on tanks, armored cars, and all sorts of vehicles through demonstrating crowds.

Provisional President Manuel Urrutia met him at the palace and hailed him as "the great son of the Cuban people."

He lauded Castro as Cuba's most self-sacrificing fighter in its history, and as a man who has not taken power himself but who has been content to place it in the hands of civilians.

Urrutia pledged that the new government would be worthy of this gesture.

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The ports of Summerside, Alberton and Charlottetown have been ice-blocked for several weeks.

While ice in the immediate harbours of some eastern ports is not too thick, the eastern approaches to such points as Souris, Georgetown and Miramichi are jammed tight and ships cannot get through to the Island centres.

The M.V. Brian, a freighter bound for Georgetown yesterday, was forced to turn back before she got within 45 miles of the port. The Brian became locked in the ice some 20 miles off East Point, and sent a call for aid to the C.G.S. Saurel at Sydney, N.S.

The government ice-breaker reached the Brian about 4 a. m. Thursday and after a near eight-hour battle with the ice broke a path for the freighter into open water.

The Saurel then proceeded to the Magdalene Islands where she is to pick up lighthouse keepers at Bird Rock and Brian Island.

Unions Go After Pearkes To Purchase Arrow Jets

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Minister Pearkes is reported to have told a union delegation Thursday that the government will decide between now and March 31 whether to order the supersonic Arrow jet interceptor into production.

But he added that there has been no change in the Arrow situation since September when Prime Minister Diefenbaker said the matter would be reviewed by next March.

A brief submitted to Mr. Pearkes and Labor Minister Starr by the delegation urged that the government buy a "substantial" number of Arrows.

Mr. Pearkes was quoted as saying the government's decision on the Arrow would not be based solely on a cost comparison with available American aircraft.

Mr. Pearkes added that no final, firm proposal on cost had yet been received from Avro Aircraft Limited, builder of the Arrow.

He said that as far as practicable, the government wants aircraft and weapons produced in Canada. However, a wide difference in cost would not be fair to the Canadian taxpayer.

The union delegation, headed by President Claude Jodoin of the 1,100,000-member Canadian Labor Congress, comprised representatives of the International Association of Machinists and the United Automobile Workers. The unions represent about 35,000 aircraft workers and their brief said more than 80,000 workers are concerned directly or indirectly in the industry.

The submission questioned whether Arrow production costs cited by Prime Minister Diefenbaker are realistic. Mr. Diefenbaker last September, in announcing that the decision on Arrow production would be postponed until March, said unit production costs would be \$12,500,000.

The unions said that A. V. Roe of Canada Limited, developer of the supersonic plane at Malton, Ont., had cited a cost per plane of \$3,500,000 for 100 aircraft and \$2,600,000 each for 200 of them.

Buying military aircraft abroad, warned the brief, would have various ill effects. It involved expenditures producing no return revenue in national income or tax returns.

Bright Destiny Promised France

PARIS (Reuters) — Gen. Charles de Gaulle Thursday formally took over as first president of the Fifth Republic and promised to steer France away from "doubt, wanderings and humiliation" to a bright new destiny.

In an inaugural address, the wartime leader who has changed the face of his country in last seven months held out hope that Algeria would become "pacified and transformed" in close association with France.

One of his first acts after being declared president for a seven-year term was to appoint his loyal follower, 46-year-old Michel Debre, as premier