

## "Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

### Causeway Statement Promised

OTTAWA (CP)—Works Minister Deschatelets said in the Commons Friday he will make an interim statement soon on feasibility studies of the proposed causeway to Prince Edward Island.

Angus MacLean (PC—Queens) asked whether there had been a formal recommendation that the causeway be built to carry road traffic only, not runway traffic.

Mr. Deschatelets said the second preliminary report of second looking into the feasibility of a causeway was received only recently and he would not discuss it off-the-cuff.

"I will make a short statement on it these days," Mr. Deschatelets added.

### Reds' Leader In Italy Dies

MOSCOW (AP)—Palmino Togliatti, iron-fisted chief of Italy's Communist party—Biggest in the Western world—died in a Soviet boy scout camp Friday of complications after a stroke.

The 71-year-old veteran revolutionist, under ground agent, secret propagandist, Communist Party official had survived two prison terms, 18 years in exile, an automobile accident, an assassination attempt, two critical illnesses and all the shifts in the Kremlin line.

But the chunky Togliatti had come out of the Communist Party student shot him four times in 1948 in Rome, almost setting off a civil war.

### South Viet Nam Troops Slammed In Major Clash

SAIGON (CP)—At least 64 South Vietnamese troops were killed in a major clash against the Communist Viet Cong, it was announced Friday. Among the victims were four U.S. advisers.

The clash was one of the heaviest of the war so far. At the same time 500 Vietnamese students demonstrated against the government of President Nguyen Khanh.

The students called the government "military dictatorship worse than that of the Dien government."

Police took no action against the students, apparently on orders from the army.

The battle against the Viet Cong occurred 45 miles south of Saigon on Thursday.

In addition to 60 dead, plus the four crack Ottawa-Montreal train were rammed off the CNR main line by a loaded gravel truck Friday.

The toll: At least eight persons killed and about a score injured.

The five-ton truck knifed into the "businessmen's special" at the third car from the rear of the passenger train.

The truck driver, Basil Crook, 43, of Ottawa, was killed. The other identified dead:

Sister St. Elia, a Roman Catholic nun of the Congregation of Notre Dame, returning to Mont St. Bernard College, Antigonish, N.S.

Sister Marie de St. Maurice, 65, of the Jean de Arc Girls' School, Ottawa.

Andre Roy, 18, St. Gervais, Bellechasse County, Que. Jean-Paul Poulin of Quebec City.

Monique Roy, St. Gervais, Bellechasse County, Que., a sister of Andre Roy.

Mr. John Palmer, 37, of Ottawa. Georges Dimitriou, of Montreal.

# Flag deadlock Continues As Peacemakers Fail To Agree

### Provincial Secretary Of Manitoba Resigns

WINNIPEG (CP)—Manitoba's provincial secretary, Mafland Steinkopf, announced Friday he has tendered his resignation to Premier杜 Robin.

Immediately after making the statement he left the legislature and would not comment to reporters.

In the statement, Mr. Steinkopf said the government's official legislation session, which would clarify his position and whether his election in 1962 had not received the support he had hoped for.

The legislature earlier Friday voted 37-13 in defeating an amendment to the bill which called on the government to defer action until the courts decide on the matter.

Mr. Steinkopf said the vote of the 18 members in support of the amendment showed "they do not share my belief" that any prior defeat on his part was only on a technicality.

The government introduced the bill because of a possible intervention of the Legislative Assembly Act in 1962 when Mr. Steinkopf acted as an unpaid agent of the government in arranging the purchase of property. The act forbids any person who executes a contract for the Crown involving the expenditure of public money to hold a seat.

Shortly after the special session of the legislature opened Monday, Mr. Steinkopf, who was serving with a law by one of his constituents, I.A.W.S.P.C. R.

Stubbs, asking him to show why he should sit in the legislature.

Mr. Steinkopf was to have appeared in judges' chambers Aug. 27.

Immediately after Mr. Steinkopf's statement, Premier Robin adjourned further sittings of the legislature until Monday.

### Cuba Suspends Buying Abroad

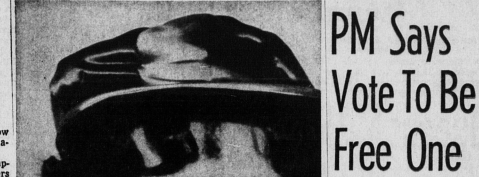
WASHINGTON (AP)—Cuba has ordered a suspension of purchases abroad, a U.S. state department official reported Friday night.

The official said the action was taken at least in part to drop this year in the price of sugar. The world price has dropped from 11.8 cents a pound in January to the current 4.3 cents, the official said.

He explained that since sugar provides the principal export income for Cuba, any decrease in the selling price would mean that Cuba would have just that much less to spend abroad for other products.

Last year, sugar brought a much higher price per pound. The official said, because it was in shorter supply. This year, however, the world supply is ample, and the price has gone down.

In Miami, the Cuban Exile Information Service said the National Bank of Cuba ordered the suspension July 1.



Parliament members on Friday afternoon, but the flag deadlock over the flag issue faded Friday after the five party leaders reported failure in their attempt to reach a compromise.

But Prime Minister Pearson announced in the Commons that the flag vote will be a "free vote" on the government's "stand or fall on the result." And he stressed that the door will be left open for any further compromise.

His statement and those of other leaders made it clear that the discussions hit a snag on Opposition Leader Diefenbaker's refusal to agree to a time limit on debate.

While Mr. Pearson's call for a free vote on the flag indicated a softening of the government's earlier hard line, a highly-placed source said the prime minister is determined that Parliament make a decision on a flag design, either embodying three maple leaves or one.

This source said also the government is prepared to submit the flag design to a parliamentary committee so long as there is an assurance the committee will reach a final decision more than a few weeks. Mr. Diefenbaker had suggested in smaller committee would be spent by a committee on the flag issue.

Mr. Pearson told the Commons, "I felt that whatever procedure was followed there should be accepted time limits on discussions to ensure that a decision would be reached at a reasonably early date. The principle of such limitation did not find unanimous acceptance."

Leaders of the smaller opposition groups said they also favored such a time limit.

THIRD THIS WEEK  
Friday's meeting of the party leaders was the third of the year and the final of the current series.

Mr. Pearson's announcement, before packed galleries, that the flag vote would be free of party discipline was met with applause from his own supporters, the benches of smaller opposition groups, and by a smattering of Conservatives.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said Mr. Pearson's announcement about his free vote earlier because attitudes had frozen since the flag debate was adjourned so that the committee would be free to proceed. He said that the government's position was that the flag vote would be held at a date to be decided by the government.

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NO EXPULSIONS  
Previously, Mr. Pearson had said the government would expel those who refused to accept the flag issue.

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### FISHERIES FEDERATION FLOAT WINS

Nepeline, in its glory here on the P.E.I. Fisheries Federation float, is the legendary King of the Sea, but yesterday he became king, too, of the institutional floats competition in the Gold Cup and Saucer parade. Two of his party members here wave to the crowd, and his pet Dolphin proceeds by pulling the whole thing—chariot, float and all. The mayor of Ellers-

burgh, Mains, Ellersburgh's Chamber of Commerce president, and the Blueberry Queen's mother, invited to judge the float competition decided that the float merited first prize in its class.

### Goldwater Outlines Stand During Fast-Paced Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator Barry Goldwater underscored Friday his proposal for "more ready access" to small tactical nuclear weapons for the supreme commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The Republican nominee for president later on the Senate floor endorsed the United States security system and announced that he will support a five-percent increase in benefits.

Goldwater reiterated his opposition to President Johnson's plan for health care for the elderly under the social security system.

In a fast-paced day on Capitol Hill, and at Republican headquarters, Goldwater also:

—Diagnosed any desire to make a campaign issue of accounting methods that may have been used in arriving at published estimates of President Johnson's personal fortune and those of the Johnsons.

—Said he is investigating reports of trouble in the Michigan timber industry and called the situation "rather serious."

—Scolded his presidential election prospects in the southern states and said they are best in Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. "Georgia will be accused," he said.

—Accused the Soviet Union of Nastyte repression of Jews and the Johnson Democratic administration of "deep anti-Semitism" in its dealings with the Russians.

An accounting firm made Public Wednesday a report that the net worth of Johnson's family was \$1,844,000. Some Republicans said the Johnsons' holdings are worth much more than the account listed them at purchase price.

Goldwater couldn't discuss the topic.

He said he was not in favor of a "free" vote, not involving confidence in the government.

He also reported that a party leaders' meeting seeks an compromise to the flag deadlock had ended without reaching a solution.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said a committee study of the flag would be a good idea but rejected the idea of a time limit on debate.

NATO leader Douglas and Social Credit Leader Thompson said they were willing to have a time limit on the flag debate.

Alvin Hamilton (PC—Que.) said Canada is missing the boat in the world lumber market by lack of proper promotion.

Douglas Fisher (NDP—Port Arthur) urged development of a forestry program to assist Indian reserves.

MONDAY, Aug. 24  
Both Alberta and Mississippi are involved now, and they were then.

The main menace to Democratic harmony centres in the determination of delegates of both camps in the Freedom party of Mississippi to help the regular Mississippi delegation from being seated at the convention.

LARGELY NEGRO  
The Freedom Democrats are largely Negro; the regulars are largely white. It was the former who came in by bus Friday prepared to take their battle to the convention floor.

But the first significant round will be fought in the credentials committee, at its first meeting today.

The Freedom Democrats contended they were barred methodically from taking part in the choice of the regular Democratic delegates. They also contended the latter have spurred the national ticket in the past—the last time in 1960—and may again this year.

Party officials and President Johnson want to snuff out a floor fight before it starts, since a victory for the Mississippi regulars might hurt the ticket among Negro voters in the north while the seating of the challengers might swing white votes in the south to Republican.

THIS STRETCH of railway track at Leonard, Ont., was a scene of death after a truck-train accident Friday. Eight people were killed and a score injured after the train was derailed. The truck driver was among those killed.

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