

Senate Is Urged To Launch Special Committee Probe of Drug Traffic

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Senate was urged Wednesday to launch an investigation by special committee into illegal traffic in narcotics.

Senator Thomas Reid, a resident of the west coast area where police say many of Canada's narcotics addicts are concentrated, made the suggestion.

Solicitor-General Macdonald, government leader in the Upper Chamber, said he will bring the proposal to the attention of the government. Senator John T. Haig, Opposition leader, said a special committee should be established this session if there is time to start a proper inquiry or at the start of the next session.

The subject was raised during consideration of changes to narcotics laws, including a proposal to increase to 14 from seven years the maximum penalty for trafficking. The bill was sent to the senate's public health committee for further study.

Senator Reid, a Liberal from New Westminster, B. C., said he supports the suggestion made last month that the higher-ups in the illegal narcotics trade be put to death on conviction.

Another British Columbia senator, Mrs. Nancy Hodges of Victoria, made this proposal. Senator Hodges is a member of the joint parliamentary committee now studying whether the law should be changed with respect to the death penalty as punishment for crimes.

Senator Reid quoted RCMP reports as saying a large concentration of Canadian addicts is in the area of Vancouver, 11 miles west of New Westminster.

He said the law should distinguish clearly between addicts who also peddle narcotics to raise funds and those who aren't addicts but control and expand the trade. For the latter, there should be far stiffer penalties than those proposed.

Bristol and Vicinity

"Miss Norma Sinnott, who is on the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in the city, is on her annual vacation and left on Thursday for Boston, to spend some time with her young friends. She will spend some time with Miss Patsy Doherty, who has vacationed in Bristol a few times.

This vicinity was shocked on Saturday to learn of the sudden death of Mr. Dan Thompson in New Brunswick in an accident. Mr. Thompson had only gone over there the day previous to his death. His remains arrived home on Sunday night. He was around 60 years old. He had worked for many years for Mr. P. W. Robbins on the big farm in this vicinity and at his business in Sackville.

Rev. W. A. Keefe, P. P., at Rollo Bay, was here on Monday on business and later went on to the city to call on Father McKenna, who is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital. Father Keefe said he found the pastor much better than expected.

Mrs. John R. O'Brien is visiting her husband in Halifax, N. S. She made the trip by air on Thursday. She will be away for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred O'Brien of West Somerville, Mass., will celebrate their golden wedding this summer and already invitations have been received by relatives here to attend the celebration. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien have spent the 50 years of their married life in Boston, going there right after their marriage. Mrs. O'Brien was the former Mary Ellen Dunphy, of Pease Station while Mr. O'Brien, hails from Bristol, and is retired now from the Boston elevated railway after a long term of ser-

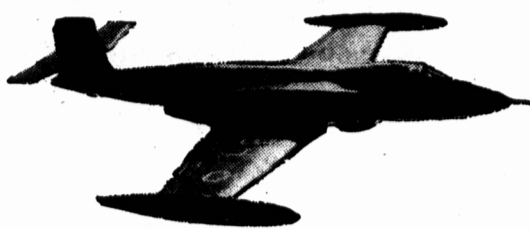
vice. The welcome mat has always been out at their home in Boston, and visitors from this vicinity never fail to stop-over when up that way.

Friends of Mr. Frank McEwen will be sorry to learn he is a patient in the P. E. Island Hospital today. His condition is reported as quite serious.

Quite a few black ducks have arrived here and are already nesting in the marsh along the brooks. As in years past, crows have taken a heavy toll of duck eggs in other years and we hope this season the black thief will be wiped out by the gunners.

There are a lot of lobster traps to go to the shore yet and a lot to be rigged up for the season yet some of the traps will go down the river in boats but most of them will be hauled on wagons to the beach.

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Canadian Congress of Labor Believes Abbott Missed "Golden Opportunity"

OTTAWA, (CP) — The 370,000-member Canadian Congress of Labor Wednesday labelled Finance Minister Abbott's 1954-55 budget as the "empty budget".

Donald Macdonald, CCL secretary-treasurer, said in a statement that the minister, by failing to reduce income taxes for wage earners, missed a "golden opportunity" to help solve Canada's "grave unemployment situation."

The 1954-55 budget, presented to parliament Tuesday night, announced commodity tax cuts for a series of consumer goods, but held the line on personal and corporate income taxes.

Mr. Macdonald said direct tax relief for wage and salary earners would have boosted consumer purchasing power.

"The finance minister may consider unemployment a 'local problem,' but most people call it a national problem which requires direct action without further delay. The unemployed want work. Mr. Abbott has ignored them."

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Sees More Unemployment

The minister's statement that the country's national production in 1954 will at least equal 1953 production and probably exceed it slightly "sounds a good deal more optimistic than it really is," Mr. Macdonald said.

"Our population and our working force will certainly be higher, and productivity per man will be greater."

"The same total product—or just a little bigger—more production per worker, and more people available for work, add up to just one result: more unemployment."

"Yet Mr. Abbott admits no need for any greatly expanded program of federal public works as he considers the unemployment problem is 'to a large extent local in character.'"

"This casual attitude towards work opportunities recalls speeches in the spring of 1930—the period of the great depression followed."

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14-Year-Old Builds Telescope To See Planetary Satellites

MONTREAL, (CP) — Morton Fels, 14-year-old amateur astronomer, has built a telescope with which he and his father can see the satellites around Jupiter and the craters on the moon.

Morton, a student at Westmount junior high, started 10 months ago to grind the mirror for his telescope. The work had to be done by hand and he estimates he spent 150 hours on the job.

He first learned from the Royal Astronomical Society that it was possible to build the telescope. Now he is a member of that body.

Morton is no novice at making things. On his basement wall he has a contraption that feeds his guinea pigs automatically. He also says he built a mechanical man, four feet high, which walked.

Mock Assault On Sea Planned For June

OTTAWA, (CP) — Twenty-five cadets of the Royal Canadian Navy's regular and reserve forces will join U. S. midshipmen in June in a mock assault along the coast of Virginia.

The amphibious exercise will be the windup of a training program in which the Canadian cadets will work with 775 midshipmen from the U. S. naval academy at Annapolis, Md.

The Canadian cadets will be chosen from Canadian services colleges and from regular officer training units and university naval training divisions. They will train ashore and at sea with the U. S. midshipmen prior to the assault exercise June 19.

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