

## IS NOT CONQUEST

# President Johnson Has Reply To Critics Of Viet Nam Policy

NEW YORK (AP)—President Johnson said Wednesday night, in a new reply to critics of his Viet Nam policy, that the United States is not caught up "in a blind escalation of force" leading toward a wider war.

Johnson, in an address prepared for a Freedom House dinner, said a number of questions still are being asked in the wake of public hearings on Viet Nam by the U.S. Senate foreign relations committee.

He did not mention the committee but his reference to it—and "our commitment to free discussion"—was obvious.

First, Johnson said, some ask whether it is a war for unlimited objectives.

Declaring that the answer is "no," he said:

**"IT IS NOT CONQUEST"**

"Our purpose in Viet Nam is to prevent the success of aggression. It is not conquest; it is not empire; it is not foreign bases; it is not domination."

Then, with these words, he dealt with the question of escalation:

"Second, some ask if we are caught in a blind escalation of force that is pulling us headlong into a wider war that no one wants. The answer—again—is no. We are using that force—and only that force—necessary to stop the aggression.

"We will insist for ourselves on what we require from Hanoi: Respect for the principle of government by consent of the governed. We stand for self-determination—for free elections—and we will honor their result."

Johnson also said the U.S. is not neglecting "any hopeful chance of peace." He said

## Moro Forms New Gov't

ROME (Reuters)—Italy ended its longest post-war political crisis Wednesday with a new centre-left coalition government and the same premier, Christian Democrat Aldo Moro, at its head.

# MacNaught Appointed Coal Board Chairman

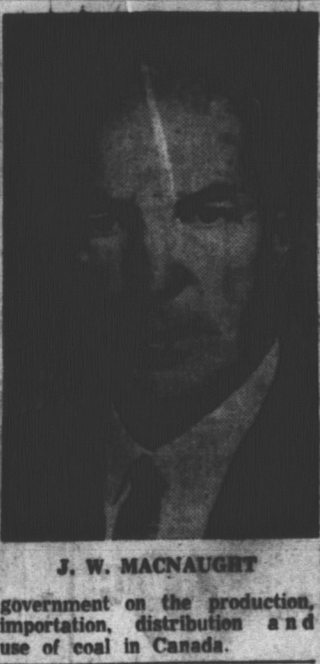
OTTAWA (CP)—J. Watson MacNaught, former Liberal mines minister who was defeated in the 1965 general election, will be appointed to the \$20,500-a-year chairmanship of the Dominion Coal Board March 5, Prime Minister Pearson announced Wednesday.

Mr. MacNaught, 61, succeeds C. L. O'Brien, chairman since 1961.

Mr. MacNaught was defeated by Conservative David Donald in the Nov. 8 election in the Prince Edward Island riding of Coleman, P.E.I., a native of Coleman, P.E.I., is a lawyer who served as law clerk of the P.E.I. legislature from 1935 to 1941 and as clerk from 1941 to 1945.

He was first elected to the Commons in 1945. He was appointed solicitor-general in the Pearson cabinet April 22, 1963, and mines minister July 7, 1965.

The seven-member coal board, established in 1922, makes recommendations to the



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government on the production, importation, distribution and use of coal in Canada.

## U.S. Military Statement Omits Word Of F-5 Aircraft

WASHINGTON (CP)—Defence Secretary Robert McNamara's lengthy statement on U.S. military posture to senators Wednesday makes no mention of any U.S. plans to acquire the F-5 Northrop light attack aircraft which Canada is purchasing.

A defence department spokesman said that officially the F-5 remains under evaluation in the Viet Nam war. Twelve of the aircraft were sent there in November.

McNamara's statement, while not mentioning the F-5, dwelt briefly on plans to acquire the rival Ling-Temco-Vought A-7 which the RCAF also had considered as well as the much more expensive F-4 Phantom, fastest fighter in the United States Air Force arsenal.

Canada's decision to buy 125 of the F-5s for manufacturing by Canadair Ltd. in Montreal under licence had been criticized in the House of Commons in view of the apparent U.S. preference for the A-7. Defence

Minister Paul Hellyer replied that the U.S. did not plan to buy the F-5 "for a long period of time."

The aircraft has been in U.S. production primarily as a giveaway item to U.S. allies although Norway and Spain also have made purchases.

The U.S. Air Force is getting seven A-7s from the navy for evaluation, McNamara said Wednesday. He said the A-7 is relatively inexpensive—although it costs more than the F-5—and has desirable range, armament capability and other features which may lead to "very substantial" orders if Viet Nam war needs warrant.

## PO Queries Answered

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA—Post offices at York and Brantford are expected to be completed shortly, Heath Macquarrie, MP for Queens, was informed here Wednesday.

In reply to questions on the order paper, Public Works Minister George McRae said the post office at York had been started at the end of 1965 and was to be completed by the end of April this year. The one at Brantford was also started at the end of last year and would be completed by May 31.

An area of land 22,500 square feet was acquired for the building at York and 14,700 square feet at Brantford and the land was acquired from Peter W. Froud and Pomeroy Murray respectively.

No other post office buildings are under construction or contemplated in Queens' County, Mr. McRae said.

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## Herring Talks Slated For May

OTTAWA (CP)—New interest in herring has led the federal-provincial Atlantic fisheries commission to call an Atlantic herring conference in Fredericton May 5-7.

The committee announced Wednesday it will invite fishing vessel operators, processing plant representatives, biologists, economist and marketing specialists to the meetings.

## BOARD OF TRADE HEARS ADB DIRECTOR

Five prominent persons attending the quarterly annual meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, held at the Charlottetown Hotel last night, are seen here discussing Board of Trade activity previous to the dinner-meeting. They are: Austin Scales, LEFT, president of Industrial Enterprises; A.W. Gaudet, president of the Charlottetown Board of Trade; Charlottetown Mayor Walter Cox; Dr. Ernest F. Weeks, the guest speaker and Premier Walter Shaw. Mr. Weeks is director of the Atlantic Development Board. (See story on page 3.)

# Wilson Cabinet Member Sees Hope Of War Truce

By ARTHUR L. GAVSHON

MOSCOW (AP)—Prime Minister Wilson's government made direct contact with North Viet Nam Wednesday after Soviet leaders refused to join British in promoting a parley aimed at ending the Viet Nam war.

On Wilson's orders, Lord Chalfont called on Lee Chang, acting head of Hanoi's diplomatic mission here, for a talk on possible moves to end the war.

Chalfont, Britain's disarmament minister, accompanied Wilson on his trip to Moscow. British sources reported Chalfont and Lee spent much of the afternoon together. It was the first time a British minister had engaged in direct exchanges with an accredited representative of President Ho Chi Minh's Communist government—since large-scale fighting flared in Viet Nam a year ago.

Details withheld

Few details emerged beyond the fact that both Lee and Chalfont described at length the conflicting East-West approaches to peace-making.

Wilson was portrayed as detecting a glimmer of light in the situation. He was encouraged that Lee had been authorized by Hanoi to meet Chalfont.

He has hope the meeting, which had the foreknowledge of Soviet Premier Kosygin, may be the start of a dialogue that could lead to better things.

To some extent Lee's reception of Chalfont was a welcome development for Wilson, for he had failed to persuade Kosygin and his colleagues to join with Britain in reconvening parties to the Geneva conference of 1954 to act as a forum for peace.

CLAIM NO RIGHT

Kosygin, President Nikolai V. Podgorny and Communist Party Chief Leonid I. Brezhnev met Wilson's repeated pleas for cooperation with the argument that the Soviet Union has neither a direct standing in the crisis nor the right to intervene.

When Wilson sought to assure them of U.S. President Johnson's sincere wish for peace in Viet Nam, the Soviet leaders suggested the Americans should prove this by halting air raids against the North.

# LaMarsh Denies Pork-Barrelling

OTTAWA (CP)—State Secretary Judy LaMarsh Wednesday denied accusations of "partisan pork-barrelling" in awarding centennial advertising contracts.

She rose in the Commons on a question of privilege to reply to statements by Jerry Goodis, president of the Toronto ad agency of Goodis, Goldberg, Soren, Ltd.

Mr. Goodis Tuesday dared the government to set up a royal commission to investigate issuing of \$5,000,000 worth of centennial advertising contracts.

He said he was disgusted by the way Miss LaMarsh was giving the business "to her Liberal agency pet."

The state secretary was twice cut off by Speaker Lucien Lamoureux.

The first time he said she hadn't given written notice of the question of privilege as required by Commons rules. She had given him verbal notice 30 minutes before the session began.

However, the rule was waived on agreement of the House.

3 CONTRACTS AWARDED

Miss LaMarsh said three contracts totalling \$1,200,000 have been awarded so far. There had been 15 bidders, not four as Mr. Goodis said, she added.

On the English-language centennial contract, there had been five bidders representing top ad agencies in the country.

The \$5,000,000 represented the centennial advertising allotment not only for the centennial commission but for the Canadian government travel bureau.

Contracts had been awarded by the centennial commission itself in line with recognized advertising tender practices, she said.

Miss LaMarsh was cut off by Speaker Lamoureux before she could finish.

He said the matter dealt with a statement made outside the Commons. It wasn't a question of privilege.

OTTAWA (CP)—The flu epidemic in the Vancouver area claimed its first life Wednesday.

Twelve-year-old Susan Brown of Vancouver died after being admitted to hospital in critical condition Tuesday night.

Cause of death was given as heart failure as a result of the flu.

## BURN TO DEATH

OCEANSIDE, Calif. (AP)—Six persons, charred beyond recognition, were killed Monday in a massive, flaming pile-up of gasoline tanker trucks and passenger cars along a 300-yard stretch of fog-bound coastal U.S. 101.

At least six others suffered injuries; five large trucks, three of them gasoline tankers, were destroyed, and more than a dozen cars were wrecked.

Officers said an untold number of other vehicles—perhaps as many as 100—were damaged to a lesser extent in rear-end collisions as they braked to avoid the flaming holocaust.

Investigators said the action began like this:

Two cars collided in northbound lanes about 10 miles north of here in dense fog at 6:30 a.m. Two persons were hurt.

A Greyhound bus stopped and its driver carried a flare across to southbound lanes, stopping traffic on that side.

A gasoline-laden tanker truck swerved to avoid a transport truck carrying new cars and hit the highway's middle barrier.

A car carrying a man and pregnant woman skidded to a stop between that tanker and transport.

TANKER BLOWS UP

A second car tried to stop, but was knocked into the tanker by a big produce van and trailer. The tanker blew up, spreading waves of flaming gasoline over the highway and cars.

Killed were the driver of the food van and the man and pregnant woman in one car.

Traffic began backing up.

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## ISLAND CURLERS SCORE UPSET VICTORY

The full Prince Edward Island rink in the Canadian Schoolboy curling championships at St. John's, Nfld., is shown here in action against Alberta Wednesday night in the sixth round. The island rink is skippered by Keith MacEachen, with mate Teddy Archer, second John Arsenault and lead Larry Jones. They scored an 11-10 upset victory over first-place Alberta. Earlier in the day they smothered British Columbia 16-4. (See story on sport page.)

## Humphrey Confident

WASHINGTON (AP)—Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey, home from a fence-mending tour of Southeast Asia, told President Johnson Wednesday night: "I return with a deep sense of confidence in our cause and its ultimate triumph."

Ending his 43,000-mile trip, Humphrey went by helicopter to the White House and in a ceremony on the south lawn told Johnson concerning the Viet Nam conflict.

"The challenge we face is widely understood as a test of free men everywhere. Free Asia's leaders are confident of success and they are increasingly eager to give of their resources in the wider battle for a better life for their people."

# British Minister Hints At Early Election Date

LONDON (CP)—New clues to a possible early general election were dropped by Defence Minister Denis Healey amid speculation that Prime Minister Wilson may reach a firm decision on this crucial issue soon after he returns from Moscow.

Healey aroused press speculation during a Commons defence clash Tuesday when he goaded Enoch Powell, Opposition defence spokesman, and suggested Powell could not support the Conservative party "shortly to stand at the election."

While the election date usually is a closely-guarded secret maintained by the prime minister until the last minute, many observers concluded Wilson had already tipped his cabinet and that Healey is aware of the date.

During a television interview Healey again touched on the possibility of an early election but pinned this prediction on Conservative Leader Edward Heath who had forecast a March 31 poll.

URGED RESTRAINT

Was Healey's first statement in the Commons therefore just a slip of the tongue? Not likely, for on Wednesday he met Labor members of Parliament in a private conference and urged them to exercise restraint "in this critical period which could well be leading up to a general election."

Meanwhile, Moscow reports suggested Wilson is stamping at the bit, anxious to get back to London and plunge into the election issue. He plans to return today.

# 6 Die In Massive Pileup

Then another gasoline tanker rolled up, trying to avoid the knot of vehicles, and was hit by three passenger cars. A third tanker truck pushed one of the cars into the stopped tanker and both of these tankers burst into flame, setting cars on fire all around them.

Three persons, including one of the tanker truck drivers, died in the second series of crashes and fires.

Highway patrolmen were unable to move traffic around the burned, twisted wreckage for three hours.

The section of highway involved is called Slaughter Alley, a 36-mile stretch of 40-ft-lane, undivided highway between San Clemente and Del Mar.

In 1964 and 1965 there were 38 persons killed on the stretch of road, officials said.