

Dief Says Hopes United States Will Lift China Trade Barrier

MONTREAL (CP)—Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said here he hopes the United States will lift its embargo on trade with China as a step towards reducing the dangers to world peace.

Mr. Diefenbaker was addressing the annual convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors here.

He said he welcomed the statement by U.S. Defence Secretary McNamara to the con-

vention Wednesday that trade might be one of the ways of breaching the isolation of China.

The former prime minister said there is no greater problem in the world today than the question of what to do with China.

"I welcome Mr. McNamara's statement that we must do something I believe we in the Western world cannot continue to ostracize millions and millions of people as we have since 1950.

WAS CRITICIZED
"When I was prime minister I said we would trade with Communist countries in non-strategic materials and was strongly criticized in the United States."

There are 450 U.S. editors attending the convention, with 60 Canadian editors attending as their guests.

On the subject of Viet Nam, Mr. Diefenbaker said no one in Canada knows who speaks for the U.S. because of the divergent opinions expressed by leaders.

"Is it possible you will be able to bring about a stop to communism? It is so easy for people to say you should sit down at the conference table, but how can you sit down at the conference table when there is one to sit down with?"

"Others say you should get out of Viet Nam but what then happens to the onrush of communism in Southeast Asia?"

"I hope and know you will reach a solution."

RESPONSIBILITY GREAT
Mr. Diefenbaker said the U.S. today has assumed the responsibility of preserving freedom in all parts of the world. No nation had done more and received less thanks.

"We can say that to you in Canada — this country which gets less attention in your newspapers than little-known republics, though Canada is the one country with you that has never sought help."

He said Canadians believe they have the right to be consulted when decisions are made which affect their country.

"We welcome investment but clearly I don't like investment the course of which is determined outside of Canada."

Britain Studies Defence Needs

HALIFAX (CP) — Admiral Sir Varyl Begg, recently appointed chief of the British naval staff, says Britain is carrying out an intensive study of defence needs for the 1970s and a report is expected by the end of this year.

Admiral Begg, touring Canada and the United States, told a press conference Friday a defence committee is investigating all possible weapons systems to see which will suit the British armed forces.

By the mid-1970s, he said, Britain's strike carrier fleet will be completely phased out and the current planning would determine its replacement.

Admiral Begg said the decision to phase out the strike carrier resulted from Britain's decreasing commitments of land forces.

He said Britain's Rotary Wing fleet air arm would be retained but the fixed-wing section would be dropped. The navy was investigating the use of hovercraft and small cruisers for anti-submarine warfare.

Admiral Begg said Britain is interested in the helicopter destroyer used by the Canadian navy and has a similar type of craft now in use.

Asked to comment on integration of Canada's armed forces, he said Britain had used integration in some commands overseas. But total integration of British forces would require an increase in manpower.



MAIN BRACE TEAM GETS CRIBbage TROPHY

Edward Michael (LEFT) presented the Michael Brothers Trophy to the Main Brace team, winners of the inter-

club cribbage tournament held at the Benevolent Irish Society Club last night. The members are Bob Simms (RIGHT)

and Ken Doucette. Runner up team in the tournament was the Belvedere Golf and Winter Club. There were 10 teams in the competition.

OUTDOORS

Condition Of Fishing Streams Raises Ire

By JACK McANDREW
The Prince County Fish and Game Association Branches are up in arms over the condition of a couple of favorite fishing spots, and they're asking the Provincial Government to take action — and fast.

The East Prince Branch has laid a whole parcel of dam building and repair projects on the Fish and Wildlife Service, but they have given top priority on their list to the condition of the Dunk River, certainly one of the top trout rivers in the county in past years, and one which may not be a productive trout stream much longer if the boys have assessed the situation correctly.

East Prince has sent a strong resolution to the Minister of Fisheries in which they point out that this is a river where a good many tourists are sent to try their luck. They also say they have made a good many recommendations for improvements in the past, but nothing much has happened to their requests.

Apparently the problem is one of maintaining sufficient water levels to allow trout to feed and flourish when the country begins to dry up. The situation is particularly acute right now because of the dry summers and winters of the past couple of years. Home-made defectors were tried, but they haven't been too successful.

The Prince County branch

says a system of permanent holding barriers are needed to create pools deep enough to support a trout population.

In the past few weeks the boys got tired of waiting, and decided to take action themselves. They erected a dam across the river on their own, using the funds from the Branch treasury, but it didn't pan out as well as they had hoped.

However, it appears as though their own initiative has brought on belated action, because I was told this week that the government is going to put some money into the project after all.

But if the river is to be saved it's going to take more than this kind of stopgap approach.

Up at Tignish, at two other favorite fishing spots, the trout are also having a tough time of it.

At Blanchard's and Arsenault's Ponds sea trout are congregating in holes where dams constructed a couple of years ago. They are trapped there because no provision was made for any kind of fish ladder or access to the headwaters in the ponds.

WHOLESALE SLAUGHTER
According to fiery West Prince Branch President Eugene Perry, the trout are being netted in what amounts to wholesale slaughter. His branch has fired off another resolution to Mr. Rossiter again requesting immediate action.

Actually, the Fish and Wildlife Service is studying designs

to find a suitable kind of fish ladder or by pass, but meanwhile the trout are taking quite a beating.

These two dams have a pretty interesting history, and the story serves as a perfect example of how not to co-ordinate similar projects between provincial government departments.

It seems that the West Prince Branch were responsible for a good deal of the agitation to have the dams built in the first place. Finally they were constructed under the ARDA program as a water conservation measure (as were at least two dozen others around the province). But somewhere along the way someone forgot about the Fish and the fishermen, and when the Fish and Game Branch protested about the lack of access for trout into the ponds they were told that the water was not intended for the use of fish or fishermen anyway.

Apart from being impolite, this answer is a pretty dumb one, but unfortunately it has characterized the lack of thought behind the construction of similar dams and causeways all over the province.

Last week a letter to the editor complained about the lack of foresight in the construction of a causeway at Stanley Bridge, and this week I've talked to a number of fishermen who are fed to the teeth with the apparent disregard for co-ordinated common sense.

The new dam at Vernon River

for instance requires a trout to be a world's champion high jumper to get up the stages to the pond, and the gates on one of the causeways (like the one at Cardigan) effectively block fish in their migration because they slam shut on the incoming tide.

The same story with variations seems to affect most of the dam building projects undertaken in recent years.

It amounts to willful destruction of one of the provinces great tourist and recreational attractions unless remedies are applied, and remedies are always more costly than prevention in the first place.

Surely its not too much to ask that Government departments get together when they are planning developments like these so that maximum benefit can be gained by everybody.

Surely its not necessary to aid and abet the destruction of one resource in conserving another.

Judging by the record, a great deal of election talk about integrated planning and developing of resources is about as meaningful as pie in the sky. Certainly its enough to raise a few doubts about the realistic application of development principles.

I'll be back again next week ... hopefully in a better mood.

BRISTOL

The dark hour for trout fishermen along the salt streams has come again as the rush of Caspereaux are coming in from the sea. Some of the streams are so low this spring there is practically no fishing in them anyway.

Mrs. Ernest Sambrick, who was taken to Charlottetown Hospital recently for another in many of her trips for further treatment has been removed to her home again at her own request. Her condition has been critical for a long time and her suffering that has left her a cripple confined to bed for so long. (She was Josie Lapierre in single life).

HISTORY COVERS WALLS
CALGARY (CP)—The history of the world's art covers the walls of the art room at Crescent Heights high school. As a Centennial project, more than 30 Grade-11 and 12 students are painting a mural running from ancient Egypt, near one window, to abstract art at the other end.

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