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TOP-LEVEL SESSION HELD

Liberal Party Organizer's Resignation Is Accepted

By STEWART MacLEOD
OTTAWA (CP)—Liberal party officials from across Canada held a top-level talk session here Saturday at which the resignation of national organizer Keith Davey, 39, became official.



MR. DAVEY

Delegates discussed organization, policy and finances and made preliminary plans for a national convention next fall. The 25 delegates to the executive meeting of the Liberal Federation of Canada were officially informed Mr. Davey soon will step down as the party's national organizer. He already had indicated his plan to resign and make it official Saturday.

Prime Minister Pearson made it even more official Sunday with a statement saying he had accepted Mr. Davey's resignation with "genuine regret." The former radio advertising executive also resigned as executive director of the national Liberal Federation.

Mr. Pearson said, "I would like to pay tribute to his great ability and loyalty and to his untiring and unselfish service to the party. I will always be grateful for his support."

The effective date of Mr. Davey's resignation is Jan. 31, but it's expected he'll stay longer if necessary to break in the new man to the job.

John Nichol of Vancouver, federation president, said Mr. Davey's successor would not be selected immediately.

"It's a very important post, and we want to insure we get a man fully qualified to replace him," Mr. Nichol said.

The executive members include the presidents of provincial associations, the Women's Liberal Federation, the Young Liberal Federation and the Canadian University Liberal Federation.

Russell C. Honey, Liberal member of Parliament for Durham, represented the party caucus.

DECIDE TO MEET
The delegates decided to hold

a national meeting and planning conference early this fall, probably in Toronto.

About 2,300 official delegates will be invited to the meeting, and spokesmen said more than 3,000 probably would attend sessions.

The executive also recommended that the 1968 meeting be held in Vancouver, the 1970 meeting in Montreal. In alternate years, the federation's national council will meet.

Most of Saturday was spent on reports from provincial organizations. A source said finances occupied much of the time. Several delegations said more money should be raised at the grassroots level. There were some suggestions party organizations reinstate the system of membership dues, dropped during the 50s.

Several Prairie delegates were reported delighted with the impression created by Agriculture Minister J. J. Greene during his first official visit to the West. Mr. Greene recently returned from his five-day trip. He is the first easterner to hold the portfolio in 54 years.

Mr. Nichol said the meeting showed the party is strong, enthusiastic and realistic. There was no apparent gloom from the party's failure to win a majority in the Nov. 8 general election.

Alliston Home Razed By Fire

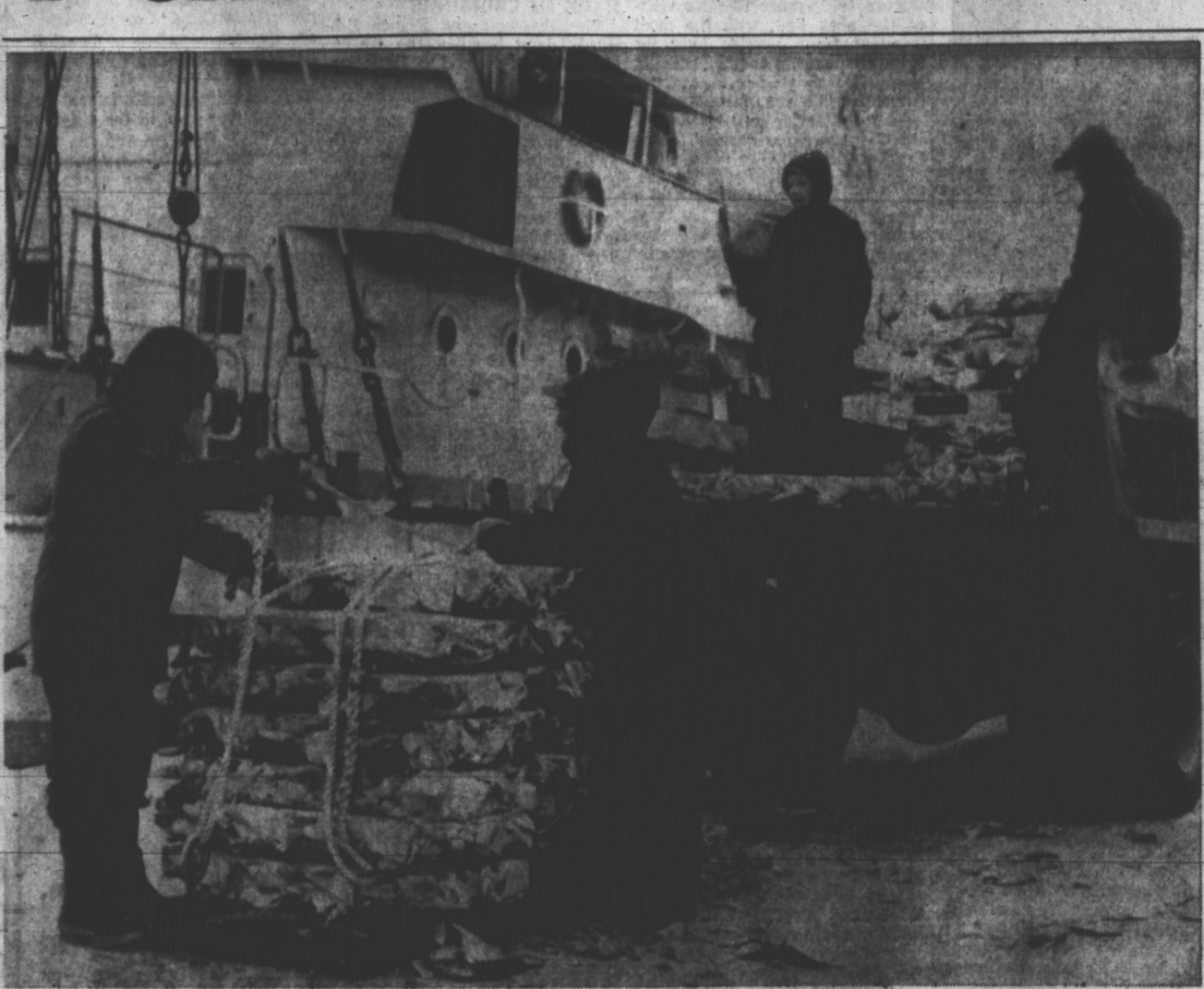
MONTAGUE — Fire destroyed the home of Lemuel Butler about six o'clock in the morning on Saturday at Alliston.

The single storey bungalow situated on the land owned by Edwin Beck had been sold to Mr. Butler a short time ago and was to have been moved in the spring.

In the meantime Mr. and Mrs. Butler and their family of two children were living in the dwelling. The Butlers had to make a hasty retreat and did not have time to save a thing. The house burned so quickly that help could not be gotten in time to be of any assistance.

Cause of the fire is unknown.

Swedish Car Firm May Pull Out Of Nova Scotia



Lease Running Out; Local Support Low

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Karl Kohler, president of Volvo (Canada) Ltd., indicated Saturday the Swedish auto firm might pull its assembly facilities out of here, perhaps out of Canada.

"We hope to stay in Nova Scotia if we can," he told a press conference. "It is not definite. It is a senior management decision to be made in Sweden whether we stay in Nova Scotia and Canada."

The company, which established an assembly plant here in 1963 with the help of the provincial government's Industrial Estates Ltd., has been renting a factory and wharf space from Atlantic Sugar Refineries Ltd., which has been idle a number of years.

Last year the sugar company gave Volvo notice that the rental lease would not be renewed at the end of this year. There has been speculation Atlantic wants to use the facilities to establish a fish-processing plant.

Mr. Kohler said Volvo was

"definitely interested in staying at the present site."

"There would be no question of a move if the lease was not being discontinued."

Volvo was not interested in purchasing a site. Renting factory space was more flexible and fitted Volvo's needs, he said.

The town of Bridgewater, N.S., Quebec City and other towns and cities in Eastern Canada had offered Volvo factory sites, said the president. All had been investigated and a decision was expected before summer.

One of the company's requirements is an ice-free port. Most of the components for the cars manufactured here come from Sweden by ship.

Mr. Kohler said IEL is actively negotiating with Atlantic trying to renew the rental lease. The provincial industry-promoting agency also is trying to locate another suitable site in the province.

The president complained Nova Scotia industry, particularly that in the Halifax-Dartmouth area and the cities themselves, were not doing enough to support Volvo. Neither local industry nor cities were buying Volvo autos.

He declined comment on the reaction of United States dealers and customers to a Swedish auto assembled in Canada. Since it established here Volvo has been shipping small numbers of its Canadian-assembled cars to the U.S.

Dief Uncovers 'Camouflage'

ST. JOHNS, Que. (CP)—Conservative Leader John Diefenbaker says the recent show of independence by Quebec cabinet ministers is a "smoke screen" to camouflage an alliance between the federal and provincial Liberal parties.

He said this was to cover up the fact the provincial Liberal organization helped the federal Liberals during the Nov. 8 election and he predicted the federal organization will help the provincial party in the next Quebec election, expected this year.

Mr. Diefenbaker, appearing during a caucus of federal members from Quebec, said the party had increased its share of the popular vote in Quebec to 21 per cent from 19, despite the Liberal alliance.

He was questioned during a press conference about recent criticism of the RCMP expressed by Quebec Justice Minister Claude Wagner and about Health Minister Eric Kierans' letter to Washington protesting U.S. measures to improve the balance of payments position. Mr. Diefenbaker described the acts as part of a "camouflage operation."

Liberals Plan National Meet

OTTAWA (CP)—A national meeting of the Liberal Federation of Canada will be held in either Toronto or Ottawa early this fall, it was decided Saturday.

The federation's executive, holding a one-day meeting here, decided that the national meeting, bringing together some 3,000 Liberals, should be held in Toronto if suitable convention facilities can be booked. Otherwise, an attempt would be made to organize the meeting here.

The national meeting is held every two years. The executive recommended Saturday that the 1968 meeting be held in Vancouver, and the 1970 meeting in Montreal. Final decisions will be made by subsequent executives.

American Planes From Guam Blitz Red-Claimed Territory

From AP-Reuters.

SAIGON (CP)—Big B-52 bombers from the United States base at Guam joined in a South Vietnamese army operation for the first time Sunday, blitzing territory on the central coast that the Viet Cong guerrillas have long claimed as their own.

The attack followed assurances from U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk to South Vietnamese leaders that the U.S. is determined to stay in Viet Nam until peace is achieved.

A joint communique issued here before Rusk flew on to Manila Sunday said South Viet Nam and the U.S. are determined to continue military operations while remaining alert to all proposals and initiatives that might lead to peace.

The communique added that there still has been no indication that North Viet Nam is prepared to take positive steps toward the negotiating table.

Denounce Approaches

(North Viet Nam Sunday denounced U.S. peace moves and said it was "resolved to fight a long war till final victory."

A commentary in the Communist newspaper Nhan Dan, reported by the North Viet Nam news agency, said peace would come to Viet Nam immediately if the U.S. abandoned its colonialist designs, stopped its aggressive war in South Viet Nam and its war of destruction in the north, withdraw all its troops, and allowed the Vietnamese to settle their own affairs.)

Waves of B-52s made saturation bombing runs on an area 10 miles northwest of Quang Ngai City on the central coast. South Vietnamese officials reported that perhaps two to three Viet Cong regiments were in the area 300 miles northeast of Saigon.

Offer By Sukarno Has Heavy Price

BOGOR (Reuters)—Indonesian students, angry about rising prices rioted outside the presidential summer palace here Saturday while, inside, President Sukarno offered a cabinet post to anyone who could bring prices down within three months.

Sukarno warned that anyone who accepted his challenge would be jailed for 10 years if he failed and "if the economy gets worse after that period, I will order him to be shot dead."

Palace guards fired their guns into the air when the Jakarta University students, who drove to Bogor in 70 trucks, rioted because they were not allowed to enter the palace grounds. No deaths or injuries were reported.

Student leaders protesting soaring prices were inside the palace, attending an open cabinet meeting at Sukarno's invitation, while their followers rioted at the gates until Army Commander Maj. Gen. Suharto intervened to calm them down.

The Liberals still are in their minority position with 131 of the 265 Commons seats. There are 97 Progressive Conservatives, 21 New Democrats, nine Creditists, five Social Credit, one independent Conservative and one independent.

Many of the main issues before the first session were around during the last Parliament—proposals for a public-run medical care insurance plan, railway legislation, action on the Porter report on banking and finance and amendments to the Broadcasting Act.

Among new measures are likely to be increased contributions to retrain the unemployed, amendments to the Bankruptcy Act, and federal aid to education.

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TAKES ON FIRST OVERSEAS SHIPMENT

The first shipment for overseas countries to be loaded at the Gulf Garden Foods Ltd. plant in Georgetown was taken on by the Pinta, a French ship

which arrived in Georgetown Saturday morning from Gloucester, Mass., after encountering ice conditions in the Strait of Canso. Her cargo consists of some 400 tons of

frozen mink food, six tons of shark, 50 tons of frozen filets and a quantity of American flounders. The Pinta sailed last evening for Norway. (See story, page 3.)

ATOP MOUNT HELMOS Victim Of Plane Crash Relates Harrowing Ordeal Of Survivors

By HANS SNEURBOURG
FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP)—"I couldn't stand another night of crying in that fuselage," said the haggard American flyer in blood-caked clothing.

"The cardinal rule in a crash is to stay near the plane. But I knew I had to do something."

Capt. Thomas D. Smith of Dallas, Tex., told reporters here of the ordeal he and three other injured survivors underwent atop 7,660-foot Mount Helmos in southern Greece as blizzard winds nudged their shattered U.S. Air Force plane toward the edge of a 3,000-foot deep ravine.

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ing fog so he could signal a search plane. Smith, a veteran pilot and a member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic team, said he was the only survivor to escape the crash.

He said the crash occurred so suddenly no one had warning. "I sat on the right side. The right wing hit. The fuselage just parted. There was a terrific hole and I was thrown out into the snow."

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U.K. Authorities Suspect Accord

By ARTHUR L. GAVSHON
LONDON (AP)—British authorities are convinced Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin promoted the India-Pakistan accord of Tashkent with backing from U.S. President Lyndon Johnson.

On the surface the encouragement appears implicit rather than explicit. But officials in London believe there was behind-the-scenes co-ordination between Washington and Moscow to get India and Pakistan to Tashkent.

India's late Premier Lal Bahadur Shastri and President Ayub Khan of Pakistan both knew that resumption of United States financial and other aid depended on their coming to terms. This aid was stopped when fighting began over Kashmir late last summer.

WORLD BATTLEFIELD

Cuba Ready To Send Volunteers Anywhere

By MICHAEL ARKUS
HAVANA (Reuters)—Cuba is ready to send volunteers to Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia and anywhere else in the world the revolutionary cause needs them, Premier Fidel Castro said Saturday night.

At the same time he issued a call for general and simultaneous revolutions throughout Latin America.

Castro spoke at the closing ceremony of the Tricontinental Solidarity Conference of Communist and Revolutionary parties and guerrilla movements from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

"For Cubans the battlefield against imperialism is the whole world," he said. "Thousands and thousands of Cubans have expressed their desire to march anywhere in the world where help is needed for revolutionary movements."

Of Latin America, Castro said: "We must have a common strategy, a common and simultaneous struggle in this part of the world."

"Thus the Yankee imperialists will not have to face the people of Santo Domingo or Guatemala or Venezuela or Colombia or Peru alone, but all together. And besides that they will have to face the oppressed peoples of Brazil, Bolivia, Ecuador and Argentina."

Castro said recent coups in Africa—in The Congo, in the

Central African Republic and in Nigeria—showed the "desperate efforts of the imperialists to fortify their dominion in this part of the world."

Referring to Ernesto Che Guevara, his former top aide who disappeared a year ago, Castro said a few revolutionaries in Cuba and some elsewhere know when he left and what he has been doing since.

"Naturally the imperialists would like to know where he is," he said. "But logically, he did not call a press conference to announce this."

Nigerian General Staff Chief To Form Military Government

LAGOS (Reuters)—The chief of the Nigerian general staff, Gen. Aguiyi Ironsi, announced Sunday night he has accepted an invitation by the council of ministers to head a provisional federal military government to maintain law and order in Nigeria.

Ironsi said the military government has suspended the offices of president and prime minister, and Parliament, as well as regional governors and premiers and the regional legislatures.

He appointed a military governor for each region and made the former governors advisers to the new military governors.

The federal prime minister, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, was said by informants in Lagos to be a prisoner of rebels in Calabar, a city near the coast in Eastern Nigeria, 400 miles east of Lagos.

BELIEVED MINORITY
The rebels, now believed to represent only a minority of the army, mutinied against the federal government and the general staff Saturday.

They appeared to control some parts of the Northern and Eastern regions Sunday, and sources in the federal capital said they may be planning to use the prime minister as a hostage in peace negotiations.

Nehru's Daughter Favored As PM

NEW DELHI (AP)—Mrs. Indira Gandhi, 48, strongly favored to be India's next prime minister, said Sunday the main problems of this nation of 490,000,000 are its underdeveloped economy and a threat from Communist China.

The daughter of the late prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, asked about internal problems, said:

"Economic development. Increasing food and agricultural production is part of that. You cannot separate agricultural from industrial production."

China and India fought a brief, bloody border war in 1962 and Peking has maintained pressure along India's northern frontier with Communist Tibet since.

Mrs. Gandhi said if she becomes prime minister she will try to improve relations with neighboring Pakistan—India's



MRS. GANDHI
third largest problem in recent years.

PARTY LEADER

Adrian Berry, 43, won the Alberta Liberal party leadership at the party's annual convention in Calgary Saturday. Mr. Berry, a trust company executive, is a Calgary alderman. He won on the third ballot, defeating Robert Russell of St. Albert. About 500 delegates were eligible to vote. The leadership post became vacant when David Hunter of Athabasca resigned to run in the 1966 federal election. (CP Wirephoto)

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Benefit To Fishermen Increased By Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government will increase its assistance to fishermen who experienced serious catch failures during the last season, the fisheries department announced Saturday.

A department statement said assistance will be increased to a maximum payment for fishermen with dependents from \$300 to \$350 and for single fishermen from \$150 to \$200.

When the emergency assistance was first announced Dec. 3 it guaranteed payments totaling \$200 over a three-month period to every fisherman with dependents who had at least five weeks of contributions to unemployment insurance based on the sale of fish.

In cases where the fisherman was able to draw unemployment insurance but was not entitled to \$200, supplemental payments would be made to bring him to that level. Fishermen without dependents could draw up to \$150.

Now that the government has more complete data on the number of claims for assistance it finds that additional help is necessary if fishermen are not to be forced to seek welfare assistance.

Payments have been made to "a large number of fishermen" and some time will be required to recalculate payments on the new basis.

Fishermen will receive in February a payment calculated on the new basis plus an upward adjustment to their January payment.

Fishermen who have already turned their books over to the unemployment insurance commission need take no further action as the commission will make the adjustments.

Fishermen with dependents whose unemployment insurance entitlements will exceed \$300 but will be less than \$350 will be eligible for assistance under the program. Fishermen without dependents, with entitlements between \$150 and \$200 will also be eligible.

Keeler, Hubby Have Parting

LONDON (Reuters)—Christine Keeler, a key figure in the sex-and-security Profumo scandal that rocked Britain's Conservative government in 1963, has parted from her 24-year-old husband, it was stated here Saturday.

The 23-year-old, chestnut-haired model married James Lovelock at a registrar's office in a London suburb Oct. 23. Miss Keeler said at the time she intended to "start a new life" with the six-foot engineer.

Lawyer Walter Lyons, speaking for Miss Keeler, said: "She is sorry her marriage has broken up, particularly as she is expecting a baby in July."

"I do not know whether any legal proceedings will follow," he added, giving no indication of why they had separated.