



WALL DIVIDES CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Even the spirit of Christmas is split by the wall dividing East and West Berlin. Hival Christmas trees face each other on the Communist, back ground, and Western sides of

Reorestation Scheme Is Planned For B.C.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Up to 20 years ago, British Columbia forests easily outgrew the harvesting rate of the province's logging industry. But since then, the annual cut has increased so much that it is nearing a balance with the rate of growth. John Hemmingsen, a man who enjoys the sight of green timber equally with the specter of rolling logging trucks, wants to do something about the impending imbalance. And a reforestation scheme gas MacBean wants to help him. Hemmingsen is vice-president and general manager of logging for MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Limited. Mr. MacBean is chief forester. Together they announced a reforestation program—vast and scientific—to speed up growth and squeeze more wood per acre from the woodland. PROJECT MAKES JOBS The company expects this will increase productivity of the forest lands by about 15 per cent. Mr. Hemmingsen and Mr. MacBean say it may be 10 years before results of the company's program can be seen. The plan in its seven steps is expected to yield 150,000,000 board feet of wood a year above the normal harvest, enough to supply a newsprint mill with a daily capacity of 700 tons. The steps: Early planting after logging, which will put forest land back into production seven to 10 years earlier than natural reseed; trees will be spaced 400 to 600 feet apart; trees will be planted in areas damaged by mice, deer, grouse or frost; Thinning in dense stands, again to establish the optimum number of trees per acre; Rehabilitation of stands that started badly after earlier planting—involving salvage, cutting over-ripe trees; Ridding commercial forests of older trees, which often over-throw and suppress younger trees; Planting of deciduous trees, such as hybrid poplar and cottonwood, in such areas as river bottoms where they can be grown quickly. Commercial thinning of trees that can be used for pulp but that would normally die at the age of 20 and up.

House Briefs

OTTAWA (CP) — Stanley K. Lewis (NDP — Winnipeg North Centre) asked in the Commons Tuesday whether pay increases for 65,000 civil servants announced Monday would also apply to employees of Crown companies reporting to the defence production department. Defence Production Minister O'Hanley said it would depend on the company charters, but so far as he knew, the increases would not apply automatically to Crown company employees. Finance Minister Nowlan stepped carefully around the omission of a large group of government employees from the pay increases. Alexis Caron (Liberal) asked why lowest grade clerks and typists received no increase. Mr. Nowlan replied only that it was because the Civil Service Commission's pay research bureau "reported in that way". Trade Minister Hees said he does not expect the United States to curb imports of Canadian lumber before the year begins. Arthur Laing (Liberal) asked Mr. Hees what representations Canada had made to the United States against restrictions which appeared to be imminent. Mr. Hees said that hearings by the United States Tariff Commission had just been completed but it was not expected there would be any decision of action before the end of the year. State Secretary Halpenny said the report of a special commission enquiring into employment insurance will be distributed to members of Parliament before the end of this month. He replied to J. W. Pickersill (Liberal — Bonaville — Twillingate) who said he was asking his daily question about progress in completing the report. Prime Minister Diefenbaker flatly rejected a proposal in a United Nations resolution calling for trade sanctions against South Africa. "Sanctions have not been effective at any time," he said, adding that such action would deny Canadians an annual export market of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000. He was replying to a question by David Lewis (NDP — York South).

Decisions Are Tightened After Collision

OTTAWA (CP) — Associate Defence Minister Sevinny said in the Commons Tuesday special precautions are being taken to prevent recurrence of the Crown company accident that killed two persons in a collision between a RCAF Voodoo and a TCA passenger plane Oct. 10 at Basotville, Que. He said the accident occurred after the TCA passenger plane landed and was instructed to turn off the air and head for the terminal. The airport traffic controller saw the Voodoo start to turn and then looked at other traffic while he told the Voodoo to take off. Instead of completing the turn, however, the Voodoo continued down the strip to another turning-off point. Meanwhile, the Voodoo pilot started his takeoff run and did not see the Voodoo continuing down the strip since he was checking his instruments. The Voodoo was already airborne a few feet when the pilot

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saw the tail of the Viscount gain altitude, but one wheel of front of his plane. He tried to jet ripped through the cabin

Diefenbaker Avoids Bahamas Visit Query

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker was asked in the Commons Tuesday whether he has been invited to the Bahamas to meet Prime Minister Macmillan in next week, or whether he invited himself. Mr. Diefenbaker did not reply. This was one instalment of continuing attempts by Opposition members to use newspaper reports to pry information or comment from cabinet members. Speaker Marcel Lambert has said repeatedly that such questions are improper parliamentary procedure. "There is no other way of finding out what this government is doing that by reading the papers," J. W. Pickersill (Liberal — Bonaville — Twillingate) said at one point Tuesday. The question about Mr. Diefenbaker's trip to the Bahamas was posed by Gerard Chapdelaine (SC — Sherbrooke) who quoted a British Sunday newspaper, The People, saying Mr. Macmillan was irritated because Mr. Diefenbaker invited himself to the Bahamas. Mr. Macmillan meets there Dec. 20-21 with President Kennedy. RULES OUT QUESTION Speaker Lambert ruled out Mr. Chapdelaine's question the first time. But he let a second question through when the Social Credit MP eliminated all references to newspaper reports. Mr. Diefenbaker smiled and did not answer. A similar incident arose when

Walter Gordon (L. — Toronto Davenport) asked Trade Minister Hees to say whether United States branch plants and subsidiaries in Canada are prevented by their parents from accepting export orders. He based his question on a Toronto Globe and Mail report of a remark in Chicago Monday by Ontario Economics Minister Robert Macaulay. SPEAKER INTERVENES Mr. Lambert intercepted again. Then Mr. Gordon wiped out reference to newspaper reports and tried anew. When Mr. Hees began his reply by saying it was "an obvious reference" to Mr. Macaulay's remarks, he was chided by the Speaker for taking "an entirely improper course." Mr. Hees finally said only that Mr. Macaulay is trying to do for Ontario producers what the federal government is trying to do for Canadian producers. James E. Walker (L. — York Centre) later asked whether the government is pushing ahead with a \$1,000,000 program to convert public buildings to fall-out shelters "as reported by the minister of defence (Mr. Harkness) to the press." Mr. Diefenbaker said he would have to see the press report before replying. EXCAVATE CITY A Norwegian and Danish expedition of archeologists is excavating a 3,000-year-old town in Kuwait.

SOURIS Miss Jeanne Cheverie, Souris, is a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital where she received surgery. Phillip Cheverie, who spent the past three years in Germany with the armed forces, is visiting friends and relatives in Souris. He is guest of his brother-in-law and sister Cst. and Mrs. James Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Paquet were recently married in St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River. The bride is the former Camilla Walsh. Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gallant of Charlottetown attended the marriage of Mrs. Gallant's brother, Bert, which took place in Vernon River recently. LAC and Mrs. David Paquet and family of Basotville, Quebec are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paquet. They also attended the Paquet-Walsh wedding. A large audience enjoyed a Scottish concert which was held recently in St. Mary's Hall, Souris. The concert included a number of Scotch songs by St. Mary's Glee Club, selections by the Lads and Lassies of Charlottetown, a song by Tommy Burke and one by his brother Donald, step dancing by Heather and Shirley Burke, Scottish dances by members of the Lads and Lassies Band and also a one-act play entitled "A Matter of Diplomacy." Mr. and Mrs. Mel LaBrecque have recently opened Souris Laundromat. Miss Joan MacPhee left recently for Hamilton, Ont. where she will be employed. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gillespie, Charlottetown, recently visited friends in Souris. CRITICIZES SOUTH KOREA ZURICH (AP)—The International Press Institute threatened Saturday to expel its South Korean committee unless press freedom is restored in South Korea. The Institute, a private organization of editors throughout the free world, declared that "all available evidence indicates a total disregard for the freedom of the press by the South Korean authorities."

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