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B.I.S. PARADE ARRIVES AT BASILICA

City And Emerald B.I.S. Hold St. Patrick's Parade

Lack of co-operation on the part of the weatherman yesterday failed to deter the local Irish population from holding their annual St. Patrick's Parade. Members of Charlottetown Benevolent Irish Society were accompanied by members of the Emerald branch.

Forming up in front of the Society's Hall on Grafton Street, the parade, in charge of Chief Marshal William W. McCarron, and headed by the band of the P.E.I. Regiment (17 Recce.), moved first to the Cenotaph where wreath was laid by Ray Duna and Ambrose Smith, with Clarence Roche as Deacon and Rev. Walter Reid, Sub-Deacon. The sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas Childow, C.S.S.R., St. Patrick's Church, Toronto.

Following the service at the Basilica, the parade re-formed and returned to their Grafton Street headquarters by way of Great George, Richmond, Prince

and Queen Streets. After the parade a short program was held in the B.I.S. Hall, presided over by J. Pius Callaghan, president of the organization. Telegraphic greetings were read from various Irish Societies in North America, by the secretary of the Society, Everett Beagan. The Recce Regiment band was commanded by WO1 Charles MacGregor.

Coldwell Fit, Doctor Says

OTTAWA (CP) — CCF Leader Coldwell has been pronounced fit and able to carry on his election campaign as planned. Mr. Coldwell said Saturday he passed a medical examination Friday night and that his physician, Dr. F. L. Fisher, Ottawa heart specialist, told him he could continue. "Except for being tired I am very well," Mr. Coldwell said in an interview. "I shall be able to continue the campaign until election day, March 31."

WEEKEND REST

After a weekend rest at home, Mr. Coldwell will resume his campaigning in Montreal Tuesday and Hamilton Wednesday.

Pearson Winds Up With Medical Insurance Pledge

MONCTON (CP) — Lester B. Pearson has wound up his Atlantic campaign with a pledge to expand national hospital insurance into a full medical insurance scheme, covering major medical, dental and surgical costs.

And pushing his way through one of the district's worst snowstorms Saturday night, he touched on the "tight-money" controversy, saying the Progressive Conservatives must feel a "little disappointed" that Governor James E. Coyne of the Bank of Canada did not agree with their views on the cause of the recession.

The Liberal leader urged Canadians to vote, but to think before they voted. He said he did not have the command of English that Prime Minister Diefenbaker had, but voters should not be "bamboozled" by the "exciting, dramatic and histrionic" speeches they may hear. It was action and not words that mattered.

TWOURED QUEBEC

He flew into Moncton from Fredericton Saturday and then

Millions In Soviet Union Voted Sunday

MOSCOW (AP) — Millions of citizens turned out Sunday for parliamentary elections to the house of martial music and get-out-the-vote slogans booming over loud speakers.

Citizens over 18 years of age lined up at polling stations to cast their ballot for the Supreme Soviet, Russia's two-house Parliament.

They did not even have to fill out the ballot. The voter was handed a ballot from an election official after having his name checked from a master roster.

Then he folded the ballot and deposited it in a large box. Each polling station contains a closed booth where citizens who wish can cross off the name of the party-selected candidate and substitute another. These booths get little use.

The sun shone brightly in Moscow and by 2 p.m. 95.4 per cent of the eligible voters had done their duty. Similar reports came from other parts of the Soviet Union.

Each ballot carries the name of only one candidate. Candidates were selected at pre-election meetings. There are 1,378 candidates for the same number of seats.

Says Fruit Can Be Supported

PENTICTON, B. C. (CP) — Agriculture Minister Harkness assured Okanagan orchard owners Saturday night that fruit can be supported under the government's Agricultural Stabilization Act.

Mr. Harkness said there had been "misconceptions" concerning the scope of the act. There also was a misconception that nothing could be done about the 1957 apple crop.

When final crop returns had reached Ottawa the government would be glad to consider the B.C. Fruit Growers Association's request for assistance.

Mr. Harkness said an improved farm credit system would be the next major agriculture legislation planned by the Conservatives if they were returned to power. Also under study was crop insurance.

MODERN LINK

Nepal in the Himalaya mountain region opened its first motor road to the outside world in 1953.

Cost-sharing Agreement For Sask. Dam Is Announced

MOOSE JAW, Sask. (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker has announced a cost-sharing agreement with Saskatchewan which he says will enable an early start on the long-talked-of South Saskatchewan River power and irrigation project.

In a Saturday night speech here he also promised "sympathetic consideration" of another much-discussed form of aid to the prairies. Federal deficiency payments on wheat, oats and barley.

Such payments generally are considered to be a form of subsidy to take up the slack between cash returns and the average cost of efficient production.

The Progressive Conservative leader concentrated his speech on farm topics as he made his last campaign appearance in Saskatchewan.

He told reporters afterwards the estimated cost of the South Saskatchewan River project, near Outlook 80 miles northwest of here, is \$170,000,000.

Troops Of Jakarta Gov't Join Rebels, Seize Base

Space Control Talks Suggested

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union proposed Saturday that a summit conference consider the liquidation of U. S. foreign bases around Russia. President Eisenhower was the first to propose limiting outer space to peaceful uses.

In Washington, U. S. officials rejected the Soviet offer as "wholly unacceptable." The state department said the Soviet statement "will require and will receive the most careful study."

The statement, issued at a foreign ministry press conference, said the UN body would do these things:

1. Work out an international program for the launching of intercontinental and outer space rockets, to study outer space and control the program.
2. Continue on a permanent basis the research of outer space being carried out now in the International Geophysical Year program.
3. Serve as a world centre for the collection, mutual exchange and dissemination of information on outer space.
4. Co-ordinate national scientific research plans on the study of outer space and co-operate in carrying them out.

(At the United Nations in New York, U. S. disarmament negotiator James J. Wadsworth termed the Soviet proposals interesting. He told a reporter they seemed similar to U. S. ideas on international space control.)

12 Inches Of Snow Reported In Southern New Brunswick

HALIFAX (CP) — A mid-March storm packed with gales, rain and snow swept the Maritimes over the weekend, disrupting traffic and fouling power and communication lines.

Precipitation ranged from 12 inches of snow in southern New Brunswick to rain on Nova Scotia's south shore. Two inches of wet snow caused several minor traffic accidents in the Halifax area.

Nova Scotia Light and Power Co. Ltd. officials reported a number of feeder-line breaks in the city. Power failures were sporadic, and lights were out only for minutes in most cases. Suburban Bedford and Sackville

had longer periods without power. At least seven poles in Bedford were toppled by ice and snow. Halifax police issued warning bulletins to pedestrians to keep away from dangling wires.

The eastern shore of Nova Scotia had heavier power and communication losses. The communities of East Cheticook and Lawrenceton were without power through Saturday night and most of the daylight hours Sunday.

Only one trunk telephone line between Halifax and Musquodoboit harbor was in operation Saturday night. Many feeder circuits were still out of commission Sunday.

SAINT JOHN, — (CP) — A mid-March storm, accompanied by strong winds, blanketed the southern portion of the province and Nova Scotia over the weekend, with snowfalls up to 13 inches recorded in some areas.

A 12-inch fall was reported in the Moncton area, sending snow removal crews out all day Saturday in an effort to keep the highways open. Long periods of power failure were reported in Sackville, where a similar amount had fallen.

In the northern part of the province only one inch of snow was reported in Edmundston Saturday evening. Strong winds were reported in the Bathurst, Campbellton and Chatham areas.



MR. GEORGE AULD Winsloe Man Is 102 Today

A message of congratulations and good wishes from the Queen features the celebration of George Auld's 102nd birthday which takes place today in Winsloe.

The message from Buckingham Palace signed by the Queen's private secretary reads as follows:

"The Queen is much interested to hear that you are celebrating your 102 birthday and sends you warm congratulations and best wishes."

The Island centenarian was born in Covehead where his youthful days were spent assisting his father in the operation of a lumber mill. Following his father's death, Mr. Auld, while still young, was required to assume full responsibility for this work.

His wife, the former Charlotte Hughes, whom he married in 1885, passed away almost five years ago. They had four children: Heber, a resident of Western Canada, who died four years ago; Archie, with whom Mr. Auld resides; Blanche, Mrs. A. B. Roberts, Winsloe Station, and Ira, who lives in Harrington.

A brother, Dr. J. W. Auld, now retired, lives in British Columbia.

Father And Two Children Burned

PORT MAITLAND, N.S. (CP) — A father and two of his five children died early Saturday when fire destroyed their two-storey frame home.

Dead are Willard Churchill Jr., 32, and daughters Rosalind, 2, and Meredith, 1.

Fire Chief Borden Hersey said the fire apparently started near an overheated stovepipe at about 1 a.m.

Port Maitland, a community of 800, is about 11 miles from Yarmouth.

All North Sumatra May Swing To Revolutionists

SINGAPORE (AP)—Troops in north Sumatra turned on the Jakarta government Sunday and seized the big military centre of Medan in seven hours of heavy fighting, rebel broadcasts said.

If confirmed, this may mean the swing of all north Sumatra to the rebels in central Sumatra, as the revolutionary regime has been predicting.

Medan was the Jakarta government's only major stronghold in Sumatra. The city of 260,000 is believed to have been the launching point for last week's airborne attack by government forces on the rich oil centre of Pekanbaru in central Sumatra.

Broadcasts from the central Sumatran cities of Padang and Bukittinggi said Medan fell at noon and that 2,000 troops led by Maj. Boyke Nainn Golan were in full control by nightfall.

The Medan garrison was composed of Sumatran troops and soldiers from Java, site of Jakarta, the capital. The Sumatran troops rose up against the outnumbered Javanese, rebel accounts said.

Boyke and other insurgent officers were awaiting the arrival at Medan of the revolutionary regime's foreign minister, Col. Maludin Simbolin, to hand over control, the broadcasts said. No mention was made of what happened to Jakarta military commander Col. Djamin Ginting and his Javanese troops.

Reports reach Singapore said Boyke's troops attacked the Medan airport at dawn and swept down on barracks and army posts occupied by Javanese troops loyal to President Sukarno in Jakarta. Heavy machine-gun fire raked the city's streets. The number of casualties was not given.

IMPORTANT RAIL LINK Medan, largest city in Sumatra and an important rail link on the largest of Indonesia's islands, is on the northeast coast about 100 miles across the Strait of Malacca from Malaysia.

It is 300 miles through jungle from Pekanbaru, the oil centre seized by Jakarta forces last Wednesday. It is about 350 miles northeast of Padang, the rebel centre on central Sumatra's west coast.

The U. S. - owned Caltex Oil Company has a 125,000,000 operation in the Pekanbaru area.

Medan would be both a military and economic prize for the revolutionary regime that proclaimed its own government for all Indonesia Feb. 15. It would

give the rebels an important point for the entry of supplies by sea and air to central Sumatra, which has been blockaded by the Indonesian Navy.

RICH AGRICULTURE Sukarno's troops now occupy Pekanbaru and the important east coast oil ports of Dumai and Pakning. They also control the mouth of the Siak River, main highway for the transport of oil out of central Sumatran heartland.

North Sumatra is by far the richest agricultural area of the island, with sprawling rubber, tea and tobacco plantations.

Boyke has been highly regarded by the Jakarta military command as a soldier. He is the former chief of staff of the north Sumatran army command.

The rebel broadcasts claimed that Jakarta warships steamed into Padang harbor again Sunday and shelled that port city, damaging a hospital. The broadcasts said all patients had been evacuated.

Saturday rebel troops claimed to have shot down three planes and crippled an Indonesian Navy corvette in their fight to retain control of central Sumatra.

HEAVY CASUALTIES Padang radio, the voice of the rebels, also claimed that government paratroopers who landed at Pekanbaru Wednesday suffered heavy casualties. The broadcast said 150 of 600 paratroopers were killed before they landed and another 60 surrendered to the rebels.

The government said its troops were continuing to advance into central Sumatra and had captured the town of Pekanbaru after only token defence.

But the rebel radio said the invading troops suffered heavy casualties and two ships bringing reinforcements up the Siak River to the town were sunk.

BOTHERED BY GHOST PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP) — Ernie Cadman, 46, who earlier this week reported troubles with a poltergeist, has been dismissed as an engineer at a cereal plant here, Personnel Manager Stewart James said Saturday. He said Mr. Cadman failed to show up for work at the Quaker Oats Company plant in midweek. Mr. Cadman claimed last Tuesday he had been bothered by a poltergeist, said to be a noisy and mischievous ghost, while writing a letter home to his wife. He said the ghost caused him to write in



ROYALTY IN THE NEWS Princess Grace of Monaco, left, the throne of the tiny principality of Monaco, was named after the American author Ralph Waldo Emerson. right, because she failed to give him a son and heir to his throne. (AP Wirephoto)

\$65,000 Fire At No. Sydney

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S. (CP) — Fire which levelled the office and warehouse of Brennan and Company Limited here Saturday caused an estimated \$65,000 damage.

In the warehouse were \$30,000 worth of toys and three 14-foot fibre class boats.

Firemen fought the blaze from 1.30 a.m. until noon. In the afternoon a bulldozer knocked down the ruined walls of the 80-year-old landmark.

Acclamations Expected As Nominations Are Held Today

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS The field of candidates for the March 31 dominion election takes final shape today.

One acclamation, for a Progressive Conservative, was in prospect and indications were for a total entry of possibly 830 candidates, lowest since 1940 when aspirants numbered 672.

Candidates have until 2 p.m. local standard time, to file their nomination papers with constituency returning officers and pay their 200 deposits to qualify for the race.

A candidate forfeits his deposit if he polls less than half the vote of the winning candidate in his constituency.

FEWER CANDIDATES

As the deadline approached, a Canadian Press compilation showed 813 candidates had already indicated their intention of contesting the 263 constituencies, two of which return two members apiece. Only a last-minute flurry of entries would take the final total over 830.

In the 1957 election last June 10, 867 candidates qualified. Subsequent withdrawals cut the number to 862 by voting day. In 1953 there were 838 candidates. The record high was 954 candidates for 245 seats in 1945.

The acclamation was expected in Lanark in the Ottawa Valley where the only candidate named by Sunday was Progressive Conservative George Duocett, former Ontario minister of highways. Mr. Duocett won the seat by acclamation last year at a

byelection following the death of Dr. William G. Blair who had been member for Lanark since 1945.

If the acclamation develops, it will be the first for the Conservatives in a general election since 1900—except for the 1917 wartime election when nine candidates of the union government, made up of both Conservatives and Liberals, were returned without opposition. The 1900 acclamation went to J. E. Seagram in Waterloo North.

NFLD. ACCLAMATION In the 1957 election there was also one acclamation but it went to Liberal Chesley W. Carter in Burin, Burgeo, Newfoundland. This time he faces a Conservative opponent.

The Conservatives have candidates in all but Lanark. Last year the situation was reversed, the Liberals contesting all but Lanark, the Conservatives all but one.

The CCF has 166 candidates, four more than its 162 total last year. Social Credit has 82, down 32 from 114. There are 36 others, compared with 66 a year ago, including 18 Communist-Labor-Progressives who had 10 starters last time.

The heaviest entry of candidates is in the far West. British Columbia has 93 candidates with Conservatives, Liberals, CCF and Social Credit contesting all its 22 seats along with five Labor-Progressives. Alberta also has an average of more than four candidates for each of its 17 constituencies with total of 69.

Of the four main parties, all have full slates except the CCF which has 15. The lightest entry, is in Newfoundland, with 15 running for its seven seats.

At dissolution Feb. 1, the Conservatives held 113 of the 265 seats, Liberals 106, CCF 25, Social Credit 19 and Independents two.

A BARGAIN BY ANOTHER NAME

TORONTO (CP) — Advertising gasoline at 36.9 cents a gallon, eight cents off the regular price, didn't attract too many customers to Carl Wenborn's service station in the current price war.

So Wenborn put up a big sign reading: "Gas — 23.9 cents per gallon plus tax."

"We've been selling gas in cans to people who couldn't get enough in their tanks," Wenborn said Saturday. "Business is terrific."

Government tax is 13 cents a gallon.

LITERARY NAME

Emerson, Manitoba town on the U.S. border, was named after the American author Ralph Waldo Emerson.