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Bigger Loans Proposed For Veterans On Farms

30-Year Loan Can Be \$20,000

OTTAWA (CP)—A proposal to more than double the loans available to war veterans farmers to enlarge their farm holdings and equipment was introduced in the Commons Tuesday.

Veterans Minister Brooks said in bringing in the amendments to the Veterans Land Act that the provision of greater credit to farmer-veterans has become necessary with the growing importance of developing economically-sound family farm units.

The major amendment, he said, will increase to \$20,000 the present \$9,000 maximum loan available to fulltime veteran farmers. The repayment period will be lengthened to 30 years from 25.

"This larger loan should enable a fulltime veteran farmer, well established under the Veterans' Land Act, to extend his

enterprise to one of sound economic proportions, which is beyond the present capacity of the act," Mr. Brooks said.

Mr. Brooks said the amendments also will extend the purposes for which the loans may be used, to include purchase of livestock and equipment and financing of existing indebtedness. The ratio of loan to security is to be raised to 75 per cent from 66 2-3 per cent.

LOANS UP TO \$10,000

Loans to part-time farmers and commercial fishermen will be boosted to a maximum \$10,000 from \$8,100 provided that for \$3,000 of the loan the veteran puts up \$1 for every \$3 loaned. Previously he had to put up \$1 for every \$2 loaned on \$1,400 of the total loan available under the VLA.



MAY RETIRE

New Brunswick Liberal Leader Louis Robichaud predicted Tuesday that Premier Hugh John Flemming will retire from provincial politics "very shortly" after the next provincial election.

Mr. Robichaud was commenting on Premier Flemming's weekend announcement that an election in New Brunswick is not far off.

Complete National Labor Walkout Threatened In Anti-Trust Dispute

By WHITEY SAWYER
BROWNSVILLE, Tex. (AP)—James Hoffa Tuesday threatened a strike of all labor through the United States if Congress harnesses unions with anti-trust laws.

The short, husky Teamster chief said "we can call a primary strike all across the nation that will straighten out the employers for once and for all."

The anti-trust proposal came from Senator John L. McClellan (Dem. Ark.) in a recent Senate

speech. Some business interests have proposed in congressional hearings that all unions be put under U. S. anti-trust laws, originally aimed at controlling big business.

CHEERED HIM

The 300 delegates to the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast district convention of the International Longshoremen's Association cheered wildly when Hoffa threatened severe reprisals if an anti-trust law involving unions is passed.

"The only answer is that if such a law passes we should have all our contracts ended on a given date," the turbulent Teamster chief declared. From the context of his talk it was plain that he referred to all unions, not just the Teamsters.

Such a uniform contract expiration would permit all unionized workers to strike at the same time.

WOULD BE SUICIDAL

In Washington, Senator Pat McNamara (Dem. Mich.), himself a one-time Detroit union official, said any such strike "would be suicidal, just crazy."

Hoffa told a reporter after the speech "they are trying to divide us so we can't win a fight."

"If their object is to divide us so we can't win a fight, and if this legislation passes and we're tied up, we'll have to have our contracts with a common termination date."

MUST AFFILIATE

Hoffa said the aim of the anti-trust proposal is to prevent national unions. But union workers must affiliate somewhere, he said.

Hoffa also accused the press of asking "loaded questions."

Baltic Fisherman Feared Drowned

Baltic fisherman, John Sterling Clark, 35 disappeared from his lobster boat late yesterday morning into 57 feet of water some three miles off the shore of Sea View and is presumed to have drowned in the choppy waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

A search was started by the Summerside RCMP assisted by boats from Sea View and Darnley.

Clark was fishing in this North Shore area for the past six or seven years. Unmarried, he resided at home in Baltic, with his mother Mrs. Robert Clark.

There are three other members in the family—two sisters, Jeanette at home, and Eunice, Mrs. John Murphy in Sea View, and a brother Keir, in Oshawa.

CULLEN AND DOUGLAS

Premier Promises Brand New Program

The Liberal Party does not intend to contest the next election on the basis of its past accomplishments, Premier Matheson told a nominating convention of 2nd Kings last night. "We feel that our record of the past five years should be sufficient to elect us," he said, "but we will have a brand new program and some of the policies will come as a surprise to you."

The meeting held at Morell hall was well attended with full representation from each of the ten polling districts.

Harvey Douglas, the sitting member for the district from Head of Hillsboro was nominated for assemblyman and Thomas Cullen of Marie was chosen as councillor. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Douglas's nomination was moved A. J. Mooney, Peakes, and seconded by Frank Connolly, Simnett Road. Mr. Cullen's nomination was moved by Bennett Keefe, Morell and seconded by James Wilson, South St. Peters.

Chairman for the meeting was Aldus MacKenzie, Morell.

In the election of officers, Aldus MacKenzie was named president; Walter Currie, Peakes, vice-president and Marshall Peters, secretary.

NO HINT OR DATE

Premier Matheson said that in spite of rumors to the contrary, he would nominate for the fourth district of Kings at which time he would announce the full platform of the party. He gave no hint as to when the election would be held but did mention that it did not have to be in

1959.

Speaking of hospital insurance, the Premier felt that the Island plan was the finest being offered in Canada. He said a sales tax was not being used as a means of providing revenue for the plan because the province has not sufficient commodities to tax, unless everything was included.

Secondly he noted that the \$2 1/2 million adjustment grant which the province is receiving from the Federal Government is on a four-year basis. "What is there to stop Ottawa from saying to us as was said to Premier Smallwood—you are on your own from now on?" he asked.

The Premier said school districts are now taxed to about the limit; gasoline tax is about as high as it can go and if the tax on liquor were raised any higher it would serve only to increase the number of stills in the woods.

The rural electrification program, the Premier said had cost the province about \$1 1/2 million to date but he expected that within the years to come the government would receive about \$100,000 a year in royalties.

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'Boy Friend' Is Presented

TORONTO (CP)—The Simco Little Theatre's production of *The Boy Friend*, the first musical to reach the finals of the Dominion Drama Festival, was to be presented Tuesday night.

This English comedy features a cast of 21, the largest at the week-long festival. Simco is one of the eight theatre groups from Medicine Hat to Halifax competing for the top award of \$1,000.

The play is a take-off on musicals of the '20s.

The festival opened Monday night with the Sudbury Little Theatre Guild's presentation of *Every Bed is Narrow*. French actor Michel St. Denis is the adjudicator. Awards will be presented Saturday night.

Degree Goes To Nowlan

WOLFVILLE, N.S. (CP)—Revenue Minister Nowlan was one of seven persons including two Americans, to receive honorary degrees here Tuesday at Acadia University's annual convocation.

Mr. Nowlan, an Acadia graduate who practiced law here for 36 years, told the 164 students who received degrees and diplomas to guard against complacency in meeting "the harsh, challenging demands of today."

He said the world has become a giant city "in which we must learn to work, to compete, to produce and to live together."

Potato Holdings Down Market Prices Steady

With storage holding on Prince Edward Island estimated to be 1,000 carlots less than this time last year, and the over-all Canadian holding also down by almost 1,400 carlots, potato prices were holding steady on three of the Province's chief domestic outlets—Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa—according to a federal department of agriculture news release dated May 15.

According to the federal marketing service only 1,432 cars of potatoes remained in storage bins on the island last Friday. Last year's figure was shown at 2,433. Total Canadian holdings were 4,486 as compared with 5,536 at the same date last year. Of this year's total Canadian remainder, 3,497 cars were in storage in the Maritimes.

PRICES TO RETAILERS

Last Friday Island table stock (white) packed in 75-pound bags was costing Montreal retailers \$2.60-\$2.75 per bag, Ottawa retailers \$2.75-\$3.00 and Toronto retailers \$2.75-\$3.00, the same report indicated.

At the same time retailers in the same Canadian cities were paying respectively \$2.10-\$2.25, \$2.20-\$2.35 and \$2.75-\$2.85 for the same size packages of NB whites, and \$5.75-\$6.00, \$5.80-\$6.40, and \$5.75-\$6.15 for California whites packed in 100-pound bags.

Carlots arriving were reported as follows: eight P.E.I., 15 NB and one California in Montreal; one P.E.I., two NB and one California in Ottawa; and 17 P.E.I., three NB, and one California in Toronto.

This boosted the "on track" totals to 12 P.E.I., 45 N.B. and one

Foster Dulles Said Weaker

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former state secretary John Foster Dulles was reported Tuesday to be growing still weaker in his struggle against cancer and pneumonia, but not to have fallen into a coma.

Denying the coma report, press officer Lincoln White said at the state department:

"Mr. Dulles continues to grow weaker. He is receiving analgesics (pain killers) and is general in comfortable."

Vocational School Is Graduating 59

Trade course certificates will be presented to 59 graduates of the P.E.I. Vocational School during closing exercises to be held Friday in the Prince of Wales College auditorium. Guest speaker will be Judge J. S. DesRoches, Montague.

Linus Gallant, Charlottetown, will deliver the valedictory on behalf of the graduates which comprise the 14th consecutive class. One or more of the major classes conducted annually at the Province's sole technical institute.

Lieutenant Governor F. Walter

Hyndman will present the certificates, Malcolm MacKenzie, deputy minister of education, will present the prizes, and Hon. Keir Clark, minister of education, will act as chairman for the occasion. The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises scheduled to commence at 2:30 p.m.

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Winners of trade course certificates in the scholastic year just molder of merit include: Automotive Mechanics "A": 1. Vincent Connolly, Iona; 2. Ross Gillis, Charlottetown; 3. Donald

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TO TEXAS 'BUCCANERS'

'Capitulation' Is Charge Laid Against Government

OTTAWA (CP)—The government was charged Tuesday with having capitulated to the "Texas buccaners and the oil and gas barons of this country."

Hazen Argus, CCF House Leader, made the accusation as the Commons gave first reading to the government legislation establishing a National Energy Board to regulate transmission of oil and natural gas and export of gas and electricity.

He said the government went contrary to the recommendations of the Borden royal commission on energy which, he said, proposed that tolls to be charged by pipelines should be set to yield a "fair return" on the shareholder equity of the pipeline company.

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SEES HUGE PROFITS

Because pipeline companies finance heavily through bonds rather than through shares, he said, the result will be that tolls set according to the government's instructions will give enormous profits to shareholders.

The legislation provides for creation of a five-year board headed by a \$20,000-a-year chairman. A vice-chairman would receive \$18,000 annually and three members \$16,000 each. All appointments would be for seven years.

The energy board, broadly speaking, would become to pipelines and electric power exporters what the Board of Transport Commissioners now is to Canadian railways.

Board powers to grant permission for construction of pipelines and international power lines would be subject to cabinet ap-



CONFERS DEGREE ON PM

Prime Minister Diefenbaker received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the Royal Military College at Kingston, Ontario. The degree, first granted by RMC, was conferred by De-

fence Minister Peakes, left president of the college. (CP from National Defence)

Flood's Toll Is Near 40

CAPETOWN, South Africa (Reuters)—The worst floods in living memory hit isolated areas of Cape province and Natal Tuesday and reports put the toll of dead close to 40.

Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd announced in Parliament that defence department helicopters will ferry relief supplies to inundated regions of East Cape and Natal along the Indian Ocean coast.

Reports trickling in despite wrecked communications indicated the floods created "a catastrophe," Verwoerd said.

The rolling veldt country, sliced by dozens of rivers, has been swamped by 10 inches of rain the last three days.

Verwoerd pinpointed the worst-hit area as the valley of the Umzimkulu River, about 85 miles southwest of Durban. The town of the name was evacuated when the river burst its banks, rising 40 feet above its normal level Monday night.

FAMILY SWEEPED TO SEA

The loss of life among Negor and mixed-blood inhabitants was feared high because their sections of the town were completely submerged. An Indian family of 12 seeking to escape by boat was swept out to sea and drowned.

Along the resort-dotted coast of Natal — South Africa's winter playground — pleasure launches were pressed into service to ferry marooned families to safety. The bodies of nine African natives were washed ashore at the resort of Sea Park.

Thousands of natives in the area were left destitute when the floods wrecked their homes and cut off food supplies. Verwoerd said emergency funds have been allocated for relief.

Key bridges were swept away, roads and railroads became rivers or were blocked by rock-falls loosed by the floods. Telegraph and telephone lines collapsed.

Lloyd Dines With Russian

GENEVA (Reuters)—Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd was the dinner guest of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Tuesday night.

Spokesmen declined to say what the two men discussed at the gathering in Gromyko's villa here.

Lloyd and Gromyko have had several informal meetings since the Big Four foreign ministers' talks started here May 11 but authoritative sources discounted rumors that they were engaged in any form of bilateral negotiations.

The sources denied a report that Gromyko on Monday gave Lloyd a three-point proposal for an interim Berlin solution.

U.S. Secretary of State Christian Herter had French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville as his dinner guest Tuesday night.

WINNERS HAVE SMILES

A victory handshake is exchanged by Premier Duff Roblin and successful candidate W.O. Baizley after the Progressive Conservative win in the Manitoba election. Mr. Roblin's party won a clear majority in the Legislature and Mr. Baizley, a chiropractor, defeated CCF Leader Lloyd Stinson in the Winnipeg riding of Osborne. (CP Photo)

Forest, Brush Fires Threaten Provinces

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Forest and brush fires were burning in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Tuesday and officials feared the situation would worsen unless rain falls soon on the dry woodlands.

The most serious fires of the half-dozen reported were at Painsec Junction, N.B., seven miles east of Moncton, and at Conn's Mills, N.S., 20 miles northeast of Springhill.

No houses were reported in danger.

The fire at Painsec Junction was burning through a recently cut-over area half a mile long and 250 yards wide near the CNR's main line between Truro and Moncton. It was the sixth, and most serious, forest fire in New Brunswick in two days. About 400 acres near the Junction were destroyed by late Tuesday night.

At Conn's Mills several hundred volunteers were trying to check a wind-fanned fire in thick

woods near the CNR's branch line between Oxford Junction and Stellarton. It was reported still out of control seven hours after it was first noticed.

Smaller fires were reported at Melanson Settlement near Moncton; Sackville, N.S., 15 miles from Halifax; Scotch Lake near Sydney and near Springhill.

A lands and forests department spokesman said extra equipment was being moved to the Conn's Mills fire scene from a depot at Shubenacadie, N.S.

Sixteen small fires were reported in Nova Scotia on the Victoria Day weekend. They burned 40 acres of low-value land.

Nova Scotia lands department officials said provincial woods are "dangerously dry." There has been no rain since scattered showers Thursday.

Lloyd Hawboldt, lands and forests extension director, said "it will take a tremendous amount of moisture to change the very dry condition of the woods."

West's Hopes Dashed For Accord Measure

By TOM OCHILTREE
GENEVA (AP)—The Soviet Union Tuesday dashed Western hopes for a quick break-through toward big three agreement on a suspension of nuclear weapons tests.

Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko refused to commit his government to a proposal of the United States and Britain for a broad scientific study of the technical problems involved in any suspension.

However, the three atomic powers agreed to keep in contact for a further exchange of views on this subject.

State Secretary Herter and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd presented the case for the three-power scientific study at a meeting in Gromyko's villa.

The Westerners wanted an investigation of the problems of policing high altitude and underground atomic and hydrogen explosions. They also sought the establishment of a technical standard of judgment as to when an on-site inspection of a suspicious disturbance would be warranted.

ENDORSES ONE PART

Gromyko endorsed only one part of the proposal—the part dealing with blasts at high altitude. This was in line with the position taken by Premier Khrushchev in recent letters to

President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan.

After the 80-minute meeting, a U.S. delegation spokesman said: "The discussion embodied control of high altitude tests, seismic data, including new data, and criteria to be established for on-site inspections."

"The meeting was inconclusive."

Shortly before the nuclear negotiations began here last Oct. 31 the U.S. conducted high altitude and underground experiments. Both types of tests raised questions which had not been dealt with at a meeting of Eastern and Western scientists in Geneva last summer.

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