



PEARSON GETS FISHING HAT

Prime Minister Pearson has a close look at a new fishing hat, presented to him in Ottawa Thursday by staff members of his office on the occasion of his 68th birthday. Mrs. Pearson looks on. (CP Wirephoto)

Governor-General Marks 77th Birthday Anniversary

By KEN KELLY
OTTAWA (CP)—Georges Philias Vanier, soldier, lawyer, diplomat and author, celebrates his 77th birthday today.

It may be his last birthday celebration as Governor-General of Canada. Now on an extension of his term of office, Gen. Vanier is in good health and making plans for further travel across the country.

He has already logged almost 65,000 miles and delivered nearly 400 speeches to organizations in all parts of Canada since his appointment Sept. 15, 1959.

PM LINKS GAS ATTACK WITH LONDON INCIDENT

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson recalls the battle of Ypres by connecting it with the day when a head-writer tried to toss him out of a London restaurant.

There has been no indication when he will step down from his third major career. Prime Minister Pearson announced last summer that the tall, white-haired soldier-diplomat would remain in office at least a year beyond the normal five-year term.

At this point, Mr. Pearson said, an Englishman recognized them as Canadians and rose from his table to push the head-writer aside.

Gen. Vanier fully recovered from a heart attack which confined him to bed for a period in 1963.

Mr. Pearson said he was in London on leave with another soldier shortly after arrival in

Canada Mourns Gas Dead Half-Century After Attack

By JOSEPH MACSWEN
YPRES, Belgium (CP)—Canadian soldiers proved their calibre to the world in three desperate days just 50 years ago, Associate Defence Minister Leo Cadieux said Thursday.

Cadieux spoke at ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the 1st Canadian Division's historic stand when Germans used poison gas for the first time in the First World War.

"The gallant company that would not give in—that would not accept defeat—established a standard of courage and resolution that has been both the model and the hallmark of Canada's armed services ever since."

"The calibre of Canadian soldiers was known when the second battle of Ypres began April 22, 1915," said Cadieux, who flew from Ottawa for the ceremonies.

Three days later the whole world knew that Canadians were unexcelled as fighting men.

There were wreath-placing ceremonies at the Menin gate of Ypres and at St. Julien, five miles away. Placing wreaths with Cadieux were: Fred O'Brecht, president of the Royal Canadian Legion; S. T. Barrett, president of the National Council of Veterans Associations; and Paul Pelletier, deputy minister of veterans affairs. The Canadian officials later accompanied Cadieux on his first visit to the Canadian NATO forces in West German.

Hees Claimed Prepared To Seek PC Leadership

Wilson Faces Tough Battle In Steel Industry Takeover

LONDON (CP)—A white paper outlining Labor's plans for re-nationalizing Britain's steel industry, expected to be published early next week, signals the opening shot in what will probably be the toughest test yet for Prime Minister Wilson's six-month-old administration.

The white paper will also lay down the principles for compensation to shareholders. Some members of the Conservative opposition estimate this at more than £2,000,000,000 (\$5,000,000,000). Compensation would likely take the form of a government stock issue.

Steel nationalization is by far the most controversial item on Labor's program. Wilson has threatened to call a general election if it is rejected by Parliament, arguing that the government's program is being frustrated.

Dief Criticizes Causeway Delay

HALIFAX (CP)—Opposition leader John Diefenbaker said Thursday "further action" was needed now on the Atlantic Provinces adjustment grants introduced when he was prime minister.

He said upon arrival for a speech at the annual banquet of the St. George's Society that despite assistance from Ottawa, the Atlantic region was "still below that economic level which must be maintained if Confederation is to have its full meaning."

Mr. Diefenbaker praised the self-help efforts of the Conservative government of Premier Stanfield in Nova Scotia and said the causeway from Prince Edward Island to the mainland would be under construction if his party still held office federally.

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Dief Names House Leader

OTTAWA (CP)—Opposition Leader Diefenbaker announced Thursday the appointment of Michael Starr, former Conservative labor minister and MP for Ontario constituency, as Conservative House leader in the Commons.

He replaces Gordon Churchill, former trade and defence minister, MP for Winnipeg South Centre.

Under the new arrangement there are two bull classes. The first includes the ages previously known as junior and senior calves. The second includes the ages previously termed senior and junior yearlings. There are no aged bulls. In each case they

PARACHUTIST CATS KILLED

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (Reuters)—Five cats parachuted to Australian troops on the Indonesian-Borneo border have been killed by the rats they were sent to destroy. The Australians said the rats turned out to be tougher than expected.

Island Student Slated To Meet Pearson Today

OTTAWA—A Prince Edward Island student, Lois MacKinley of North River, is among a group of 10 4-H award students who will be received by Prime Minister Pearson here Friday.

No Public Campaign Until Dief Resigns

MONTREAL (CP)—George Hees will be a candidate for the Conservative party leadership, but he won't present himself publicly for the post until John Diefenbaker leaves it.

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Close associates of Mr. Hees said, however, the mounting pressure on him during recent weeks has convinced him he "has no choice" but to return.

Highly-informed sources close to the former trade minister, now president of the Montreal and Canadian stock exchanges, said Thursday Mr. Hees decided on this course, following "intense" pressure on him to return to the party and seek the leadership.

Unlike former Justice Minister E. Davie Fulton, Mr. Hees does not feel he can declare himself a candidate for the next election regardless of whether Mr. Diefenbaker remains a leader. He has told numerous friends he considers the present Opposition leader "completely unsuited" for political leadership and that he will never do anything to try and elect him.

The group, which represents each of Canada's 40 provinces, is on its way to attend the national 4-H conference in Washington, April 25 to 30.

Search Planned For Nfld. Trio

HALIFAX (CP)—The RCAF rescue centre in Halifax said Thursday an air search will begin at dawn today for three Newfoundland seal hunters, missing in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The definite decision to return to active political life represents something of an about-face for the dapper, 54-year-old ex-cabinet minister. Only three months ago he was known to be disenchanted about politics.

FEELS QUEBEC IS VITAL
He feels, however, he can work—"and he'll work hard at it," said one associate—on the party's basic Quebec organization. (Continued on page 3, col. 9.)

Arab-Israel Talks Urged

TUNIS (CP)—President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia has proposed that Israel and the Arab states begin exploratory talks to end their long-standing quarrel.

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ANNUAL MEETING HELD

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FOUR OFFICIALS of the Holstein-Friesian Association of this province are seen as the annual meeting got underway in Charlottetown yesterday. Left to right are, Erskine Forbes, Lot 16, vice-president; John Thompson, Frenchfort, president; Scott MacArthur, Union Road, secretary; Parker Newson, Kingston, national director.

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