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PM Calls On Gov.-General To Fan Snap Election Talk

N.S. PREMIER ARRIVES FOR TODAY'S CEREMONIES

The first person connected with today's sod-turning ceremony for the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Building, and on whom all eyes will focus, when he wields the shovel to turn the first sod, was Premier Robert Stanfield of Nova Scotia. Here he is greeted at the Charlottetown airport by Dr. Frank MacKinnon, president of the Memorial Foundation, centre, while Mrs. Stanfield smilingly watches the two exchange greetings. Dr. MacKinnon will preside at today's function, a portion of which will be taken up by a speech by Quebec's Premier Jean Lesage, who is expected to speak on biculturalism.

OVER ANKARA

Air Collision Takes 71 Lives

CP from AP-Reuters

ANKARA — A passenger airliner and a military plane collided nose to nose in a cloud bank over the Turkish capital Friday, plunging flaming wreckage into bustling crowds in the citys' main square and killing at least 71 persons.

Police said nearly 200 persons were injured, about half of them seriously, in the worst disaster of its kind in Turkish history.

Most of the victims were pedestrians and occupants of buildings lining Ulus Square in the centre of this Turkish capital.

There were 17 persons aboard the two planes. None was reported to have survived. Five of the airliner's 11 passengers were listed as Americans.

The passenger plane was a Middle East Airlines jet-prop Viscount carrying 11 passengers and three crew members and preparing to land at Ankara Airport northeast of the city after a stop at Nicosia, capital of Cyprus. The main part of its wreckage slammed into the square itself.

The military craft was a Turkish air force C-47 with a crew of three on a routine instrument training flight.

Flaming fragments rained down on pedestrians, stores and a five-storey bank building at one corner of the square. The bank caught fire. Some of the dead were found there.

Four homes also caught fire and seven victims were found in their ruins.

A gas main was ruptured in the square and the leaking gas fed a score of spontaneous fires.

The narrow streets quickly filled with thousands of Ankara residents, blocking traffic and hindering ambulances that sped toward the square.

Eyewitnesses said the scene in the city centre was an inferno of flames and smoke with people running in panic from blazing buildings.

The C-47 crashed elsewhere in the city, smashing into a house and killing a family of four.

KIDS STOP ROYAL CAR

VANCOUVER (CP)—"Those kids have stopped us cold," said Prince Philip as indeed they had.

Three school children, knowing the respect drivers here have for school crossings and traffic lights, pressed a "walk" button and took off across the road as the car carrying Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip went out to the airport Friday morning.

Reg Phillips, the Queen's driver, stopped as the children, grinning widely, sauntered and waved in front of the royal car, taking their own sweet time for a long look at the departing couple.

Cabinet Meets This Morning

OTTAWA (CP)—Fresh from a 40-minute call on Governor-General Vanier that sparked new speculation about dissolution of Parliament, Prime Minister Diefenbaker late Friday went into conference with External Affairs Minister Green and the Canadian ambassador to Washington.

Ambassador Charles Ritchie was called home from Washington in the wake of a mushrooming controversy with the United States over nuclear arms policy.

The conference lasted about 45 minutes and Mr. Diefenbaker, when questioned by reporters, called it "just a review of the situation."

Later, he entered the government lobby behind the Commons chamber, chatted with supporters briefly and as the Commons adjourned at 6 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Monday looked from behind the curtains into the House.

Earlier, he had sat silent at the Invitation of Stanley Knowles (NDP Winnipeg North Centre) to tell the House of his visit to the Governor-General.

Mr. Diefenbaker left the centre block 30 minutes after the House rose.

Asked if he planned any announcements today, Mr. Diefenbaker thought a moment and then said there would be a morning cabinet session.

"All the ministers are in town for tomorrow night's parliamentary press gallery annual dinner, so we might as well have a meeting," he said.

Mr. Diefenbaker made an unsuccessful attempt to reach Government House unobserved, slipping out of the building after an hour-long cabinet meeting and then ducking through a tunnel to where his car was waiting out of sight of the entrances of the Parliament buildings.

FOUND BY REPORTERS

The prime minister took a round-about route to Government House only to have the secrecy of the visit frustrated by reporters. He emerged from his conference with Governor-General Vanier to tell them it was a "regular" visit.

Later, he replied to persistent questions about a dissolution of Parliament by saying "I have no announcements." But at no time did he state that Parliament would not be dissolved.

Mr. Diefenbaker also told reporters later there was no secrecy intended in his trip to Government House. He said his car had left Parliament Hill from its normal spot.

His activities, in the wake of press conference statements in Washington by U.S. State Secretary Rusk regarding the nuclear controversy, renewed the air of crisis under which Parliament labored Thursday.

A state department press release criticizing Canadian policy on acquisition of nuclear arms came under fire in a Commons debate Thursday marked by violently - worded reaction from all political parties.

The four party leaders—Mr. Diefenbaker, Liberal Leader Pearson, Social Credit Leader Thompson and New Democratic Leader Douglas — all attacked the U.S. government for interference in a domestic political issue.

The prime minister stayed about 10 minutes at 24 Sussex Drive. Then, picking up two reporters who had trailed him from Government House, he drove back to the centre block of the Parliament buildings.

He was clearly in high spirits but declined to discuss the question of dissolution with his two travelling companions en route to Parliament Hill.

Another cluster of reporters awaited his arrival on Parliament Hill and he was met with the question:

"Do you always carry the great seal (used to seal official documents such as a dissolution order) to regular visits to the Governor-General?"

"I don't know anything about that," he replied.

In the commons, where a labor debate was in progress, Stanley Knowles (NDP—Winnipeg North Centre) said "rumors and reports are dribbling into the chamber."

Rusk Apologizes To Canada; U.S. Senate Planning Probe

By HAROLD MORRISON

WASHINGTON (CP) — State Secretary Rusk publicly apologized Friday for the tone of his department's criticism of Canadian nuclear policy and hinted he would like to see resumed private government - to - government talks aimed at providing Canadian forces with nuclear warheads.

At the same time, the U.S. Senate foreign relations committee announced it will launch a formal investigation Monday into the department's handling of the controversy and called George McGhee, 50 - year - old state undersecretary for political affairs, as the first witness.

Senator George Aiken, Vermont Republican who will head the closed-door subcommittee hearings, said he is deeply concerned by press reports that the Canadian government feels "it has been put under undue pressure to accept nuclear arms from the U.S."

"Canada is a great friend and neighbor," he said in a statement. "There is no reason why we should find ourselves at odds on any issue of significance."

Senator J. William Fulbright, chairman of the full committee, and Senator Mike Mansfield, Senate majority leader, plan to attend the hearings which, under the reported present schedule, may be concluded in the one day with planned subsequent disclosure of some of the conclusions by Aiken, a close friend of Canada.

CALLS IT SORRY DAY

Mansfield, in an interview, said "it is a sorry day when Canada and the U.S. cannot sit down and settle their problems amicably and in private." The Montana Democrat has supported Aiken's contention that the state department accomplished nothing by public criticism of the Diefenbaker administration.

The controversy, Mansfield noted, has been splashed across the front pages in both Canada and the U.S. He believed that relations between the two countries have been badly damaged.

Rusk indicated at a press conference there were reasons why the department had to make its Wednesday statement of criticism but "I wish to say to all Canadians that we regret it if any words of ours have been so phrased as to give offence."

At another point he said: "I have already expressed my regrets if our tone was wrong — but I believe the facts as we understand them were fairly set out and certainly if the statements contained any errors, we shall be prompt to correct them."

Rusk added in response to a question that this expression of

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Not U.S. Frontier, Dief Tells Newsmen

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada has shown it is "not in the new frontier of the United States," Prime Minister Diefenbaker declared Friday.

He made the remark to reporters who asked him for comment on a statement in Washington by U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk that he regretted the tone of his department's criticism Wednesday night of Canadian defence policy but that he believed the facts were correct.

Mr. Diefenbaker said: "I gave the facts and the facts that I gave were correct and proper and I have nothing to add to the impropriety of the state department."

When a reporter noted that Mr. Rusk had said his department's Wednesday statement contained the proper facts, the prime minister said:

"I answered those facts and we do not need any assistance from the state department for, after all, I repeat that Canada is not in the new frontier of the U.S. Mr. Diefenbaker said Friday he would not comment directly on Mr. Rusk's press conference remarks until he had read an official report on them.

He added that the facts in the current controversy were "correct and proper" as he had outlined them in the Commons last week.

Meanwhile, the Commons returned to regular business after getting off its chest a round of condemnation for U.S. intrusion in Canadian internal affairs.

External Affairs Minister Green did not give a direct reply to Liberal Paul Martin's question as to whether any formal Canadian protest has been sent to the state department.

Mr. Diefenbaker said in reply to Opposition Leader Pearson that "no consideration" has been given to calling a meeting of the Canada-U.S. cabinet defence committee which last met in July, 1960.

Sod-Turning Guests Due Early Today

Dr. Frank MacKinnon, president of the Memorial Foundation, last night announced that all officials that have been invited to attend today's sod-turning ceremony at the site of the Confederation Memorial Building, have indicated they will arrive before noon.

Premier Robert Stanfield of Nova Scotia, arrived yesterday afternoon on the regular scheduled MCA flight from Halifax, accompanied by Mrs. Stanfield.

Also arriving yesterday were Hon. Henry Irwin, acting premier of New Brunswick, and Mrs. Irwin.

These four along with J. J. Pigott, president of the Pigott Construction Company Limited, of Toronto and Montreal, and Dimitri Dimakopoulis, a member of the firm of Montreal architects who designed the memorial, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. MacKinnon last evening.

MR. MacLEAN EXPECTED

Dr. MacKinnon said that the next personage to arrive will be Hon. Angus MacLean, minister of fisheries, who is expected on the first MCA flight from Moncton, which arrives in Charlottetown shortly after dawn.

The latest word received from Premier Jean Lesage of Quebec, is that he and his party will arrive sometime between 10 and 10:30 this morning.

Premier Lesage is being accompanied by Mrs. Lesage and Sen. Paul H. Bouffard of Quebec City, who is also vice-president of the Memorial Foundation. Also in the party will be six or seven press representatives from Quebec

Dr. MacKinnon will preside at this afternoon's ceremonies, which get underway officially at 2:30 and are expected to last for more than an hour.

U.S. Plans Test Series

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Secretary Rusk disclosed Friday the United States will resume underground nuclear tests in the wake of Russia's breakoff of atomic test-ban talks.

Memorial Bldg. Start Scheduled For Feb. 18

By STAN BOWLES
Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer

"Sufficient machinery and men will be ready to start construction of the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Building on Monday, Feb. 18," J. J. Pigott, president of the Pigott Construction Company Limited, said last night.

Mr. Pigott said that from the start his company has realized to erect a building of this size, costing more than $5,000,000, the work will have to be done on a very tight schedule, in order to complete it by the summer of 1964.

But with a background of having erected a number of large buildings within time limits, he stated that he and his colleagues have no qualms about having this project done within the deadline.

Both Mr. Pigott and the architectural representative, Dimitri Dimakopoulis of Montreal, pointed out that with the exception of some of the technical equipment, particularly for the theatre, all materials for this national shrine will be manufactured in Canada from Canadian materials.

Right now the masonry, which is of Nova Scotia sandstone similar to that used in the Provincial Building is well along in the process of cutting and shaping. A large portion of the steel either has been or is in the process of being prefabricated.

Both men anticipate that delivery of these materials will start shortly. So they foresee no delays in moving along from one phase of construction to the next.

Once the preliminary work has been completed, Mr. Pigott forecast that "including those that will be employed by the sub-contractors, there will be approximately 250 men employed on the project. All these workers, with the exception of a few senior experienced supervisors, will be drawn from the local labor force including tradesmen."

Speaking of the sub-contractor work, Mr. Pigott said that practically all these sections of the project have been let to Island firms.

He further pointed out that the company plans to bring in their own heavy machinery, and will rent only the lighter pieces locally.

During the next few days, a temporary field office is being set up in rented space in one of the buildings overlooking the construction site. But soon after the actual work begins office quarters will be erected on one corner of the building site.

Paton-Cox Appeal Case Is Continued

OTTAWA (CP)—The Supreme Court of Canada was told Friday that there was no evidence that there was any agreement by Toronto promoters Hugh Paton and D. Hubert Cox to defraud Brandon Packers Limited.

Winnipeg lawyer Henry B. Monk made the statement at the second day of an appeal by the two men against convictions on which they were sentenced to four-year prison terms. The case is not expected to conclude until next Tuesday.

Paton and Cox were convicted by a jury in Brandon, Man., in November, 1961, on five counts of stealing and of defrauding Brandon Packers of $448,000, of conspiring to steal and of conspiring to defraud the company of $460,000 and of issuing a false prospectus for a bond issue.

The accused were sentenced to concurrent seven-year prison terms. The Manitoba Appeal Court in a majority decision upheld the convictions for conspiracy to defraud and issuing a false prospectus, but quashed the other three convictions and sentences to four years.

DUE IN FIJI TODAY

Queen Says 'Touched' By Vancouver Welcome

HONOLULU (AP) — Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip sailed in Honolulu Friday for a 45-minute refuelling stop on their way from Canada to the Fiji Islands.

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Queen sent a message of thanks to Vancouver Friday from her royal plane as it winged across the North Pacific taking her and Prince Philip on a South Pacific tour.

The royal message to Lieutenant - Governor George Pearkes referred to a Vancouver touchdown that stretched into a 12-hour overnight stop as weather plagued the big, blue and silver royal jet.

The message read: "My husband and I were much touched by the welcome which we received during our unexpected visit to Vancouver. I should be most grateful if you would convey our thanks to the mayor of Vancouver and to everyone who helped to make such admirable arrangements on such short notice to look after all members of our party."

The royal couple spent the night in the hurriedly-readied royal suite at the Hotel Vancouver, had breakfast there, then left aboard the royal plane at 9:35 a.m. on a six-hour flight for a refuelling stop at Honolulu.

From there the plane goes to Fiji where the Queen and prince board the royal yacht Britannia for New Zealand and a 12-day tour. Later they spend 27 days in Australia.

WON'T HIT TIMETABLE

Officials here said that though the flight out of Vancouver was 23 hours behind schedule, the delay is not expected to upset the royal visit timetable in New Zealand and Australia. The royal yacht can make up about 48 hours on the trip from Fiji to New Zealand.

During the royal stay here Mrs. Fanny Storgoff, unofficial leader of British Columbia's Sons of Freedom Doukhobors made an unsuccessful attempt to take the group's problems to the Queen. She moved toward the royal couple as they left the hotel but police and the dense crowd prevented her from getting close.

The freedomite woman had a letter in her hand. Its contents were not known.

The weather problems began Thursday for the royal plane which left London Thursday on a 22-hour flight calling for a 45-minute refuelling stop at Vancouver. Minutes before it was to land at Vancouver the plane diverted to Edmonton because of a snowstorm. Later it took off again to fly direct to Honolulu, but 900 miles out over the Pacific it returned to Vancouver because weather conditions made landing at Honolulu impractical.

Spokesmen said it was the first time such diversions had occurred on a royal flight.

Skating Rink At Truro Burns

TRURO (CP) — Only twisted steel girders and portions of the front wall remain after a $30,000 fire that destroyed the Colchester Forum here Friday.

Divided Views Expressed On Park Trucking Strike

Opposite views are being taken regarding an alleged wage rate dispute, said last night to be underway between a group of gravel truck operators and the firm of Island Excavators, who have a contract to place some 18,000 yards of fill on Robinson's Island in the National Park.

Trevlyn Spence of Charlottetown, a spokesman for some 20 truckers reported last night that they are seeking a higher rate, more in line with that obtained after talks with the provincial government last year.

Robert N. Dawson, a partner in the firm, contacted at his home in Crapaud last night said "the report that any of the truckers employed on the job are on strike is completely unfounded."

AGREED RATE

He stated that the rates being paid, were worked between the company and the 10 drivers, who have been on the job since its start, when the estimates for the project were being compiled prior to the submitting of a tender.

"This agreed rate is what our drivers are getting now," he said.

Mr. Spence pointed out that they are engaged in a seven to eight mile haul with six-ton loads. He claims that according to provincial rates this type of haul should bring the drivers $5.40 per trip, "but the company is paying only $3.60."

He said that the job started last week with eight or nine trucks hauling for the offered rate, but that other truckers interested in the job talked them out of hauling for that money.

He claims that subsequently the original group of truckers agreed to stay away from the job unless the government rate is paid.

STILL ON JOB

Mr. Dawson denied that his original group of drivers had left the job, claiming that they were still continuing to haul and at the same rates. This group has not expressed any dissatisfaction with the rates they are now receiving, he said.

Mr. Dawson said that his firm was approached on the job site by another group of about 10 or 12 truckers, with the request that they be given part of the haulage work.

This second group were told that they could go to work at the same rates as the original truckers. But this group eventually declined the work because they sought higher rates.

Supporting his report of the alleged strike, Mr. Spence said "we were able to talk the government into giving up a raise on trucking rates last year, and we're not going to take a backward step now."

"We still have our original 10 truckers" Mr. Dawson said "the truth about the other truckers is that they are not conducting a strike against the firm, but that they simply declined to go to work."

TWO MEN WHO for the next several months will play what is probably the major roles in the construction of the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Building, met last evening with some of the dignitaries who arrived early for today's sod turning ceremonies. Here Dimitri Dimakopoulis (left), representative of the Montreal firm of architects who designed the building, and J.J. Pigott, president of the construction firm awarded the more than $5,000,000 contract, answer questions regarding the project.

Beef Association Decides To Set Up Marketing Yard

By NEIL MATHESON
Farm and Provincial Editor

The directors of the P.E.I. Beef Producers Association agreed unanimously to proceed toward the establishment of Livestock marketing yards here when they met in Charlottetown yesterday. All but one of the directors were present, it was learned from association president, Daniel Gass, Cornwall.

That doesn't mean that the yards will be provided immediately, but it does mean the directors have decided that the establishment of this type of cattle marketing is desirable and future efforts will be directed towards that end, it was explained.

The directors also named a committee to discuss the price formula with Canada Packers. A formula based on Winnipeg prices plus the transportation costs to Halifax, less transport costs from Charlottetown to Halifax was negotiated last year to last for up to one year. Mr. Gass did not suggest the goal of the negotiations this time.

The directors named a membership committee which will also have as its goal the provision of finances for the organization, it was learned.

Lloyd Lockerby, Hamilton was named as the association's representative on the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture executive.

The directors of the organization were authorized last summer to consider the livestock marketing yard idea when the groundwork for the association was laid at a meeting in the Prince of Wales College auditorium, but this is the first time a definite decision has been made by the directors toward implementing the idea.