

Tories Declare Hellyer Made Change In Brief

Defence Head Claims Slander

OTTAWA (CP) — Conservatives accused Defence Minister Hellyer in the Commons Wednesday of altering an officer's testimony before he could give it to a House committee and demanded a special debate to air the charges.

Mr. Hellyer rejected the accusations as "slandering insinuation" and said the place to hear them should be in the Commons defence committee. However, he would agree to having them referred to the committee on privileges.

"... I want to clear my name which is more precious to me than anything."

Terry Nugent (PC—Edmonton-Strathcona) started the argument by asking for a special debate. He said he has a sworn affidavit from retired Rear-Admiral William Landymore saying Mr. Hellyer altered the admiral's prepared brief for the committee.

Mr. Hellyer said he hoped Mr. Nugent would resign his seat if the charges were proved false. Mr. Nugent replied that he would take full responsibility for his charge.

After the Commons spent more than two hours on the subject Speaker Lucien Lamoureux ruled out of order Mr. Nugent's motion for a special debate.

But he suggested they meet later to discuss the wording for a motion that would come before the Commons again and possibly result in the issue going to a Commons committee.

CHARGES ARE SERIOUS
Prime Minister Pearson said serious charges impugning the honor and integrity of a minister had been made.

The matter should be submitted to the privileges committee without delay if Mr. Nugent would first formulate his charge in writing.

The government then could look at the written charge overnight and unanimous consent could be given today for a committee hearing.

Mr. Hellyer at first suggested that the matter could be dealt with by the Commons defence committee after government legislation on armed forces unification is presented.



TERRY NUGENT

"Now, now," the opposition benches shouted.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said nothing can be more urgent than the integrity of Parliament. If committee evidence could not be accepted, that would be the end of the committee system and the parliamentary system.

STOPPED BY SPEAKER
Mr. Nugent first raised the matter as a point of privilege. Speaker Lucien Lamoureux disallowed this because he said Mr. Nugent had not raised the matter at the earliest opportunity, as required by the rules.

Mr. Nugent then returned with a motion to set aside the regular business of the House—study of the national medical care insurance bill—to debate the charge as a matter of urgent importance.

That step allowed members to talk on the urgency of the motion.

Conservative and New Democrat MPs said a serious charge had been made and it was imperative to consider the matter and clear the air.

Mr. Hellyer, who had tried to get the floor without success during Mr. Nugent's point of privilege, got a chance to answer repeated opposition statements that he should be the first to want a special debate to clear up the matter.

The minister said no one had (Continued on page 5, col. 6)

Prison For Province Seen As Possibility

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
OTTAWA — The possibility of a minimum security institution being constructed in Prince Edward Island is being explored by Premier Alex Campbell during a visit to Ottawa this week.

The Premier said that he plans to stop off in Montreal on his way back to the Island this week in order to make a tour of the newly constructed minimum security penitentiary at Cowansville in Quebec.

Mr. Campbell said the present three provincial jails in P.E.I. were totally inadequate and should be replaced. There was no provision for any proper treatment or training of those who were sentenced to the jails.

"It may be possible that we can work out some arrangement with the federal government and perhaps with the other provincial governments so that minor offenders together with those sentenced to less than two years under the Criminal Code

be properly accommodated at a new institution on the Island," Mr. Campbell said.

He discussed the proposal with the executive assistant to solicitor General Larry Pennell and said that if the proposal appeared feasible, he would take it up further with Mr. Pennell and with the commissioner of penitentiaries Allan McLeod.

The Premier noted that the institution at Dorchester was outmoded and might well be gradually phased out of existence by the government which would create the necessity of a few penitentiary somewhere in the Atlantic region.

GE Strike Due Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — General Electric Co. made a new contract offer Wednesday night described by White House mediators as "a slight improvement" but it was rejected by 11 unions whose 125,000 members are scheduled to strike at 12:01 a.m. Monday.

Commerce Secretary John T. Connor, speaking for a three-man presidential mediation panel, said "we're at dead centre" in efforts to avert the walkout which the government says would injure the Viet Nam war effort.

Judy Garland Seeks Damages

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Judy Garland is seeking \$3,000,000 from her former agent.

Miss Garland, 44, filed suit in Superior Court Tuesday, joining in an action filed in 1964 by her former husband, producer Sid Luft.

Defendants are Creative Management Associates Ltd. Luft's suit accused the firm of charging Miss Garland in excess of 10 per cent on her earnings.

Miss Garland asks \$1,000,000 in compensatory damages and \$2,000,000 in punitive damages.

Weather Delays Schooner Search

HALIFAX (CP) — The Canadian Coast Guard ship Auk, southbound after supplying Arctic posts and radar stations, was held to about 100 miles north of Cartwright, Labrador Wednesday because of 50-mile-an-hour winds.

The air-sea rescue centre here said it appeared the Auk will not be able to reach Seal Harbor, where a searching United States C-130 overtook a vessel similar to the overdue 60-foot schooner Sandy Point, until late today.

The Sandy Point has been unreported since Oct. 2 when she left Cartwright for St. John's, Nfld.

Weather conditions Wednesday prevented a continuation of the air-search and prospects are slim that aircraft would be able to cover the area about 60 miles southeast of Cartwright, today.

S. Vietnamese Government Faced With Internal Crisis

By RICHARD MYERSOUGH, SAIGON (Reuters) — The South Vietnamese government Wednesday faced a fresh internal crisis with reports that as many as seven cabinet ministers had offered their resignations to Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky.

Though the ostensible reason for the threatened walkout from the 25-man cabinet was said to concern the recent temporary detention of the health ministry's principal secretary on political grounds, there now is talk of regional rivalries.

So far Premier Ky was said to have refused to accept the

resignations of six ministers and appealed to them to stay on for the sake of unity. The ministers named by usually reliable sources are: Nguyen Luu Vien, deputy premier in charge of social and cultural affairs, Social Welfare Minister Tran Ngoc Lieng, Education Minister Nguyen Van Truong, Youth Minister Vo Long Trieu, Transport Minister Truong Van Thuan and Labor Minister Nguyen Huu Hung.

There was some doubt over the position of a seventh minister, Economic Affairs Minister Au Truong Thanh, who was also reported earlier to be resigning.



SENATOR JOHN NICHOL

Vancouver Man Re-Elected Head Of Liberal Federation

OTTAWA (CP) — Senator John L. Nichol, 42, was re-elected by acclamation Wednesday to his second term as president of the Liberal Federation of Canada at the party's biennial conference.

For the first time, four vice-presidents were elected. They are Senator J. Leopold Langlois of Quebec City, Pauline Jewett of Ottawa, John H. Dickey of Halifax and Aim Derosiers of Montreal. Gordon Dryden of Toronto was elected secretary-treasurer.

Only Mrs. Derosiers and Miss Jewett are newcomers to the

executive. Their election followed a change in the party's constitution, which added two women vice-presidents, one to be English-speaking and the other French.

Senator Nichol, appointed to the Senate Feb. 24, 1966, is a native of Vancouver.

He said the party was without sufficient depth and scope in communicating with the public during his last term and it did not adequately fulfill its organizational role among Young Liberals.

Activity in these fields would begin immediately and said a permanent research facility will have to be established to bridge the gaps that exist between conventions.

An immediate start will also be made on a detailed study of the party's financial structure, he added.

South-West Africa Poses UN Problem

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — Seven countries, including Canada, are working behind the scenes to find constructive suggestions for the future of South-West Africa, it was learned Wednesday.

As debate swung back to South-West Africa in the General Assembly, a diplomatic source said a gap is separating the Afro-Asian group of countries from the countries of Western Europe and the Western Hemisphere on the issue. They were all agreed that South Africa rule should end in the territory, but disagreed as to what the UN could do about it.

The working group is trying to bridge the gap before the issue comes to a vote in the General Assembly. Canadian representative in the group is Paul Beaulieu, ambassador to Brazil.

DIABETIC MEETING

The monthly meeting of the P.E.I. Diabetic Association was held last night at the National Film Board Theatre.

LEFT TO RIGHT are Mrs. Bernice Rowland, director of public health nursing on P.E.I. and guest speaker of the evening congratulating with the diabetic.

Ferry Rates Boost Hearing Unlikely Until Next Year

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
OTTAWA — A Canadian Maritime Commission hearing into proposed increases in ferry fares for Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick is not likely to be held until next year, Premier Alex Campbell said here Wednesday.

Premier Campbell is in Ottawa as head of a large Island delegation to the national

conference which ended Wednesday night. But he is also using the opportunity to interview Prime Minister Pearson, Transport Minister J.W. Pickersgill, Public Works Minister George McRath and other government officials.

He said that the hearing into the proposal of the CNR to boost its ferry fares had been delayed because of the railway strike, the visit of Governor

General Georges Vanier, a special session of the legislature which may be called for mid-November, and other matters.

Premier Campbell said he discussed the fares with the federal ministers as well as the proposal that the department of transport take over the operation of the ferries from the railway.

"The government is still giving active study to this possibility but there are other alternative suggestions which also have to be explored so I don't expect any early decisions," Mr. Campbell explained.

He said that the corporation which will be set up to administer the Island causeway might be one body which could take over the ferries for a time.

CAUSEWAY PROGRESS
Premier Campbell reported that good progress is being made with the causeway contracts for the approaches on either side of Northumberland Strait and the laying of the roadbed for the railway tracks.

He said he expects the government will call for tenders on the first major causeway construction contract early in November with a closing date of about the end of the year. This will involve the first two miles of causeway extending from the approaches on the New Brunswick shore.

Premier Campbell returns to the Island this week but will return to Ottawa Nov. 24, for the resumed federal-provincial tax structure meeting.

He said he expects the coming meeting will arrive at some firm decisions on this subject as the officials at both levels of government have been meeting since the last meeting of the premiers some weeks ago and some encouraging progress was being reported.

He said the decision on tax-sharing was vital to P.E.I. as it involved the implementation of election promises and advances in social welfare measures such as an increase in the old age pension, Medicare and other related matters.

Food Price War Spreads In U.S.

NEW YORK (AP) — A great supermarket price war is being fought in Chicago, supermarket chains are slashing prices in Portland, Ore., and the price of bread, has fallen in Phoenix, Ariz.

Housewives have engineered a budding consumer rebellion against food prices, and it is spreading across the United States and Canada.

In Denver, housewives for Lower Food Prices, claiming 40,000 members, has scheduled a boycott of five major chain stores, starting Monday.

The women say they won't buy anything at target stores except loss leaders, and that fresh produce will be left on the shelves to spoil.

In Huntington, W.Va., the committee for Stable Food Prices headed by William H. Muth III has collected 1,760 signatures on petitions asking a federal investigation of food prices.

Housewives Voice for Lower Prices, one of two groups in Phoenix, has dispatched telegrams to the U.S. department of agriculture and to congressmen urging such an investigation. This Phoenix organization has conducted a month-long boycott of bread and other items, and seen bread prices fall to 25 cents a loaf from 35 to 40 cents.

They met last week with Mrs. Esther Peterson, President Johnson's special assistant for consumer affairs. She gave

them a recipe for homemade bread.

SPREADS IN CANADA
In Canada, several thousand housewives are boycotting supermarkets in a move that began in Ottawa and spread across the continent to a dozen cities including Dartmouth, N.S., and Vancouver, B.C.

Housewives in Miami, Fla. have talked about boycotting milk producers.

In the Midwest, several food store chains have cut prices as much as 20 per cent to capitalize on complaints over rising food costs.

The price cuts in the Chicago area are in effect at 254 stores operating under Jewel Tea Co., 265 A. and P. stores in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa and 15 Hillman's stores. Last month, Jewel advertised price cuts on 2,327 items.

In Portland, Ore., supermarket chains cut the price of milk to 79 cents a gallon last week. Prices of everything from chicken to peanut butter were cut.

In Denver, Cal Pond, Safeway Stores public relations manager, said he hoped other locals would follow the move, but stressed that it was strictly up to the individual locals to decide.

They did not say what action they planned and Mrs. Wilson said she had not heard anything from the union.

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Crank Mail Is Intensified To Ottawa Boycott Leader

OTTAWA (CP) — The housewife who sparked Ottawa's supermarket boycott has become the target of crank calls and hate literature.

Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, 32, president of the Ottawa Consumers Protest Association, says her crank mail "is starting to intensify."

"Almost every day I get some letters attacking me, or my motives. People are always calling me up, wanting to come out to my house to discuss ways of making money, or some other crusade I should take up."

She says some of her callers get "quite aggressive, but I just tell them nicely I'm tied up with the boycott and if they want to start some other crusade, go ahead and do it themselves."

She gets hate literature "wanting us to blame the Jews."

"I had no idea there were people who wrote that kind of thing."

The boycott got a promise of further support Wednesday when Local 110 of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers Union announced it was joining.

A union spokesman said the 300-member local unanimously supported the boycott. At the union's national office, an official said he hoped other locals would follow the move, but stressed that it was strictly up to the individual locals to decide.

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FAREWELL PARTY

Employees of the P.E.I. Motor Vehicle Division honored Phil Barlow, provincial safety officer, with a farewell party last night on the eve of his

retirement. J. A. Gallant, (RIGHT) registrar of motor vehicles in Charlottetown is presenting Mr. Barlow with a gift on behalf of the staff. Mar-

garet Jones, (LEFT) an employee of the Motor Vehicle Division in Charlottetown is presenting Mrs. Barlow with a

bouquet on behalf of the staff. Mr. Barlow is retiring after serving 14 years with the Motor Vehicle Division.

EDUCATION ALSO DEBATED

Young Liberal Republic Move Shelved After Lively Debate

OTTAWA (CP) — A proposal supported by Young Liberal party supporters to declare Canada a republic within the Commonwealth — like India — provoked sharp debate Wednesday before it was sent into procedural limbo.

The party policy workshop meeting endorsed unanimously a resolution supporting the federal system of government with a division of responsibilities between Ottawa and the provinces and rejected on a noisy vote a proposal — also supported by the Young Liberals — to renegotiate Quebec's old claim to Labrador.

The workshop originally was intended to put most of its attention of federal-provincial fiscal arrangements and liaison between the federal government and the provinces.

But it opened with a jam-packed session on provincial autonomy in education and peopled out with fewer than 100 delegates present when the question of sovereignty was raised.

The workshop agenda put the question: "Should we continue to recognize the British monarch as the Canadian sovereign, or should Canada adopt the system of a presidential republic?"

MOVED BY QUEBECER

Robert Adler, Quebec vice-president of the Canadian University Liberal Federation, proposed a resolution that Canada become a republic on the same principles as India, recognizing the Queen as head of the Commonwealth but not as sovereign.

Having the Governor-General represent the Queen in Canada is an anachronism, he said.

John Palmer, former Liberal candidate for the Commons in Greenville-Dundas, said the British monarchy as it prevails in Canada is the only system of government suited to the country. The United States has an elected feudal king and France is a dictatorship.

"We'll deal with you on any terms you like," Mr. Palmer said in his booming voice, apparently speaking to the Quebec delegates.

"But for God's sake, don't touch the Queen."

After another Young Liberal from Quebec said "I've nothing against the Queen personally," Joseph Potts of Toronto said a proposal could be more divisive to the party and create national disunity than the one proposed by Mr. Adler.

REJECTS APPEALS

He proposed tabling the resolution in the party's policy committee — a form of terminating open debate — and was supported on a noisy vote. Workshop chairman Herb Gray (L—Essex West) raised against appeals made a few minutes later

to reopen the debate and have the vote counted.

John Pearson, another CULF delegate, proposed the party adopt a platform of universal accessibility to education and Mr. Adler said there is little accessibility to bilingual education outside Quebec. He proposed that education be given in English and French in any part of Canada in which a language minority is larger than five per cent of the total. Mr. Gray ruled the amendment out of order.

Forestry Minister Sauve told delegates representing provincial party organizations that their job is to fight non-Liberal provincial governments on such issues as education and not expect Ottawa to carry the load. Bryce Mackasey (L—Verdun said) it is "a crime and a disgrace" that Ottawa, the national capital, is not fully bilingual. The problem that is fomenting separatism is the lack of respect for equal rights and children should learn both English and French in all parts of Canada.

The workshop adopted a resolution calling for a national policy against air and water pollution with tax incentives, after rejecting a proposal that Ottawa negotiate with the provinces to assume full jurisdiction in the field.

Maxwell Cohen, dean of law at McGill University, proposed that the federal and provincial governments join in an inter-governmental study of constitutional reform. He said a full-fledged constitutional conference, without proper advance study of the needs, would be frustrating.

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