LIBERAL MP WANTS CONSCRIPTION

Gerard Laniel, 39, Liberal member of Parliament for Beauharnois-Salaberry is sponsoring a motion in the House of Commons favoring compulsory national service for young Canadians. Mr. Laniel, an RCAF veteran from Valleyfield, Que., says his proposal is winning surprising support in the province of Quebec. (CP Wirephoto)

Sir Alec Denies Britain Second Class Power

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Douglas-Home denied heatedly any suggestion that Britain is a second class power. He said Britain's nuclear weapons are strong enough to deter Soviet agression on their own.

Interviewed on television by a panel of newspaper men, he was reminded of his contention, often repeated in recent political speeches, that if Britain gives up its nuclear weapons it will be a second-class power.

"Aren't we that already?" the interviewer said.

"No," Douglas-Home replied. "I don't know how you can even suggest it when you see what our forces are doing all over the world."

NOTES GLOBAL TIES

The prime minister mentioned British troop deployment in Africa and Asia, and British membership in the Southeast Asia, North Atlantic and Central Treaty alliances—"so we're certainly not a second class power."

He said:

"The United States and the Soviet Union are two great powers, the two greatest powers, but I don't divide the world into first- and second-class powers particularly, because I think that we exercise a different kind of influence and we have a great deal of power—and do not let us underestimate our own nuclear arm."

"You know I think if the crisis came and we were ever left alone, it would inflict damage on Russia which would be quite unacceptable and therefore a deterrent to a Russian government, or a Communist government, I wouldn't name the Russians particularly."

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Tobacco Seen Facing Most Critical Period

By RICHARD H. HOENIG

NEW YORK (AP) — Colored pipes for women, intensified anti-smoking campaigns and a flood of cigarette substitutes are among the many signs of what some experts consider the most critical period for the $7,000,000,000 U.S. tobacco industry since John Rolfe planted his first tobacco crop 350 years ago.

Last month a scientific panel convened by the surgeon general of the United States branded cigarette smoking a hazard to health, the main cause of lung cancer and a contributing factor to other diseases. Remedial action was urged.

Cigarette sales immediately plunged. Some guesses on the size of the drop ran to 30 per cent.

However, sales apparently are coming back up now. An Associated Press survey of retailers, distributors and wholesalers across the U.S. indicates that sales clearly remain below the levels before the report was released, but the prevailing movement is upward in at least 12 of 17 major cities surveyed.

PREDICTS RECOVERY

"I think there will be a quick return to almost normal," said Morris Shlensky, president of Katz Drug Company, a large midwestern chain. "Most customers seemed to take it as a lark. It has been fashionable to say, 'I have given up cigarettes.'"

Many in the industry agree.

Among major cigarette manufacturers only one has given any direct indication of recent sales. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, No. 1 cigarette maker, said that orders being placed by wholesale distributors "indicate a drop nationally in retail sales of our products which is more than normal at this time of year."

The attitude of the major companies was summed up by the representative of one: "There was no new material in the report; it was the same old thing. There is no sense quarrelling publicly about it. . . . Everyone will forget most of it in time. We know more study is needed and we're all for that."

RECEIPTS INDICATOR

Another indicator of sales is cigarette tax receipts. A check of January figures for 19 states showed 16 declines from January, 1963. However, in more than half the cases where state officials commented, they said the "smoking and health" report could not clearly be blamed.

Declines in cigarette tax receipts ranged from an estimated three per cent in California to 13 per cent in Rhode Island. The average was 8.3 per cent.

One fact was clear: The demand for cigars, pipes and smoking tobacco has skyrocketed.

"It's like Christmas in February we've got so many pipe orders we don't know what to do," said I. C. Legros, president of Shulick Taylor Distributing Company in Wheeling, W.Va.

VOICES CAUTION

But one industry source cautioned: "No one really knows if this will hold or whether everyone will go back to cigarettes."

Meanwhile, the companies that made most of the 511,000,000,000 cigarettes puffed by an estimated 70,000,000 U.S. smokers last year are sitting back and "waiting to be told what they will be allowed to do and what they won't be permitted to do."

Part of the answer may come after a March 16 Federal Trade Commission hearing on rules that would drastically restrict cigarette advertising. The FTC proposals would require each cigarette package and advertisement to display prominently a warning that cigarette smoking is hazardous to health and may cause cancer and other diseases.

Cigarette company advertising is estimated at $150,000,000 to $200,000,000 annually.

Two major companies have made advertising changes since the smoking report. But all maintain they have not cut total advertising outlays or altered basic policy.

Sir Alec's Appearance On TV Considered Vastly Improved

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN

LONDON (CP) — Pundits are speculating that something in the North American air put pep into the political performance of Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

The prime minister emerged from a BBC television interview covered with glory—compared with previous appearances and so-so handling of questions in the House of Commons.

Actually, there seemed to be few raves from the man-on-the-street but even the pro-Labor Daily Herald concedes "this was the "smoking and health" report could not clearly be blamed. "smoking and health" report could not clearly be blamed. Sir Alec's best TV appearance in Britain . . ."

"He was showing this greater assurance during his press conferences in Canada and Washington last week."

Conservative newspapers are more enthusiastic. the Daily Sketch saying flatly Douglas-Home's verbal bout with interviewer Robin Day "gave Britain the most frank and exciting TV broadcast ever made by a prime minister."

WILSTON TV MASTER

With an election drawing near, the question of TV expertise is of crucial importance and Labor Leader Harold Wilson has so far shown himself a master of the technique in comparison with the Tory premier.

Wilson is reported eager to get Sir Alec before the cameras in a face-to-face debate — along the lines of the famed duels between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon — but the premier squelched the idea Monday night, saying it would become a "top-of-thepops" contest.

Or the result might be to give Britain "the best actor as leader of the country" — an actor "prompped by the scriptwriter."

But if there was a debate "I dare say I'd win it," said Douglas-Home who also declared:

"You know, it isn't really necessarily a prime minister's job to be popular. His job is to do what is right for the country."

GAINED REPUTATION

Nothing spectacular came out of the inquiry and immaterial observers felt the Tory acclaim resulted mostly from relief that Sir Alec is showing mastery over the medium. Also, Robin Day had gained a reputation as a tough inquisitor and other public figures have sometimes been discomfited by his technique.

The Conservative strategy, meanwhile, took clearer shape today with publication of a "campaign guide" for the election whose date has not yet been set. The Tories are picturing Wilson as a man wanting to nationalize everything from steel to the Beatles sing-and-scream group. The new volume says:

"If democracy itself is to survive, we must find the right means of reconciling the demands of this new bureaucratic Caesar with the necessary safeguards for human rights and freedom."

PRESIDENT'S WIFE ILL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson is ill in bed with 24-hour virus, the White House said Monday. Several events she had scheduled at the White House will be held as planned with her 19-year-old daughter Lynda Bird as hostess. The president's wife became ill Sunday while she and the president were in Texas to attend the funeral of a family friend.

SHIPMENTS TOP 1962

Canada's 1963 pulp and paper production, three per cent higher than in 1962, totalled $1,700,000,000 with $1,200,000,000 in exports.

Watchdog Of Treasury Reveals New Losses

By ALAN DONNELLY

OTTAWA (CP) — A hurry-up effort to build the Montreal International Airport terminal before complete plans were ready helped boost its cost to $30,391,000 from the 1955 cost estimate of $11,000,000, Auditor-General Maxwell Henderson reported to the Commons.

This was one of more than 50 operations by the government questioned by Mr. Henderson in his probing review of federal financial operations for the 1962-ye fiscal year.

Some of the other items turned up by Parliaments' "watchdog of the treasury":

1. Three provinces—unnamed—haven't yet said the cost of aid given by the armed forces in civil emergencies.

2. A 40-year - old serviceman discharged for misconduct was awarded a pension worth $53,-700.

TALKED INTO IT

3. The transport department talked the works department into paying $45,000 in January, 1963, for dredging in a municipal park and marina at Trois-Rivieres despite a works department policy against such contributions.

4. Radar communications equipment worth $182,000 for the Lakehead Airport has lain in storage for five years for lack of a building to house it.

5. The mother of a soldier killed in 1945 was awarded a $50 monthly penston on the basis of need, though she made an interest-free loan of $19,500 to her son-in-law.

6. It's costing the armed forces $60,000 a year in $7 monthly allowances for uniform repairs paid to men on discharge leave from the forces.

This and other irregularities turned up by the auditor - general will be referred to the Commons public accounts committee, which still hasn't finished studying his 1961-62 report.

A POPULAR SUBJECT

One subject close to the heart of MPs will be Mr. Henderson's report on the 1962 and 1963 elections, which together cost the treasury some $22,800,000.

Printing of ballot papers is ordered by government - appointed returning officers in each constituency. Mr. Henderson noted that in 38 constituencies last year, the number of ballots printed exceeded the number of electors by 40 per cent or more.

His audit of government contracts turned up the 1962 case of the sale of a Lakehead grain terminal elevator for $750,000 without calling for public tenders. It was sold to the grain company which had been leasing it under a verbal agreement through which the buyer got six months of rent - free occupancy.

QUESTIONS EXPENDITURE

Mr. Henderson also questioned some expenditures made under governor-general's warrants between February and May last year, after Parliament was dissolved for the election without having voted the necessary funds for government operation.

He said there were seven expenditures made under the special warrants which didn't meet the legal test of being "urgently required for the public good."

Dealing with the pension fund for government civil servants, he said that since 1960 pay raises have been approved for practically the whole public service without increasing the superannuation fund to cover its additional liability, as required by law.

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