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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

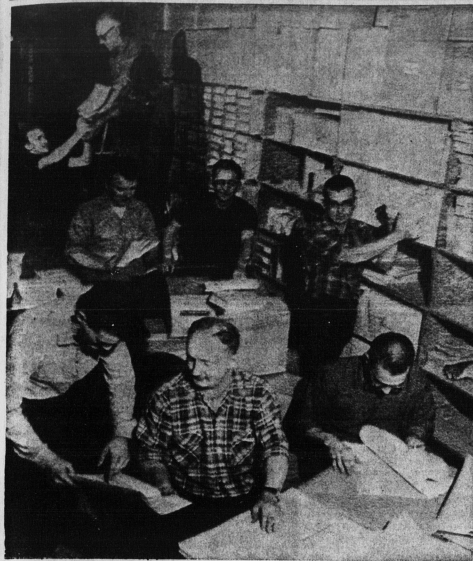
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ELECTION WORKERS AT OTTAWA

Employees of the chief electoral office in Ottawa are seen in action Wednesday, shipping election supplies to returning officers in the 263 constituencies across Canada for the April 8 general election. (CP Wirephoto)

K. Approves Controversial Plan to Revive Ailing Railroad System

LONDON (Reuters) — The British government Wednesday approved the main points of a controversial new plan to breathe financial life into the ailing railway system by closing down more than 2,500 stations now running at a loss.

The plan was published Wednesday by railroad chief Richard Beeching, hired two years ago to moderate the system which has undergone little major change in 150 years.

Beeching's plan calls for the elimination of 2,383 stations, 320 services covering about 5,600 miles, a third of the country's 85,000 freight cars.

He also sees manpower on the lines reduced by 150,000 by 1970.

In return, he would introduce new express services between cities and fast freight trains between modernized depots serving large areas.

Transport Minister Marjorie Spence said in the House of Commons yesterday that the plan was a major contribution to the government's program to provide an efficient, economical and well-balanced transport system.

Spence promised the government would ensure adequate means of transportation were available before a line or station was closed.

He said reductions in the present government railway subsidy would release economic resources which could be used better in the national interest elsewhere.

The program is a determined attack on the railroads' chronic financial losses which have amounted to more than \$2,500,000 since the lines were nationalized in 1947.

Investment Expansion Is Mooted

"There is a lot of room for expanding the livestock industry in this province," Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae said in the Legislature yesterday as he finished speaking in the debate on the speech from the Throne.

Pointing out that last year 32,000 pounds of meat products were imported by the Atlantic Provinces, he said "this government plans to pursue its program of increased livestock production."

He suggested that in every district of the province there are a few prosperous farmers. "Over the years," he said, "these farms maintained a fairly substantial livestock population and very little effort was put into gambling on crops."

According to Mr. MacRae, "quite a number of potato producers are going for livestock raising. It is working quite well for them. During the growing season, potatoes in livestock can be pastured and need very little care."

He also mentioned that the 450,000-man railroad program was emphasized by Premier Walter R. Sharp yesterday as he rose in the Legislature to take part in the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne.

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Quebec's Residence Treaty Commonwealth

Quebec's residence treaty with the Commonwealth of Nations is being reviewed by the federal government, according to a source in Ottawa.

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Move Prolongs N.Y. News Strike

NEW YORK (AP)—Photographers turned down a strike settlement terms Wednesday as New York's costly 110-day newspaper blackout.

The vote of 101 to 111 against the proposed photographers' contract terms came as a stunning shock to the industry, which had been geared for a quick resumption of publication.

Morning editions had been prepared to go to press within a few hours.

Two of the morning dailies already had announced their return to the newsstands with a per-capita price double that charged when the strike began.

Protest lines outside struck plants parted earlier in the day to let machinists and electricians in to ready mechanical equipment for publication, in expectation that the 330 photoengravers would ratify the settlement terms.

The contract rejected by the engravers Tuesday night was in the framework of a two-car package proposed by Mayor Robert Wagner, of \$123.5 a man—\$8.50 in wages and fringe benefits the first year, \$6.13 the second. Union leaders had wanted more.

Frank McGowan, president of the photoengravers union, said after the rejection: "We will have to sit down with the publishers. The major objection from the floor was the lack of a 35-hour work week."

Publishers had agreed to a reduction in the work week to 35 hours from 36½, but it was not to have taken effect until the second year of the contract.

Despite McGowan's suggestion of further negotiations, the publishers have said they are unwilling to go beyond Wagner's settlement formula. They wanted they were not prepared to negotiate further on the terms.

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Residence Term Urged In Canada

By JOE MacSWEENEY LONDON (CP)—Suggestion that the Queen should spend more time in such Commonwealth countries as Canada and Australia—as a resident not as a visitor—are being renewed.

The Times, commenting on the just-completed royal tour of Australia, says that while the Queen's duties are well understood in Britain after centuries of constitutional development, her functions in her kingdom overseas has not been so clear.

"As head of the Commonwealth, the Queen's home is in London," says the Times editorial. "As Queen of Canada or Australia, she should not be in Ottawa or Canberra."

"A reasonable way to meet the need would be a journey for an opening of Parliament and some time living in the country afterwards. This would avoid the strain of a 'long' prepared."

Another suggestion involving the monarchy was published Wednesday by the mass-circulation Daily Mirror, enlarging on a proposal made in Belfast by Cecil H. King, chairman of the newspaper.

God Save the Queen should not be played for purely traditional occasions, it is suggested. Nor should it always be played at the end of public meetings and ceremonies.

"Why shouldn't this dreary custom be scrapped—and the national anthem played only as a personal tribute to the Queen when she is present on special occasions?"

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Medicare Resolution Is Disallowed In House

By DON MacLEOD Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer A Liberal resolution, calling on the government to take immediate steps to give medical care insurance to the recipients and dependents of welfare allowances, was disallowed by the House of Commons yesterday.

Mover of the resolution was Dr. M.L. Bonnell (L-4th Kings) and the seconder was George Ferguson (L-1st Kings). The resolution also asked that the medical society of the province and citizens be consulted as to the type of medical insurance to be made available and that a committee be set up to study the problem.

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Weather Helped Flores To Survive

By BOB TRIMBLE WHITEHOUSE, Y.T. (CP)—Weather got Ralph Flores, 42, to survive with a young woman passenger for 50 days after his plane crashed in the wilderness of northern British Columbia.

A sudden snowstorm caused Flores to lose his way and crash into a mountain side. An unusually mild February helped them in their long battle to survive.

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Concentrate Aid West Is Advised

By ROBERT RICE OTTAWA (CP)—Two university professors said Wednesday that the federal government must be more realistic and hard-headed in their aid programs—replacing their help for less developed countries where it will do the most good.

"A thin coating of aid spread over all countries is useless," said Dr. Philippe Garigue, dean of the faculty of social sciences at the University of Montreal.

Dr. Grant Davy, professor of political economy at the University of Alberta, said Western development programs are in danger of being dissipated because too many specialized agencies are trying to be too comprehensive.

The two professors were speaking at the opening session of a three-day conference on development programs sponsored by the Canadian National Commission for the United Nations and Cultural Organization.

They took issue with the idea that the basic motivation for helping have-not nations should be a moral obligation to help mankind. They said aid should be based on cold reasoning and the patient's research—not simply on the idea of doing good for the sake of doing good.

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Major Liberal In Ontario, Quebec Area

By STAN HOWLES CHARLOTTE-PATRIOT Staff Writer

Charles M. (Bud) Drury, Liberal candidate for St. Anne's, has been named as the Liberal Party's Ontario, Quebec Area candidate for the upcoming election.

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House Meets At 2:30 Today

The Legislature adjourned last evening after hearing five members of the party in the draft of the new constitution.

Dr. H. George Dewar addressed the House and will have the floor when it is resumed at 2:30 this afternoon.

First reading was given in the Legislature yesterday to three bills that would amend existing legislation.

Amendments are to the Fish and Game Protection Act and the Inkeeper's Regulations Act and the Insurance Act.

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