

South Viet Nam Premier Confers With Chief Foes

SAIGON (AP) — Premier Nguyen Cao Ky extended a peace feeler to the Buddhists Friday and conferred with the chief of his foes within South Viet Nam's armed forces, Lt. Gen. Nguyen Khanh Thi. Monks rejected the peace feeler. Secretary vetoed results of the conference.

Elsewhere in the civil crisis that South Viet Nam's military government hopes now to end without further recourse to arms.

Fear gas and warning shots from South Vietnamese marines suppressed rioting by a howling mob of 2,000 or 3,000 anti-government, anti-American demonstrators who marched in torchlit processions from a rally at the Buddhist Institute in Saigon. Civil authority collapsed in Hue, a stronghold of Buddhism and rebellion 400 miles north of Saigon. The mayor, Lt. Col. Phan Van Khoa, who also is governor of Thua Thien province, pulled out with 1,000 loyal troops and set up headquarters at Hung Thuy, five miles away. Forty-five American and other foreign nationals also quit the city.

Among those evacuated were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wivcharuck of Vancouver, who had been in Hue in connection with the construction

of a new school. Mrs. Wivcharuck said of the evacuation: "This is our second one, but we're going back—we hope."

LOSSES WERE HEAVY — On the war front, South Vietnamese government troops reported killing 94 Viet Cong guerrillas and capturing 50 in a series of fights Thursday in the Mekong Delta. Government losses in one case were heavy. Elsewhere the war continued.

Premier Ky and his chief military rival held their meeting at U.S. marine headquarters at Chu Lai, 340 miles northeast of Saigon. It was the military junta's dismissal of the 1st Corps area, the five northern provinces of South Viet Nam, that set off the current uproar for quick restoration of the civilian rule which Ky had promised in late 1967.

Before leaving Saigon to take personal charge of damping the remaining embers of revolt in the north, Ky made a gesture of peace to the Buddhist hierarchy.

He ordered down fences of barbed wire with which security forces blocked the entrance to Saigon's main pagoda four days before after anti-American rioting set off by the shooting

of a South Vietnamese soldier by a U.S. Army private.

PERMITTED ACCESS

Ky said this was to permit the faithful access to the shrine during celebrations, already begun, of Buddha's birthday in June.

At a press conference in Da Nang, Ky again emphasized that he is a Buddhist. He said it is unreasonable to say he opposes Buddhism.

The Buddhist leadership snubbed the overture. Even before the big mob took to Saigon streets, yellow-robed monks braved tear gas and sticks of riot police to dramatize their campaign against Ky.

The Buddhists sent another message to President Johnson calling on the United States to withdraw support from the military regime.

There was an air of insecurity even among Buddhists in Hue, where students sacked and burned the U.S. Information Service library Thursday and threatened to follow up by sacking the consulate.

NDP Leader Requests Promise

OTTAWA (CP) — New Democrat Leader Douglas asked in the Commons Friday for a government promise that the public will know about all future moves on St. Lawrence Seaway tolls.

Prime Minister Pearson said he could assure "appropriate constitutional procedures" will be followed. The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority has just completed public hearings on proposals to increase Montreal-to-Lake Ontario tolls by 10 per cent and to levy lockage charges in the Welland Canal.

The Commons spent Thursday in emergency debate on the matter, which goes to the cabinet in the form of a final recommendation from the authority by July 1.

Toronto Lawyer Introduces Bill

OTTAWA (CP) — Lawyer Andrew Brewin (NDP — Toronto Greenwood) introduced a bill in the Commons Friday which would place restrictions on the reporting of government-ordered inquiries.

Mr. Brewin's bill, which got automatic first reading, would prevent publication of "any defamatory matter disclosed at or during the course of an inquiry unless such evidence or matter is relevant to the matter under

inquiry and would be admissible in a court of law."

It will be debated later in the session. In an interview outside the Commons, Mr. Brewin said his bill was inspired by the Gerda Munsinger judicial inquiry and others in which he has appeared as counsel.

He said inquiries must be "free-wheeling" and rules governing them cannot be restricted as at a public trial. This was necessary so that commissioners could hear all submissions in order to get "to the bottom of the matter under inquiry."

"Nevertheless, however unrestricted such inquiry should be in the pursuit of truth, it should not be the occasion for blackening the reputation of individuals needlessly."

The document quoted Mr. Dieffenbaker as commending Mrs. Munsinger for the good job she was doing for Canada. Such an unworn statement would not have been admitted in a court of law, Mr. Brewin said. Under his bill, the press would not have been allowed to publish it.

The Toronto MP said the bill doesn't affect the conduct of inquiries or royal commissions. It did lay down "guidelines for the press," which he believed would be happy to receive them.

MP Attempts To Block Supply Bill

OTTAWA (CP) — A Toronto New Democratic Party MP asked opposition members Friday to block a routine government supply bill until the Commons is given assurance something will be done about the high cost of living.

However, after a couple of hours debate the bill was approved.

Reid Scott (Toronto Danforth) said the government "doesn't care about the high cost of living" and repeated his party's demand for establishment of a prices review board.

The Canadian consumer was being "gypped, robbed, distorted, ripped and taken advantage of."

The Commons began to give what appeared to be quick passage of an interim supply bill to provide the government \$450,944,478 to pay its June, 1966, bills, when Douglas Alkenbrack (PC — Prince Edward-Lennox) raised the high-cost subject.

Federal Agriculture Minister Has Comment On Statement

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN — Federal Agriculture Minister J.J. Greene yesterday took exception to a statement credited to P.E.I. Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae in the Charlottetown Guardian of May 20 to the effect that evaporated milk was neglected in the Federal Government's new dairy support program.

Mr. MacRae, in announcing a provincial subsidy to P.E.I. farmers of 10 cents per hundred pounds of milk delivered for the manufacture of evaporated milk, was reported as criticizing Ottawa for failure of the Federal Government to include evaporated milk in this new program for a guaranteed \$4.00 price.

Mr. Greene said "I am sure Mr. MacRae knows that the direct federal subsidy to producers of 75 cents per hundredweight goes to all shippers of manufacturing milk and cream, regardless of the use to which processors put their product. This includes milk used for evaporation."

The federal program is based on our taking purchase and support measures, as necessary, within the federal area of responsibility designed to keep the price of dairy products at a level which will permit processors to pay an average price of \$3.25 to producers. The direct federal

subsidy of 75 cents per hundredweight for producers is intended to bring up the total average price to \$4.00.

NO AUTHORITY — "The Federal Government has no authority to require processing plants to pay a minimum of \$3.25 to farmers. Only provincial governments have this authority and producers, through their boards and organizations, must still bargain for the best possible price from processors."

"Evaporated milk made in P.E.I. is sold almost entirely in the Atlantic provinces and the only competition is from Ontario and Quebec. In both these provinces processors are paying farmers at least \$3.25 per hundredweight. In Ontario at the requirement of provincial legislation. In addition processors in Ontario and Quebec must pay freight costs if they wish to sell their product in the Atlantic provinces."

"There is no reason why evaporating milk plants in P.E.I. should not be able to pay their farmers \$3.25 for milk as similar plants are doing in Ontario and Quebec."

"If the action that has been taken by the P.E.I. government is necessary, it is because of the lack of provincial price control authority or competitive factors, rather than because of any deficiency in the federal support program."



APPOINTED

Clarence Lyle Barber of the University of Manitoba has been appointed a one-man commission to investigate the costs of farm machinery and repair. Dr. Barber, 40, is a native of Windeley, Sask.

(CP Wirephoto)

CBC Directors Admit Mistake

OTTAWA (CP) — The CBC board of directors acknowledged again Friday the corporation made a mistake in the way it handled dismissal of hosts of the program This Hour Has Seven Days.

The board reaffirmed that the reasons for the actions were "cogent."

"While it regrets the failure of due process in the decision not to renew the contracts of hosts Patrick Watson and Laurier LaPierre of the television program, the CBC said in a statement "it still believes that these reasons are cogent and that the action based on them... was justified."

The publicly-owned corporation issued a statement on the matter after an afternoon-long meeting of its board of directors.

ASKED RE-EXAMINATION — Stuart Keate, who went on

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Labor Union Disputes Threatening Economy



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Producers Satisfied With Report

WINNIPEG (CP) — The 15-member Winnipeg Association of Television Producers said Friday it is happy with what it has seen of the report by Stuart Keate on the CBC producer-management dispute.

Association President Frank Rasler issued a statement following release of Mr. Keate's report on the clash that arose over the dismissal of Patrick Watson and Laurier LaPierre as co-hosts of the CBC television program This Hour Has Seven Days.

Mr. Rasler said Mr. Keate accomplished a major step in securing CBC top management commitment to return to the principle of consulting with a producer before taking action against a program or its participants, and that not doing so was cause for appeal.

He said Winnipeg producers are interested in what the CBC board of directors will do about Mr. Keate's recommendation of the Watson-LaPierre dismissal.

DISABILITY PENSION

Royal Canadian Legion Backs Veterans' Demand

OTTAWA (CP) — The Royal Canadian Legion Friday backed the demand of the Hong Kong Veterans Association for a minimum disability pension of 50 per cent for all its surviving members.

Of the nearly 2,000 Canadians sent to Hong Kong in 1941 to bolster the British defences there, 290 were killed in action and 267 died in 42 months of subsequent imprisonment by the Japanese.

The Hong Kong Veterans Association presented its demands in a brief to the Commons veterans affairs committee May 17.

Friday, the 280,000-member legion told the committee that "because of the inadequate medical knowledge of the after-effects of this type of imprisonment the majority of (former Hong Kong prisoners of war) have been shortchanged in the

pensions that have been paid to them since their service."

SUFFERED MORE — The pension commission, which sets the amounts of the veterans' disability pensions, had used "the same yardstick as was used in dealing with claims from veterans suffering from well-defined conditions

arising from normal service in Canada or elsewhere."

A 100-per-cent disability pension is \$2,400 a year. Widows and children of veterans who receive a disability pension of less than 40 per cent are not entitled to survivors' benefits.

A minimum 50-per-cent disability pension for the Hong Kong veterans thus would automatically ensure benefits for their dependents after they die.

Gerald Laniel (L-Beauharnois - Salaberry), committee chairman, told the Legion delegation the committee would make recommendations to Parliament "to the full satisfaction of the Hong Kong veterans."

Mr. Laniel said following the meeting that though the committee had not yet written its report to the Commons, he felt the committee members in general were in full agreement with the veterans' demands.

U.S. Secretary States Position — WASHINGTON (AP) — State Secretary Dean Rusk said Friday the United States has told its NATO allies that American troops will stay in West Germany "without any major reduction."

"We have indicated to the NATO council that our forces will remain there as long as they are needed and wanted," Rusk told a press conference.

Labor Minister Ponders Solution

OTTAWA (CP) — Labor Minister Nicholson said Friday a flood of disastrous strikes in recent weeks seriously threatens the economy.

He listed as possibly the most serious the current dispute between longshoremen in Montreal, Trois-Rivieres and Quebec City and the Shipping Federation of Canada.

Mr. Nicholson told the Commons of his planned intervention later in the day in an effort to reach a settlement of a dispute which, he said, arises from technological changes.

Of the general strike picture, Mr. Nicholson said the solution may lie in some form of arbitration courts whose decisions would be binding on labor and management.

On the whole, experience with such courts in other countries was such that adoption of a similar system in Canada merited serious consideration.

MUST BE SOLVED

Mr. Nicholson said the Quebec ports strike must be solved as quickly as possible. Huge quantities of western grain were waiting to be shipped and Quebec farmers were suffering from shortages of essential feeds for poultry and livestock.

Technological change in ship loading made it possible to reduce the dock labor force by 10 per cent. The men couldn't be blamed for being worried about this job reduction. Nor could the shippers be blamed for wanting to make changes to keep the three St. Lawrence ports competitive.

Solutions for strikes and threatened strikes must be found "to prevent matters from getting completely out of hand," he said.

Part of the labor troubles grew from a period of unprecedented prosperity. Employment in 1965 was up by 250,000 for the first time since the outbreak of the Second World War.

Employment totaled more than 7,000,000 and unemployment, on the decline, was only slightly above the three-per-cent figure proposed by the economic council as a target. At the same time, purchasing power had substantially increased.

EXAMINE SPENDING — Mr. Nicholson spoke as the Commons opened examination of his department's proposed spending program for 1966-67.

Outside the House, Mr. Nicholson's department released a report saying there were 108 work stoppages in April involving

50,838 workers, compared with 90 stoppages affecting 30,079 workers in the previous month and 66 stoppages involving 11,612 workers in April, 1965.

The minister told the Commons he hopes Parliament won't have to deal with the Freedman report on railway run-throughs. He had been assured by the railways and rail workers that they were working toward an agreed formula to deal with the problem.

Businesses affected by the hours-of-work provisions of the new Labor Standards Code had been urged to work out agreed systems of meeting the five-day, 40-hour week provision within a reasonable period.

Replying to Reynold Rapp (PC-Humboldt - Melfort - Tisdale), Mr. Nicholson said he fears the longshoremen's strike will have a serious effect on the movement of grain unless it is settled soon.

CONSIDERS ARBITRATION

He also said the labor department has given "serious consideration" to compulsory arbitration in recent years. The difficulty was in working out a favorable and acceptable formula.

Believing as he did in collective bargaining, it would be difficult to say in how many cases compulsory arbitration would be needed. There were some cases, however, in which he personally believed compulsory arbitration should be used.

Creditiste Leader Caouette said the government waits too long in intervening in labor disputes of national interest. He wanted an end to these "useless conflicts... which show only hate."

He said people are tired of endless discussions going on in Ottawa which produce no results. Farmers wanted feed for their animals in Quebec now; cattle and hogs wouldn't get fat on discussions taking place in Ottawa.

Tom Barnett (NDP—Comox-Alberni) asked Mr. Caouette to suppose he was the labor minister. Would Mr. Caouette hire workers against the wall and shoot them or just put them in jail?

Mr. Caouette replied a Social Credit government wouldn't shoot anybody.

ORLIKOW NOT SURPRISED

David Orlikow (NDP—Winnipeg North) said it is "not surprising" that strikes were threatening in railways, airways, flour mills, steel and lumber.

Sharing In Medicare Restated By Minister

OTTAWA (CP) — Federal sharing in the cost of acceptable provincial medical care insurance programs will be based on the average per capita costs of participating provinces, Health Minister MacEachen

informed the Commons Friday. The original federal offer made last year was to pay half the average national per capita costs of provincial medical care insurance programs which are acceptable to Ottawa.

Department Calls For Applications

OTTAWA (CP) — All Canadians reaching age 68 during 1966 should get their application for old age pension payments to the government as soon as possible, the health department said Friday.

It said 75 per cent of the 80,000 Canadians who will become eligible by the end of 1966 have not yet filed applications to receive the \$75-a-month pension. Applications should be in by July in order to ensure that payments to eligible persons will start next January, the department noted.

Lowering the eligible age for the pension to 68 effective next Jan. 1 is the second step in a five-year program that by 1970 will make the pension available to citizens 65 and over. A citizen must have a minimum of 10 years residence to qualify.

Application forms are available from any post office and should be mailed to the regional old age security office in the capital city of the applicant's province, the department said.

Mr. MacEachen's restatement of the basis of payment was aimed at clarifying it in the event all 10 provinces do not have plans ready by the federal target date of July 1, 1967.

Mr. MacEachen announced earlier that federal payments will be made to acceptable provincial programs regardless of how many provinces meet the deadline.

However, it only half the provinces should qualify the calculation of the federal payment will be made on the basis of the average of the per capita costs of the five

Mr. MacEachen said outside the Commons that his statement is not an indication that he is any less confident that all provinces will have acceptable plans in force by the target date.

So far only Alberta has rejected the conditions attached to the federal offer. The other provinces have either accepted or reserve decision pending further discussions with professional groups affected and consideration of possible changes in their own medical care insurance legislation.



What looks like snow is actually chemical foam that fire-

men Ron Pleasance is wading through. It was all part of an

accident prevention demonstration in Toronto.

WINTER AGAIN?