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"SPUDDING IN" ON SPUD ISLAND

Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock the 165-pound Imperial Oil drill bit into the ground at St. Raphel in the initial test for oil or natural gas. The drilling crew is seen lowering the drill moments before it started its journey into the good red earth in search of oil.

Additional Public Works Projects Listed For P.E.I.

OTTAWA, — (Special) — While preparations for Prince Edward Island's major public works program are maturing, attention is also being given to a number of minor works for which either tenders have been called or contracts awarded.

Contract for a complete overhaul of the Public Works Department Dredge No. 12 has been awarded to Charlottetown Marine Industries Limited for $15,000. Work on this contract will begin immediately so that the dredge can go into operation with the opening of the navigation season.

Tenders have been called by the Works Department for landing extensions at Souris, Kings County. This is part of the overall improvement program for the harbor at this important port. Estimated cost of the work is $29,000.

A call for tenders has also gone out for construction of wharf extensions at Vernon River, Queens County. Cost of this work is placed at $20,000. A contract for dredging at Miminegash, Prince County to the amount of $46,000 will shortly be let.

MAIL CLERKS TO GO

May Replace Borden Train With Diesel Jitney Coach

The position of railway mail clerk in so far as Prince Edward Island postal employees are concerned, will in all likelihood become a thing of the past by the end of this April.

This information though widely circulated could not be confirmed yesterday by either the District Postal Inspection service or the office of the Railway Superintendent here.

It has been learned on good authority however that the Canadian National Railways are proposing to replace the Charlottetown-Borden train service with a single unit diesel rail liner which is commonly in service n other parts of the system. The self propelled car has a capacity for 70 passengers it is said.

If the railway goes through with its plan to dispense with the regular train service this would mean that mails would have to be taken from the trains and transported to and from Charlottetown by truck.

At present a total of nine railway mail clerks carry out sortation between Charlottetown and Sackville as well as between Charlottetown and Tignish.

No layoff in postal personnel is anticipated as a result of the move since all railway mail clerks would be employed at similar work in the Charlottetown office. The only inconvenience that would be experienced would be the upsetting of seniority rights of a number of postal clerks in the office. That is to say a man now employed on a day shift might find that he would have to revert to night shift if an employee coming in off the road had seniority over him.

Those who are familiar with post office routine do not see any curtailment of service in the move under ordinary circumstances. However, fear is expressed that the movement of mail by trucks in the winter time might present a problem. In this case it is presumed that the railways again would be asked to transport the mails.

Railway mail service to and from the Island has been in operation ever since the first trains moved over the Island rails.

The establishment of the rail liner service on the Island Division, it is believed will do away with pullman service now being enjoyed daily.

PREFER LAY OFFS

NEW YORK (AP) — Delegates of the United Auto Workers Monday demanded that the General Motors Corporation lay off some workers rather than reduce the work week for all.

CANADIAN DONATION

AMMAN, Jordan (Reuters) — Government sources said Monday that Canada has decided to contribute $1,500,000 in Canadian flour for Palestine refugees in the Middle East.

Big Three May Be Forced Into Making Small Cars

DETROIT (AP) — The larger U.S. auto makers may be forced into domestic production of smaller, lower-priced automobiles.

It is no secret that General Motors, Ford and Chrysler already have in the blueprint stage vehicles designed to compete with small foreign - built cars. Whether these cars ever will be put into production will depend on how demand for small cars holds up.

The foreign-car penetration of the U.S. market last year amounted to 3.5 per cent—206,827 of the nearby 6,000,000 retail deliveries of all makes. In 1950, when over-all sales in the U.S. were up to 6,326,000, imported cars accounted for only .26 per cent of the total.

European cars have a bigger share of the Canadian automobile business. Last year it was 11.6 per cent of the 457,320 cars of all makes sold compared with 7.6 per cent of a slightly bigger number of sales in 1956.

WILL MEET DEMAND

Some industry analysts are predicting that if demand for the smaller vehicles approaches 400,000 units annually in the U.S., General Motors, Ford and Chrysler will put smaller wheelbase, lower-priced cars on their production lines.

Anything less than that volume experts say, would make U.S. production economically impractical.

Meanwhile, General Motors and Ford are importing a growing number of their European-built cars to get a bigger slice of the market. At present, it is more economical to import these vehicles than to build them on domestic assembly lines.

The car makers generally decline to discuss what small car plans they may have. The weekly magazine Newsweek in its March 10 issue will say General Motors and Ford are going into production of small cars and may have them on the market late in 1959.

The magazine says the cars will be priced at from $,600 to $1,800 and will resemble the GM and Ford European-made cars.

General Motors and Ford said the Newsweek statement was speculative and declined further comment.

Candidates Nominated On Monday

By The Canadian Press

Following is a list of candidates nominated Monday in 21 constituencies for the March 31 Dominion election. Nominations in the other 242 constituencies will be held March 17:

Legend: PC—Progressive Conservative; L—Liberal; CCF—Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation; SC—Social Credit; SOC—Socialist; Ind—independent; x-member of last House. Figures bracketed after constituency name indicate party majority in last election or byelection.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador (L 7,874) — David Decker (PC), Charles R. Granger (L)

Humber-St. George's (L 5,192) —xHerman M. Batten (L), Tom Cahill (PC)

ONTARIO

Port Arthur (CCF 1,415)—Edward V. Anten (L, xDouglas Fisher (CCF), Norman Wilson (PC)

Cochrane (L 3,307) — James Ballantyne (CCF), Rene Brunelle (PC), xJ. A. Habel (L)

QUEBEC

Saguenay (L 3,216) — xLomer Brisson (L), Perreault Larue (PC)

Chapleau (L 363) — xCharles-Noel Barbes (L), J. J. Martel (PC), Jacques Rouleau (Canadian Labor)

SASKATCHEWAN

Prince Albert (PC 6,554)—xJohn Diefenbaker (PC), Ernie Unruh (L), Mrs. Thora Wiggens (CCF)

MacKenzie (CCF 1,975)—Stanley Korchinski (PC), Joseph Marshall (L), xA.M. Nicholson (CCF)

Meadow Lake (L 887)—A. C. Cadieu (PC), xJ.H. Harrison (L), Frank Warick (CCF)

MANITOBA

Churchill (PC 1,198) — Lorne Ferg (L), Jack Freedman (CCF) xRobert Simpson (PC)

Kenora - Rainy River (L 3,164) —xWilliam M. Benidickson (L), J. A. Robertson (PC), Andre Wesliby (CCF).

ALBERTA

Athabaska (L 424) — Nick Baron (CCF), F. J. Bigg (PC), Archie McPhail (SC) Joseph Renaud (L).

Peace River (SC 4,511) — Gerald W. Baldwin (PC), xSolon Low (SC), John Howard McRae (L), Emil T. Sather (CCF).

Jasper-Edson (SC 2,499)—Hugh M. Horner (PC) John Liss (CCF) Dale Thomson (L), xCharles Yuill (SC).

Mackenzie (CCF 1,975) — Stanley Korchinski (PC), Joseph Marshall (L), xA.M. Nicholson (CCF).

Meadow Lake (L 887) — A. C. Cadieu (PC), xJ. H. Harrison (L) Frank Warick (CCF).

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Skeena (CCF 482) — xFrank Howard (CCF), Edward T. Kenney (L), Rudolph Rapske (SC), Allan Vance (PC).

Cariboo (SC 4,076)—Gordon D. Bryant (L), William Close (CCF) W. C. Henderson (PC), xBert Leboe (SC).

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MacKenzie River (L 1,433)—xMervyn A. Hardie (L), John Winter (PC).

2 Liberal Members Of Last House Do Not Nominate

Papers Filed Yesterday In 21 Constituencies

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two Liberal members of the last Parliament and probably a third were among the missing Monday when nominations for the March 31 Dominion election closed in 21 scattered constituencies.

Their places were filled by other Liberal candidates, however, as reports from ridings from Newfoundland to the Yukon indicated there would be contests for all the seats. Some formal reports were still awaited, but earlier surveys showed at least two candidates in every riding.

There was one acclamation in last year's election when C. W. Carter, a Liberal, was the only nominee in Burin-Burgeo. A sleet storm that disrupted communications delayed the official report from several Newfoundland ridings, including Burin-Burgeo, but Mr. Carter was expected to be opposed this time by Harvey Cole Progressive Conservative.

Monday's nominations and payment of a $200 deposit by each candidate were in constituencies where extra time is needed for distribution of election supplies. Closing date in the remaining 242 constituencies, two of which elect two members apiece, is March 17.

PM NOMINATED

Prime Minister Diefenbaker was nominated in Prince Albert, the Saskatchewan constituency he has held for the Progressive Conservatives since 1953. He was Lake Centre member for 13 years before that. Social Credit Leader Solon Low, member for Peace River since 1945, was a nominee for the fifth time.

T. W. G. Ashburne of Grand Falls - White Bay - Labrador and Joseph Dechene of Athabaska, Liberal members of the last House, did not seek nomination. The official report from Trinity-Conception was delayed but Leonard T. Stick, also a Liberal, was not expected to be a candidate.

Mr. Ashburne and Mr. Stick have been members of the Commons since Newfoundland entered Confederation in 1949. Both are in their 60s. Mr. Dechene, 78, was elected in 1940 after sitting in the Alberta legislature from 1921 to 1935.

HOWE NOT RUNNING

For the first time since the riding was established in 1933, C. D. Howe will not be a candidate in Port Arthur. The former Liberal cabinet minister was defeated in 1957, and the Liberal candidate this time will be Dr. Edward V. Anten, a Port Arthur alderman. He will be opposed by Douglas Fisher, CCF member of the last House, and Norman Wilson, Progressive Conservative.

Barring the possibility of late entries or withdrawals in the far West and Newfoundland, Monday's nominations corresponded with earlier unofficial surveys compiled by The Canadian Press. These showed Progressive Conservatives and Liberals in all the ridings, CCF candidates in 12 and Social Credit in five. There was a Canadian Labor candidate in Chapleau in Quebec.

In 1957 in the same constituencies there were 21 Liberal candidates, 20 Progressive Conservatives, 12 CCF, seven Social Credit, one independent Social Credit and one People's Party.

Bequests To PEI Hospitals

Gifts totalling $8,500 have accrued to the Hospitals of the province through the generosity of the late Charles W. Speirs of Montreal who as a commercial traveller was well known throughout the Island for over forty years.

Mr. Spiers, in the distribution of $157,500 in gifts of a charitable nature, also made provision for generous gifts to seven other hospitals in the Maritime Provinces.

The Island Hospitals provided for are: P. E. Island Hospital $2,500; Prince County Hospital $1,500; Montague Hospital $2,500; Souris Hospital $1,500.

One Of Island's Pioneer Fox Ranchers Dies In City

The death occurred Sunday in the Prince Edward Island Hospital of Mr. H. W. Platts, 28 Admiral Street in his 81st year. Although in ailing health for some time, death came suddenly following an illness of three days.

The late Mr. Platts was one of the pioneer fox ranchers of Prince Edward Island. Some thirty years ago he disposed of his farm near Alberton and moved to Charlottetown where he continued fox ranching until about 15 years ago.

Besides his widow, the former Irene Rayner, one son and two daughters survive him. They are Everett of Charlottetown; Florence, Mrs. (Dr.) J. W. MacKenzie, City and Emily, Mrs. Arthur Woolner who resides in Ontario. Mrs. Woolner arrived home yesterday.

The funeral will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon from Central Christian Church with service starting at 2.00 o'clock.

THE LATE MR. PLATTS

Wants Study On Opening Arctic

EASTON, Md. (AP) — A Russian scientist has called for an international study on the feasibility of removing the ice to open the Arctic Ocean to world shipping.

Dr. Grigori A. Avsyuk, professor of geographical sciences for the U.S.S.R.'s polar research institute, indicated such a project, if possible, would revolutionize the economies of Canada and the Soviet Union.

Dr. Avsyuk said he believes the glaciation of the Arctic seas is "a relic phenomenon inherited from colder epochs."

He said that he does not mean the ice now covering the sea and the land beneath has survived from earlier periods. But he said it is relic in the sense that if glaciation had not existed in the past, it could not have come into being at the present time on an ice-free sea.

"If we are to consider that this surmise is correct," Dr. Avsyuk said, "then we can riase the question of artificially clearing the Arctic seas of ice. I think that considering even the modern level of technical and scientific development, the tackling of this task is not quite fantastic in our epoch."

Dr. Avsyuk proposed the study in a paper prepared for presentation at the first international conference on Arctic Sea ice which drew 87 scientists to Easton last week as part of the International Geophysical Year.

Soviet Gov't. Wants Summit Talks In June

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet government proposed in a letter published Monday night that a summit conference be held in June.

The Kremlin suggested the Western powers agree soon on a firm date and that foreign ministers of the East and West—balanced man for man—meet in Geneva in April for the limited task of "preparing an agenda and determining the composition of the summit conference."

It's still a question who, outside the big four leaders, might attend.

Mr. MacLean Is Busy In Ottawa

OTTAWA (special)— Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean was in Ottawa Monday where he attended a cabinet meeting and cleared away departmental correspondence which had assumed imposing proportions since his departure from this city two weeks ago on a campaign tour.

Mr. MacLean will be in the capital until Friday of this week when he leaves again to fill speaking engagements in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Eisenhower Discusses Summit Talk

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower got a firsthand report from Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov Monday on the Kremlin's call for a foreign minister's meeting in April and a summit conference in June.

Officials said Eisenhower plans a quick reply.

The contents of the Soviet note were not announced here but Moscow radio revealed that Russia had suggested an April foreign ministers meeting paving the way for a heads of government session in June.

The U.S. reply, according to well informed officials, would:

1. Insist that any foreign ministers meeting do more than set an agenda, time and place and pick participants for a summit meeting.

2. Stress the West's demands that any summit conference hold a prospect of fostering world peace instead of raising false hopes.

3. Reject any departure into an evenly divided summit conference table which would equate a Soviet satellite with a sovereign Western nation.

Pope Cancels Celebration In Sorrow Over Conviction

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Pope Monday cancelled the March 12 anniversary celebration of his coronation. A communique said he acted because of "the present conditions of bitterness, sadness and outrage" over the conviction of a bishop in an Italian court.

The action was without precedent in Vatican history.

It demonstrated dramatically the pontiff's and the Roman Catholic Church's concern over the conviction Saturday by a Florence court of the bishop of Prato.

The 42-year-old bishop, Msgr. Pietro Fiordelli, was found guilty on a charge of defamation. The charge was brought by Mario Bellandi, 32-year-old grocer of Prato, and his 23-year-old wife, Loriana, who were married in a civil ceremony. Civil weddings are legal in Italy.

The bishop had called them "public sinners" because they refused a church wedding.

Bellandi, a former Communist, was described by his lawyer as an atheist.

POLITICAL ISSUE

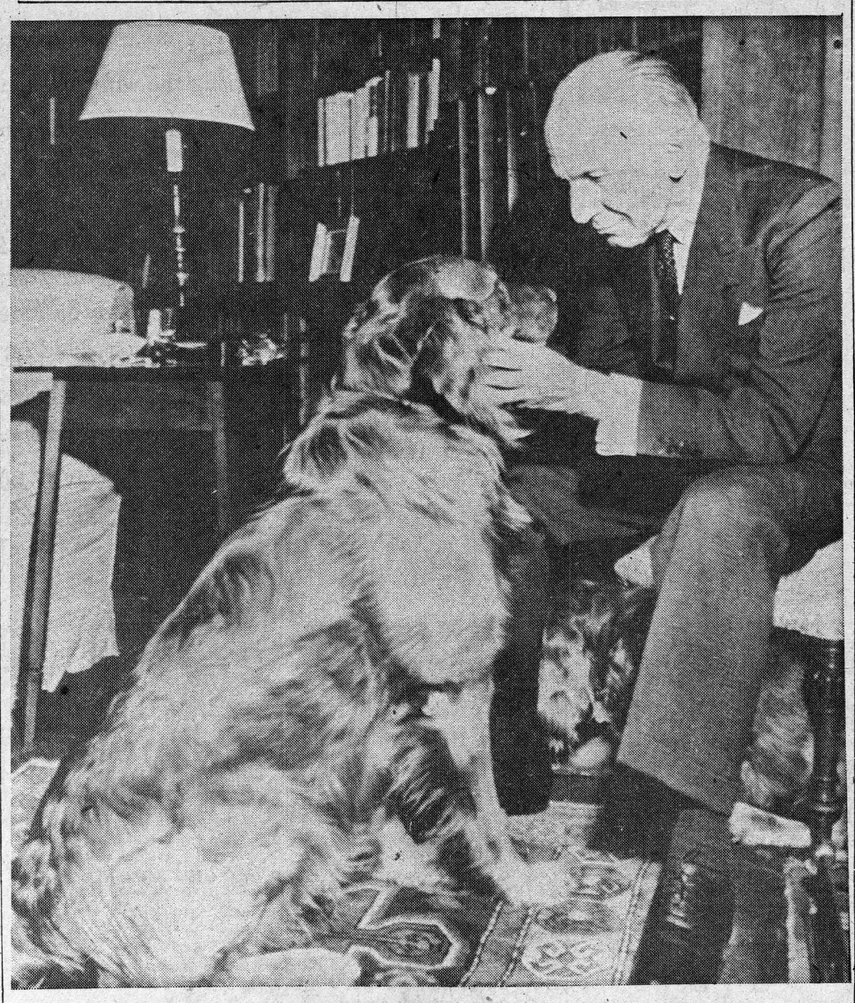
Communists and some others have taken up the case as a political issue, claiming it shows Vatican dominance in Italian affairs.

The public prosecutor as well as the bishop's lawyer had asked acquittal of the bishop. The bishop did not attend the trial Instead he sent a letter to the court declaring his action had been dictated by his conscience and was within his episcopal L'Osservatore Romano described duty. The Vatican newspaper the bishop's letter as a 'noble' document.

The decision of the three-judge court, given after more than four hours of deliberation, surprised most Italians. But the extent that it had shocked the Pope and the Vatican was revealed only Monday.

5,000 MARCHERS

The pontiff's cancellation came a few hours after 5,000 youths of Italian Catholic Action marched to St. Peter's Square in a hymn-singing demonstration of solidarity with the bishop of Prato. The Pope appeared at his window and blessed them.



WELCOME HOME

OTTAWA, Home from a holiday in the Barbados, Governor-General Massey affectionately tugs the ears of Duff, his golden retriever. Mr. Massey, 71, posed for the picture Friday, the day he began his seventh year as Canada's first native-born governor-general. Cocker spaniel, Rufus, apparently camera shy, slipped under Mr. Massey's chair. (CP Wirephoto)

Gov't Of N. S. Forecasts Double Estimated Surplus

HALIFAX (CP) — The Nova Scotia government forecast a 104,785 surplus for the fiscal year ending this March 31 in an interim statement of the province's finances tabled Monday in the legislature. The surplus is double the estimate contained in the 1957-58 budget.

The statement lists actual government spending and revenue for the first nine months of the fiscal year which began April 1, 1957 and forecasts revenue and expenditures for the final three months.

Expenditures for the year are predicted to total 60,083,416, compared with a budget estimate of 60,725,263. Revenues are expected to be 65,714,392, about 600,000 below the original estimate of 66,304,820. The gross surplus of 5,630,975 will be pared to 104.785 by sinking fund instalments.

The government of Conservative Premier Robert L. Stanfield estimated a 53,366 surplus when the estimates were brought down last year.

ONE OF THREE

The interim statement is the second of three major financial statements tabled annually by the government. Still to come is the budget, expected sometime after April 7 if the legislature adjourns as expected Friday for the federal election campaign.

The public accounts, listing revenue and expenditure for the 1956-57 year, were tabled Feb. 19. They showed the province ending last year with a 3,663,818 deficit, compared with a predicted surplus for the year of 62,177.

The Liberals were in power from April to November, 1956, and budgeted for the surplus. Deficit financing was undertaken by the admniistration before its defeat by the Conservatives in October.

USES HANDS, SAVES TONGUE

NEWCASTLE - UPON-TYNE, England (Reuters)—A judge decided here Monday that a wife who blacked her husband's eye, poured water over him, scratched his face and threw a flower bowl at him was not cruel.

The judgt refused to grant Douglas Godfrey a divorce from his wife, Annie.

The court said the wife might not be able to argue well.

"When words failed her—she may not be an articulate person—she became tempted to use hands," the judge said.

"His face was scratched and his eyes discolored on occasions, but I don't think that amounted to cruelty."

Blast Damages Nassau Hotel

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — A small explosion damaged a patio at the Royal Victoria Hotel Sunday night in the heart of Nassau while police were investigating a series of other explosions and fires that have plagued the island.

No one was injured in Sunday night's blast and damage was small.

The plant of the Nassu Guardian, a morning newspaper, was destroyed by fire two weeks ago. Another fire following two explosions destroyed the buildings at Hobby Horse Hall, Nassu's only race track.

Ontario Is First To Sign Hospital Plan Agreement

OTTAWA (CP) — Ontario became the first province Monday to sign a hospital insurance agreement with the federal government.

Under the plan, expected to be in operation in Ontario Jan. 1, 1959, the federal and provincial governments will share the cost of standard ward care and diagnostic services.

The agreement was signed by Health Minister J. Waldo Monteith and Premier Leslie Frost of Ontario at a ceremony in the centre block of the Parliament buildings.

Mr. Monteith said the signing was the first step in implementing what he described as "the most significant development in the health field in Canadian history."

Mr. Monteith said he hoped other provinces will shortly sign similar agreements with the federal government.

Later he elaborated by saying he hopes that British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and perhaps Newfoundland will sign before July 1. These four provinces now have hospital insurance plans of their own.

WILL AMEND ACT

Mr. Monteith said the government announced previously that if it is re-elected March 31 it will amend the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act to permit federal payments to start on or after July 1.

The Ontario plan will be administered by the Ontario Hospital Service Commission set up under provincial legislation.

Under the agreement Ontario residents who enter the plan will be covered for in-patient benefits including accommodation and meals at standard ward level; nursing services; laboratory, radiological and other diagnostic services; drugs, biologicals and related preparations; use of operating rooms, case room and anaesthetic facilities; surgical supplies and radiotherapy and physiotherapy facilities. The Ontario agreement also provides for outpatient services for accident cases on an emergency basis.

The cost of the program under the agreement signed Monday will be about $72,000,000 to each government during the first year of operation.

However, the Ontario insurance plan also includes mental and tuberculosis patients not covered by federal aid Mr. Frost said recently that this means that the over-all cost of the Ontario plan will be $210,000,000 a year, including the federal contribution.