



GUNS ON WHEELS

Two Canadian Army artillery regiments will be equipped with 50 self-propelled 155-millimetre howitzers at a total cost of about \$40,000,000. It was disclosed Thursday in Ottawa. The 25-ton, tracked, aluminum-armored, amphibious gun carries a crew of six. The two heavy brigades — in Europe and at Camp Geagetown — will be equipped with the guns. (CP Wirephoto)

5TH KINGS TO REMAIN?

Premier Shaw Queried On Georgetown Ferry

George Ferguson (L-5th Kings) completed his address in the Throne Speech debate yesterday afternoon. He asked the Premier what action had been taken by him on the question of a ferry service between Georgetown and Cape Breton Island. Premier Shaw replied, "at present I am in the middle of very voluminous correspondence with other premiers in this regard."

Proposed Farm Aid In N.S. Called 'Manna From Skies'

By THE CANADIAN PRESS The Nova Scotia government's proposed program of broad aid to agriculture was hailed by provincial farmers Thursday as long-awaited "manna from the skies."

Paul Bishop of Southport, past president of the Nova Scotia Agriculture Federation, said it is encouraging that the provincial government's finally taking a little more interest in the industry. Agriculture Minister Akerley said in the legislature Tuesday new government policy would assist all segments of the industry and place special emphasis on sagging elements of the province's farm economy.

Alleged B.C. Spy May Fight Gov't

OTTAWA (CP)—First indication that alleged spy George Victor Spencer does not intend to take his dismissal from the post office lying down was revealed in the Commons Thursday.

Prime Minister Pearson told David Lewis (NDP—York South) his office had received a letter from a Vancouver lawyer asking for a copy of the order-in-council firing Spencer from his civil service job following still-unheard charges he had sold secrets to the Russians.

Mr. Lewis asked the prime minister whether he had received a second letter from the lawyer, about last Jan. 15, demanding an explanation for the Spencer dismissal. Mr. Pearson said he was unaware of a second letter but he would check with his colleagues and report back to the House. The Spencer case has been the subject of almost daily questions and it was brought up again Thursday when Opposition Leader Diefenbaker asked the prime minister whether he intended to make public two letters "from his pen pal, Victor Spencer."

DETAILS NOT GIVEN Existence of the two letters was revealed in the Commons Wednesday by the prime minister, who at that time did not answer Mr. Diefenbaker when he asked whether they would be made public.

Thursday, Mr. Pearson said the first letter which was written could not be made public "on grounds of national security." The second was addressed "to whom it may concern" and Mr. Spencer's permission would be required before it could be released.

This letter, said the prime minister, had been sent to doctors, nurses and others who had treated him when he was in hospital. Following disclosure of the spy case last May, the government announced "that a civil servant had accepted thousands of dollars" for information he had given officials of the Soviet embassy in Ottawa. A second person had been approached by the Russians but had co-operated with the RCMP. The civil servant was described as "too ill" at that time to bring before the courts. Since that time the government has refused all demands in and out of the Commons that Spencer be given a formal hearing. He has been dismissed from his postal job and is being kept under police surveillance.

Montreal Company Contracts To Buy Cucumbers In Prince

Catelli Foods Limited of Montreal has contracted to buy cucumbers from the West Prince area this year, Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae said in the Legislature yesterday. He said the success of the cucumber crop with the Montreal firm will have a bearing on whether or not a pickle, marmalade or jam plant will be established in the province.

The 1966 crop, contracted for by the firm, is to be trucked to Montreal for processing. Mr. MacRae indicated that the contract goal is 200 acres and the price to growers for cucumbers will be \$50 per ton. Mr. MacRae also announced that federal agriculture minister, Hon. J. J. Greene will visit the province late this month.

Coal Bd. Appointment Sparks Blast From MP

EDUCATION MINISTER SPEAKS

Half-Million Available For Manpower Training

Upwards of \$500,000 in federal funds will be available to this province for its training project in the "total manpower development program," as forecast in the Speech from the Throne. Dr. George Dewar, minister of education and provincial secretary, said in the Legislature last night.

Speaking in the draft address debate, Dr. Dewar said a committee with representatives from the department of agriculture, department of fisheries, department of labor, and the vocational training and adult education divisions, is working on the training program and it is hoped that the program will start in the province in 1966.

House Meets This Morning

The Legislative Assembly will sit at 10 o'clock this morning. Daniel M. MacDonald (L-1st Kings) will continue his address in the Throne Speech debate.

Lieutenant-Governor W.J. MacDonald is expected to enter the chamber about noon to give assent to a bill to enable the province to enter into an agreement with respect to the Canada Pension Plan and to borrow money from the plan's investment fund.

Proposed Second Park Discussed By Liberal

Daniel MacDonald (L-1st Kings), speaking last evening in the Draft Address debate, termed the Throne Speech, "a lengthy document and if we can implement all the measures, with a few more added, this would be a paradise."

Mr. MacDonald talked at some length on the proposed second national park for the province and he said he understood a federal-provincial survey had been carried out and investigated three sites. Two of them in Prince County and one in eastern Kings.

It was his understanding that, "the eastern Kings site was the more favorable."

While speaking on the ARDA programs implemented in the province Mr. MacDonald asked, "what became of the blueberry development in the St. Margarets area?" Mr. MacDonald stated he hoped he would have an answer to this question before the Legislative Assembly ended.

At 10 o'clock last evening Mr. MacDonald adjourned the debate until this morning.

42 Killed By Tornadoes

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—The state highway patrol Thursday night said 42 persons were killed by tornadoes which ripped across the central Mississippi area at dusk.

About half of the dead were in the immediate Jackson area, a patrol spokesman said. The others were scattered along the tornado trail through counties to the east.

Hospitals throughout the stricken areas quickly filled with injured.

Lieutenant-Governor Carroll Gartin ordered the Mississippi National Guard on standby alert for aid to the stricken areas.



BLINDMAN'S BLUFF IN VIET NAM

A string of 10 blindfolded Viet Cong suspects is led to his base camp by a soldier of the Korean Tiger Division last week after they were captured about 20 miles northwest of Qui Nhon. The Koreans killed 38 Viet Cong and took 239 prisoners during attack on area that had previously been a safe haven for the guerrilla forces. (AP Wirephoto)



ACTRESS DIES

Alice Pearce, Hollywood actress who has been in the cast of the "Bewitched" television series, died today of cancer in her home in Hollywood. (AP Wirephoto)

Nkrumah Elevation Doubted

By DENNIS NEEDLE ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP)—Kwame Nkrumah, ousted by Ghana's army, has become president of both Guinea and Ghana, Guinea's roving ambassador, Abdoulaye Diallo, claimed Thursday. The envoy asserted this was the wish of the people of Guinea.

Diallo said President Sekou Toure of Guinea stepped aside to let the ousted president of Ghana take over the dual presidency. Toure welcomed Nkrumah to Guinea Wednesday on his arrival from Moscow and promised to help him return to power in Ghana.

There was no confirmation of Diallo's statement from Conakry, Guinea's capital.

In London, some British expressed doubt Diallo was speaking with full instructions from Conakry. They noted Toure, in welcoming Nkrumah, said the two are equal now and Nkrumah may be taking the statement literally.

Doubt also was expressed in Washington. Ghana's diplomats there variously termed the report a "funny thing" and a "bluff." One Ghanaian diplomat said the report could not be taken seriously.

Guerrillas Said Active In Rhodesia

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (Reuters)—A Rhodesian Negro nationalist organization claimed Thursday bloody guerrilla fighting is taking place in various parts of Rhodesia, which is ruled by a white-minority government.

The organization is the Zimbabwe African Peoples Union, one of two rival Rhodesian Negro nationalist groups. The other is the Zimbabwe African National Union.

The Peoples Union's Dar es Salaam office claimed Thursday that 500 Negroes who fled an "orgy of destruction" by Rhodesian troops in Nkai reserve in western Rhodesia had formed guerrilla bands and in turn driven nearly all the white farmers from the area.

Cancer Patients Undergo Tests

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Two cancer patients, strangers until Wednesday night, began undergoing tests Thursday in preparation for an experimental tumor-transplant operation they hope will save them from death.

Both are suffering from a rare type of bone cancer.

Robert F. Allen, 28, of Tucson, Ariz., and Harry T. Griffith, 63, of Flourtown, Pa., were X-rayed after both had eaten breakfast.

Before the operation, tentatively scheduled for Friday, they will submit to physical examinations, blood-typing and numerous other tests.

Clues Limited In Gold Theft

WINNIPEG (CP)—Their clues so far limited to a "latent" fingerprint and two signatures, police continued Thursday to follow every possible lead in a search for bandits who hijacked an estimated \$450,000 worth of gold bars from Winnipeg International Airport Tuesday night.

"The St. James police, assisted by the RCMP and Winnipeg police, are continuing with inquiries locally and following up every possible lead," said Police Chief George Maitly of the Greater Winnipeg city of St. James.

"At the national and international level, the RCMP are the competent authority and are doing their job."

But Chief Maitly, who Wednesday night revealed that a fingerprint had been found in the abandoned escape vehicle, had no new information. He said the print, "if it's worth it," will be sent to Ottawa for identification. So will the signatures. The hijackers signed the name "Fred Davis" to documents they used to take delivery of the gold from unsuspecting TransAir employees.

MacNaught Attack Blasted By Minister

OTTAWA (CP)—Two Nova Scotia MPs crossed swords Thursday in a bitter Commons exchange over promised government aid to the coal industry there and the recent appointment of J. Watson MacNaught as chairman of the Dominion Coal Board.

Donald MacInnis (PC—Cape Breton South) rose during debate on mines department sending estimates to ask about the \$25,000,000 aid promised Nova Scotia's coal industry last fall.

Mr. MacInnis said Health Minister MacEachen "who made the promise" was present only because it "had been arranged" by George McIlraith, government House leader. Mr. MacEachen denied the charge and said he was there on his own volition.

On Wednesday, when it was learned Northern Affairs Minister Laing would pilot the mines estimates through the House in the absence of Mines Minister Pepin in Washington, Mr. MacInnis said he would only agree to this if Mr. MacEachen was also present.

When the Commons went ahead with the mines estimates Thursday, Mr. MacEachen was in his seat as Mr. MacInnis set out to prove Mr. MacEachen's announcement last Oct. 5 that \$25,000,000 would be made available for Cape Breton coal mines was just "a political promise."

READ FROM CLIPPINGS He read from newspaper clippings and copies of radio tapes statements by Mr. MacEachen "announcing the new plans of the federal government... bringing relief and a sense of joy" to the hard-hit mining communities.

Mr. MacInnis waved a slip of paper at the minister which he said had been issued to a Liberal poll worker election day. He said its message contained the words:

"The Liberal government and Allan MacEachen got \$25,000,000 for the coal industry. No matter how you voted in the past Liberals should have your vote this time."

"Shame," cried several members from opposition benches amidst general laughter.

RCAF Maritime Aircraft Win Sub-Bombing Trophy

HALIFAX (CP)—RCAF Maritime aircraft have won the Fincastle Trophy for top accuracy in anti-submarine bombing among Commonwealth air forces in 1965, Maritime Defence Command announced Thursday.

It was the second win for the Canadians in the five years the trophy has been at stake. They compete with coastal command crews from Australia, New Zealand and Britain. The former Maritime Air Command of the RCAF won it in 1962.

Participating from the east coast were Argus aircraft from 404 Squadron, Greenwood, N.S., skippered by Flt. Lt. J.A. Street, 33, of Dartmouth, N.S., and 415 Squadron, Summerside, P.E.I., captained by Flt.-Lt. G. K. Black, 42, of Ottawa. From the west coast came a Neptune aircraft from 407 Squadron at Comox, B.C., under Flt.-Lt. D.L. Mayne, 42, of Bracebridge, Ont.

To qualify the aircraft had to carry out three consecutive low-level attacks against a moving target resembling a snorkeling submarine in a four-minute period of time.

Fastest RCAF plane was the Neptune from Comox which completed its runs in three minutes, 20 seconds, times for 404 and 415 Squadrons were three minutes 34 seconds and three minutes 45 seconds respectively.

Australia won the trophy in 1961 and 1963, New Zealand in 1964.

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