

REDS WANT TALKS ON GERMANY

Eden Says Gov't Did Not Use Influence On Margaret

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Eden told parliament Tuesday the government did not influence Princess Margaret in her decision not to marry Group Capt. Peter Townsend.

The government was neither asked nor did it offer advice, he said during a debate in which Lt.-Col. Marcus Lipton, a Labor MP, attacked the ancient Royal Marriage Act as a "weapon of control" and spoke of the "personal ordeal" it involved.

Margaret remained in seclusion at Clarence House with Queen Mother Elizabeth.

Townsend stayed away from London at a friend's country estate in Sussex. He sent word to reporters that all he wants now is "a little bit of peace and quiet."

Eden, who remarried after his own divorce, said in the House of Commons that "the advice of the government has not been sought nor given to the Queen during recent events."

Eden made the remark during parliamentary discussion on the possibility of repealing or amending the Royal Marriage Act of 1772. This act limiting freedom of members of the Royal Family to wed has been a central issue in the controversy raging around the Margaret-Townsend romance.

OF WIDE CONCERN

Eden said that the act is a concern not only of the United Kingdom but of the Commonwealth countries, and amending legislation cannot be undertaken here without their concurrence. He did observe that he had had "very much in mind" possibility of modifying the act.

While the people of Britain talked of almost nothing else but Margaret and her decision, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh moved on in their seemingly eternal round of official engagements.

The Queen, her nervous hands betraying the emotions of the past trying days, handed out awards and medals to more than 200 men and women named in her traditional birthday honors list. The ceremony took place in the white and gold state ballroom of Buckingham Palace.

The Duke went to York where he unveiled a memorial to war dead. Crowds cheered the smiling Philip who has come in for criticism from some quarters for his reported strong opposition to a Margaret-Townsend marriage.



FROM ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON

West Says Propaganda Bid

GENEVA, (AP)—An East German delegation proposed to the Big Four foreign ministers Tuesday that talks between East and West Germany be held soon to prepare for free elections to unify a neutralized Germany.

Western diplomats viewed the proposal, backed by the Soviet Union, as nothing more than a new propaganda bid.

This view was reinforced by reports from a special briefing given the entire Communist press here by a Soviet spokesman who said "there will be no German reunification" at the Big Four foreign ministers conference.

The East German proposal was filed by its observer delegation while the foreign ministers took a one-day recess. It appeared aimed at influencing German national opinion, and Western quarters said that, as it stands, it is certain to be rejected.

FORM NATIONAL COUNCIL

The full text of the 24-page proposal is not to be released until today but, in substance, it calls for bringing East and West German parliamentary representatives together, ignoring the Bonn government's adamant refusal to talk to its Communist rivals.

An East German spokesman said the proposal suggested these moves for elections and reunification:

1. Formation of an all-German council by the East German Volkskammer (lower house) and the West German Bundestag (also lower house).
2. The council would be composed of representatives of all democratic parties and organizations. Another Communist source said decisions would have to be unanimous.
3. The all-German council would tackle the problem of "co-operation in internal German relations" between the two republics. This would involve trade, communication and other items.
4. A reunited Germany would be bound not to join either Western or Eastern military blocs but to remain neutral.
5. All military forces of the Big Four powers would be withdrawn from German territory.
6. "Social achievements" of the East German Communist system as well as capitalist ways of life in West Germany would be preserved after reunification. This would mean that the eastern republic's nationalization of industries and distribution of confiscated land to tenant farmers would not be annulled.

Leonid Ilyichev, press officer for the Russian delegation, met with the Eastern bloc press and discussed the progress of the first week of the meetings as well as the explosive Middle East situation.

Eastern sources reported Ilyichev said:

1. The Soviets will wait for some reaction from the West to their European security plan before offering any proposals on Germany.
2. The Russian plan when introduced will be "about Germany" but will not be essentially on "German reunification."
3. Russia will continue to ship Communist arms to "independent" Arab states to weaken Western influence in the Middle East but has assured fearful Israel that "she will not be hurt."

Grand Jury Finds True Bill On Murder Charge

True bills were brought in by the Grand Jury at the November sittings of the Supreme Court yesterday against Elmer Herbert O'Connor, Gladstone, who is charged with murder in the death of William MacKenzie of Glen Mar on June 18, 1955, and against Roderick Jeremiah Steele, Cardigan, who is charged with criminal negligence in the motor vehicle death of Leo Douglas Sheppard of Cardigan on July 28, 1955. The report is made up as follows: murder—1. Possession of Continued on page 5 col. 5

Justice Mark McGuigan is presiding over the November sittings of the Supreme Court. Present yesterday were Premier and Attorney-General, A. W. Matheson; Crown prosecutor for Kings, J. P. Nicholson; representing Mr. Steele were Mr. James Johnston and Mr. Somerville Trainor.

Coming Events

- Bingo Hope River Thursday night.
- Hot goose supper, Grand River Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 9.
- Lot 65 Hall, Bingo, Monday Nov. 7. Good prizes, Jackpot, Dance.
- Crushing Monday, Wednesday, Saturday. Gerald Cruwys, Brookfield.
- North Milton W. I. pantry sale, November 4th. Sherwin-Williams, 2 o'clock.
- Kington Branch, Canadian Legion Annual meeting at Charlottetown tonight.
- Farmers—before selling your chickens and fowl contact Amos Gallant, South Rustico.
- Crapsod Hall, Wed. Nov. 9th. Hot goose supper and bazaar. Sponsored by St. John's W. A.
- Saturday Nov. 5 dance. New Souris High School, Cliff Peters' Orchestra. Souris Lions Club.
- Dancing every Thursday night, South Rustico Hall, music by Rolie MacKenzie's Orchestra.
- Dance Cardigan Legion Hall Thursday. Webster's Orchestra, P.M. system. Canteen service.
- Dance West Royalty Hall, Wednesday. Rolie MacKenzie's Orchestra. Canteen Service 9:30 to 12:30.
- Come and hear "Smiling Bill MacCormack" at Bridgetown Hall Nov. 7th. Sponsored by Women's Institute.
- A ham supper will be served tonight in Wiltshire Hall commencing at 5 p.m. Bazaar following. Sponsored by W. I.
- Commencing Thursday, November 3rd. Robert Vickerson will be hauling cream to Wiltshire Factory on Thursdays only.
- Commencing Monday, November 7th. Malcolm Andrews will be hauling cream to Wiltshire Factory on Mondays only.
- Reserve Thursday Nov. 10 for hot chicken supper at Saint Charles Church Hall. Meals served from 5 to 9:30. Dancing following.
- The Provincial Ministerial Association Annual meeting at Y.M.C.A. on Monday Nov. 7th. 2 p.m. Mr. Gordon Maxwell, Y.M.C.A. General Sec'y, Special Speaker.
- Commencing Monday, November 7th, and under further notice, or feed warehouse will be open daily on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings until 11 o'clock. The Wiltshire Dairying Co. Ltd.
- Unloading car of bulk feed in Tuesday, Nov. 1 and Wednesday, Nov. 2. 90% wheat, balance barley and oats. Bring special price. P. L. Morshur-Gain Feed Service, 12 West Queen Street.

Gasoline Price War In Winnipeg

WINNIPEG (CP)—A gasoline price war which has been going on in Winnipeg for about two weeks has dropped the price of No. 1 premium as low as 32.5 cents a gallon—8.8 cents lower than the figure recommended by the Automobile Trades Association.

The war was started when North Star Oil Ltd. reduced its retail price on No. 2 gasoline by six cents a gallon. The move was followed by reductions by other large firms and also by independents, who claimed the big firms were "trying to price us out of business."

Fatally Burned In Gas Explosion

WOLFVILLE, N.S. (CP)—John Andrew, 46, of nearby Greenwood, died in hospital here Tuesday of burns suffered in a gas stove explosion. Police said the former merchant ship officer apparently was cleaning a silt with naphtha near the stove.

CHINESE MOSLEMS

It is estimated that China has 50,000,000 Mohammedans with more than 42,000 mosques.

Civic Centennial Visitors Belated But Most Welcome

Here on what might be termed a belated Centennial visit are a group of citizens from the French Islands of St. Pierre and Miquel. They arrived yesterday evening and will spend a few days visiting in the Province the guests of Prince Edward Island. Left to right are: Administrator, M. Clement; Private Counsellor, H. R. Gaudier; Treasurer, M. Barbier; His Worship Mayor, Lehuenan; Representative of the General Council of St. Pierre, General Secretary of the Town of St. Pierre, John Deminac; Mr. E. Norgott.

The gentlemen from the French Islands off the coast of Newfoundland were extended an invitation by His Worship Mayor Stewart and had intended making the trip here during the summer. However they were unable to get away at the same time until yesterday.

Mr. H.R. Gaudier, Private Counsellor to the Governor of St. Pierre said last night that he has been coming to Prince Edward Island for the past twenty-five years and almost considers himself an Islander.

This morning the delegation will pay courtesy calls on His Honour Lieutenant Governor Prowse, Premier Matheson and Mayor J.D. Stewart. In the afternoon they will have an opportunity of visiting some of the city's industrial plants, including meat packing, dairy, woolen and woodworking establishments.

This evening's reception and dinner will be held in honour of the visitors at the Charlottetown Hotel.

Extra Trips By Car Ferry

MONCTON, N.B.—Extra trips are being made in the Prince Edward Island ferry service between Borden and Cape Tormentine for the duration of the Maritime Winter Fair. The car ferry leaves Borden and Cape Tormentine at 7:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. 10:20 a.m. 12:20 a.m. 1:40 p.m. 4:50 p.m. 6:30 p.m. In addition, an extra trip is being made, leaving Cape Tormentine for Borden at 1:00 a.m.

This service will remain in effect until the 1:00 a.m. trip from Cape Tormentine on Sunday, Nov. 6th. After which the service will revert to the regular schedule which went into effect October 16.

Quebec To Contest Federal Intervention In Coffin Case

QUEBEC (CP)—Quebec is going to contest the legality of the federal government's action in the case of convicted murderer Wilbert Coffin, solicitor general Antoine Rivard said Tuesday.

Mr. Rivard said the province will "question the legality" of the federal government's order-in-council referring the case of the 44-year-old Gaspé prospector to the Supreme Court of Canada for a "recommendation."

In an interview, Mr. Rivard said "we are going to put forward arguments in support of the judgments rendered in the case."

He declined, however, to state specifically what the arguments will be. It was indicated earlier that Premier Duplessis will refer the case in his weekly press conference Friday. It was learned also that Noel Dorion, senior Quebec crown attorney, and Paul Miquelon, who handled the Coffin case for the province, likely will appear before the supreme court when it hears the case Dec. 5.

Coffin, convicted last year of murdering Richard Lindsey, 17, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., was first scheduled to be hanged Oct. 21. The beheaded remains of young Lindsey were found in the Gaspé bush near those of his father, Eugene, 47, and a friend, Albert Clair, 20.

The Quebec Court of Appeals unanimously confirmed the Coffin trial verdict. A request for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada was heard by Mr. Justice Douglas Abbott, who rejected it.

Subsequently, the entire bench of the supreme court, with the exception of Mr. Justice Abbott, ruled it had no jurisdiction to upset the decision of Abbott.

"Later the fed. cabinet adopted an unprecedented order-in-council referring the case back to the supreme court for a recommendation. Coffin's execution was stayed Dec. 2. The supreme court decided to hear Coffin's appeal points Dec. 5 and a further stay of execution is to be granted.

One of the points it is believed may be raised by Quebec is a reported visit by Chief Justice Patric Kerwin to federal Justice Minister Garson over the case.

This visit was described by Premier Duplessis, as "another extraordinary act of the Supreme Court of Canada."

Mr. Rivard says the action of the federal cabinet in referring the case back to the supreme court was "unusual, unheard of, and deeply significant."

Pearson Opens Indian Dam Built With Canada's Aid

MASANJORE, India (CP)—L. B. Pearson pressed a button Tuesday and sent water gushing out of the 21 gates of Canada dam to start a huge irrigation project he said was truly "magical" because wheat, harvested by Canadian hands, made it possible and now there will be "a great harvest of rice" for millions of Indians.

The 113-foot-high dam, the first in India to be named after a foreign country, is located in the West Bengal hills, about 160 miles from Calcutta. It is part of a \$33,000,000 hydro-electric system planned for the Mayurakshi river.

The project will make possible the irrigation of 250,000 acres of land this year, with an ultimate target of 600,000 acres.

Pearson said at the dedication ceremony that it was a great honor for Canada to have the dam named after her.

Quebec Sails Today On Training Cruise

OTTAWA, (AP)—The cruiser Quebec will leave Halifax today for a five-week training cruise to the Caribbean. She will visit Jamaica, New Orleans and Bahamas, returning to Halifax Dec. 10.

APPLE PROSPECTS

KENTVILLE, N.S. (CP)—Prospects are good for sale of up to 100,000 bushels of Annapolis valley apples for processing in the United States. James F. Crossan, secretary of the United Fruit Companies of Nova Scotia, said here Tuesday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- SAYS PROFITEERING**
PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP)—CCP leader Coldwell said Monday night the recent increase in the price of newsprint "is one of the most unwarranted pieces of sheer profiteering we have seen in Canada since princes were decontrolled."
- 43 KILLED**
LONGMONT, Colo. (AP)—A United Air Lines plane crashed eight miles east of here Tuesday night and police reported the 38 passengers and crew of five all were dead.
- TRIAL EVACUATION**
ST. JOHN'S Nfld. (CP)—Civil defence officials Tuesday announced plans for a Nov. 21 exercise aimed at a trial evacuation of the city's entire adult population.
- ON MAIDEN VOYAGE**
HALIFAX (CP)—Canada's new anti-submarine destroyer escort St. Laurent will arrive here Saturday on her maiden trip from Montreal. The navy announced Tuesday.
- NEW CLASH**
JERUSALEM (Reuters)—Three Egyptian commandos were killed Tuesday in a clash with an Israeli patrol inside Israeli territory 15 miles east of the Gaza strip, an Israeli military spokesman said here.
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Island Breeders Continue High Scoring At Amherst

AMHERST, N.S. (Special)—Prince Edward Island fox breeders more than held their own in the final day of the fox show at the Maritime Winter Fair. Lloyd Lockerby of Hamilton was the major winner in the pearl platinum. He had six first place ribbons and he took the female and grand championship ribbons. Adam Neilsen of Port Elgin had the male champion, E. T. Mill of Kensington had the reserve. The female and reserve grand ribbons were taken by J. R. Jodrey of Northport, Nova Scotia.

Judge of the show was Doug Bell of Borden. He kept things moving smoothly and his carefully accurate placings appeared to please all the exhibitors. Mrs. J. R. Jodrey was the efficient clerk.

The following are the money winners in pearl platinum: Pearl Platinum foxes (medium) adult male, 1. Ernest T. Mill, Kensington. 2. J. R. Jodrey, Northport. N.S. 3. G. A. Callbeck, Summerside. 4. Lloyd Lockerby, Hamilton. P. E. I.

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A PRISON WARDEN SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED BY THE COMPANY HE KEEPS



TORONTO (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures.

City	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	32	49
Dawson	—	6
Victoria	—	38
Edmonton	—	19
Calgary	—	15
Regina	—	20
Winnipeg	—	27
Toronto	—	42
Ottawa	—	35
Montreal	—	47
Quebec	—	44
Fredericton	—	48
Saint John	—	45
Moncton	—	43
Halifax	—	44
Charlottetown	—	48
Sydney	—	41
Yarmouth	—	50
St. John's	—	37

Townsend Avoids Press, Goes To Children's Party

UCKFIELD, Eng. (CP)—Group Capt. Peter Townsend went to a children's party Thursday after he tried—but just could not force himself to talk to reporters who followed him to the country Monday night.

The 40-year-old flier emerged from Uckfield house, where he is the guest of Lord Rupert Nevill, at the hour he had set to meet the press. He paced nervously on its sunlit lawn some distance from the waiting newspaper men.

Then he stopped and summoned butler Henry Field to his side.

Obviously weary and under strain, Townsend spoke to the fielder for several minutes. Field bowed and walked slowly to the waiting reporters. In a deep, solemn voice, he relayed the message, while Townsend slowly returned indoors.

Group Capt. Townsend has no statement to make.

Townsend, who came here after Princess Margaret announced she would not marry him, drove to nearby Eridge castle later in the day.

The castle is the home of his friend, the Marquess of Abergavenny. While there he watched a children's party, a regular Tuesday event for youngsters in the district.

"NO STATEMENT"

Lady Abergavenny told reporters: "The group captain has no statement whatsoever to make. He says that all he wants is a little bit of peace and quiet—to be left alone so that he can have an occasional walk and get some fresh air."

She said he will be staying at Uckfield house for a few days, probably until the end of the week.

The London Evening News speculates that Townsend might ask permission to resign his RAF commission. He is due to return to his post as air attache in Brussels next week.

The News recalls that a year ago an oil firm was said to have offered him an important job in the Middle East.



INSTALLED AS MARITIME POTATO KING

The Maritime Potato King of 1955, Anselm MacDonald, Souris, P. E. I., receives the Royal Orb from the Queen of the Fair, Miss Catherine Trenholn nurse in training and former t-H Calif Club girl of Lyons Brook, N.S., at the Maritime Winter Fair, Amherst, N.S. At right is Frank Smith of Halifax, representative of C.I. prize of \$125 awarded to Mr. MacDonald.