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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

Confidence In School Board Expressed By City Council

Complete confidence in the City School Board and commendation for its evident desire to provide the best school facilities possible for the City was expressed in a resolution passed at the regular meeting of the City Council held last night. Councillor McCormack was not present for the meeting. The Council also expressed its appreciation of the Board's gesture in consulting with it and in keeping its members informed from time to time as to plans.

The motion pointed out that the Council has neither the expert knowledge nor the legal right to interfere in matters of policy affecting city schools and asked that it be made clear that it has no intention of advising the Board in matters of policy.

The Council concurred in the decision of the Board to proceed with the erection of an additional school as per the Board's resolution of Jan. 7, 1957 and urged that such school be erected in the same compact and economic manner as demonstrated in the erection of the Queen Charlotte High School.

At the same time the resolution urged that the School Board explore the possibility of renting existing structures in the City that have been vacated by the Federal Government.

Previous to the passing of the resolution, Dr. R.G. Lea, chairman of the City School Board, proposed a proposal to the Council which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Members of the School Board present at the meeting with Dr. Lea were: Mr. K.A. Parker, superintendent of City Schools; Arthur Wright, Alan MacMillan, Judge C. St. Clair Trainor, Mrs. Walter Lawlor, Mrs. George Whiteside, John Roach, Secretary.

Mayor Stewart thanked Dr. Lea for bringing the matter of a new school before the Council. It is your job to look after the educational needs of this city and it is the Council's job to find the money," said the Mayor.

"We know that you could build a school without asking us and we do appreciate the fact that you have come here," he said.

REASON FOR Q. C. H.

Coun. Foster asked whether the Queen Charlotte High School had been built to accommodate the congestion in Prince Street School and West Kent School. Dr. Lea replied that it relieved only the congestion in these two schools. Dr. Lea said there were two vacant rooms at Queen Charlotte at the present time.

Councillor Gaudet asked how long Queen Charlotte could accommodate the estimated increase to which Dr. Lea replied about two years. He said the fact that children were remaining longer in school since the high school was built was one of the reasons for the anticipated increase.

Mayor Stewart asked the Board chairman whether the proposed

school was to be built to take care of the overflow from Queen Square and Rochford Square. Dr. Lea told him no student who wished to attend would be turned away.

POOR HEATING

Coun. Gaudet informed the meeting that young children attending Queen Square School where classes had to be held in the auditorium, that the children had to wear their outside clothing.

Mayor Stewart said he could not see why there was such acute overcrowding when there were vacant rooms at Queen Charlotte.

Coun. Nicholson asked why some of the high school students from Queen Square and Rochford Square could not attend the Queen Charlotte and relieve the congestion for the younger pupils. Dr. Lea agreed that some could attend. He estimated about 20 in grade seven and 15 in grade eight. The higher grades he said were overcrowded.

WHY 22 ROOMS

Coun. Johnstone wanted to know why it had been proposed to build a 22 room school.

Dr. Lea said it would be more or less a carbon copy of the Queen Charlotte which had proved to be a very satisfactory unit.

Mayor Stewart asked how many children would actually be involved in the overflow with the idea of restoring normal conditions in the over crowded schools.

Mr. Parker said there would be (Continued on page 11 col. 4)

Church Burns In Montreal

MONTREAL (CP) — A three-alarm blaze of undetermined origin Monday night destroyed the Ste. Elizabeth du Portugal Church in the old St. Henri district of southwestern Montreal.

Several persons were injured but none seriously. Fr. George Lafleur, pastor of the Roman Catholic parish cut his hand on broken glass while saving the Holy Eucharist.

The fire broke out at the height of the evening rush hour and caused damage estimated by church officials at hundreds of thousands of dollars at hundreds of thousands of dollars at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It was discovered about 4:20 p.m. by a youth praying in the church. A nun also saw smoke and notified priests in the neighboring presbytery.

Firemen, hampered by 13-below-zero weather, brisk winds and heavy smoke, fought a losing battle to save the 47-year-old building. The three alarms brought all firemen from the western division, 150 men and 35 pieces of equipment.

PEARSON MAKES SUGGESTION

OTTAWA (CP) — External Affairs Minister Pearson Monday proposed that Canada and other United Nations members keep part of their armed forces organized and ready for UN police duty.

"In doing so we would be making at least some progress in putting international action behind international words," he said in a Commons foreign policy speech which dealt mainly with the Middle East, the Commonwealth, the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Mr. Pearson also suggested that the UN Emergency Force be kept in Egypt until a Middle East settlement is achieved and that its activities be extended to patrolling all Israel-Arab borders

Would Keep Force Ready For Duty With UN Police

—with the consent of the countries involved.

He referred to organization and operation of the UN force in Egypt and then asked: "Why should we not, therefore, on the basis of this experience... consider how a more permanent UN machinery of this kind might be created for use in similar situations as required?"

"What the UN now would seem to need for these limited and essentially police functions is perhaps not so much a force in being as an assurance that members would be prepared to contribute contingents when asked to do so, to ensure the security of the nations concerned."

Not only should borders be made secure. Freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Aqaba—Israel's only outlet to the Indian Ocean—should also be guaranteed.

Mr. Pearson said the "idea behind" President Eisenhower's Middle East doctrine are welcomed by Canada "as evidence of the increased interest of the United States in the Middle East in terms of both defence and economic aid for the development of the area."

He added that he should point out that the U.S. declaration did not deal with conflict between non-Communist states in the Middle East nor with Communist subversion brought about by non-military means.

"Welcome as is this declaration of the acceptance by the U.S. of a direct and immediate responsibility for peace and economic progress in the Middle East, even more welcome to a Canadian would be the full restoration of close and friendly relations between London, Paris and Washington."

In this connection, Mr. Pearson said the NATO meeting in Paris last month began the process of restoring and strengthening co-operation among the Western Big Three "after the strains and interruptions" caused by the Suez crisis.

NATO required a sustained will and desire to work out through consultation policies which would take into account the common interests of members of the alliance.

GRAVE FEARS HELD FOR SEVEN MEN

Fog And Cold Hamper Search For Missing Boat

SAINTE JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Darkness brought an end Monday night to the first day's search for seven men aboard a missing pilot boat as fear that the men are dead spread along the waterfront.

Captain J. A. MacKinnon, superintendent of pilots, said after his second search through a five-mile area of Bay of Fundy waters off the harbor mouth that a white plank had been recovered but could not be identified as a piece of the missing, 65-ton pilot boat.

The low-slung craft disappeared in a swirling mist early Monday after being in collision with the 2,500-ton freighter Fort Avalon. Aboard her were three of the seaport's 11 qualified pilots and four crew members.

Captain MacKinnon refused to give up hope the men might be alive, drifting helpless in a life boat or in a damaged vessel whose radio-telephone is out of commission.

ALWAYS HOPE

"There's always hope," he said in an interview, "I don't want to be too optimistic, but I don't want to be pessimistic."

RCMP, who said their river patrol boat was standing by if needed, said the pilot boat was probably cut in two if struck hard by the Fort Avalon. A pilot said the men would not be able to live five minutes if they had been thrown from their vessel into the murky Bay of Fundy.

talked with Captain Baxter Powell of the Fort Avalon during his second search of the vapor-shrouded bay that hides the fate of the missing men.

He didn't know anything new," the captain said. Captain Powell was unable to say whether his freighter struck the pilot boat broadside or dead on because the visibility was so poor."

The Fort Avalon and the Irving Oil Co. Ltd. tanker Irving Lake are anchored off the harbor mouth waiting to resume the search at dawn.

DROP BUOY

A buoy marker dropped by the freighter this afternoon marked the site of some unidentified wreckage. Other wreckage was reported washed ashore but the report was unconfirmed.

Captain MacKinnon said he didn't see a thing," after returning to port early Monday afternoon from a seven-hour hunt of the area.

COULDN'T SEE A THING

The captain, his eyes red-rimmed from wind and worry, said "you couldn't see the bow from the stern of the tug."

"From the wheelhouse we couldn't even see the water at times," he said. "Now and again you could see maybe a hundred yards."

Meanwhile, the Fort Avalon and the Irving Oil Co. Ltd. tanker Irvinglake lay at anchor waiting for the mist to lift.

During the day, an RCAF Canoe and private planes of the Fundy Flying Club circled the search area. The pilots reported being able to see patches of the bay from the air but no signs of wreckage or life.

Captain Cyril Warren of the Irvinglake said in a ship-to-shore telephone conversation that he "manoeuvred back and forth over five miles" but found nothing.

L. L. Harrison, manager of Furness Withy and Co. Ltd., said a terse message received from the Fort Avalon early this morning said "there was a collision." The vessel is owned by the Furness Withy Cross Line and plys a route between New York, Halifax, Saint John, N.B., St. John's, Nfld. and Corner Brook, Nfld.

The missing men were identified as Pilots William J. Murray, John V. Cunningham and William P. Traynor, senior pilot in the port; Ward Poole and Frank Coughlin seamen; Blanchard Cosman cook and Ronald Johnson engineer. One of the pilots was reported at the helm when the collision occurred.

NOT MUCH MORE

"Mr. Traynor has been looking after our boats for years," said Mr. Harrison, "and Murray was a young pilot coming up fast."

"It looks pretty desperate," Mr. Cunningham is the son of Harold W. Cunningham, who was seriously wounded in an \$11,000 payroll holdup in 1955. Clifford Ayles paid with his life for the murder of a truck driver during the holdup.

Temperatures about the time of the collision were 21 degrees below zero, making Monday the second coldest day in the city's history. The coldest temperature record here was 22 below.

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Death Monday Of Well Known Charlottetown Business Man

The death of John P. Gordon, one of Prince Edward Island's most prominent businessmen occurred Monday morning at his home, 22 Longworth Avenue. He had been ill for ten months.

Mr. Gordon, son of the late Rev. J.A. Gordon, who at one time was in charge of the Baptist Church, Charlottetown, was born in Kingsboro, P.E.I. 83 years ago. When a young man he became employed with the dry goods firm of Perkins and Sterns, Charlottetown. In 1893 this firm was taken over by the late George M. Moore and Samuel A. MacLeod. A short time later Mr. Gordon and W. Allan Stewart were taken in as partners of the well known firm of Moore and MacLeod. Mr. Gordon was appointed the firm's secretary-treasurer and retained this position until his retirement in September 1955.

Mr. Gordon gave generously of his time and talent to other interests. He served for sixteen years as a member of the City School Board and acted for a long period as secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. He was a member of the Masonic Order, Victoria Lodge No. 2 A. F. and A. M.

The late Mr. Gordon was a member of the Baptist Church, Charlottetown in which he held the position of deacon for many years. He was also clerk of the church for a long period.

He is survived by one son Douglas.



THE LATE MR. GORDON

Weather Began To Moderate During Night

As the clear moonlit sky became hazy with cloud last night the temperature began to moderate rapidly. In the two and a half hours previous to midnight, the mercury rose from a biting 13 below to 6 below at the Radio Range. The highest temperature of the day was 6 below after a low of 18.1 below on Sunday night.

Indications are for the temperature to rise very little above the midnight mark today with the precipitation amounting only to a few snow flurries. It was a week ago today that the province found itself under a nice 17 inch blanket of snow and great drifts.

School Board Report To The City Council

Following is the text of the School Board report on the need for additional school accommodation, which was discussed at the regular monthly meeting of the City Council last night.

"The Board of School Trustees desires to acquaint Council with the urgent necessity of providing additional school accommodation, and to seek their co-operation in providing such accommodation in the immediate future."

"The School Board intends to use the proposed additional accommodation to relieve the grossly overcrowded conditions now existing in Queen Square School and Rochford Square School, and, in accordance with the policy adopted in relieving similar conditions in West Kent and Prince Street Schools, proposes to erect a High School to accommodate the pupils and teachers of the High School grades (Grades VII to X) of these two schools. For this purpose, a school building of approximately twenty-two academic classrooms will be needed, as well as space for library, Vocational Training, Domestic Science, Auditorium, etc."

"The Board wishes to point out that available accommodation in existing school buildings is totally inadequate to accommodate this group under any circumstances, and, further, that even with the erection of this proposed building, no surplus space will exist. The present school population will still require the use of all available accommodation."

RESOLUTION PASSED

"Hence, having considered all these factors, the Board, at a meeting on January 7, 1957, adopted a resolution authorizing the Board to proceed with the erection of the necessary school, and to ask Council for its concurrence in taking the necessary steps to finance the proposed school."

"For the information of Council, the Board wishes to advise that it has received a communication from the taxpayer and that the School Board does not have available a site for a school, whereas the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation has available a site for which a permit to erect a school has been obtained from this Council, and also owns the only other readily available site for such construction."

Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, a copy of which is appended hereto.

"This communication contains the proposal that the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation will erect a school building for rental by the School Board. This proposal is consistent with the policy adopted 80 years ago and in effect ever since, whereby the School Board has rented two school buildings from the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, and has staffed them with Roman Catholic teachers."

R.C. PROPOSAL

"The proposal, in brief, is that the rental to be paid by School Board will be so arranged that over the next fifty years the cumulative rental paid by the Board will exactly recompense the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation the amount they had expended in construction and financing charges, less the sum of \$100,000 which would be deducted from the cost of construction and would represent at the termination of the 50 years period the equity of the Corporation in the school building, and that therefore the building would remain under the ownership of the Corporation, with rental to the School Board being on a nominal basis. The proposal further contains the provision that in lieu of any amount being included in the annual rental for depreciation, the School Board undertake all items of repair and upkeep."

"This proposal was given very serious consideration by the School Board. It is pointed out that the adoption of this proposal would represent a considerable saving to the taxpayer and that the School Board does not have available a site for a school, whereas the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation has available a site for which a permit to erect a school has been obtained from this Council, and also owns the only other readily available site for such construction."

Macmillan Government Begins Considering Serious Problems

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Macmillan's new government plunged Monday into talks ranging from the Suez Canal problem to setting up a free trade market in Western Europe.

New cabinet ministers were sworn in before the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Then Macmillan and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd hurried to a conference with Lebanese Foreign Minister Charles Malik. The Arab diplomat gave the British leaders a file of his "instructive and exceedingly extensive talks" with Egypt's President Nasser on the Suez Canal, especially Suez, last week.

Malik told a press conference before flying to New York that he had explained to Macmillan and Lloyd "as much as I know about these things."

"The situation is very difficult," Malik said. "It is certainly not hopeless at all because the interests of the world must go on and therefore everybody must try to smooth over, whatever difficulties exist."

A reporter asked about the possibility of Syria becoming Communist-dominated. Malik said there was Communist infiltration throughout the Middle East affecting government policy in some countries, but, "how much that is the case in Syria I honestly do not know."

TALKS ON TRADE PLAN

From Suez and the Middle East, Foreign Minister Lloyd turned to the projected West European free trade plan. He projected with Belgian foreign minister Paul Henri Spaak who arrived earlier.

Detailed discussions open today at the treasury under the chairmanship of Britain's new chancellor of the exchequer, Peter Thorneycroft.

The talks will centre on ways of broadening the "Messina Plan" for a common market into a wider program enabling Britain and other West European countries to cooperate.

France, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland and Luxembourg are joining the Messina Plan.

Before the cabinet ministers went to Buckingham Palace, Macmillan held a short meeting with his closest government aides.

Conservative members of Parliament meetings began to discuss the country and hit back at Labour charges that their party split by the Suez invasion, would not be able to close ranks behind Macmillan.

Egyptian Papers Attack Eisenhower On Mideast Plan

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian newspapers levelled a barrage of attacks at President Eisenhower Monday over his new Middle East doctrine.

The Egyptian-American honeymoon of the last 2 1/2 months appears to have ended.

After Eisenhower opposed the British-French and Israeli attacks on Egypt in early November, he became almost sacrosanct in the Egyptian press. He was not criticized.

President Nasser boasted in speeches that the two greatest powers in the world—the United States and Russia—were solidly backing Egypt.

CHANGED VIEWPOINT

Now Egyptian newspapers suddenly concluded the United States is an enemy of Egypt and the Eisenhower policy is fundamentally hostile to the Nasser regime.

In cartoons, the American president Monday got more adverse attention than such routine targets as Sir Anthony Eden and Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion.

The Egyptians regard the Eisenhower doctrine as fundamentally anti-Egyptian. They believe the United States is trying to isolate Egypt from its neighbors and using Eisenhower's powers to make deals with Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Jordan and Israel, but not Egypt.

MELOUBOURNE, Australia (Reuters) — A young mother who dashed into the sea at St. Kilda Beach near here to save two drowning children Saturday was staggered to find the children were her own daughters. Faye McCormack, 5, and her sister Carol, 7, were rescued just as they were losing consciousness.

RESCUES DAUGHTERS

The weatherman said things may get slightly better Tuesday but the mercury will drop again Tuesday night and stay down for an indefinite period.

The Quebec weatherman said: "Slightly higher temperatures are expected today but no real relief from the cold is foreseen for the next two to three days."

Dulles Continues To Stress Red Threat In Middle East

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Secretary Dulles said Monday evidence is accumulating that the Communists are trying to take over the Middle East.

Appealing for Senate backing of President Eisenhower's request for stand-by military authority to cope with possible Red aggression, he said the Soviet threat to Middle East security is dangerous and real.

"I'd say that this is the most serious threat we have faced over a period of 10 years," Dulles told the Senate foreign relations and armed services committees in joint session.

Senator Lyndon Johnson (Dem. Tex.), the Senate majority leader, told Dulles that the secretary was basing his case on generalities rather than specific information.

Dulles said the threat to the Middle East carried over into Europe. He said that if the Communists should get control of the Middle East, they will have a hand on the throttle which will enable them to give, or cut off the life blood of Europe."

Remarking that the Communists would like to control Western Europe, Dulles said: "One way to get control is fight to get it. Another way to get an area is to get control economy."

He said the Communists will take every risk that they dare to take in order to win the Middle East."

The secretary rejected suggestions that Congress drop the presidential authority idea and substitute for it a resolution expressing concern over the Communist threat to the Middle East.

Edens To Visit New Zealand

LONDON (Reuters) — Former Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden and Lady Eden will leave Friday for New Zealand, it was learned Monday night.

The trip will be at the invitation of New Zealand Prime Minister Sydney Holland.

Eden last visited Australia and New Zealand early in 1949. He was then deputy leader of the Conservative opposition in the House of Commons.

The Daily Mirror says Eden and Lady Eden will leave on the New Zealand Shipping Company's liner Rangitata.

Humphrey Bogart Died On Monday At Hollywood Home

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Tough Guy Humphrey Bogart finally gave in Monday to the one opponent he couldn't lick—cancer. He died at his home at the age of 56.

The poker-faced veteran of countless action roles, who became one of filmland's finest actors and most noted characters, thought until the last that he would win.

Only last Saturday night he received friends for his usual cocktail hour in the den of his Holmby Hills mansion. He seemed in good spirits.

Early Sunday he fell into a coma and never emerged. Dr. Maynard Brandams said death came at 2:10 a.m. from a general spread of the original cancer.

Last March doctors removed a cancer from Bogart's esophagus. After that he underwent extensive radiation treatments. In November he was treated for nerve root pressure due to scar formation from the original surgery.

Bogart was one of a kind in Hollywood, a place where there has become a remarkable sameness about stars in recent years. He died at the peak of his career. He had won Hollywood's Award, and was one of a handful of stars who could command top money—\$250,000 a picture.

HOLLYWOOD STUNNED

Although the film colony was aware of the gravity of Bogart's illness, it was stunned by his death. Among the comments: "Bing Crosby—Bogart was a fine person and an superb actor. He will be sorely missed by Hollywood."

David Niven — How Bogart would hate this—but God knows, it is a great personal loss to his friends and to audiences who loved him. He was a man of enormous bark and absolutely no bite."

Helping to keep his spirits high at the last was his devoted wife, Lauren Bacall.

When he first fell ill, he gave up her acting career, he gave up her side. Despite his growlings, there was no doubt about his admiration for her. Privately, he termed her one of the great women of this town.

Friends marvelled at how she took his death. She didn't break down and weeped to friends and repeated photographs not to come to the house this morning so the Bogart children could get off to school as usual. They are Stephen, 5, and Leslie, 4.



HUMPHREY BOGART

N. B. Man Injured While Sawing Wood

KILBURN N. B. (CP) — A Kilburn farmer, George Brown, is in Hotel Dieu, Perth, suffering from a broken leg and arm, and multiple cuts and bruises inflicted when the balance wheel of his circular saw broke and a portion, weighing approximately 75 pounds, struck him.

Mr. Brown was rushed by ambulance to hospital immediately following the accident, and his left leg had to be amputated. An operation was also performed on his left arm, it was said.

At last report, hospital authorities state his condition as fair.

MEMBERS OF NEW BRITISH CABINET

New British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan reappointed Selwyn Lloyd, left, as Foreign Secretary Sunday. Peter Thorneycroft, center succeeds Macmillan as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Richard A. Butler, right, Macmillan's chief rival for the premiership, was made Home Secretary and remains Lord Privy Seal.

(AP Wirephoto)

