

Pensions Plan For Miners Top Aim Of New President

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NEW WATERFORD, N.S. (CP)
William H. (Bill) Marsh of New Waterford, N.S., steps into office as the new leader of the 9,500-member United Mine Workers (Ind.) District 26 in September with many ambitions but "just one burning one."

Elected leader of Maritime coal miners in a close ballot Tuesday over incumbent Tom McLachlan, the hard-muscled, 36-year-old former sailor based his campaign on "a fair and decent pension scheme."

"It's time we in the union, the coal companies and the government got together on this pension thing," he said. "What the retired miner has today is not only hazardous but pitiful."

Marsh won his big support in only eight of 25 UMW locals, but his margins in three locals in New Waterford swelled his final count to 4,029 votes, 320 more than McLachlan.

SECOND TRY AT POST
It was his second try for a UMW executive post. He ran for sub-district board member in 1954 and was defeated.

Confidence and determination have always been the stamp of

this five-foot, eight-inch, 200-pounder. He started as an underground miner at the age of 16. One of the best all-round athletes ever developed in Cape Breton Island, Marsh earned the nickname "Bull" as a rushing hockey defenceman with New Waterford junior Bruins.

The tag followed through senior hockey and baseball right into the union hall during a three-year presidency of his own No. 16 local.

His supporters interpret the nickname as one that stands for resoluteness and adherence to the business at hand rather than an implication of flaming belligerence.

Marsh himself admits to being "a fighter from away back" on principles he thinks right.

FAMILY AFFAIR
His 64-year-old father is still toiling in the mines after 49 years service. A brother Carl graduated this year from St. Francis Xavier University with a B. Sc. in geology. Another brother is a coal company machinist. One of his two sisters is married to a coal miner. Marsh himself worked in the mines until three weeks before the election.

"It's in the family," he says.

His 16-year-old son, oldest of four children, "might very well be a coal miner too."

"But," says the new president, "my son, like any other young man, should know it's a tough, dirty job . . . really tough."

Marsh has no home-made opinion on the coal industry's outlook. "I go along with the economists. They say there's a good future. I believe them."

JOINED NAVY
The stocky, hard-fisted union leader once left the mines to work with oil, but that was an emergency. Marsh came out of the pits in 1941 to join the navy and served as a stoker on—and he grins broadly when he says it—"oil-fired ships."

He modestly avoids reference to convoy duties aboard the destroyer Annapolis and the corvette Battledore.

About future UMW policy he says, "who knows? I have ideas but they'll hold."

He's definite about one move. After taking office he plans to tour the widespread district and "meet with the boys, ever coal-digger possible, the best breed in the world."

Lt. - Gen Graham Made One-Man Commission

OTTAWA (CP)—Lt. Gen. Howard D. Graham, retiring chief of the army's general staff, was named Wednesday as a one-man fact-finding mission to conduct a comprehensive civil defence reappraisal in the light of the threat posed by the intercontinental ballistic missile.

It will be the first such survey by an independent official since the wing of the department of national health and welfare in 1951.

Health Minister Monteith announced the general's appointment one day after it was made known that he will retire from his army post Aug. 31.

The appointment aroused some speculation that Gen. Graham eventually may succeed Maj. Gen. F. F. Worthington, who retired as federal civil defence coordinator last September after heading the organization since its inception.

Maj. Gen. G. S. Hatton has continued serving as deputy co-ordinator.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS
Mr. Monteith said he expects Gen. Graham will make some recommendations regarding the financial obligations borne by federal, provincial and municipal levels of government as well as reorganization deemed necessary.

He assured the Commons that he will be happy to suggest that the general extend his investigation to the rank and file of civil defence workers.

He referred to the government's view of the "need for a thorough reappraisal of current policies and programs," underlined by the shift from atomic to hydrogen weapons.

He said the general will visit various provinces to note civil defence progress at provincial and local levels.

Eight of Canada's 10 provinces are considered to operate more than "token" civil defence organizations, Quebec and Prince Edward Island are the exceptions.

costly and this year's is expected to approach \$30,000.

Dr. George MacLeod, immediate past moderator of the Church of Scotland, said negotiations are continuing between the Churches of England and Scotland on the question of church union.

U.N. Council Votes To Send Watchdog Team To Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP)
The United Nations Security Council voted Wednesday to send a watchdog team to revolt-torn Lebanon. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld said military observers could be on the scene today.

Acting in response to a complaint by Lebanon that its independence was being threatened by interference from the United Arab Republic the council voted 10 to 0 in favor of creating an international group charged with halting any flow of rebels or arms into the country.

The Soviet Union abstained. Its veto would have killed the plan, submitted by Sweden and urged by the Western powers.

UN diplomats were elated with the council's concrete action to set up on-the-spot machinery to handle an international dispute.

In Lebanon itself government air force jet planes bombed and strafed rebel tribesmen in the mountains. Fighting was described as some of the heaviest in the rebellion that began nearly a month ago.

skjöld "will act with his accustomed speed and will have someone in Lebanon within 24 hours."

Hammarskjöld replied that he had taken preparatory steps Tuesday night in anticipation of the council's action. He said some military observers could be on the scene today. They will be recruited from the UN truce supervision organization in Palestine.

It was understood that a three-man group from Norway, India and Ecuador will be in charge of the watchdog operation.

A Norwegian general will be in direct charge of the military observers, informants said.

Egyptian delegate Omar Loutfi told the council that his country had no objection to the UN sending an observer group to Lebanon.

**Not Alarmed
By Red Ships**
OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Minister Pearkes suggested Wednesday that Newfoundland residents should not be "unduly exercised" about the presence on the Grand Banks of Russian fishing trawlers.

He referred to reports that the trawlers are on the banks carrying out fisheries research and said Newfoundlanders should not worry about "this fishy business"

**To Meet Again
In Toronto**
TORONTO (CP)—Next year's general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is to be held in Toronto again as an economy move.

Commissioners to the 84th assembly Wednesday declined invitations from Montreal, Halifax, and Brockville, Ont., and those Knox College on the University of Toronto campus.

It was reported last year's meeting in Vancouver was too

because the Canadian navy and air force patrols the area.

The minister was asked in the Commons about the trawlers by James R. Tucker (L—Trinity-conception), who said their presence off Newfoundland's coast causes concern and suspicion.

Later, C. W. Carter (L—Burlington) asked that reports that the trawlers are blacked out at night be investigated. He said if this is so, the trawlers constitute a navigation hazard.

LAUDS PROPOSAL
Before the vote, Canada's Charles S. A. Ritchie said the Swedish proposal was wise and statesmanlike and was clearly within the council's responsibility.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge expressed hope Hammar-

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