

West's Foreign Ministers Proclaim Full Agreement

By HERB ALTSCHULL
PARIS (AP) — Four Western foreign ministers, winding up their pre-Geneva meeting in quick time, proclaimed full agreement Thursday on a plan to break down cold war tensions in Europe.

Then three of them — U. S. State Secretary Christian A. Herter, British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano — met for an hour in a secret session at the U. S. embassy. The three wouldn't say a word of what they talked about.

The fourth, French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, couldn't make it. He was tied up in a debate in the National Assembly.

Later the ministers had a half-hour talk with Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium, NATO secretary-general. Spaak said this meeting was arranged to fill in the NATO alliance on decisions taken at the four-power conference.

CONFERENCE SHORTENED
This conference wound up shortly after noon, though it had

been expected to run through Friday and perhaps Saturday.

The ministers announced they had agreed on all parts of a sweeping package plan, including a reiteration of Western rights in Berlin, for presentation to the Soviet Union at the East-West foreign ministers conference in Geneva May 11.

Details of the package plan were shrouded in secrecy that a U. S. spokesman said would be maintained until the opening of the Geneva conference May 11.

But unofficial informants gave an outline of what was in the plan. The outline contained no surprises.

CRITICAL POINTS
The informants said these were the critical points:

1. Berlin's status would remain unchanged until a final German accord is reached and implemented by a treaty with a reunified German nation.
2. German reunification would be achieved in a series of steps over a period of two to three years. The Russians, British, French and Americans would

smooth the way by creating a commission to set up military security measures during the transition period.

3. A subcommission made up of representatives from West Germany and East Germany would develop contacts between the two Germanys. It also would draft a law to set up reunification on the basis of free all-German elections at the end of the period. The subcommission would be weighted on a population basis. This would favor West Germany. It has 53,000,000 people while East Germany has about 18,000,000.
4. A British plan for controls, inspection and limitation of armed forces in a tension-ridden area roughly embracing the two Germanys, Poland and Czechoslovakia was modified and linked with the German reunification program. Allied critics had expressed fear that the original plan would put the west at a disadvantage militarily.

A U. S. spokesman said the quick windup was "indicative of the highly successful nature of the meetings."

Election Statements Hurlled At Government

OTTAWA (CP) — Liberal Alexis Caron Thursday charged the federal government "is lacking in the courage to face up to its obligations" to the provinces.

The MP for Hull said in the Commons that both Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Finance Minister Fleming are unable to respect their own promises.

Mr. Caron made his attack as the House resumed debate, after a seven-week delay, on a government resolution preliminary to legislation to continue for one year last year's tax-sharing arrangements with the provinces.

GIVEN FIRST READING
The resolution later was passed and the bill introduced and given first reading.

Under the plan the provinces are allowed 13 per cent of federal personal income tax collections, instead of the 10 per cent provided under the existing five-year tax-sharing agreements. There is no change in the province's nine-per-cent share of taxable corporation income and 50-per-cent share of death duties.

Mr. Caron said that Progress-

sive Conservatives made election promises of a major change in treatment of the provinces. They had promised to work out fiscal arrangements in a spirit of cooperation.

Yet after a two-day conference with the provinces in November, 1957, the government merely announced without prior provincial approval its decision on what the provinces should get.

"They misled an enormous part of the country," Mr. Caron said.

REPEAT DEMANDS
He and other speakers made repeated demands that a new tax-sharing conference be called with the provinces, despite Finance Minister Fleming's objection that the subject shouldn't be debated since it was voted on earlier this session.

Mr. Caron and Harold Winch (CCF — Vancouver East) went further and urged a revision of the 1867 constitution.

Mr. Winch said that to many people the constitution has become "untouchable — a sacred cow."

"There must be an understanding that what applied 100 years ago does not apply now."

The responsibilities of federal, provincial and municipal governments should be clarified.

OTHER ITEMS
As the day's sitting began, Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced that the United States will lift its import restrictions on Canadian oil June 1.

Revenue Minister Nowlan also disclosed that the government soon will consider lifting the restriction which prevents two television stations being established in any area.

Augustin Brassard (L — La-point) said Mr. Fleming strongly attacked the tax-sharing formula introduced by the former Liberal government. Yet he had retained it.

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Cape Wolfe Club Holds Meeting

O'LEARY. — The Cape Wolfe Calf Club held its regular meeting at the home of Miss Adele Frizel with the president, Sherill Barwise presiding.

Roll call was answered by 11 members. Next meeting will be held at the home of Clem O'Connor on Friday evening May 8th.

The leader designed a lesson in the hand-book for the next meeting. The program for the evening consisted of a contest.

BEDEQUE

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson were recent visitors to Moncton, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin G. Woodside, Clinton, were guests of Mrs. Woodside's sister, Mrs. W. B. Montgomery and Mr. Montgomery, Lower Bedeque, on Sunday, April 26th.

Mrs. J. Leonard Ellis, North Wilmington, Mass., and her son, John, and his wife and little son, also her son Robert, are spending several days visiting with relatives in Bedeque, Tyne Valley, O'Leary and Summerside. Robert Ellis has just completed his term of training in the American Navy.

The Bedeque United Church congregation was represented at the annual meeting of the P.E.I. Presbyterian, W.M.S., held in Charlottetown last Saturday by the following ladies: Miss Louise Callbeck, Mrs. Henry Callbeck, Mrs. Charles Green, Mrs. Hector Leard, Mrs. Ralph Callbeck, all of Central Bedeque. Mrs. Percy Affleck, Mrs. Orville and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, Mrs. George and Mrs. Charles Henderson and Mrs. Hudson Lowther, all of Bedeque and Mrs. Douglas Affleck, Mrs. W. B. Montgomery and Mrs. Cyril MacFarlane, Fernwood, also, Mrs. Ken Mutart, Searletown.

A group of young people together with Rev. G.A. Cowper-Smith attended a rally in Cavendish United Church, last Saturday afternoon and evening. BQ

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GUARDIAN CARRIER WINS RADIO

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Restriction Lifting Said 'Political' Aid

OTTAWA (CP) — Lifting of United States restrictions on imports of Canadian oil was announced jointly Thursday here and in Washington.

The immediate benefits are likely to be mainly of a psychological and political nature, although oil and pipeline stocks enjoyed a flurry of increased prices on Canadian stock markets Thursday.

Removal of the restrictions, effective June 1, will not necessarily bring any major increase in Canadian oil shipments to the U.S. since, due to price and other factors, Canadian exporters have been unable to fill quotas allowed under the restrictions.

From a political standpoint, however, it removes a source of irritation to Canadian-American relations that had existed since the controls went into effect on a voluntary basis in July, 1957, and became mandatory March 10.

In announcing to the Commons the U.S. exemption of Canada and Mexico from the import controls, Prime Minister Diefenbaker said:

"It removes a distressing source of irritation, and reflects a degree of co-operation and sensible development of resources which is so necessary for the economic prosperity and mutual defence of our two countries."

Opposition Leader Pearson welcomed the announcement, asking whether, as a result of the U.S. decision, "Canada's hand is tied in any way" should I decide to take action in the future against oil imports from Venezuela.

Mr. Diefenbaker did not answer that point, which was an evident reference to the fact Venezuela is the main supplier of Canada's eastern market.

In this connection, the U.S. decision is likely to offset, at least to some degree, proposals by certain independent Canadian companies for construction of an oil pipeline from Prairie oilfield to Montreal.

Canada's oil exports to the U.S. have declined steadily since 1957. That year they totalled some \$4,265,000 barrels, worth an estimated \$140,000,000. They declined to about \$1,428,000 barrel in 1958, valued at \$73,000,000.

War-Time Shipping Controller Is Honored On Retirement

SAINT JOHN — A Saint John man who was entrusted with top secret transport information during the decisive years of the Second World War was the centre of interest at a retirement presentation ceremony here Friday.

Business associates will honor William J. Cunningham, for two years controller of war-time shipping at the port of Saint John and former manager of Canadian National Steamships here.

Mr. Cunningham was what superintendent when in 1943 he was loaned to the federal government as transport controller. The job was a tough one.

The Allied build-up of materials for the Normandy invasion in June of 1944 was under way. Weapons to win the war were being funnelled through Saint John in an unending stream.

"They were rugged years," Mr. Cunningham reminisced. "Troop tanks, planes, landing barge munitions—they all went through here. The days were strenuous but they were exciting too, because we knew a lot of top secret information."

One bit of information withheld from Mr. Cunningham was his invasion date. He probably could have made a reasonable accurate guess. "We knew what materials had to be in Britain when," he said. "And we had an idea something big was going on."

With Halifax, Saint John was a principal departure point for ships that braved the submarine packs. "We had to get them loaded and away," Mr. Cunningham said. "Often our ships had to join outbound convoys from Halifax. It was vital that they joined up with the convoys where and where they were supposed to." Everyone concerned with getting the ships loaded as their cargoes away to the battle fronts worked "hand in glove," Mr. Cunningham said.

"We had wonderful co-operation from the railways, steamship companies and the British military of shipping. This is one of the things I remember best."

Born and educated in Saint John, Mr. Cunningham joined the service of the Canadian National Steamships in 1920. He advanced through various positions to his appointment as local manager.

Since the CNS fleet was so small, Mr. Cunningham has been assigned to special duties in the G.N.R.'s freight traffic department.

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Total Cultivated Acreage Acres New Meadow 1958 1957

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Acreage Corn Silage Acreage Corn

Acreage Other Silage Other Supplementary Crops

Livestock Population

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Horses Other grazing stock sheep

Entries must be forwarded to The Secretary, P.E.I. Dairymen's Association, Charlottetown, Box 546 by May 15, 1959. Entries postmarked later than that date will not be accepted.

For further information contact the P.E.I. Dairymen's Association or P.E.I. Department of Agriculture, Box 2000, Charlottetown.

STUDENTS TOUR DENMARK
COPENHAGEN, Denmark (Reuters)—Seventeen students Canada's National Defence College arrived here Wednesday for a three-day visit during which they will tour defence installations.