

Canada Played Important And Controversial Role

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OTTAWA (CP)—In international councils, 1956 was a big and busy year for Canada. Canada played its most important and most difficult world role at the United Nations General Assembly during the Middle East crisis. But it also had an influential finger in a new set of rules for closer consultation among member-countries in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Canadian action at the UN following Israel's invasion of Egypt and the subsequent British-French intervention in the Suez is generally considered to have enhanced Canada's international reputation. But the outcome of that action left the Canadian government with a sensitive spot or two at home.

For it soon became apparent that after having played a prominent part in creation of the UN Emergency Force for the Middle East—a force unique in world history—Canada was to find itself limited in providing largely clerical and service components while countries like Sweden, Norway, Yugoslavia and India supplied the fighting men. Canada's offer of the 1st battalion, Queen's Own Rifles, was turned down.

DELICATE PATH
From the start of the Suez crisis, when Israeli forces launched a major attack against Egypt Oct. 29, until December when the UN troops had moved into the Canal Area and British-French forces were being pulled out, the Canadian government walked a delicate path of independence.

It "regret" at the intervention in Egypt produced the most serious split in Parliament over Canadian foreign policy since the end of the Second World War. The Progressive Conservative session of Parliament in November, sought unsuccessfully to get Commons approval of a motion of non-confidence in the government.

HAMPTON
Relatives and friends in large numbers were present to convey final tributes of respect for the late Mrs. Robert Bell whose funeral services were held from her late residence to the Baptist Church, where services were held on Dec. 22. The interment was made in the Church of Scotland Cemetery.

Relatives, friends and neighbors of the late John S. MacEachern of New Arryle, whose early death occurred at Shamrock, aged 94. Friends in large numbers attended the funeral services held from the home of his niece, Mrs. George Mayhew on December 24. Interment was made in Hartsville Cemetery.

Sympathy is being extended to the nearest of kin of the late Charles MacLennan, whose death occurred at Shamrock, aged 94. Friends in large numbers attended the funeral services held from the home of his niece, Mrs. George Mayhew on December 24. Interment was made in Hartsville Cemetery.

Friends of Mr. James V. Campbell are pleased to learn that he has returned from the P.E.I. Hospital, considerably improved in health, following a period of hospital treatment; and expects to resume duty at the beginning of the new year.

Mr. Neil Ferguson, Bonshaw, is reported quite ill in the P.E.I. Hospital. His many friends wish him an early return to good health and to the happy enjoyments of the Christmas and New Year's season.

Christmas school concerts were carried out very successfully at Bonshaw, Argyle Shore, DeSable and Hampton during the past week, reflecting well deserving credit to both pupils and teachers, the parts assigned being well carried out. Santa is never too busy to be present on these occasions and was in excellent form to carry out his duties to the delight of all present. The programs given by the children at these concerts were greatly enjoyed by those present.

A fire in the R. C. Chapel at Green Road, the origin of which has been attributed to a defective oil urnace, is reported to have caused considerable damage. Firefighters assembled in time to save this church from complete destruction.

Visitors here during the week-end includes, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Willis, and daughter Susan, students returning from universities for Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Ian MacQuarrie, Misses Sande MacFadyen, Barbara Dunsford, Marjorie Ferguson and Audrey Thompson.

Christmas services were largely attended in this Pastoral Charge on December 23. An attentive hearing was given to the inspiring address on the subject "They were there." The combined choirs with Mrs. Allison Lea, organist and Mr. Haven director, were present at all services throughout the field and lead the large congregations in the singing of the Christmas carols. Mr. Stephen MacLeod was the guest soloist at each service.

Coming Events
Bingo Hope River tonight
Card Party and dance Kelly's Cross Hall Thursday Dec. 27.
Auction and dance, Vernon Hall, Thursday, December 27th.
Dance Cardigan Legion Hall every Thursday night. Websters Orchestra, P. A. System and Canten service.

Their motion criticized the government for having followed "a course of gratuitous condemnation" which it said was designed to prevent "the Anglo-French action from being a major war, for 'meekly following' the 'unrealistic policies' of the U.S. and thereby encouraging a 'truculent and defiant attitude' by Egypt's President Nasser; for putting Canada 'in the humiliating position of accepting dictation from President Nasser.'"

REPAIRING UNITY
The Anglo-French intervention in Egypt without prior consultation with either Commonwealth countries or the U.S. severely strained the bonds of Western unity. At one stage, External Affairs Minister Pearson said, the Commonwealth was "on the verge of dissolution."

It is difficult to assess the full extent of the influence Canada had in patching up differences within the Commonwealth, and between the U.S. and its main allies in Europe. But during the special session of Parliament Mr. Pearson told the Commons:

"Indeed I am compelled to say that our actions and the attitude we adopted did help and are still helping to heal the divisions which are within the Commonwealth at this time."

"If we had not taken the position we did take on these matters at the United Nations we would not have been in the position where we could have performed what I think to be a constructive role by bringing not only the members of the Commonwealth closer together again but—and this in some respects under the present circumstances is even more important—by bringing the United States, the British and the French closer together again."

Describing the Canadian government's attitude on the Middle East, Mr. Pearson said it was "an objective attitude. It was a Canadian and an independent attitude."

CRITICAL NOTES
Canada's attitude, as expressed on several occasions by both Mr. Pearson and Prime Minister St. Laurent, was that it regretted Israel's use of force against Egypt and France had felt it necessary to intervene forcefully on their own responsibility.

Canada voted against Britain and France on the issue at the General Assembly. But Canada abstained from voting on a U.S. resolution calling for an immediate cease-fire, which the Assembly approved by 64 to 5 on the day Anglo-French forces began landing in the Suez, Nov. 4.

Mr. Pearson told the Commons that Canada abstained because "we thought the U.S. was wrong at the very beginning of the assembly in rushing a resolution on the record at the outbreak of hostilities...without sufficient consideration."

He told the General Assembly that Canada felt the U.S. resolution should have included orders at peace while a political settlement is being worked out.

He then submitted a Canadian proposal that UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld offer within 48 hours a plan for establishment of an international force to secure and supervise cessation of Suez hostilities. The Assembly approved this without a dissenting vote, although 19 countries abstained.

From there the UN went quickly on to create the force, to bring about a cease-fire and withdrawal of Israeli forces from Egypt.

NATO BROADENED
In NATO activities, Mr. Pearson was one of three ministers chosen to draft and present a report to the December NATO council meeting in Paris on political and economic co-operation among member countries. The others were Foreign Minister Marjolin of Italy and Lange of Norway.

The council agreed to the recommendations in the report, Mr. Pearson said. "Nobody made any reservations about this report at all."

There were no compulsory clauses in it except that members agreed not to take disputes to any other international body before submitting them to NATO. Its chief importance was seen as developing the habit of consultation to a greater degree in future than has been done in the past.

CLYDE RIVER W.I.
The December meeting of the Clyde River Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. H.T. MacKinnon on the evening of November 28th, due to our hall meeting being held on our regular night. There were sixteen members and 1 visitor in attendance. Roll call was responded with a sympathy card. Meeting opened with Institute Ode, followed by Mary Stewart Collect in unison.

Minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed. It was moved, seconded and carried that \$5.00 be forwarded to Provincial Sanatorium to aid the T.B. League Christmas Fund. Mrs. R.D. Matheson and Mrs. George Dixon gave an interesting report on the Rural Beautification Banquet. The secretary was requested to write Mail Order houses regarding remittance. It was decided to purchase fruit for school children at Christmas. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. W.A. MacLean, Mrs. John Beer, Mrs. R.D. Matheson and Mrs. George Dixon for their untiring efforts in organizing and compiling recipes, etc., for our recipe book which is being printed in Kansas City, Iowa.

Mrs. J.H. and Mrs. Eric MacPhail are joint hostesses for our January meeting. Roll call "Something we would like to do to improve our Institute for 1957."

Lunch committee, Cate, Mrs. J.H. MacPhail, Mrs. Reg. MacKinnon; sandwiches, Mrs. Eric MacPhail and Mrs. R.D. Matheson. Collection for evening amounted to \$1.50. Program committee for next meeting, Mrs. Louis MacLean and Miss Betty MacLean.

At the conclusion of the meeting the retiring president, Mrs. R.D. Matheson was presented with a gift in appreciation of her services. Following this lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge. A contest conducted by Mrs. Eric MacPhail was much enjoyed and won by Mrs. R.D. Matheson. Meeting closed with National Anthem.

Monthly Meeting Held in Legion Hall
On Friday, December 21st, the monthly meeting of Georgetown Branch No. 6 Canadian Legion, B. E.S.L., was held in the Legion hall with Branch president, Comrade Marcellus Gotelli presiding.

Following the ceremonial opening the minutes were read by the secretary, D. A. MacCormack and approved. The secretary also read the Treasurer's report. The treasurer, A.K. Stewart presented a very encouraging financial report which was moved and adopted. The sum of \$25.00 was voted for the Springhill Disaster Fund. It was decided to purchase twenty-five chairs from the new of the Town Hall. Various other matters vital to the welfare of the Branch were discussed.

Following the close of the business meeting a smoker was held for the members.

CHOU IN PAKISTAN
LAHORE, West Pakistan (Reuters)—Communist China's Premier Chou En-lai told Pakistan Wednesday there are "no impediments to friendship" between the two countries despite differences in their political systems and other matters.



END OF THE LINE IN EGYPT
C-119's of the RCAF's 435 Transport Squadron line the tarmac at Abu Suweir airport in Egypt after a flight from the U.N. staging area in Naples, Italy. The Flying Boxcars have just disembarked a platoon of Finnish soldiers, part of that country's contribution to the United Nations Emergency Force, and are already being refuelled for the return flight to Naples.

Railway Health And Welfare Plan Becomes Effective Jan. 1

MONTREAL (CP)—Details of a health and welfare plan covering an estimated 500,000 persons were announced recently by Canada's major railways and 15 non-operating unions.

Officials of CNR, CPR and three smaller lines gave approval in principle to the \$13,500,000 plan, sanctioned by the unions earlier. The formula—affecting 140,000 non-operating employees and their families—provides for life insurances.

It becomes effective in all 10 provinces Jan. 1, and will cover the shared equally between the railways and the employees, a statement said. A joint committee has worked since June on the plan, complicated in that it is to apply in areas of greatly-varying conditions.

Issued by the company-union "employee benefit plan committee," the statement said: "The plan provides group life insurance in the amount of \$500 and weekly compensation for loss of income through sickness or non-occupational accident to a maximum of \$40 a week for employees only."

"Hospital and surgical benefits are made available to employees and their dependents." "The plan gives effect to the final provision of a strike-averting master agreement signed by the railways and the unions last May 15 on the majority report of conciliation board. The unions also received a four-stage wage increase of 11 per cent, becoming fully effective next June 1.

The master agreement specified that \$4.25 a month be deducted from the employees' pay, the railways to contribute an equal amount.

Represented at Monday's meetings were Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, Ontario Northland, Algoma Central and Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railways.

MAY EXTEND PLAN
Although only non-operating employees—those who do not actually run trains—and their dependents are affected, it was learned that the railways are studying the possibility of extending the plan to non-unionized employees, estimated at 20,000.

Regarding weekly payments, the statement said that if base pay is \$53.20 or more the indemnity is to be \$40 a week. If less, it is to be 75 per cent of base pay. In case of accident, benefits start from the first day. For sickness, they begin from the eighth day.

In both cases, benefits are to be paid for a maximum of 13 weeks. In all but Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C. where standard benefits are already provided, hospital benefits cover 70 days' ward accommodation for each admission, maternity allowance up to \$50 and unlimited extras including drugs and x-rays.

Eligible are non-operating employees, union members, with 60 days of service by Jan. 1. Employees injured at their jobs will come under workmen's compensation as formerly.

Mr. Gordon said CNR freight traffic in 1956 is expected to show an increase of 12 per cent over 1955 but a large proportion of freight is "raw materials that move on low rates."

Despite an interim rate increase of seven per cent last July, the average revenue rate "continues downward," he said.

Political Storms Stir Hardly A Ripple In Czechoslovakia
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The violent storms which shook Communist rule in Poland and Hungary have caused scarcely a ripple in the Czechoslovak pond.

Observers in Prague agree that the changes in Poland and Hungary's anti-Soviet uprising have virtually halted the mild trend toward liberalization begun in Czechoslovakia after the 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist party in February, 1956.

The richest, economically, of the Communist states outside the Soviet Union and China, Czechoslovakia seems determined to follow the old line of close attention to Moscow's policy, with continuing controls at home tempered by a measure of economic concession to the workers.

COUNTRY MORE STABLE
Czechoslovaks were slower to echo the denunciation of Stalin than other Communist states and few heads fell as a result. There fore, the Soviet leaders' apparent decision now to put the "New Look" into reverse has helped Czech Communists to argue that Czechoslovakia was "right all along."

A general movement in favor of decentralization and a thorough shakeup of the criminal code to strengthen "socialist legality" are two aspects of de-Stalinization in Czechoslovakia which are not expected, however, to be affected by the latest developments.

In the view of observers in Prague, several factors make for continuing stability in Czechoslovakia: a country of 13,500,000 inhabitants whose iron and steel output makes

Holiday Toll In U. S. Reaches 880
CHICAGO (AP)—A record 880 persons were killed in accidents in the United States during the four-day Christmas weekend.

Fifty-two persons died in fires 123 in falls and 705 in traffic mishaps for a total of 880.

Motor vehicle deaths during the four-day Christmas period from 6 p.m. local time Friday to midnight Tuesday shot up far beyond the previous record—609 recorded during the three-day Christmas observance last year.

Th over-all accident death total surpassed the old all-accident record of 805 compiled during the July 4 Independence Day weekend in 1955.

Bible Society's New Canadian General Secretary

Mr. T.G. Rogers, President of the General Board of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada, announces the appointment of the Rev. Kenneth G. McMillan, B.A., B.D., as General Secretary. Mr. McMillan is a native of Mount Forest, Ontario, and attended High School in Palmerston and Listowel. He received his Bachelor Degree from the University of Toronto in 1939. On his graduation from Knox College, Toronto, in 1942 he was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and went to the Burgoyne-Dunblane charge in Bruce Presbytery. In 1944 he moved to Drummond Hill Presbyterian Church in Niagara Falls, where he remained until he was called to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Guelph, Ontario, in 1950.

In addition to his ministry at St. Andrew's, Mr. McMillan is Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Toronto and Kingston. He has had wide experience in denominational work, including the General Board of Missions in which he is at present Chairman of the Overseas Department and he is also a member of the Department of Overseas Missions of the Canadian Council of Churches.

Mr. McMillan succeeds the Rev. A.H. O'Neil, M.A., D.D., who came to the Society in 1952 after eleven years as Principal of Huron College, London, Ont. Dr. O'Neil is shortly to be consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton. The new General Secretary will take over the work of the Bible Society in thriving condition after the five years in which it was wisely guided by Dr. O'Neil. The objective for the Third Jubilee Fund in 1954 was far surpassed and the normal annual givings of the Society for

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the P.E.I. Division of the Canadian Cancer Society will be held in the City Hall, Charlottetown, on Friday, December 28th at 7:30 p.m.

DR. W. J. P. MacMillan, President.
R. M. Jones, Honorary Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the P. E. I. Milk Producers and Vendors Association will be held in the library at the Experimental Farm on Thursday, Dec. 27 at 8 p.m. A full attendance of all producers is requested to discuss urgent business.

Signed,
A. B. MacRAE, President.

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