

No Bankruptcy Report, PM Says In Winnipeg

WINNIPEG (CP) — Prime Minister Pearson said Wednesday there is no bankruptcy investigation report to the federal government such as Progressive Conservative Leader Diefenbaker has demanded be made public.

"There is no such report and I would like anyone to disprove that," he told a press conference here when questioned about Mr. Diefenbaker's statements in Hamilton Tuesday.

In demanding disclosure of a justice department report, Mr. Diefenbaker said "if it had been revealed there would have been less possibility of such horrible crimes being committed."

The Conservative leader was referring to a series of gangland slayings of possible fraud inquiry witnesses which was revealed earlier this week.

Mr. Pearson said he had been in touch with Ottawa after hearing a news report to the effect that if a report of the commissioner of bankruptcy had been revealed "it might have prevented murders."

NO SUCH REPORT

"There is no such report in existence," he repeated. He said he assumes the reference to commissioner meant the federal superintendent of bankruptcy.

Was there no report from any federal agency, he was asked. "There is no report from the superintendent who is the only man from whom a report would come," he replied.

The various trustees in bankruptcy cases made their reports to the superintendent. Again referring to the report mentioned by Mr. Diefenbaker, he said "there is no such report from him or anyone else."

He said he does not mean by that there was no report made to the superintendent on the Sefkind bankruptcy. But such reports from trustees "are never made public."

Mr. Diefenbaker had been asked whether the report he mentioned referred to the bankruptcy of Max and Adolph Sefkind who sold furniture on credit to two federal cabinet ministers.

Mr. Pearson said he assumes the federal superintendent has

received a report from the trustees in bankruptcy on the Sefkind bankruptcy.

"I didn't ask him about that," he added.

The Commons, published record of the last session of Parliament showed the Opposition repeatedly asked for tabling of the report from the trustee in the Sefkind bankruptcies to the federal superintendent of bankruptcies.

Then Justice Minister Favreau told the Commons Feb. 19: "naturally, he (the federal superintendent of bankruptcies) did receive the reports on the bankruptcies in question which had to be sent to him in his official capacity."

ASKED FOR REPORT

Erik Nielsen, Conservative MP for the Yukon, asked him at that date to table the report from the trustee to the superintendent.

Mr. Favreau replied on March 29: "Under Section 9 (8) of the Bankruptcy Act the only persons entitled to inspect or obtain copies of estate documents in the hands of the trustee are the superintendent, the bankrupt or any creditor or their agents, and there is nothing in the act providing for the disclosure of such information in the hands of the superintendent."

"I therefore have to advise that in my opinion it would not be proper for me to make public such statements or information."

T. C. Douglas, New Democrat party leader, said a copy of the report was in the hands of some parliamentary reporters.

Mr. Favreau said he was not aware of this and added: "I do not believe it gives me the right to make the document public myself."

Mr. Favreau also said any investigation of the Sefkind bankruptcies was a matter of the Quebec authorities.

He said he had ordered an RCMP investigation to find out whether the Sefkind companies had made any election campaign contributions to any federal cabinet ministers. He said the investigation showed there were no such contributions.



VICTIM OF BEAR

Fred Seaford, 30, from Montgomery Creek, Calif., 46 miles east of Redding, shows how he fired a rifle as a brown bear cuffed at his arm while deer hunting near his home. Seaford shot the big bear five times using his right hand while the bear was chewing on his left hand after attacking him for no apparent reason. After his ordeal, Seaford was too tired to climb out from under the dead bear. (AP Wirephoto)



MISS MALAPROP IS DELUGED

High school student Tessa Tracy, 17, has a task answering mail from all over the United States since an Associated Press story related a number of her puns and fractured phrases recently. Included in the list were: "She's a bladder-mouth" and "I just couldn't mustard the energy." Following the first publication of her sayings she feigned outrage to her parents. "You have bismirked my image. Now everyone will look upon me with condensation." (AP Wirephoto)

Cut Commonwealth Role Offered By British Tories

By CARL MOLLINS
LONDON (CP) — Britain's Conservative party says growth in future Commonwealth co-operation should be confined mainly to such non-political fields as education, law and health. Co-operation in military and political spheres was bound to be limited.

In a new policy statement issued today the party says also the richer Commonwealth countries should help relieve Britain of some of the burden of defence and economic aid for the developing member countries.

Under Edward Heath's leadership, the party, now the parliamentary opposition, still is committed to seek full membership in the European Common Market.

"We believe it would be right to take the first favorable opportunity to join the community and to assist others who wish, in the Commonwealth and in the European Free Trade Association with it," the party said.

Its statement of aims is the result of studies by more than 20 party policy committees established and coordinated last January by Heath who took over the party leadership two months ago.

SEEN AS GENUINE

Heath told a press conference Wednesday he regards the statement as a "genuine, serious and courageous attempt to face up to the problems of the country."

One of his greatest regrets about the 13 years of Tory administration which preceded the current Labor government was that it "did not succeed enough in changing the fundamental mood and attitudes of the country," pushing it toward greater productivity and vigor.

The document, issued six days before the Tories meet under their new leader in annual conference, stresses the need for "economic strength and efficiency, modernization and opportunity—virtually an echo of the gospel of progress and reform preached by Prime Minister Wilson's Labor government.

Even the document's title—Putting Britain Right Ahead—is a whiter-than-white response to Labor's slogan, Go Ahead Britain.

AIM IS SIMILAR

Although political stress might be placed on the word "right" in the title, modernized industry, improved welfare and more housing differ little from Labor's declared goals.

In a brief passage on foreign relations, the statement says Britain's former predominant responsibility for peace and economic development in the Commonwealth "needs to be shared more equally among the sovereign members, some of whom enjoy higher living standards than our own."

"There are bound to be limitations on political and defence co-operation between Commonwealth countries. But education, legal and medical conferences, all enable the individual experience of different member countries to be harnessed for the common good."

The Conservative document, however, supports the establishment of the new Commonwealth secretariat under Toronto-born diplomat Arnold Smith.

Original Research Is Urged On Canadian Textile Plants

By LINDA CRAWFORD
MONTREAL (CP)—Part of the money spent on promotion by the Canadian textile industry should be used to establish small experimental plants concerned solely with the development of new fabrics, says a leading Canadian designer.

"There is still very little original research and design done by Canadian textile interests," says designer Lydia Sperlich of Rainmaster. "I presume the reason is that mills are more interested in getting long runs on proven fabrics."

Miss Sperlich was one of several Canadian designers invited by the Montreal branch of the Fashion Group Inc. to give their opinions on the Canadian textile industry at the opening of the Canadian fabric and leather exhibit here Thursday.

The fashion group is a non-commercial international association of professional women engaged in fashion work.

"It is true that Canadian mills are producing more exciting designs and textures, but their use is too widespread in this country and I demand a certain degree of exclusiveness," Miss Sperlich said. "I depend to a very large extent on European and American sources for the fabrics I use."

The same complaint was made by Josef of Josef Manufacturers of Montreal.

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"Due to their competitive inability to deal in foreign markets, they (Canadian textile manufacturers) must dispose of all of a particular run in Canada, or at best in North America, making their fabric useless to firms in our position," he said.

The designers agreed that the Canadian industry is not producing exclusive or imaginative fabrics, even though it had made great strides in the last few years. Commenting on what they called "a lack of fashions" said:

"We as Canadians should not have to turn to other countries for fabrics that we can create if we really care."

Although production increases have been recorded in most segments of the Canadian textile industry for the last five years, Canada continues to be the world's largest net importer of manufactured textiles, with an annual trading deficit of over \$300,000,000, the Canadian Textiles Institute reports.

Institute officials say capital spending in the industry this year is expected to total over \$100,000,000, compared with the record \$86,500,000 last year. They say the industry is an efficient and modern as any in the world.

But imports are still causing concern in the Canadian industry, apparently for the reasons outlined by the designers.

Montreal designer Marielle Fleury says she has not seen any Canadian fabrics that could be used for high couture.

COLORS CRITICIZED

"The fabrics, for the most part, do not use attractive colors and to me seem totally lacking in character," she said.

Claire Haddad of Claire Haddad Lingerie of Toronto complained that close to 1,000,000 yards of maple leaf tartan in cotton, rayon and blends needed within the 1966-67 period will be produced in Japan and the United States.

Miss Haddad said the reasons given for the production of an authentic Canadian tartan in these countries is that the largest Canadian mills "are not equipped or just don't want to change." She added that this did not apply to the wool tartan which is made in Canada.

Sportswear designers Beatrice Pines and Irving of Irving Sportswear expressed satisfaction with the Canadian industry.

"I have nothing but praise for Canadian mills and the progress they have made," said Irving. "Great strides have been made in the fabrication and dyeing of plain, striped and gaily printed nylons, and efforts in the stretch field are highly commendable."

Beatrice Pines said quality control in the basics was on a par with most imports, and that the knitting mills especially had proven themselves.

More Mouths Keep Pace With Food

By ARCH MACKENZIE
WASHINGTON (CP) — The rising population in many countries has just about cancelled out their increases in food production in the last 10 years, says the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

World trade in farm produce has increased and prices have fallen and prospects of any lasting improvement in produce prices "are not very bright."

"It is abundantly clear that the next 35 years to the end of the century will be a most critical period in human history," FAO director-general B. R. Sen says in a forward to the special report on where the world has gone in food between the years 1955 and 1965.

"FAO studies . . . indicate that the total food supplies of the developing countries will have to be increased fourfold in the next 35 years to give their vastly-increased populations an adequate, though in no sense lavish diet."

FAO, formed at Quebec in 1945, celebrates its 20th birthday Oct. 16 and now has more than 100 members. This 10-year report covers the second half of its existence and precedes a blueprint now being prepared to show the less-developed coun-

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By GERARD ALARIE
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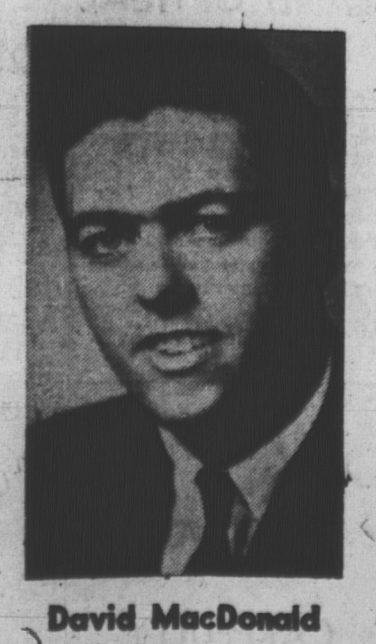
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