



### CAGEY CAT EVICTS PARAKEET

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — more interested in a cat nap than evicting Peppi, the household Believe it or not, White Paws, a kitten belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gal of Battle Creek, is White Paws is interested only in the can crawl in. The cage is

White Paws' favorite napping spot. As soon as Peppi moved out, White Paws moved in. (AP Wire-photo)

## Economic Soundness Of Beechwood Dam Queried

OTTAWA (CP)—The economic soundness of New Brunswick's Beechwood hydro project, which recently went into operation on the St. John River, was questioned by the Liberal Opposition in the Commons Wednesday.

The present project had only two units and no water storage rights. This could mean fluctuating output.

He used for government assurances that Beechwood would be economically sound.

Finance Minister Donald Fleming said the loan was intended to help New Brunswick repay bank loans used for construction. It was designed to surmount a financial problem, not reduce the cost of power at Beechwood.

#### QUOTES ST. LAURENT

He said Opposition leader St. Laurent, while in power, said the project was sound and that New Brunswick could finance it.

Mr. Fleming said the Progressive Conservatives never accepted the former government's refusal of financial help to New Brunswick.

Mr. Lesage replied that New Brunswick asked for a loan of close to \$90,000,000 at no interest or at a rate of 1 1/2 per cent, repayable over 66 years.

Earlier, Trade Minister Churchill announced Canada will make available \$35,000,000 to supply wheat on long-term credit to Colombo Plan countries and \$15,000,000 as an outright gift of wheat and flour to India, Pakistan and Ceylon. Fifteen million bushels of wheat would be shipped to India by early spring.

The Beechwood loan is part of government assistance to power development in the Atlantic provinces. The program includes federal

help in building thermal power plants, interconnection of transmission lines between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and subventions for coal used for industrial power.

#### N.B., N.S. INTERESTED

Chief interest in obtaining thermal power plants has come from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. But Prime Minister Diefenbaker said today Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland have asked that they be covered in the plan. Newfoundland had asked that aid be available for new hydro plants as well.

Mr. Fleming said the loan will be repaid out of revenues from Beechwood power and by long-term bonds of the province or the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

Mr. Lesage said Prime Minister Diefenbaker has said loans for power developments would not be available to refund debts. However, this loan would be made only after the project was completed.

Not so, interjected Mr. Fleming. New Brunswick's obligations had not yet been funded.

Social Credit leader Low said if federal funds are to be used for a provincial project, its economics and the ability of the province to repay must be clearly established.

At times, it was necessary to help the provinces develop their resources. New Brunswick needed more power if it was to advance its industrialization.

## Elaborates On Lash 'em And Learn 'em View

TORONTO (CP)—Ronald Hastings, newly appointed chairman of the North York education board, said Wednesday more discipline, hard work and more use of corporal punishment are necessary in schools to combat the failure record.

Elaborating on a "lash 'em and learn 'em" inaugural speech made Monday night, Mr. Hastings said:

"The only way to improve the standard of education and cut down this rate of failures in high schools is more discipline and more competition in the classroom."

He said there should be entrance examinations for all grades, percentage marks instead of alphabetical gradings on report cards and homework for all children above grade two.

"Also there isn't enough discipline in the schools. Corporal punishment should be used—at the discretion of the principal though."

Mr. Hastings, father of four children, said parents' reaction has been mixed.

"Some have phoned to congratulate me on my speech," he said. "And the usual number have phoned for the opposite reason."

## Dulles Sees Summit Talks Pointless Now

WASHINGTON (AP) — State Secretary Dulles told congressmen Wednesday there is no point now in holding summit talks with

## INTERPRETING THE NEWS

### U. S. Budget Is Designed To Restore Power Balance

By GEORGE KITCHEN Canadian Press Staff Writer President Eisenhower's so-called "space age budget," allocating just under \$40,000,000,000 for military spending, is designed to re-establish the U.S. position of strength for the continuing diplomatic struggle between Washington and Moscow.

The \$73,900,000,000 budget, biggest peacetime outlay in U.S. history, proposed increases of \$1,118,000,000 in defence expenditures and \$1,000,000,000 in foreign aid. Civilian programs were cut back slightly and tax rates left untouched.

The emphasis Eisenhower

#### YEAR OF FIFTY EIGHT

Across the sky in sonic space The Sputniks spin in flight To show that man in eager mood Resolved to show his might Against the laws of gravity In ether's cosmic race Where satellites of doggered moons Revolve in outer space.

Amidst the back-drop of the stars Where suns and planets spin Where sonic barriers dissolve And astral life beings As man speeds on in gusto Where the angels fear to tread In the sparkle of the star dust And the sacred orb of God.

Where Satan hurled earthward From the throne of love and grace As a Sputnik of rebellion To the abyss of disgrace To confuse confound and challenge

In a prime considered goal All the virtues of the spirit And the values of the soul.

Perhaps the Man of Mercy Who ascended to the Throne Will return from Spaces Yonder To again our sins atone In a flash of light and kindness That will evils mitigate In destruction of the Sputniks In the year of FIFTY-EIGHT.

—PETER A. REILLY Boston.

the Russians. Both Democratic and Republican members of the House of Representatives foreign affairs committee seemed to agree with Dulles after a three-hour secret briefing.

Committee members gave reporters a partial fill-in on the testimony.

It apparently was a harmonious meeting. Dulles will appear before the Senate foreign relations committee today.

The oft-criticized secretary faced little hostile questioning from either party during his appearance, those who attended session said. But he was asked about trouble simmering within the Republican family.

placed on modern arms was to counter dismay at the way the U.S. has lagged behind Russia. The president called for a \$3,300,000,000 step-up in spending for missile and nuclear weapon research and production.

#### CUTS ELSEWHERE

There will be criticism over the fact the president, in concentrating on rocketry, decided to cut back on conventional forces. The army, which has been whittled down to 15 divisions from 19 in the last two years, is to lose still another. The air force will lose 12 wings, including one in its Strategic Air Command. Six warships and one carrier air group will be placed in reserve.

Some military observers feel that since the missiles to be substituted for convention arms won't be ready for two years, these reductions may impair U.S. capacity to meet a limited war should one develop in the interim.

Eisenhower appears also to have scribbled on outer space projects. He asked for \$340,000,000 for the newly-established advanced research projects agency but half of the money will go into anti-missile projects, not strictly with-

in the scope of outer space development.

At a time when the Soviet Union is wooing the uncommitted countries with offers of economic aid, the president may have underestimated the need for foreign assistance. His \$3,940,000,000 foreign aid program includes only \$2,275,000,000 for economic aid and this is almost certain to be the target of economy-minded congressmen. The remainder of the foreign aid bill goes for military expenditures.

Though his administration has talked of "sacrifices," Eisenhower didn't quite carry that thought through when it came to cutting domestic programs. His domestic budget of \$27,598,000,000 represented a drop of only \$319,000,000 from current spending. This may be accounted for by the fact Congress faces an election this fall and will be under fire from domestic pressure groups through much of its current session.

#### QUEEN NOT ACCEPTABLE

PENANG, Malaya (Reuters)—Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman said Saturday Malaya's new currency will not bear a portrait of the Queen. He said he felt the Queen's picture would not be acceptable to independent Malaya.

#### TO VISIT CANADA

LONDON (CP)—Alfred W. Hurl, chief executive commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, left London Saturday on a 72-day around-the-world tour that will include a visit to Canada. He expects to be in Ottawa March 27 and 28.

## Indonesian Republic Is In Danger Of Disintegrating

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Important political leaders were reported Tuesday to have met in Sumatra and discussed founding a "new Indonesian state" under Mohammed Hatta, who has broken with President Sukarno. The Nationalist party newspaper Suluh Indonesia hinted the purpose was to set up a national government rivaling the central government of Sukarno. Sukarno now is away on a foreign tour.

Hatta, former vice-president in the central government, split with Sukarno more than a year ago. He objected to Sukarno's policies of taking Communists into the government and installing a vague sort of system called "guided democracy."

A Sumatran sympathetic with demands for autonomy by the outer islands, Hatta shares with Sukarno the distinction of having fathered the Indonesian republic.

Suluh Indonesia said dissident military and political figures met in Padang, capital of central Sumatra, last week.

Suluh Indonesia gave few details. But last weekend another newspaper, Berita Indonesia, said moves were afoot to set up a separate state of Sumatra, and that a "shadow cabinet" for the new state included Hatta as

president. **LISTS REGIME LINEUP** Sutan Jahid, former premier and president-chairman of the Socialist PSI party, would be premier, the paper said. Col. Zulkifli Lubis would be defence minister and Professor Sumitro Djojohadikusumo finance minister. Lubis, former deputy army chief of staff, has been in hiding for the last year for plotting against the government. Djojohadikusumo, a former finance minister, is a leader of the PSI party.

Berita Indonesia said the projected state is being supported by the Sultan of Johore, in the Commonwealth federation of Malaya just across the Strait of Malacca from Sumatra.

Since December, 1956, Indonesia's outer islands have been in peaceful revolt against the central government.

North and South Sumatra, the Celebes and eastern Indonesia are one by one followed central Sumatra in cutting loose from Jakarta's central control.

Although remaining a part of the republic in name they have taken charge of their own economies, making their own barter agreements, smuggling out their rubber and other products and using the proceeds for their own public works. Much of the smuggling has been to Singapore merchants.

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