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Two Notes For Tonight

Administration Shaken By Harkness Resignation

It further accented it of failing to take effective action on legislation already passed by the House in the economic field. Earlier, the Liberals had moved a motion non-contentious alleging indecision and lack of leadership on the part of the government.

Mr. Thompson, who earlier had given what many observers interpreted as a definite indication that Social Credit will support the minority government in its test of strength tonight, appeared to reopen the possibility his party will now vote to topple the Diefenbaker administration.

Social Credit voting support has saved the government from defeat several times in the past few months.

PM Calls Bicultural Conference

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced Monday a call is going out at once to provincial premiers for a dominion-provincial conference that will restate the goals of Confederation for Canada's second century as a nation.

The goal will be to contribute to unity and harmony among Canada's people, Mr. Diefenbaker said in a Commons announcement.

He suggested no date for the conference, but indicated its discussions will cover a wide scope.

They would include government employment of French-speaking Canadians, the method whereby Canada and a alone can amend its constitution, and "the choice of national flag and other symbols of our national sovereignty."

Spokesmen for the three opposition parties, while not opposing the conference proposal, all said there should first be a commission-type inquiry into the problems of Confederation.

Maritimer Is Named Civil Service Head

By BEN WARD
OTTAWA (CP) — Robertson G. MacNeill, a 56-year-old Maritimer with a background in education and finance department jobs, Monday was given the \$22,000-a-year task of running the federal civil service.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced in the Commons that Mr. MacNeill is taking over as chairman of the three-member Civil Service Commission effective immediately.

The new chairman has been an assistant deputy minister in the defence and army department for two years.

He fills a vacancy created last September with the resignation of Mr. Justice Sam Hughes, 58, who returned to Ontario Supreme Court service.

Following his resignation, Justice Hughes criticized the report of the Glassco royal commission on government hiring powers of the Civil Service Commission he was set down.

The judge, brought to Ottawa three years earlier to direct a reworking of Civil Service Act regulations, disagreed with the royal commission's findings that the commission was stifling the hiring efficiency of individual departments.

POSTED TO OTTAWA
Mr. MacNeill, a native of Peterborough, N.B., came to Ottawa during the Second World War to a posting to the army's directorate of staff duties, weapons section.

In 1946 he was loaned to the director-general of defence research and became responsible for setting up the administrative machinery in this new branch.

A year later he left the army to become secretary of the Defence Research Board. In 1949 he was loaned to the treasury board, a cabinet committee with a large staff which scrutinizes spending by all departments.

TRUCK DRIVER IS BEST COOK

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP) — Joe Halliwell, a 25-pound unemployed truck driver, is a whiz at baking muffins and upside-down cakes.

Joe, 26, is the only man among 24 women taking a night course in cooking and baking at Hamilton Central Secondary School. The girls agree he's the best cook among them.

Instructor Fay Gray says the busy truck driver is a born cook.

Joe, unmarried, decided to take the course because he was unemployed. The girls think Joe is sure to be snapped up by a restaurant when the course finishes in April.

Sugar Prices Are Climbing

TORONTO (CP) — The refinery price of sugar in Toronto rose Monday to 56½ cents per live pound, up a half-cent from Friday, and a refinery spokesman said the retail supermarket price will probably go to 62 cents next week.

London which suggested that the British Government is preparing to allow importation of island potatoes.

Portugal Areas See Snow First Time This Century

LONDON (CP) — Raging blizzards halted movie making in a Spanish mountain range and broke westward toward the Atlantic Monday to give some Portuguese their first sight of snow.

Europe's cruel winter continued to lash the continent with storm and flood, leaving a million people sick and dead in its wake.

In Belgium, the dead piled up at mortuaries with grave digging suspended in many places by the first time this century.

Portuguese in the thousands ran out of their homes for the first glimpse in their lifetime of the phenomenon.

The European death toll rose to 541.

Dief's Views Seen Needing Clarification

By HAROLD MORRISON
WASHINGTON (CP) — Senator George Aiken said Monday that subcommittee investigation shows that nuclear weapons are for the defence of Canada and the United States and that the views of Prime Minister Diefenbaker on this point require clarification.

Ending a 90-minute closed hearing, the Vermont Republican said it was the feeling of private members of parliament.

The government declined to accept this advice. The strain on the minister began to tell. His voice almost cracked several times in the Commons last Thursday night as he argued that there was no contradiction between himself and Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

That something happened Friday or Saturday, "I'm afraid I can't tell you," he told reporters Monday, which caused him to write out his resignation Sunday.

"I feel I made the best fight I could," he said. "I regret only that I didn't succeed."

The former school teacher and soldier, who represents Clark's North, gave an indication of his independent spirit in early 1961.

He publicly rebuked the treasury board, a committee of cabinet, for not granting allowances to Canadian troops in the Congo retroactive to their first date of arrival there. Treasury board changed his mind.

WON GEORGE MEDAL
Mr. Harkness won the George Medal July 5, 1942, when he helped save the lives of men trapped in a torpedoed troop ship in the Mediterranean. He was an artillery major at the time and later became a lieutenant-colonel.

Mr. Harkness was born in Toronto March 29, 1903, and was graduated from the University of Alberta. He joined the militia in 1926. He bought a ranch near Red Deer, Alta., and taught history in high school until he kept it going.

He was nominated Progressive Conservative candidate in Calgary East while participating in the final battles west of the Rhine as commander of the 5th anti-tank regiment. He won election in that seat in 1945 and 1949 and, after the 1952 seat redistribution, in 1953, 1957, 1958 and 1962 in Calgary North.

He was appointed military affairs minister when Prime Minister Diefenbaker formed his first cabinet in 1957. He was later agriculture minister for three years.

Wolfville Has Heavy Fire Loss

WOLFVILLE, N.S. (CP) — A fire that started late Monday in the basement of a shoe store here was extinguished after it had destroyed four business establishments in a two-year old brick building.

Firemen from four Annapolis Valley fire departments confined the blaze to the single storey Balmco block. There were no injuries.

Severe Storm Surges North Off Florida

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Strong winds and waves battered ships at sea and high tides threatened some upper Florida east coast buildings Monday as a winter storm surged northeastward.

Gale warnings followed from Cape Hatteras, Va. to Nags Head, N.C. and small craft warnings flew along the Florida coast south of Cape Hatteras.

Yacht Britannia Makes Good Time
WELLINGTON, New Zealand (Reuters) — The royal yacht Britannia carrying Queen Elizabeth, the Princess Royal and New Zealand from Fiji is well ahead of schedule and has so far avoided bad weather in the area, according to radio reports received here today.

Leutenant-Governor F. Walter Hydamant, left, presents the "Islander of the Year" plaque to Dr. E.M. Found

DEFENCE MINISTER BECAME TIRED OF SQUEEZE

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British Agriculture Seeks Omnibus Pact

LONDON (CP) — Two representatives of British agriculture to meet in North America Monday to press a plan for international commodity agreements.

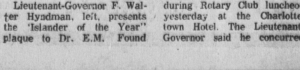
Harold Wilson, president of the National Farmers' Union and Asher Wengarten chief of the London-based British Airport for the United States on the first leg of a journey that will take in Washington and Ottawa.

Woolley said that up until now the program has been "hamstrung" by British negotiations at Brussels on entry into the Common Market.

"Now that we are over, we call for an international agricultural pact," he said.

Woolley will return to Britain in a week to prepare for a crucial confrontation with Agriculture Ministers Christopher Soames. The occasion will be the annual farm price review, taking place at a time when the breakdown of the Brussels negotiations will be charged whether or not Britain joins Europe.

The farmers union has some 200,000 members, about 50 per cent of the farming population in England and Wales.



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ISLANDER OF YEAR PLAQUE PRESENTED

during Rotary Club luncheon yesterday at the Charlottetown Hotel. The Lieutenant-Governor said he conceived

in every way in the choice of his old classmate for the award, created by The Evening Patriot. Dr. Found is superintendent of the Provincial Sanatorium and director of tuberculosis control. (See story on page 3.)