

Nuclear Arms Become Daily Issue In Commons

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OTTAWA (CP)—The issue of nuclear weapons for Canada was broached every day in the Commons last week during the question period.

But MPs were no wiser at the end of the week than at the beginning.

Perhaps the most significant point was not anything that was said but a single heavy round of applause from Progressive Conservative benches.

This followed Prime Minister Diefenbaker's opening statement of the week that if war came, should nuclear weapons be used against us, Canadian troops participating should not be denied the right to use nuclear weapons.

At the time of the Russian nuclear tests last fall the Conservative caucus came out in favour of acquisition of nuclear warheads. There have been reliable but unconfirmed reports since that government aides actually drafted a tentative statement announcing that Canada would obtain American nuclear arms.

BEAT STEADY TATTOO

Opposition Leader Pearson, Paul Martin (L.-Estex East) and Paul Hewitt, Liberal defence critic, beat a steady tattoo of inquiries on the subject of nuclear warheads throughout the week.

Mr. Diefenbaker said Monday that if nuclear war were launched "a nuclear warhead should be placed in the possession of Canadians."

But he also said the nuclear family should not be increased as long as there is any possibility of disarmament.

And as long as disarmament was "in the fore" the question of joint Canada-United States joint control over any nuclear warheads on Canadian territory was "hypothetical."

In any event, Mr. Diefenbaker added, "joint control is impossible" because of the requirements of U.S. law that American nuclear warheads must remain in American custody until

released for use on orders of the president.

On Thursday, U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk said the U.S. is willing to work out with Canada arrangements for joint control fully consistent with national sovereignty.

Mr. Diefenbaker's spokesman immediately wanted to know what Mr. Diefenbaker thought about that.

The prime minister said Thursday: "I shall have to give study to the remarks of Secretary Rusk, and when I have done so I will make a report to this House."

HAS NO COMMENT

On Friday, however, Mr. Diefenbaker said he would have no comment on Mr. Rusk's statement.

The matter was further complicated outside the Commons when Works Minister Walker said in reply to a question on a CBC television program that the government wants "our own sole control" over any nuclear warheads stored in Canada.

The government has never defined exactly what kind of joint control it wants.

In the military at least, joint control is understood to be the system worked out by the U.S. and Britain to cover American nuclear weapons stationed in the United Kingdom.

U.S. MUST APPROVE

Under the terms of the U.S. president must first approve use of the weapons. Then Britain can decide whether to fire them or not. This, in effect, can be Britain a veto over the firing of American nuclear weapons from its soil. But it is not so if the U.S. is not deciding by itself on the firing.

Mr. Rusk said this system is one way the U.S. seeks to prevent the proliferation of independent national nuclear capabilities. Canada has supported this policy.

Mr. Diefenbaker's emphasis on provision of nuclear weapons for Canada forces in wartime led some officials here to say

they believe the prime minister might have in mind some means of quickly transporting nuclear warheads from the U.S. to Canada's two Bomarc anti-aircraft missile bases in event of war.

The Liberals asked whether there was some "secret" agreement in this regard.

Mr. Diefenbaker said there isn't. He also said there are "no immediate discussions" with the U.S. on the subject of joint control.

Mr. Pearson on Monday asked how if joint control were impossible, Mr. Diefenbaker was going to ensure that nuclear warheads would be in the hands of Canadian forces in event of war.

By Friday, this question was still unanswered.

CANADA SEEN

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clear club from increasing its membership in a most critical issue, Mr. Douglas said, when every new member "increases by geometric progression the chance of nuclear war."

ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Answering a question from the floor on the matter of Red China, Mr. Douglas pointed out that country as the potential military aggressor in Asia. He said that Canada should be turning to advance on economic fronts and infiltration in a most critical issue. Mr. Douglas said, when every new member "increases by geometric progression the chance of nuclear war."

Regarding the problem of Formosa and Nationalist China in such an event, he recommended a "two-China" policy while a plebiscite would be carried out in Formosa as to what government the people want.

CANADA AND NATO

Asked to clarify the New Democratic Party's stand on Canada and NATO, the party leader, advocated that this country should remain in that organization while insisting that article two of the constitution be revised and utilized. The article in question regards the contributing of part of the member nations' defence money to a fund for underprivileged nations. He also advised having the NATO and Warsaw forces under the command of the UN.

Club president Diane Thom introduced the speaker.

PLUNGES TO DEATH

MILAN (AP)—Princess Francesca Ruspoli Blair, 20-year-old wife of an Italian nobleman once involved in a drug case, plunged to her death Tuesday from a window of her seventh-floor apartment. The princess was separated from her husband, Prince Dado Ruspoli Ruspoli was charged in 1953 with smuggling opium into Italy. The case was dropped during a national amnesty for minor offenders.

Wright, Gladstone and Morley. Her family was personally associated with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mrs. Wilson recalled the Liberal leader as a yardstick of accomplishment.

MARRIED EXECUTIVE

She was 34 when she married lumber company executive Norman F. Wilson, former Liberal member of Parliament for the Ottawa riding of Russell. In 1921, when the family moved to Ottawa, Mrs. Wilson started to take part in politics.

In the year when women were first given the vote, Mrs. Wilson acted as joint president of the Ontario Liberal Association

and took part in the 1925 election campaign that brought the Liberals to power with Mr. King as prime minister.

In 1929 she was the prime architect behind the first national organization for young Liberals. In the same year came Mr. King's offer of a Senate seat.

Senator Wilson became the first woman to take the Senate Speaker's chair in 1956, during the 111th year of the regular speaker.

As the first woman Senator, Mrs. Wilson posed a problem widely talked and written about—how should she dress and how should she be addressed?

Senator Wilson herself solved the dress problem. A slim, blue-eyed, brown-haired woman with a finely chiselled face and firm jaw, she wore a simple gown for her first Senate opening and established the principle that women senators had the right to dress to suit themselves.

The Senate Speaker solved the problem of address, quashing attempts to call her "madame senator" or "Senatoress." She became simply "Senator Wilson."

Through her career she often received letters addressed "dear sir."

Despite her busy public life, home was always important. Once, listening to the long list

at her activities being read at a meeting, Mrs. Wilson remarked, "they'll think I never stay home."

Home was "the Mason House," a chateau-like building in suburban Rockcliffe Village on a bluff overlooking the Ottawa river, and the summer home was "Clibrity" at St. Andrews, N.B., where five daughters and three sons grew up. Mrs. Wilson also had 14 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Mr. Wilson died in 1958.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

About 170,000 Canadian children, mostly from Quebec, are enrolled in private schools.

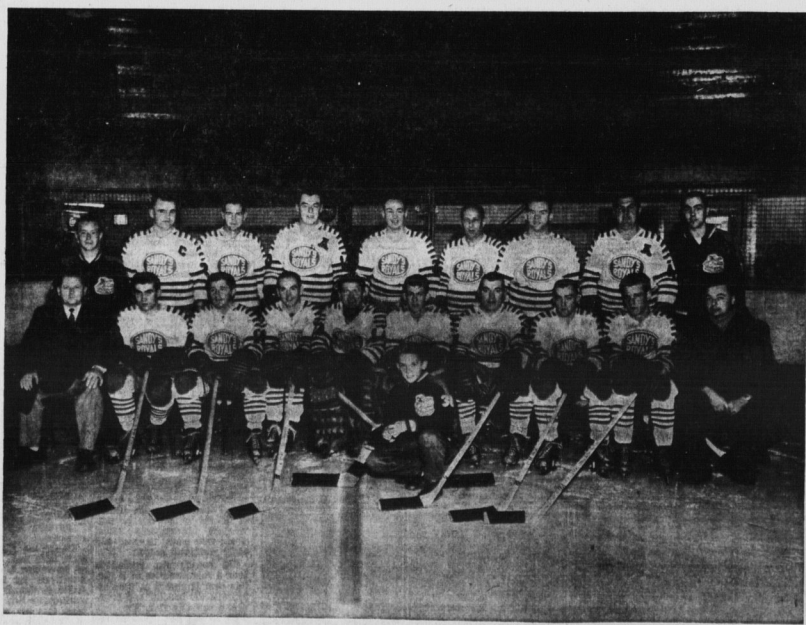
Bank Savings Show Increase

OTTAWA (CP)—Savings on deposit in Canada's chartered banks at Jan. 31 amounted to \$7,700,000,000, up from \$7,618,000,000 a month earlier and the \$7,319,000,000 for Jan. 31, 1961.

The chartered bank statement for January also showed that call and short loans in Canadian funds amounted to \$239,000,000 at Jan. 31 compared with \$95,000,000 a month earlier and \$247,000,000 a year earlier.

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EASTERN BRIEFS

TO CALGARY

Darrie Bruce White left recently for Calgary. While there he will stay with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hutchinson, formerly of Montague.

MacLEOD FUNERAL — The funeral for Anne MacLeod was held Sunday, March 4, from the MacLean Funeral Home to Dundas United Church where service was conducted by Herod H. Hardy and Alan Weber. During the service the choir sang, "Under His Wings." Pallbearers were Homer Turner, Sterling MacDonald, Warren MacDonald, Malcolm Stewart, John Beaton and Elby Howlett. Interment took place in the church cemetery.

Two Fined For Fracas

A street fight at the Intersection of Pownall and Grafton Streets at 12:45 a.m. Saturday resulted in two young Charlottetown men being convicted and fined by Magistrate A.J. Haslam in city police court Saturday.

Allan Gallant and Kenneth MacDonald were charged with disorderly conduct as a result of the fracas. Gallant was fined \$30 and costs or 10 days in jail, while MacDonald received a \$15 fine with costs, or seven days.

A further adjournment, until March 6, was given in the case of John Kane, Charlottetown, on a charge of common assault. Counsel for the defence is Allison M. Gillis and for the complainant Herbert Stanley, Frederic A. Large, QC.

Three persons pleaded guilty to failing to stop at "stop" signs and each was fined \$5 and costs for two days in jail.

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