



STANHOPE BEACH DEVELOPMENT ASS'N MEETS

Stanhope Beach Development Association held their annual meeting at the Queen Hotel last night. Members of the nominating committee confer with Jack Proud, Charlottetown (center) 1961 president for the Association. They are Louis Bagnall, Charlottetown, and Mrs. Edward MacCallum, Brackley. Thomas Lothian of Charlottetown was elected president. (See story on page 5.)

MAYOR SAYS 'HAD FAIR HEARING'

City Problems Discussed At Meeting With Cabinet

A request to the provincial government to set up and activate its ministry of municipal affairs was made yesterday by delegates from Charlottetown City Council in a meeting with the Cabinet.

Mayor A. Walthein Gaudet, councillor H.E. Hyndman, chairman of the finance committee, and City Clerk John Butler pointed out to the government the advantage to be gained in that the city would not have to go to the Legislature for changes it might need or for permission on new bond issues.

With the department set up the Minister would be given the necessary authority to authorize proposed changes.

DUMP DISCUSSED

A new point of view was introduced in discussions regarding a different site being obtained for the city dump when government officials asked why they should be expected to provide a new site.

They pointed out that though the city was granted permission to use the present location that in itself did not mean the government was bound to offer another when use of the present one came to an end.

As a result Mayor Gaudet stated he would ask city engineer Norman Stewart and city foreman Ralph Crockett to make a survey of nearby territory and endeavour to find a site which would be satisfactory.

Regarding the meeting yesterday His Worship said "we (Continued on Page 5 Col 2)

S'side Firm Included In January Contracts

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — A \$6,973 contract was awarded in January for the installation of ventilation in the RCMP rifle range at Charlottetown, it was announced here Thursday.

Works Minister David Walker released a list of contracts his department awarded during the month. They involve total expenditures of \$4,701,069.

The Summerside contract was awarded to Johnston's Sheet Metal Workers of Summerside.

Massive Win Foreseen For Nehru In Voting

CALCUTTA (Reuters) — An overwhelming victory for Prime Minister Nehru's Congress party was assured Thursday on the eve of India's third election since the country gained independence from Britain in 1947.

Because of the massive numbers involved—210,000,000 voters and some 15,000 candidates—the voting will be staggered over 10 days and first results will not be known until Feb. 25.

A new five-year lease of power for Nehru was a certainty, but political experts said his ruling party's parliamentary majority will be slight—reduced and it will lose some seats in state assemblies.

In many places the party faced a determined challenge from both Communist and rightists.

MENON HAS FIGHT

The most dramatic contest will be in North Bombay where Defence Minister V. K. Krishna Menon is fighting to retain his seat against a strong independent, Acharya J. R. Kripalani who claims Menon is a "crypto-Communist."

If the left-wing minister is defeated, Nehru will lose his most-trusted political lieutenant and foreign affairs adviser.

If he wins, the Congress party is expected to steer away from its present middle-of-the-road policies to a more socialist position.

The government claims the election is the biggest ever to be run on the Western democratic pattern anywhere in the world.

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Glenn Flight Is Scheduled Again Today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Winds and waves churning the mid-Atlantic Thursday threatened a 10th postponement of American astronaut John H. Glenn Jr.'s takeoff into orbit about the earth.

But United States space agency officials made it clear they were determined to press for the earliest possible launch—to avoid if at all possible any extended further delays.

Officials went ahead with plans to launch the 40-year-old marine lieutenant-colonel sometime after 7:30 a.m. EST (8:30 a.m. AST) today.

They expected to make their final decision at a midnight huddle, after studying the freshest weather information. Twice before this week, such late-night surveys have brought day-to-day postponements.

COULD BE SUNDAY

If Glenn's mission is washed out today, National Aeronautics and Space Administration authorities indicated a further delay until perhaps Sunday at the earliest. NASA officials told a press conference "Saturday is very much of a lost cause" from a weather standpoint.

OTTAWA (CP)—Trade Minister Hees angrily accused the Liberals Thursday night of doing everything they can to put the government in the worst possible light with the United States in regard to trade with Cuba.

Lionel Chevrier (L—Montreal Laurier) retorted: "It can't be made any worse than it is now."

Mr. Hees said the Liberals are trying to create friction between Canada and the U.S. over Canada's exports to Cuba.

He said there is already "supreme sensitivity" in the U.S. on this subject and a tendency in the U.S. to exaggerate and misunderstand press reports from Canada.

REFERS TO EXPORTS

Paul Martin (L—Essex East) referred to a government announcement that aircraft, helicopters, aero engines, ground and airborne equipment and dynamite have been exported to Cuba.

"They were all classed for civilian use," Mr. Hees said.

Mr. Hees said earlier he had erroneously informed the Commons that the government had not provided export credits insurance on sales to Cuba.

He said the government has not financed sales to Cuba or any other Communist country but that it has insured export sales to Cuba.

Exports to Cuba did not include any items on the NATO list of strategic materials.

Opposition Leader Pearson said that if dynamite was not on the strategic list it was a "strange way" to control export of strategic materials.

Mr. Hees said the dynamite was for road building, quarrying and the like.

Mr. Martin said Mr. Hees is in a "very embarrassing" position.

Goods exported to Cuba would be used by the military in one way or another. The minister

Hees Gives Liberals Blast On Cuban Trade Criticism

Earlier, Liberal critic George McNeil accused the government of bypassing the normal export credits legislation in insuring grain sales to Communist China.

Mr. McNeil, MP for Ottawa West, also raised the subject of exports to Cuba as the Commons opened debate on a government proposal to increase the funds available for financing the export of capital goods.

The proposal would raise to \$300,000,000 from \$200,000,000 the maximum loans the treasury can make for that purpose. The financing is done under the Export Credits Insurance Act.

Mr. McNeil said the government, under the act, must report all such loans to Parliament.

UNABLE TO FIND OUT

But the opposition had been "remarkably unsuccessful" in trying to get information about government guarantees of financing for wheat and barley sales to Communist China. It had been done under other legislation.

He was referring to sales last year of 66,000,000 bushels of wheat and 25,700,000 bushels of barley under a 2 1/2-year agreement with Communist China. China is to pay 25 per cent cash, with the rest on nine-month credit terms.

Wednesday the Commons voted down two motions by Mr. McNeil for production of documents relating to the sales,

Soviets Told Grave Risks Involved Over Air Tactics

Railway Engineers Threaten To Strike

MONTREAL (CP) — Engineers on Canada's two major railways Thursday threatened to go on strike if their contract demands are not met.

No specific date was set, pending outcome of resumed negotiations between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (Ind.) and the CNR and CPR.

O. J. Travers, grand chief engineer of the union, said the brotherhood "sincerely hopes" that a peaceful settlement can be worked out.

"A strike date will not be set until we are determined that it is impossible to reach agreement by negotiations," he said at a press conference.

He said more than 90 per cent of the engineers voted in favor of a walkout if necessary. About 95 per cent of the 4,500 engineers across Canada returned ballots.

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Nothing Right On First Day

TORONTO (CP) — Nothing went right for Valerie Anne Daughton Wednesday.

First, she was born in a snow-trapped car at the height of a blizzard that smothered Toronto. Then she was listed as a boy.

It was not until her dad, William Daughton, inspected his infant that it was realized her hospital records needed revising.

Valerie, six pounds four ounces, was born in her father's car during a traffic jam. Ambulance men helped to deliver her.

The Daughton car was crowded for a delivery room. Twelve-year-old Diane Daughton was there, too.

Her dad, Diane said, was really shaken up, not to mention mother.

"Me? I just covered my head with my jacket. I didn't want to look."

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U.S. Cardinal Dies At Rome

ROME (AP) — Aloisius Cardinal Muench, the only American cardinal in the Vatican Curia, died Thursday night after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. He would have been 73 on Sunday.

The Wisconsin-born prelate, former Bishop of Fargo, N.D., was the third cardinal to die in 10 days.

Cardinal Muench died at Rome's Salvador Mundi Hospital after he had received the last sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church.

Charges Against U.S. Killed By UN Voting

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — A Soviet-bloc measure charging the United States with interference in Cuba's internal affairs was killed Thursday in the senior political committee of the United Nations General Assembly.

The resolution as a whole was not put to a vote since individual paragraphs fell in separate roll-calls.

All the Latin American countries — except Cuba — went against the draft.

The key paragraph collected only 11 votes—Cuba and the Soviet bloc—and there were 50 negative ballots, including that of Canada. But there were 39 abstentions, mostly Afro-Asian countries, and four delegations were absent.

That paragraph would have urgedly appealed to the U.S. "to put an end to the interference in the internal affairs of the republic of Cuba and to all the actions directed against the territorial integrity and political independence of Cuba."

MENTION ASSAULT

There were repeated references during the 10-day debate to the U.S.-supported assault against Premier Fidel Castro by Cuban exiles last April. U.S. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson repeatedly denied the U.S. has any aggressive plans toward Cuba.

3 Injured In Crash At Albany

A head-on collision at Albany corner early this morning sent three persons to Prince County Hospital. All were reported to have been seriously injured.

Taken to hospital were Lloyd Stewart of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Waddell, also of Albany. Mr. Stewart was alone in his vehicle.

No other details were available.

Harbor Record Set In Montreal

MONTREAL (CP) — The oil tanker Maplebranch, the first merchant ship to reach Montreal this winter, arrived at the east-end docks Thursday to end Montreal harbor's closed season at seven weeks, the shortest on record.

Some 1,100 reinforcements for the brigade and 250 for the RCAF Air Division went to Europe last fall but were not permitted to take their dependents, again because of the Berlin crisis.

However, 30 per cent of the reinforcing troops were single men so that the number of dependents involved is not large.

The dependents will proceed overseas by sea as soon as accommodation there becomes available. Normally a service-

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British Railway Strike Averted

LONDON (Reuters) — The leaders of 500,000 British railmen agreed Thursday to accept a three-per-cent wage increase from April 1 and averted the threat of a national rail strike.

Their decision became known at the end of a joint meeting of the three railroad unions held to consider the outcome of their meetings Wednesday with Prime Minister Macmillan and Chancellor of the Exchequer Selwyn Lloyd, who urged the workers to accept the three-per-cent offer.

Macmillan held out hope of further increases later in the year if economic circumstances improve.

The decision to accept was reached after a touch-and-go session of union leaders lasting more than three hours.

Sidney Greene, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen said afterwards: "It was a close decision."

The increases will add between £8,000,000 and £9,000,000 to the wages bill, a spokesman of the state-run British Transport commission said.

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Western Fighters Poised For Action

BERLIN (AP) — Soviet Mig jets buzzed Allied planes flying the Berlin air corridors for the second straight day Thursday, and the Western big three warned Russia it is "running grave risks" with such harassment.

A western spokesman in Berlin, noting Soviet pressure for exclusive use of parts of the corridors, said Western planes will continue using the lanes as a matter of right.

Informants said the latest antics of the Soviet planes involved several of five Allied military planes using the Berlin-Frankfurt corridor. They said the Mig came dangerously close to the aircraft.

Despite the incidents, Western air traffic—civilian and military—droned in and out of Berlin as usual.

The air control centre here is the last of the Berlin four-power agencies in which the Russians still participate.

Pressure Is Building For Fixed Dollar Rate

WASHINGTON (CP) — Pressure is building up in the 70-country International Monetary Fund to demand that Canada return her dollar to a fixed exchange rate.

Informants representing views in Asia and Europe said a stiffening attitude against Canada likely will be expressed by a majority of the fund's 18-member executive. The directors move behind closed doors today to reassess Canadian financial policy and its impact on Canada's internal transactions.

These informants anticipate there would be no stern threats against Canada and that the emphasis will be on "moral persuasion," offering Canada a little more time to bring her dollar policy into line with fund rules.

Louis Rasminsky, governor of the Bank of Canada and a fund executive director, will represent the Canadian government and defend Canadian policy. Perhaps anticipating some trouble, he was reported to have circulated among the executive directors Thursday, holding private discussions.

Rotation Of Canadian Troops From Europe Will Resume

OTTAWA (CP) — The government has indicated a belief that the Berlin crisis has eased or is at least dormant for the time being.

Authorities said Thursday the government has ordered the defence department to resume rotation of troops between Canada and Europe. Rotation was deferred last August because of the Berlin situation.

The 1st Battalion of the Black Watch, serving with the Motorized Canadian Infantry Brigade group in West Germany, will change places with the regiment's 2nd Battalion at Camp Gagetown, N.B. The rotation will be conducted by air and sea, will be completed by the end of March. It involves some 1,500 troops.

Associate Defence Minister Sevigny said Thursday in the Commons that dependents of reinforcing troops sent to Europe last fall now will be allowed to proceed overseas.

DIDN'T TAKE FAMILY

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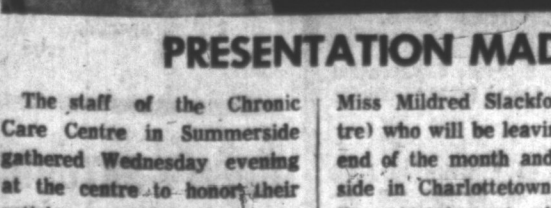
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PRESENTATION MADE AT S'SIDE

The staff of the Chronic Care Centre in Summerside gathered Wednesday evening at the centre to honor their retiring nursing supervisor Miss Mildred Slackford (center) who will be leaving at the end of the month and will reside in Charlottetown. During the entertainment, which took the form of a valentine party, Miss Slackford was presented with a travelling case by Mrs. Alfred Leard (right) while Miss Ethel MacLeod (left) gave the address.