



SIGN AIR AGREEMENT

Prime Minister Pearson (left) and Premier Polvinsky sign air agreement between Canada and the Soviet Union in Ottawa Monday.

Airline President Is Not Satisfied

By LASZLO BASTYOVANSZKY WINNIPEG (CP)—Why must a Canadian be a six-month member of a birdwatchers' club or some other organization as a precondition to catching a charter flight overseas?

"This type of regulation is ridiculous and is outmoded," says M. P. Martyn, president of TransAir Ltd. of Winnipeg. While TransAir is off to a busy start in the overseas charter business, booked full to the end of September, Mr. Martyn says outmoded regulations prevent regional carriers from enjoying a more prosperous operation.

Under present regulations, Mr. Martyn said in an interview, a group that wants to charter a flight to Europe must be a duly registered entity and it must have an interest other than travel.

All those planning to go abroad, by charter must have been registered members of the group for at least six months prior to the flight date.

HAMPERED BY RULES

"These are some of the rules that hold us back," The TransAir president said.

"They're unfair to the travelling public who should be given the right to travel any way they wish—be it a charter flight with the birdwatchers or a group flight with some friends."

Mr. Martyn's line entered the charter business three months ago with a DC-7C and since its initial flight in May has already flown throughout Europe.

Canada has large groups of people with a European background who want to visit relatives or their birthplace, Mr. Martyn said, and "these are the sort of travellers we want to cater to."

In Europe, the charter situation is somewhat different. Rules are not as rigid as in Canada and any particular group may be allowed to charter a flight and fill it with non-members. In the United States, rules are also more liberal.

Mr. Martyn said that Canada's regional carriers also suffer from "an insufficient national air policy."

"Canada is in need of a sound air policy which would permit the air industry to exploit all possible means of travel. Included are charter flights as well as regular regional operations."

The U.S. government, for example, recognizes regional carriers as important links with major airlines. There are government-guaranteed loans for equipment repairs which can become a major factor in the profit-cost margin. And subsidies are offered in return for adequate service to communities.

"The situation in Canada is nonsense—we're literally missing the boat," Mr. Martyn said. "Canadian regional carriers should be given a bigger share of the transportation pie and the people would get a more satisfactory service."

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already talking of the need for another dose of deflationary action by the government, including the raising of bank rate. The experts also forecast tougher restrictions on installment buying and possibly an increase in purchase tax.

Discount Rate Has Sparked Speculation

LONDON (AP)—There is speculation in Britain that the bank rate, the prime discount rate on which the country's interest structure rests, might go as high as nine per cent over the end of the year.

The last time the British bank rate reached that level for any lengthy period was in 1973, although it jumped to 10 per cent for a few days at the start of the First World War.

The bank rate now is six per cent. But many financial experts believe it will have to go up to the traditional crisis level of seven per cent very soon—possibly next Thursday.

This will be long before the autumn—the season when sterling usually comes under pressure.

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Union Boss States Policy

MONTREAL (CP)—Harold Crotty, president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, has said Union Boss

his union wants to "improve" the job security agreement that was signed with the Canadian railways on Nov. 16, 1964.

"It has become clear that the 1964 agreement could be little more than a palliative," said Mr. Crotty, "and the brotherhood accordingly will press to secure the more effective job security program for its Canadian members which the unions proposed to the railways last November."

The brotherhood, affiliated with the Canadian Labor Con-

gress and the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, begins its 35th regular convention in Montreal today. The organization has its headquarters in Detroit.

Mr. Crotty made his remarks in the form of a statement designed to introduce the convention.

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Outbreak Of Hooliganism Marks Stampede Opening

CALGARY (CP)—The Calgary Stampede swung into bustling action Monday after a three-hour outbreak of hooliganism which police broke up with dogs and high-pressure water sprays.

About 700 persons, most of them youths, drifted in a mass through the downtown area early Monday, ripping down signs and setting fire to garbage cans. Fifteen persons were arrested.

The mob built up after a teen-age dance, sponsored by the city to keep youths occupied. Police dogs and street cleaning water trucks broke up the crowd 20 minutes after being called into action.

More than 170,000 persons later turned out under sunny skies to watch the two-mile parade, which kicked off Stampede Week. U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy and his wife rode in an open convertible. Senator Kennedy had been invited to open the stampede.

Rodeo events and displays at the stampede and the Canadian petroleum exposition opened after the parade.

Deputy Police Chief Duke

Kent said the roving mob was in "high spirits" after the dance. A policeman said they "got excited over something. Maybe somebody broke something. It spread to the rest."

As the crowd drifted past city police headquarters, fowdies tore down police barricades, uprooted fencing and hurled debris into the street. They blocked traffic and set off fire alarms.

DAMAGE NOT HEAVY

Deputy Chief Kent said damage was not heavy and police had little trouble getting control when the crowd turned unruly. "We let the dogs loose and we used the street cleaners and that helped."

Several persons, including a police officer, were bitten by police dogs. Thirteen persons were charged with disorderly conduct and two with defacing highway signs.

Crowds began lining the downtown parade route three hours before the parade. Spectators crammed bleachers, sidewalks, rooftops. Parking spaces were filled an hour before the parade got under way.

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Rare Tribute Paid To Vicky

LONDON (AP)—A rare tribute was paid Sunday to the brilliant British newspaper cartoonist Vicky, who died early this year at the age of 52.

In the audience of 3,000 at a memorial concert at the Royal Festival Hall were Prime Minister Wilson, Opposition Leader Edward Heath, members of the cabinet and leaders of the arts. Many of the political figures present had been ridiculed as Vicky's victims in cartoons during the last few years in the New Statesman, a weekly journal.

The music-loving Vicky, whose real name was Victor Weisz, was a Hungarian born in Berlin who came to Britain to escape the Nazis in the 1930s.

Labor MP Michael Foot said at the opening of the concert: "Vicky was the greatest cartoonist of his time—a true successor to David Low. He tried to carry the whole tortured world on his back. Eventually he was crushed by it. Like Heinrich Heine, the German poet and a fellow Jew, he was a soldier in the liberation of humanity."

Miners, Metal Workers Humble German Official

By JOSEPH MACSWEEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

The miners and metalworkers of West Germany's Ruhr district have humbled Chancellor Ludwig Erhard in an election that was national in significance although only state-wide in scope.

Erhard's Christian Democrats suffered their worst setback in 30 years when voters went to the polls Sunday in North Rhine-Westphalia state, which embraces the Ruhr, Germany's industrial arsenal in two world wars.

The big gainer in the poll was Willy Brandt's Social Democratic party and some political observers did not hesitate to predict the victory will be a pointer for the next federal election in 1969.

The election was regarded as important from a federal standpoint because the state, with a about 15,000,000 population, comprises nearly 30 per cent of all West Germans. It is the biggest of the 11 states and a socialist majority at Duesseldorf, the state capital, would be a major step forward for Brandt's party.

NEVER AT RISK The socialists have never yet formed the federal government and managed to increase their popular vote only a few percentage points in West Germany's general elections last September.

They gained ground in recent months, however, as the party that dramatically moved towards closer relations between West Germany and Communist East Germany. This was the attempt in stage direct "confrontations" between speakers from the two zones at public meetings.

The hopes aroused by the prospect of such debates perhaps show how passionate German ardor for reunification remains despite annual discouragements.

Another election factor was that the Ruhr is in ferment. Oil and natural gas—plus cheap imported coal from the United States—have damaged the Ruhr coal industry.

More than 900,000 miners have been laid off in the last four years and although they all obtain work in other industries, the situation has not

helped the governing Christian Democrat position.

NINE-SEAT GAIN

The socialists captured 99 of the North Rhine-Westphalia's 200 seats—a nine-seat increase—while the Christian Democrats, losing 10 of their seats, won 96. The Christian Democrats had governed in coalition with the Free Democrats, who won 15 seats, an increase of one.

Clearly, negotiations will be necessary to decide the new state government in view of the near-deadlock.

In any case, the election can not directly affect Erhard's federal position at present.

Seating in the Bundestag, the federal parliament's lower house, will remain unchanged. But a socialist government at Duesseldorf would mean virtual disappearance of Erhard's majority in the Bundesrat, or upper house, since its membership consists of state delegates. The Christian Democrat edge in the electoral college which elects the federal president

also would be upset for the 1969 presidential elections.

Some observers believe it is possible the state's two major parties will form a coalition in North Rhine-Westphalia, and that this solution could later form a pattern in federal politics, now dominated by the Christian Democrats and Free Democrats in coalition.

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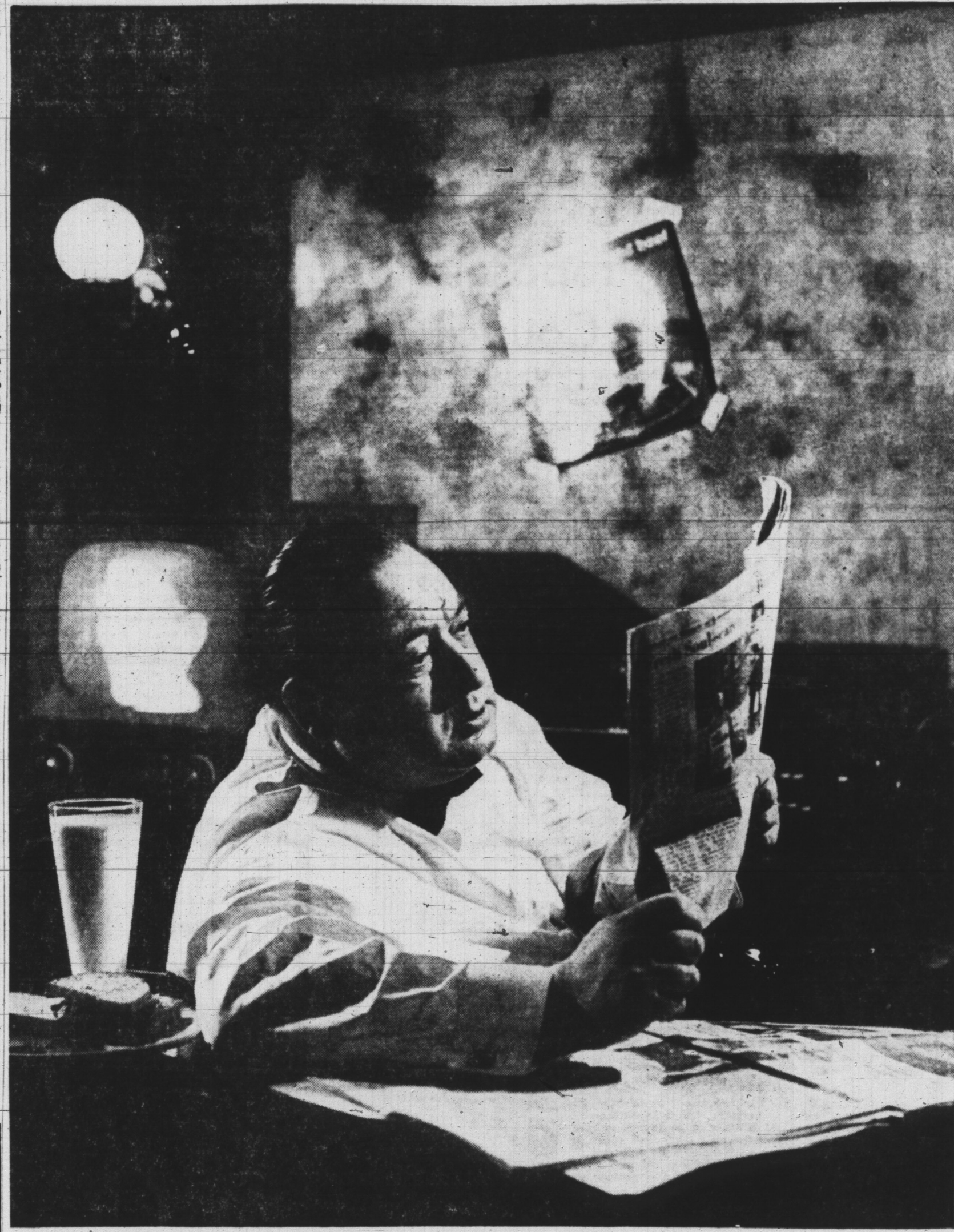
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