

Radical New Approach May Aid Dairy Industry

Policy Is Believed Close To Approval

OTTAWA (CP) — A radical new approach by the government to the dairy industry, involving the creation of a national dairy board, is believed on the verge of approval.

A source close to the government said Friday that the new policy, patterned after similar systems in Denmark and New Zealand, would separate fluid-milk producers from the suppliers of other dairy products and create a two-price milk system.

The producers would supply either the fresh-milk dairies or the manufacturing plants, but not both. Quotas would be set. The operations of the proposed dairy board would not be unlike the Canadian wheat board and its control over wheat producers.

Several provinces, including Quebec, are known to favor the plan.

Welfare State Adds Problems To Legislators

"Welfare state responsibilities" have tended to make the work of legislators more difficult, Dr. George Dewar, minister of education, said in the Legislature yesterday.

He spoke briefly in the debate on the draft address before adjourning the debate to next week.

Dr. Dewar said "the main role of Parliament is to make laws. Through the years, government has become involved in such things as public works which is one of the things that has made the work of legislators more complicated.

"Added to these things now is welfare state responsibilities and this is making the work of parliament more difficult since its main role is to make laws. Welfare state responsibilities leave members of parliament open to many persuasions."

House Meets On Tuesday

The Legislature adjourned yesterday afternoon until 2.30 p.m. Tuesday.

Main business at yesterday's sitting was the debate on the draft address.

Speakers were Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae, George MacKay (4th Prince) and Dr. George Dewar, minister of education.

Dr. Dewar adjourned the debate and will have the floor when it resumes, possibly Tuesday.

Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
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The Commons wound up its first week of detailed discussion on the contributory Canada Pension Plan.

Under criticism, the government agreed to let stand over a clause on inspection of employers' records on pension contributions.

The clause provides for seizure of records if fraud is suspected.

Clifford Smallwood (PC—Battle River-Camrose) said this was sending the "Gestapo across the country hounding people."

Marcel Lambert (PC—Edmonton West) called it a "bureaucratic Frankenstein."

John Lloyd (L—Halifax) said the power is needed to ensure employee rights are respected.

The government agreed the clause could stand over pending discussions among party representatives.

MONDAY, March 1

The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. to continue the pension plan debate. The Senate stands adjourned until March 2.

Get Out Of S. Viet Nam Kosygin Demands Of U.S.

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet Premier Kosygin demanded Friday night that the United States pull its troops from South Viet Nam, saying U.S. action in Viet Nam could cause the conflict to transcend its original boundaries.

Shortly before Kosygin spoke, a U.S. note rejected Soviet charges that American "military interference" in South Viet Nam had "created a dangerous hotbed of international tension."

Recalling the announcement in Hanoi of an agreement on Soviet-North Vietnamese measures "to increase the security and strengthen the defensive capability" of North Viet Nam, Kosygin said: "Now this agreement is being carried out."

This suggested that delivery of some types of Soviet weapons to Hanoi already has begun, although there have been no confirmed reports of it.

Kosygin indicated that Soviet terms for any peace talks on Viet Nam are a promise of no more U.S. air raids on North Viet Nam.

Kosygin denied that there is any aggression from North Viet Nam.

Marked Lull Is Noted In Viet Cong Activity

SAIGON (AP)—A marked lull in Viet Cong guerrilla activity suggests the massive raids by U.S. Air Force jets are getting results. The Communist guerrillas staged fewer incidents Friday than in any other 24-hour period since the jets were unleashed a week ago.

No major ground engagements were reported.

B-57 Martin Canberra bombers pressed the air attack.

In 47 sorties from the nearby Bien Hoa air base they showered more than 150 tons of high explosives on suspected Viet Cong hideouts in the jungles by Phuoc Tuy province, on the South China Sea east of Saigon, South Viet Nam's capital.

At the same time, however, there was a report that elements of a new Communist division trained and equipped in North Viet Nam have shown up to reinforce the Viet Cong in the South Vietnamese 1st Army Corps area fronting on the 17th parallel dividing North and South Viet Nam.

Authoritative military sources at the Da Nang air base, 300 miles northeast of Saigon, said the newcomers moved via the Ho Chi Minh trail through eastern Laos, which American warplanes have been raiding for several weeks.

U.S. Plans To Step Up Campaign

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. administration strategists saw nothing in Soviet Premier Kosygin's speech Friday to alter the Viet Nam war. They went ahead with plans to step up the military campaign against the Communists.

President Johnson named Republican Henry Cabot Lodge, an advocate of pressing the campaign against the Communists, to study the Vietnamese situation and report back within a few days.

Que. Fishermen Plan N.S. Base

HALIFAX (CP) — Quebec fishermen plan to establish a base of operations in Nova Scotia next winter. A spokesman for the United Fishermen of Quebec, holding an executive meeting here, said Friday a winter harbor and base of operations is badly needed by the federation, largest fishermen's co-operative in Quebec.

The Quebec coast is ice-bound for four or five months of the year.

The spokesman said this means men, ships and fish plants are idle during this time. "We now fully intend to establish a winter base of operations in Nova Scotia," he said. "We have been investigating possibilities and hope to start actual fishing down here in the winter of 1965-66."

Aylmer, Ont. Hit By \$1 Million Fire

AYLMER, Ont. (CP) — At least one-third of this southwestern Ontario town's business section was wiped out Friday when a tanker truck laden with propane gas exploded on a main intersection.

The only injuries reported were hand burns suffered by a truck driver.

The blaze roared out of control for close to three hours, destroying about 15 businesses on Talbot Street, main artery of the town about 10 miles east of St. Thomas. Early estimates assessed damages up to \$1,000,000.

The tanker truck, driven by Elmer Humphries of Aylmer, was having difficulty gaining traction after stopping at the intersection. A service truck driven by Al Parker, and gave it a nudge to get it started.

A valve on the back of the tank truck was broken and propane gas gushed out, filling the area with fumes. Then followed a major explosion and a succession of smaller ones.

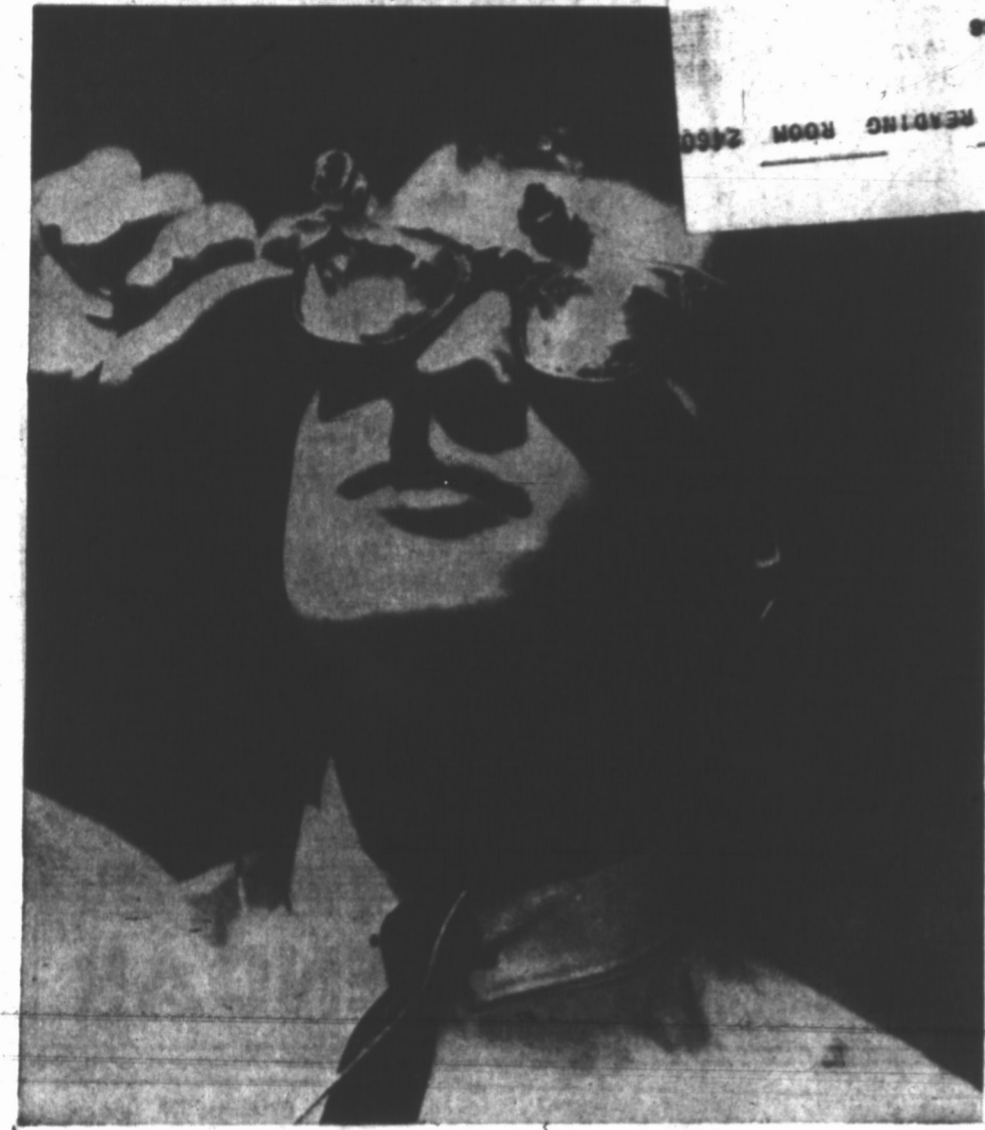
Parker was treated for hand burns, but his condition was not serious.

Dennis Haight, a bank accountant, said Humphries, who was not injured, crawled under the tanker to make sure the emergency valves were closed as they were.

"He probably saved a large portion of the main street from utter destruction," said Mr. Haight.

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SPECTACLES AID BLIND, YOUTH SAYS

Ralph Hotchkiss, 17, of Rockford, Ill., wears glasses he built and says they're designed to enable blind people to "see with their ears." Mirror lenses in glasses reflect light from objects in front of wearer to pair of upphoto-sensitive cells protruding before each lens. Cells transmit warning sound signals to pair of special ear pieces. Hotchkiss will demonstrate it on a science TV program in the United States. (AP Wirephoto)

YIELDS TO OPPOSITION

Gov't Will Reconsider Clause In Pension Plan

OTTAWA (CP)—The government agreed under opposition pressure Friday to reconsider one of the enforcement clauses in the Canada Pension Plan bill.

One Conservative said it opened the way to Gestapo-like tactics by government inspectors.

Revenue Minister Benson, piloting the contributory pension measure with Health Minister Judy LaMarsh, said the section which produced all the heat in the Commons for 90 minutes was less powerful than similar clauses in the Income Tax Act. The clause provides authority for government inspectors to examine employers' books to see that employer and employee contributions under the Canada Pension Plan are properly forwarded to the revenue department.

If grounds for suspicion of fraud are found, the inspectors can take away the books and hold them for court action.

Conditions In Que. Jail Revolting

QUEBEC (CP)—Montreal author Jacques Hebert, 41, out on bail after three days in Quebec's century-old provincial jail, said Friday conditions are so revolting there that the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals would protest if pigs were lodged in the institution.

The author was freed on \$1,000 cash bail granted by Mr. Justice Garon Pratte of Appeal Court pending his appeal, which will come up in April on a conviction for contempt of court.

Mr. Hebert was fined \$3,000 Tuesday and sent to jail for 30 days by Mr. Justice Georges Chailles as a result of passages in his book, *J'Accuse Les Assassins de Cofin*. (I Accuse the Assassins of Cofin).

His lawyers lodged an appeal Wednesday and successfully sought bail Friday.

Mr. Hebert chatted with other prisoners in courthouse cells as he awaited arrival of the money from Montreal. He looked tired and had a stubble of beard. But he was chipper and in good humor as he talked to reporters.

Better Deal Is Hope Under New ARDA Plan

By DON MACLEOD
Prince Edward Island could spend up to \$700,000 a year under the federal-provincial agricultural and development program but it would involve an outlay of \$1,200,000. Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae said in the Legislature yesterday.

He was taking part in the debate on the draft address.

Pointing out that the province last year received \$417,000 in federal money under the ARDA program, Mr. MacRae said that the program is on a cost sharing basis with the federal government and in order to spend \$700,000 it would be necessary to spend \$1,200,000 before it recovered the federal share. "That's a little too rich for our blood," he said.

He said he hoped a new ARDA agreement, to be signed this year, will provide that the federal government will pay a larger percentage of project costs.

FARM SOLD
Mr. MacRae also announced that the government-owned tobacco farm at Greenfield has been sold to an Ontario buyer for \$15,000. He said the transaction is being handled by the P.E.I. Farm Establishment Board.

(Outside the House the Minister said the purchaser was Doug Robson, who has moved here from Ontario and has been farming in the province for the past year.)

The minister spent the larger part of his speech in reviewing the work of the various divisions.

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FLAMES SHOT 100 feet into the air and engulfed eight stores and commercial buildings in Aylmer, Ont., Friday afternoon after a tanker truck loaded with propane gas exploded a short distance west of the town's main intersection. Here firemen battle to control the flames. (CP Wirephoto)

Pearson Seen Possible Witness At Dorion Probe

By KEN KELLY
OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson may be called before the Dorion inquiry to explain testimony by RCMP Deputy Commissioner J.R. Lemieux that Mr. Pearson tipped his parliamentary secretary, Guy Rouleau, of RCMP plans to question Dorion.

Deputy Commissioner Lemieux said RCMP Commissioner G. B. McClellan, scheduled to testify next week, told him this.

Chief Justice Frederic Dorion said the remark about Mr. Pearson is not evidence but rejected a motion that it be stricken from the record of his inquiry into allegations of attempted bribery and coercion by ministerial aides.

Commissioner Andre Desjardins said outside the hearing he now will have to discuss with Chief Justice Dorion whether to add the prime minister's name to the witness list.

One suggestion that Mr. Pearson may be summoned has already been made during the inquiry.

DATES AT ISSUE
Ross Drouin, Conservative party counsel, said previously he may ask to question Mr. Pearson about a Dec. 16 letter from the prime minister saying he knew about the bribery allegation last Sept. 2, not Nov. 22 as he had earlier told the Commons.

Mr. Rouleau was questioned by the RCMP last Sept. 17. Mr. Pearson told the Commons Nov. 24, when Mr. Rouleau resigned as his parliamentary secretary, that Mr. Rouleau did not inform him until that morning about his part in the case.

In a statement issued several hours later through the prime minister's office, Mr. Favreau said Mr. Pearson was not informed ahead of time that Mr. Rouleau was to be questioned.

He said the prime minister first spoke to Mr. Rouleau about the case Nov. 24.

Mr. Rouleau told the Commons he asked Mr. Pearson to relieve him but had done nothing wrong in making representations in the case of Lucien Rivard.

Rivard was arrested in Montreal June 18 for United States authorities who want him extradited to Texas on charges he was a key figure in a huge international narcotics smuggling conspiracy.

Pierre Lamontagne of Montreal, counsel for the U.S., complained to the RCMP Aug. 11 that Raymond Denis, then executive assistant to the immigration minister, offered him a \$20,000 bribe July 14 to agree to Rivard's release on bail.

Mr. Lamontagne also said he was subjected to political pressure in phone calls from Mr. Rouleau and Andre Letendre and Guy Lord, aides to Justice Minister Favreau.

Mr. Lemieux testified that Mr. Favreau "suspended" the RCMP investigation of these allegations Sept. 18 without having seen the RCMP report on the questioning of Mr. Rouleau Sept. 17.

NO PROSECUTION
He said that at a Sept. 18 meeting among Mr. Favreau, Commissioner McClellan, then Immigration Minister Tremblay and himself the justice minister was told that the RCMP considered Denis guilty of wrongdoing but there was not enough evidence to prosecute.

He read a memo he wrote for the files four days later which said Mr. Favreau decided the case was one "for internal discipline" and now was a matter for Mr. Tremblay, Denis' boss then and now postmaster-general.

Denis left the government service last October but it was never established whether he was fired or allowed to resign.

Deputy Commissioner Lemieux said the Sept. 18 meeting lasted about an hour. There was no discussion of referring the RCMP report to Mr. Favreau's office.

Mr. Tremblay had been "very surprised that Denis could have done such a thing and I understood his position because Denis appeared to be in somewhat of a predicament."

At first Mr. Tremblay had not been satisfied of Denis' guilt but after some discussion "I believe Mr. Tremblay changed his opinion."

Regarding Mr. Favreau's view that it was a matter for "internal discipline," Deputy Commissioner Lemieux said: "My minister expressed an opinion and when he expresses an opinion I have to respect it."

He said that as a result of the meeting his impression was that if more information turned up action would be taken.

Chief Justice Dorion asked how the RCMP was going to get more evidence if there was no more investigation.

The witness replied "some information might come to my attention."

MacKay Conference Report Is Called 'Distinguished'

"A distinguished and wonderful address" was Premier Walter R. Shaw's comment in the Legislature yesterday on the speech of George MacKay (4th Prince) who spoke in the debate on the draft address.

Mr. MacKay took more than an hour to give a report on the 1964 meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association meeting in Jamaica. Mr. MacKay represented Prince Edward Island at the conference.

A vivid word-picture of life in Jamaica was given by Mr. MacKay, as well as a report on deliberations of the conference which was attended by 120 delegates from 30 countries. "It was a truly memorable experience," he said.

Premier Shaw said that because of the unusual nature of Mr. MacKay's address he felt "compelled to express deep appreciation of every member of the Legislature for the remarkable address we listened to. It is not often that we get such a full report from a delegate in conference outside the province. We made no mistake in selecting Mr. MacKay to represent the province at the Jamaica conference."