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Contributory Pensions Given Liberal Priority

By ARCH MacKENZIE

BARRIE, Ont. (CP)—A new contributory pension plan has top priority in the Liberal party's April 8 election platform, Liberal Leader Pearson said Friday night.

"It has this priority because it is necessary and desirable in itself and because it involves no added drain on the revenues of the federal government," he said.

It would be added to the existing old age pension which he said the Liberals had introduced in 1951.

Further, workers should be able to retain rights on their contributions when they change jobs, he said.

Mr. Pearson spoke in detail about the pension plan.

The remarks were contained in notes for his address issued to the press before delivery.

CITES EXAMPLE

Taking as an example a couple aged 54 years, Mr. Pearson said they can expect to draw under the present system $65 a month each at age 70.

Under the Liberal proposal for the contributory plan, individuals would start making small monthly payments out of salary matched by employers' contributions.

At age 65 the husband could retire on pension, having built up enough with the existing pension and the contributory plan to draw $180 a month.

If he worked until 70, the husband could draw $250 a month for himself and his wife.

Persons aged 70 when the plan started would get $75 a month individually or $140 a month for a married couple.

Existing company pension plans would not be impaired.

The national plan, Mr. Pearson said, would take effect gradually over a period of 10 years.

"The Liberal objective is a contributory plan for people who make average or below-average incomes," he said. Thus the top limit of monthly pensions would be based on people with salaries of $500 a month and contributions and benefits would be based on $500 monthly earnings only.

People earning above-average salaries could afford to arrange for their own additional old age security, he said.

Mr. Pearson spoke to an attentive crowd of about 900 in the school auditorium.

Walter Gordon introducing Mr. Pearson, hailed the "great show" in London, Ont., Thursday night and said it indicates "there is no safe Tory seat any more in Ontario."

Dief Suggests Warheads For Defence 'Useless'

By ALAN DONNELLY

HALIFAX (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker suggested Friday night that nuclear warheads for Canada's NORAD defence forces are useless.

"What possible use is it to have nuclear weapons stored in Canada for instruments that are no longer effective?" he said in a campaign speech to a capacity crowd of 2,000 at a downtown theatre.

Mr. Diefenbaker also referred to an old NORAD press release issued in 1961 in rejecting criticisms that he had disclosed United States secrets in a recent speech in which he said the U.S. had 1,200 interceptor planes in the North American Air Defence Command.

In his reference to nuclear weapons in Canada, he did not make clear whether he was referring to both the Bomarc missile and the CF-100 Voodoo jet interceptor.

Mr. Diefenbaker said that Liberal Leader Pearson was "shocked—shocked when I said the United States had 1,200 interceptors."

DISPLAYS RELEASE

Waving a copy of the 1961 NORAD press release, he read from it: "NORAD has about 35 squadrons of interceptors in its fighter stable."

Mr. Diefenbaker added: "Just multiply that and you get your own figure."

He said the press release was issued in the spring of 1961.

Crowds were lined up outside the theatre more than an hour before the meeting began, and fire officials closed the doors when the seating capacity had been reached. Several hundred persons were turned away.

The Progressive Conservative leader, bidding for the election of two party candidates in this two-member Halifax constituency, presented himself as a person who has told the truth to Canadians.

He said in last year's election campaign, he had said Canada was enjoying an economic upsurge while the Liberals said the country was bankrupt because of the foreign exchange run on the Canadian dollar.

After the election and the foreign exchange crisis, the Liberals "said I deceived you."

Mr. Diefenbaker said he wondered at the time whether Canadians would ever believe him again.

"I'm able to come back to you again and say that in 1962 Canada's national production had the largest percentage increase of any country in the free world."

There had been two years of trade surpluses in 1961 and 1962. In January, exports were at a record for the month, up 8.7 per cent from a year earlier. Records were set last year in labor and agricultural income, business profits and construction.

That's why people today know that we told them the truth."

Islander Killed In B.C.

POWELL RIVER, B.C. (CP) —Two miners were killed and a third injured Thursday night in a dynamite blast in an iron ore waste dump on Texada Island, 55 miles northwest of Vancouver.

Wilbur Leonard Roach, 50, of Texada Island, and Maurice Gaudet, 26 of Prince Edward Island were killed almost instantly when the dynamite exploded prematurely. Both men were standing over the charge.

Rudy Lipus, 27, of Texada, was taken to hospital here with concusion, shock and multiple injuries.

A mines department inspector said the miners were preparing to blast loose a seized-up wheel from the shaft of a mining shovel.

The charge went off as two of the miners packed it with mud and the third stood nearby.

Mine officials said small quantities of dynamite are used at mine sites to separate wheels from shafts when other methods fail.

(Mr. Gaudet was a native of Miscouche.)

'Wilful Canadians' Blamed For Newsprint Price Fixing

SHAMROCKS FOR CASTONGUAY

Nelson Castonguay, Canada's chief electoral officer, Friday received a pot of shamrocks from a group calling itself "The Irish Rebels, Montreal, P.Q." With Mr. Castonguay is his private secretary, Mrs. E. Rheaume. (CP Wirephoto)

Yank Suggests Congress Action

WASHINGTON (CP) — The chairman of a House of Representatives anti-trust subcommittee, stating that a Canadian newsprint cartel "places the business of newspapers in a bind," said Friday the United States Congress should act if illegal practices are behind increases in newsprint prices.

He suggested outside the committee hearings that if Canadian prices for the paper on which newspapers are printed aren't reduced, the U.S. should threaten to impose a tariff on newsprint imports from Canada.

Representative Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, said he is surprised the American Newspaper Publishers Association hasn't tried to have something done about the situation. Celler's subcommittee is studying the concentration of ownership in the United States newspaper business.

He said the subcommittee investigators found the high price of newsprint often is cited as a reason for the collapse of some newspapers.

"Now if this rising cost is due to illegal means," he said, making reference to a Canadian cartel, "I think we should remove those illegal means if we can."

SHOULD USE TARIFF

Later, in an interview, Celler said the U.S. should threaten to impose a tariff against Canadian newsprint if newsprint prices are not reduced.

"We had a tariff once before and maybe we should have one again," he said, describing the $138-a-ton Canadian newsprint price as "inordinate."

Celler said he will decide whether to pursue this tariff suggestion further once he hears from U.S. publishers regarding what interests they may have in Canadian newsprint firms.

Canada is the world's leading newsprint exporter and last year exported about $640,000,000 worth of newsprint to the U.S.

Celler asked Stanford Smith, general manager of the publishers association, whether newsprint prices declined after New York newspapers ceased publication because of the strike there.

Smith said the price remained steady at $135 a ton. He said the price was $59 a ton 20 years ago and rose steadily until it reached the $135 level in 1957.

"So that regardless of supply and demand the price is fixed in Canada by a group of wilful men. I might say," Celler said.

TRIED TO INVESTIGATE

He said the subcommittee tried to investigate newsprint prices in 1950 but was balked when some U.S. companies rushed their records across the Canadian border "and the government of Ontario quickly passed a law making it illegal for anyone to give information about newsprint to a legislative body."

(Actually, no Ontario law on newsprint information was passed in 1950. Three years earlier the Business Records Protection Act was adopted to prevent removal from Ontario of certain records of businesses operating in the province. In 1950, this act became part of the Consolidated Statutes of Ontario, issued every 10 years.)

Celler said some U.S. newspaper publishers hold interests in Canadian newsprint plants. "I'd like to know whether or not these newspaper publishers who have these interests in paper mills, do they follow what is known as price leadership?"

Smith said he has no information on ownership of paper mills by U.S. publishers.

In Montreal Robert M. Fowler, president of the Canadian Newsprint Association, declined to comment immediately on Celler's charges.

Caouette Proposes Wider Tax Field For Provinces

By RON LEBEL

SHAWINIGAN, Que. (CP)—Deputy Leader Real Caouette said Friday a Social Credit government would return complete jurisdiction over corporation and personal income taxes and succession duties to the provinces.

He said these tax fields rightfully belong to the province but were borrowed by the federal government during the Second World War.

Campaigning for the April 8 federal election in this industrial city 100 miles northeast of Montreal, Mr. Caouette told a press conference the time has come for the federal government to return these tax rights to the provinces.

The loss in federal revenue could be made up by cutting defence expenditures and through indirect taxes.

Mr. Caouette also told the press conference that credit worth $5,000,000,000 should be created at one stroke by the Bank of Canada to produce "perfect economic balance."

The government would fill a current gap between the value of the gross national product and net national income.

Other points in his program he reviewed were assistance to private enterprise in developing natural resources, ending the government's "austerity program," adoption of a distinctive flag and national anthem, and increases in family allowaces and various pensions.

Record Spending Planned In Que.

QUEBEC (CP)—Record budget estimates of $1,045,245,000 for the 1963-64 fiscal year, reflecting the increased costs of government services, were tabled in the Quebec legislature Friday by Premier Lesage.

Notes accompanying the estimates took a dig at the federal government for not relinquishing some of its sources of revenue to the province.

The estimates, over the $1,000,000,000 figure for the first time in Quebec's history, were $87,464,325 higher than last year.

With federal government contributions for various joint plans, Quebec's total spending is estimated at $1,287,275,100.

The notes accompanying the estimates, remarking on the increase in Quebec's expenses, said "it is fitting to note that the increase in federal grants is only $72,000,000."

Th estimates forecast ordinary expenditures of $834,561,000, up from $762,256,175 a year earlier. Capital expenses were forecast at $163,775,000 compared with $158,949,500 in the 1962-63 fiscal year.

DEBT SERVICE

Debt service will cost $46,909,000, up from $36,575,000.

The health department estimates rose to $185,175,000 from $166,923,800. Much of the increase was attributed to hospital insurance costs.

The youth department's estimates increased by some $8,000,000 to $160,310,000, including $100,000,000 for construction and repair of roads. However, money being allocated to the Trans - Canada Highway this year is decreased to $52,000,000 from $60,670,000.

Exhilarated By Reception, Dief Reports

TRURO, N.S. (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker told about 600 persons at the railway station here Friday "I'm exhilarated as I've not been for a long time."

"Everywhere there is this spirit," the prime minister said from his train which stopped here on a whistle stop trip to Halifax from Moncton.

In last year's election "I flew over the people at about 30,000 feet. You don't meet many people at that height. This time I'm with the people where I was in 1957 and 1958," he said.

The train also stopped at Sackville, N.B., Amherst, Londonderry and Debert, N.S., but the speech here was the prime minister's first of the day.

At Sackville he was met by about 100 persons, mostly students from Mount Allison University. A crowd of about 500, many of whom were carrying placards, greeted the prime minister's train at Amherst.

One of the placards read: "Dief the chief will look after your beef."

Child Is Killed By Snow Plow

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Michel Beauregarde, 7, of neighboring Lancaster, died Friday after he was run over by a tractor plowing snow at Denis Morin Memorial School in Lancaster.

Lancaster police said all details of the accident were not available immediately. An autopsy was held Friday afternoon.

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Traffic Deaths Decline In N.B.

SAINT JOHN N.B. (CP) — New Brunswick recorded 139 traffic deaths in 1962, a decrease of 15 from 1961.

Statistics released recently by the Motor Vehicle Department show a total of 7,446 accidents during 1962 with property damage of $3,750,545.

SHUT UP SHOUT SHOCKS GUESTS

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia (Reuters) — Chattering guests at a luncheon here Friday for touring Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip were shocked into silence by a shout of "shut up."

The man who shouted, Col. Lionel Rose, explained "I felt something had to be done to stop the mob from drinking and talking."

The guests had ignored an official who rose to propose a toast to the Queen.

Rose said the Queen's private secretary, Sir Michael Adeane, turned to him after he shouted and said "good on you, old boy"—a typically Australian expression.

After the shout the Queen glanced at Rose, a colorful and controversial figure in this remote town in the heart of the Australian desert. She showed no expression.

Farm Wages Increasing

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — Average wages of farm help in the three Atlantic Provinces show a slight rise in the latest report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Average wages per hour this year are 67 cents with board compared to 62 cents in 1962 and 60 cents in 1961.

Wages without board average 83 cents compared to 76 cents last year and 72 cents in 1961.

Highest wages are in British Columbia where they average $1.11 an hour with board and $1.22 without board this year.

The Atlantic Provinces wages per day average $5.20 with board and $6.40 without, compared to $8.10 and $9.80 in British Columbia. Average wages per month in the Atlantic Provinces are $108 with board and $141 without. The all-Canada average is $124 with board and $167 without.

In all cases, the wage figures refer to male farm help. The rates do not reflect such things as separate housing accommodation, fuel, electricity and certain food supplies.

Judge Norris Winds Up 7-Month Marine Probe

By ROBERT RICE

OTTAWA (CP)—Mr. Justice T. G. Norris wrapped up the public side of his one-man investigation of Great Lakes labor strife Friday and prepared to write his report for federal government action.

The end to the long and sensational labor inquiry was reached without fanfare at the 107th session — seven months after it had been launched.

"I can't say, as people usually do, that it has been a great pleasure to be engaged in the work I am doing," smiled the 60-year-old Vancouver jurist. "But it has been very interesting."

Noting that he still had "a great deal of work to do" before delivering his findings, the judge dropped the curtain on his public inquiry after hearing more than 4,000,000 words of testimony from some 190 witnesses and collecting almost 800 exhibits.

In the spotlight throughout the inquiry was the Seafarers' International Union of Canada and its controversial president, American-born Hal C. Banks.

SIU WALKS OUT

The SIU walked out of the hearings last Tuesday, claiming that the judge was biased.

Two shipping companies sent their lawyers to appear at the final session to offer some ideas on their views of marine labor problems.

Barry Pepper, speaking for Scott Misener Steamships, proposed greater government supervision of labor-management relations as well as the relations between a union and its members.

He described the federal labor law—the industrial relations and disputes investigation act—as "all wind-up and no pitch," urging that it be overhauled.

John J. Mahoney, counsel for N. M. Paterson and Sons shipping firm of Fort William, contended that the Canadian Labor Congress is in error in blaming the SIU for all the troubles in the shipping industry.

The CLC, charging that the SIU is run as an extortion racket by a "hoodlum empire," wants federal action to outlaw the seafarers' union.

Mr. Mahoney said this view was "too narrow." He argued that the Canada Shipping Act should be given priority in marine labor disputes over the industrial relations legislation. He said the SIU hiring hall and the check-off of union dues were not allowed under the Shipping Act.

Probe Ordered In Fire Deaths

OROMOCTO, N.B. (CP)—Date of an inquest into the early morning fire here Friday that claimed the life of a 27-year-old soldier and his three children, is to be set following an investigation by the defence department.

Dead after fire swept their apartment at 23 Newton Court in this six-year-old army town, were Pte. Donald Robert Burns, 27, and his children Edward Robert, 5, Phillip Gordon, 4 and Catherine Vivin, nine months. Pte. Burns' wife Allies escaped serious injury but was suffering shock.

The Burns' apartment was the only one destroyed in the six-apartment block.

BLACK BOXES MARK YEAR OF DISARMAMENT TALKS

GENEVA (Reuters) — A United States eagle and a Russian bear popped out of black boxes Thursday night to celebrate the first birthday of the 17-nation disarmament conference here.

The bear was a present to America n co - chairman Charles Stelle and the eagle was for Semyon Tsarapkin, his Soviet opposite number.

Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Canadian delegate, gave the boxes, tied with string and sealed, at a party for the delegations from the 17 nations.

Black boxes — the popular name for proposed automatic seismic stations—are a controversial issue at the conference. East and West cannot agree how many of them should be used under a nuclear test ban agreement.

On-site inspection of the territories of the nuclear powers to check against cheating is another point of disagreement—and Tsarapkin insisted on having three neutral delegates on hand as inspectors when he opened his box.

Pearson Plans 3 Appearances In Province

National Liberal leader Lester B. Pearson will make three appearances here next week when he arrives Tuesday, March 19 and remains in the province through Wednesday afternoon, it has been announced by party spokesmen here.

Mr. Pearson is scheduled to speak to St. Dunstan's University students at 4.00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, will speak over CFCV TV 6.00 to 6.15 p.m. and will address a meeting in the Queen Charlotte High School at 8.30 p.m.

Mr. Pearson will speak to a Summerside audience in the Canadian Legion home Wednesday afternoon at 2.00 p.m.

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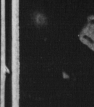

Mrs. Adrienne Larache (right) is escorted from county jail at Ottawa en route to court where she was freed on $5,000 bail Friday. The former East-view treasurer who was convicted of theft of municipal funds last year, has been granted a new trial by the Ontario Court of Appeals. With her are Policewoman Phoebe Gow and an unidentified Ottawa detective.

(CP Wirephoto)

LIBERALS SAID CONVERTS

NDP Bid In Quebec Appears Unexpected

MONTREAL (CP)—The New Democratic Party, with 50 candidates in the field so far, is making an unexpectedly strong bid to grab some of Quebec's 75 seats in the April 8 federal election.

Although its Quebec wing is not yet officially organized, the party has found a provincial leader in Gerard Picard, 55, a veteran labor leader who has launched a province-wide campaign.

The NDP has nowhere to go but up in Quebec—and it's a long way up. Its 40 candidates in the June 1962 federal election in Quebec all lost their deposits.

Eighteen trailed the poll while the others, mostly on Montreal Island, managed to finish ahead of Social Credit or Independent candidates.

WAVE OF SYMPATHY

Chief organizer Andre L'Heureux, on loan from the party's national secretariat in Ottawa, says "a wave of sympathy is transforming the NDP into a truly representative party" in Quebec.

The predominantly French-speaking province has never elected a candidate carrying the banner of the NDP or its predecessor, the CCF, in a federal election.

NDP spokesmen are wary of making any predictions about the number of seats they hope to win but they say they are confident of doubling or even tripling the popular vote in their favor.

Mr. L'Heureux said the NDP expects to nominate at least 60 candidates in Quebec before the March 25 deadline.

Last year the NDP got its only substantial Quebec support in Montreal ridings but this time it is making a serious effort outside Montreal—more serious than it had originally intended.

GROUPS PICK CANDIDATES

Mr. L'Heureux said there been cases of groups of private organization and asking the NDP to organize a campaign.

"This sort of enthusiasm is something new for the party in Quebec," Mr. L'Heureux said.

In the Eastern Townships riding of Richmond-Wolfe, he said, Lewis Craig presented himself as an NDP candidate after declining nomination as a liberal. Mr. Craig had been an executive member of the riding's Liberal organization.

In Beauce, south of Quebec City, the official organizer for NDP candidate Jean - Claude Morin was Robert Cliche, a member of the Quebec Liberal Federation.

NDP spokesmen say they are getting support from a number of young businessmen, union leaders and professional people who, in provincial politics, have been supporting Premier Jean Lesage's Liberal party.

The NDP program, mainly its stand against nuclear arms, its call for more flexibility in federal-provincial relations and its declarations of support for a more genuinely bicultural Canada, has been getting sympathetic treatment from editorial writers in some Quebec newspapers