

## Russian Magazine Declares Farm Policy Is Sabotaged

By FRED COLTMAN  
MOSCOW (AP)—The new Soviet leaders more than a year ago ordered a change designed to give farmers a break and to put more food on the tables of Russian homes.

That decision is still being sabotaged by old-line local officials, the magazine Kommunist reports.

The magazine cited these examples of "gross violations of party and government orders":

—Farmers who legally sell produce from their private plots have been denounced in local papers as economic speculators.

—Local officials have illegally restricted farmers from obtaining the fodder they need for livestock raised on their private plots.

—Local officials have illegally forced farmers to sell products from their private plots according to a plan of fixed sales targets.

**REFLECTS CONCERN**

Publication of the article in Kommunist indicated official concern at the highest level with these practices. The magazine is the journal of the central committee of the Soviet Communist party.

The magazine said in some areas farmers are not allowed to cut fodder for their private plots even from areas the collective farms don't use.

Farmers are supposed to be able to buy fodder in state stores for their private livestock. But Kommunist said in some areas farmers are told they must deliver so much meat, butter and eggs before they can buy fodder.

## Testy Atmosphere Expected To Continue In Parliament

By STEWART MACLEOD  
OTTAWA (CP)—The somewhat testy atmosphere maintained in the Commons during the last Parliament is not likely to be dissipated in the next session. Many observers here feel it will become worse.

While the seating arrangements have changed little as a result of Monday's general election, it is felt that the vote has resulted in a wholesale change of attitudes that could throw an entirely new complexion on the house. The infighting, it is felt, will be far more severe.

In the previous Parliament the minority Liberal government was armed with the ultimate weapon of an election, and through most of the last session it would have welcomed defeat. That weapon was fired Monday, and it won't be reloaded for many months, or years.

The Conservative party, whose absenteeism saved the previous government on several occasions, won't be so accommodating in the next session, it is felt.

The Conservatives argue that if the Liberals are defeated soon after this election, there will be no choice but to recommend to the governor-general that the Conservative party form a government.

This argument is based on the grounds that another election is out of the question.

## Air Refueling Base To Close

STEPHENVILLE, Nfld. (CP)—United States Air Force officials has announced an air refueling squadron at Harmon air force base here will be deactivated before next March.

Officials said some 600 military personnel in the 376th Air Refueling Squadron will be reassigned elsewhere to meet an urgent requirement to increase U.S. military airlift capabilities. They did not elaborate.

The 600 men represent about 80 per cent of the base's overall military personnel. There will be little, if any, decrease in civilian employment on the base, the announcement said.

Harmon is the base for the 401st Strategic Wing of the USAF, which includes the Military Air Transport Command and Air Defence Command.

The base also is connected with the Pine Tree Radar Warning Line.

Town officials here have feared for some time that the base may be closed down. Air force officials said Monday the decision concerning the operation of the base would be fully discussed with Canadian officials.

## Nfld. Group Asks 12-Mile Limit Action

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The Newfoundland Fish Trades Association has announced it will ask the federal government for "immediate unilateral action" to restrict all but Canadian fishing vessels from operating inside the 12-mile territorial fishing limit.

The association said in a statement released here it will seek establishment of a baseline for the limit instead of the headland-to-headland system now in effect. It will also ask the federal government to cease recognition of the historic fishing rights of foreign countries.

Canada has granted these rights to the United Kingdom, Norway, Iceland, Denmark, Spain and Portugal. Vessels of these countries enjoy the same freedom in Canadian waters as Canadian vessels.

However, the association recommended that special rights be given the United States and France since both countries hold land in the area of Canada's coastlines.

The association said its statement was prompted by an incident off the British Columbia coast last week when a Canadian vessel collided with a Russian trawler.

The fish trades association represents companies involved in the salt fish trade in Newfoundland. The stand of the association was also endorsed by the Provincial Fresh Frozen Fish Trades Association.

**MOVE TO ATTACK**

As a result, they say, the Conservatives will be on the offensive to a greater degree than in the last Parliament.

But they cannot defeat the government without the help of the smaller parties. Several Liberal sources have expressed confidence that the Conservatives won't get this help—but it will be a constant threat.

Already some Conservatives are said to be planning non-confidence motions that will gather the widest possible support from the smaller parties.

But even though all Opposition groups agree in principle, it won't necessarily bring down the government. Social Credit leader Thompson said he agreed with many non-confidence motions in the last Parliament, but opposed them because the Canadian people do not want an election at this time.

While the government's defeat in the next session wouldn't necessarily mean an election, Liberal sources are hopeful that the same arguments will be applied to a potential change of government.

The government could eliminate most of its insecurity by working out a formal arrangement, or a coalition, with one of the smaller parties, but a Liberal official said this is extremely unlikely.

"Providing someone doesn't really rock the boat," he said. "I think we'll be okay."

"Indefinitely?" he was asked. He shrugged.

## MC Winner Dies In Ont.

OAKVILLE, Ont. (CP)—Lt. Col. Robert James Williams, a Military Cross winner during the Second World War, died at his home here Sunday. He was 74.

He was awarded the decoration for his daring work in mining bridges that helped cover the withdrawal of Allied troops from Namsoo, Norway.

He retired from the army in 1952 when stationed in Oakville, Ont., with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps.

## Oppose Union Of Northwest With Provinces

EDMONTON (CP)—The two members of Parliament for Canada's Northern Territories said here they oppose a suggestion by the Alberta government that the North be united with the western provinces.

A. R. Patrick, Alberta industry minister, said Saturday parts of the Northwest Territories should be divided among the Prairie provinces. He said the Yukon should be added to British Columbia and the Mackenzie River Basin should be turned over to Alberta.

Erik Nielsen, Progressive Conservative MP for the Yukon, said in an interview: "This recommendation has been made many times before and there is no more justification for it now than there was in 1955."

"I think the taxpayers of the two provinces (Alberta and British Columbia) would have something to say if northern regions were developed before areas closer to home."

Bud Orange, Liberal member for the Northwest Territories, said Mr. Patrick should visit the North before making "rash statements."

## Bishop's Death Is Announced

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The death of Bishop Jean-Louis Couderc, French-born Apostolic Vicar of Whitehorse, Yukon, was announced here Monday.

He died Sunday in the Roman hospital of Salvatore Mundi. He was 70.

Archbishop Pericle Fellet, secretary-general of the Vatican eccumenical council, announced the death of Bishop Couderc during the council meeting today. The 2,100 council fathers prayed for him.

Bishop Couderc was born in Menat, France, Aug. 9, 1895. He was ordained a priest in 1919 and became a member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He was consecrated Titular Bishop of Rhodopolis in 1936 and became Apostolic Vicar of Whitehorse in 1944.



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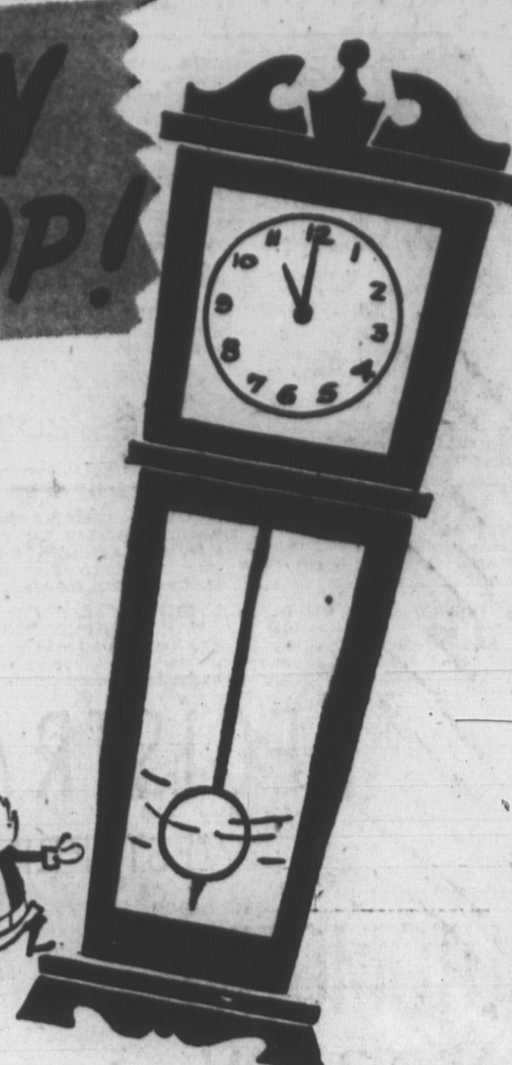
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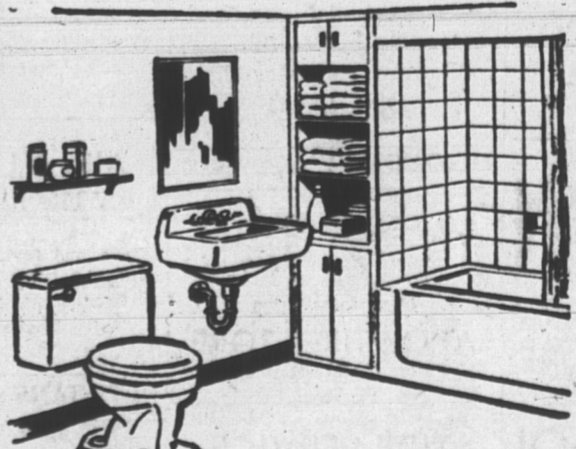
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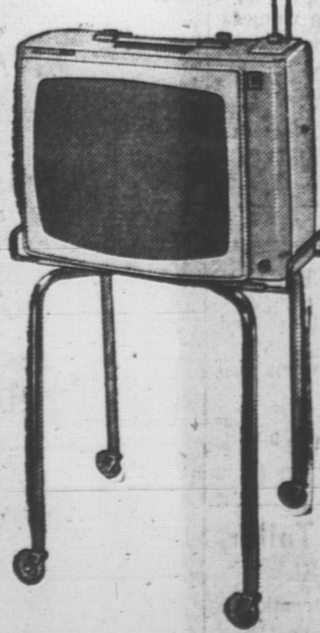
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