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ROTARY CHARTER MEMBERS CUT CAKE

Two charter members of the Charlottetown Rotary Club Dr. J.A. Clark (left) and Walter S. Grant cut the birthday cake at the luncheon meeting in the Charlottetown yesterday, commemorating the 58th anniversary of Rotary, started in Chicago by Paul Harris. Past president John Simmonds outlined the history of the club at the meeting, and guest speaker was Jack Ambler, executive director of the P.E.I. United Fund, who discussed the work of the fund in relation to the community. A special guest was Lieutenant- Governor F.W. Hyndman.(See story on page 5.)

Output Of Farms 'Bright'

WASHINGTON (CP) — The U.S. agriculture department, in a general review of farming in the western hemisphere, Monday described Canadian production as one of the bright spots in the hemisphere and predicted Canadian farm output will continue to climb.

"Over the next several years the production of major crops and livestock should continue upward," the department said of Canada in its annual review of hemispheric conditions. "The value of agricultural exports may trend slightly upward but barring unforeseen developments is not expected to show any substantial change."

It noted that Canada undertook a major austerity program including import curbs last June as part of an effort to overcome a dollar crisis. It suggested the import curbs would do much harm to U.S. farm exports.

"The austerity program seems to have had little effect upon either total agricultural trade or U.S. agricultural exports to Canada."

General economic conditions for the western hemisphere were described as less favorable in 1962 than in 1961 but "the current range outlook is for upward trends in agricultural output and trade and gradually improving economic conditions."

Gov't Is Given Heavy Jolt In Retirement Of Fleming

Fisheries Minister Elected In Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Fisheries Minister C. Max Lane, defeated in a provincial election Nov. 19, was re-elected to the Newfoundland House of Assembly Monday in a seat made vacant by the resignation of a Liberal backbencher.

Mr. Lane won in Trinity North a seat vacated for him by Arthur Mifflin. The former welfare minister was named fisheries minister Friday.

Defeated were Progressive Conservative candidate Whitfield Bannister, who also lost to Mr. Mifflin in the Nov. 19 general provincial election and Sam Drover, an independent.

Standings in the 42-seat House are Liberals 34, Conservatives seven, and one independent.

The election turnout — 7,054 voters were eligible—was light when polls opened at 8 a.m. Monday but as the day progressed grew heavier under sunny skies. Polls closed at 8 p.m.

In the last election Mr. Lane lost by 173 votes to Conservative William Smith in the west coast St. Barbe South district, a new riding created by re-distribution last spring.

Mr. Bannister barely saved his $200 deposit Nov. 19, losing to Mr. Mifflin by 1,055 votes.

With 12 polls still outstanding Monday night Mr. Lane had a 1,073 - vote lead. About 3,417 votes had been counted compared with a total of 3,301 votes cast in the last election.

Mr. Drover, who sat out the Nov. 19 election after being defeated as an independent in 1959 had 156 votes with 53 polls out of 65 counted. He was elected as a liberal in 1953 but crossed the floor to become the only CCF member ever to sit in the Newfoundland House. None has ever been elected.

PRESIDENT BETANCOURT

Venezuelan President Begins Tour

BELEM, Brazil (AP) — The commandeered Venezuelan freighter Anzoategui was anchored in Brazilian waters Monday and her pro-Communist captors asked for asylum in Brazil. The Brazilian navy sent a corvette to escort the fugitive ship to Belem.

The Venezuelan foes of Venezuela's President Betancourt who took over the ship at gunpoint last Tuesday already have a promise of asylum. But the foreign ministry in Caracas, the Venezuelan capital, announced it will demand their extradition.

The 3,127-ton freighter was anchored in shallow water off the Brazilian island of Maraca, about 240 miles northwest of this port.

One aim of the men who seized her was to embarrass Betancourt and force cancellation of his visit to Washington. They are supporters of Cuban Premier Castro. But the president, a strong Castro opponent, shrugged off the incident and flew to Puerto Rico. He will fly to Washington today.

NOT WORRIED

Betancourt declared in San Juan, Puerto Rico, that he left without worry for the stability of his government because it is backed by a majority of the Venezuelan people and the armed forces.

Quitting Public Life For Personal Reason

By ALAN DONNELLY

OTTAWA (CP)—The embattled Diefenbaker government received another heavy jolt Monday with Justice Minister Fleming's announcement he is retiring from public life for personal reasons.

Mr. Fleming, finance minister for more than five years until last August and a key man in the Conservative government, said he won't be a candidate in the April 8 federal election.

He left it up to Prime Minister Diefenbaker to decide the exact date he will leave the cabinet. This left the possibility that Mr. Fleming might continue in the cabinet to help carry the administrative load during part or all of the election campaign.

The 57-year-old minister is the fourth cabinet minister to announce his resignation in the last two weeks, but his statement underlined that the decision was for personal reasons. The other three resignations were over differences in government policy on nuclear weapons.

Mr. Fleming, with 25 years of public life behind him, said his decision "caused me deep searching of heart."

DEMANDS TOO HEAVY

"The time has come however when the exactions and sacrifices imposed by public service are too heavy to be continued."

He said he is leaving the prime minister and his cabinet colleagues "with deep regret and with the most cordial and friendly feelings."

His resignation, rumored for several days, didn't produce the same shock waves caused by the earlier resignations over the nuclear issue — Douglas Harkness as defence minister, George Hees as trade minister and Pierre Sevigny as associate defence minister.

But in public comments about his announcement, there was recognition of the important role played in the cabinet by the stocky politician who combined a keen mind with a determined, combative temperament.

Mr. Diefenbaker said he received Mr. Fleming's decision with "deep personal regret" and described him as "a close, sincere, frank and loyal friend."

CARRIED HEAVY LOAD

Social Credit Leader Thompson said Mr. Fleming had carried "an unduly heavy burden imposed on him due to the incompetent inadequacy of the party leadership."

Liberal Leader Pearson declined to comment beyond saying "it's Mr. Fleming's decision." But a top Liberal lieutenant, J. W. Pickersgill, said: "As one after another minister leaves the cabinet, one can't help wondering what will be left by April 8."

New Democratic Party Leader Douglas commented in Vancouver: "More and more cabinet ministers are running for cover. Soon Mr. Diefenbaker will be alone like Horatio holding the bridge."

Two other ministers aren't expected to be candidates April 8. Works Minister Davie Fulton was elected in January as Conservative leader in British Columbia, and State Secretary Ernest Halpenny in poor health with heart trouble, is reported ready to declare himself out of the election contest in his constituency of London.

Mr. Fleming, MP for Toronto Eglinton since 1945, said he told party constituency officials Saturday about his decision and that Mr. Diefenbaker was advised "some time ago."

There have been reports he might be appointed to a vacancy on the Supreme Court of Canada. But Mr. Fleming's statement made no mention of his future activity, and his phrase "retiring from public life" appeared to indicate he will return to private life, probably in law practice.

SON WOUNDED

Recently he has had a deep personal worry. The youngest of his three children, 20-year-old Donald Watson Fleming, was wounded in the chest Feb. 2 by a shotgun blast in the nearby South Hull home of Mrs. Jayne Perley - Robertson. The son is recovering in hospital.

Mr. Fleming was a right-hand man of Prime Minister Diefenbaker in more ways than one. He was the seat-mate of the prime minister in the Commons since the Conservatives took office in 1957, and within the cabinet is second in seniority after external affairs minister Green.

He earned a reputation as an able parliamentarian who loved a verbal scrap and found himself the centre of several political storms in the Commons.

During the angry 1956 pipeline debate in the Commons, as an opposition member, he was expelled for part of a day for defying a ruling by the chair. He was a central figure in the battle over the government's 1961 attempt to fire James E. Coyne as governor of the Bank of Canada.

His unbroken series of budgetary deficits as finance minister kept him under steady opposition fire.

To the public, Mr. Fleming was a hard-working, austere, almost puritan-like figure who touched neither tobacco nor alcohol and viewed his job with utmost seriousness.

Britain, 5 Partners Postpone ECM Effort

GENEVA (AP) — Britain and five of her six partners in the European Free Trade Association decided Monday night to postpone further efforts to join the rival European Common Market.

The ministers of the EFTA—Britain, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Portugal—met to discuss trade policy in light of the French veto of British entry into the Common Market.

Only Austria decided to press ahead for associate membership in the Common Market and it did so with the approval of other members. Austrian Foreign Minister Bruno Kreisky said his country, with its heavy trade with West Germany a Common Market member, felt it must make some arrangement with the rival trade bloc.

The Seven agreed on the necessity of stepping up tariff-reduction in their British-led organization in order to keep pace with the Common Market.

The decisions were announced by Frank E. Figures, EFTA secretary-general, at a press conference after the closed meeting.

CITES BASIC TARGET

Britain's deputy foreign minister, Edward Heath, called on the others to keep in mind the basic objective of a unified European market including both the EFTA and Common Market countries. Heath conducted the British negotiations with the Common Market.

"But we must be realistic," he added. "The path to membership in the Common Market is barred to Britain at present and there is no access foreseeable."

Britain, Sweden and Switzerland favored speeding up the rate of EFTA tariff cuts applying to the goods of EFTA members but no decision was taken.

No Charges Planned In Fleming Case

QUEBEC (CP) — A spokesman for the Quebec attorney-general's department said Monday an investigation has been completed in the case of Donald Watson Fleming, 20-year-old son of the justice minister, who was found wounded in the chest by a shotgun blast in a South Hull home Feb. 2.

The spokesman, describing the case as a "sad affair," said no charge will be laid.

Fleming was found on the floor of the kitchen in the South Hull home of Mrs. Jayne Perley-Robertson where he had been staying.

Prince Andrew Is Three Today

LONDON (Reuters) — Prince Andrew, cheerful, chubby youngest child of Queen Elizabeth, will be three today.

Already during his short life, the fair-haired blue-eyed child has endeared himself to his mother's subjects with his beaming smile, merry wave and gift for-show-stealing on his occasional public appearance s.

Severe Drought Hits Peking Area

PEKING (Reuters)—A light fall of snow here during the weekend did little to ease the worst drought in decades in the area around the Communist Chinese capital. The Communist party newspaper Peking Peoples Daily said it was the first measurable snow or rain in more than six months.

Italians Vote April 28-29

ROME (AP) — Presidential decrees dissolved Italy's third republican parliament Monday and set for April 28-29 a general election that will be crucial for the Western alliance.

Decisions of the 30,000,000 eligible Italian voters are expected to determine Italy's role in the multilateral nuclear force proposed for NATO that includes the question of Italian bases for United States Polaris missile-armed submarines.

President Segni signed the decrees. He acted on the recommendations of Premier Fanfani, who countersigned them.

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Big Blizzard Stops Search

NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP)—A blizzard raging across the North Bay area late Monday grounded RCAF planes searching the area since early Monday morning for the missing Cessna 180 aircraft carrying Drummondville, Que., doctor J. R. Michaud, 56, and his 12-year-old son Yves.

Only two aircraft—an Albatross and a Dakota—were able to batter through the storm.

An Expediter aircraft was forced back to base earlier and nine others were standing by at three air force bases waiting for the weather to clear.

Dr. Michaud and his son who had been visiting friends here during the weekend, took off for Montreal at 9:22 p.m. Sunday night. They were due at Dorval airport at 11:35 p.m.

Radio contact was lost when the single - engine aircraft, equipped with wheel landing gear only, was 10 minutes from North Bay.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETS

Tax Collection Report Is Big Item On Agenda

SUMMERSIDE BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

A report by the finance committee headed by Councillor Leo Wood was one of the highlights last night of the regular meeting of the Town Council here.

The meeting was the final regular one for the present council. Nomination is today for the three seats on the council which will become vacant.

Annual meeting of council is scheduled for Friday night.

Coun. Wood reported that this year to date financial activities centred around concentrated efforts to institute collection procedure to lower outstanding tax arrears. At the year-end arrears totalled some $93,000, including interest.

A punitive method of collection was instituted in January. Town officials, following the authoritative method laid down in the town of Summerside Incorporation Act, began impounding registration plates of any vehicle if the owner of such vehicle was in arrears for motor vehicle tax. This procedure was stopped after the Attorney General publicly stated that such impounding of registry plates was outside the jurisdiction of the town.

Last month two vehicles had their registration plates removed by Summerside town police under instruction of a warrant from the town but further action was halted upon the attorney- general's ruling.

OPINIONS SOUGHT

The finance committee report last night stated that two independent considered legal opinions have been received by the town, neither of which agree with the legal interpretation published as being that of the attorney- general's department.

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Yanks And Reds Clash At Test Ban Parley

GENEVA (AP) — Representatives of the United States and the Soviet Union clashed Monday on Moscow's accusation that the Americans are seeking to spread nuclear weapons to non-atomic powers through a proposed multinational nuclear force.

William C. Foster U.S. chief disarmament negotiator, told the 17-nation disarmament conference the charges are false. He also said the Russians, by repeating the accusations, are distracting the conference from such important tasks as concluding a treaty to stop nuclear testing.

"United States policy is firmly against the transfer of nuclear weapons into the national control of states which do not possess them," Foster said.

American policies toward the North Atlantic alliance, Foster continued, are long - standing and designed to retard rather than accelerate the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The Soviet first deputy foreign minister, Vasily Kuznetsov, disputed Foster's argument. He said President Kennedy's Washington press conference statements Feb. 14 showed the U.S. was proposing to establish a multinational nuclear force.

USES SUBS AS EXAMPLE

In the case of Polaris-missile submarines assigned to NATO there would be crew members from non-atomic as well as from nuclear powers Kuznetsov said. He added that he did not believe the sailors from non-nuclear powers would only "scrub decks and polish the anchor" and have nothing to do with the submarines' nuclear rockets.

NEW CIGARETTE SAID HARMLESS

MOSCOW (AP)—Tass reported Monday that Bulgaria has produced cigarettes which are free of nicotine, "satisfy the most fastidious tastes" and help cure ailments. The Soviet news agency said the cigarettes "are aromatic, utterly harmless and help cure bronchial asthma, duodenal ulcer, high blood pressure and other disorders."

CANCER SOCIETY MAPS PROGRAM

Discussions were held last night at the Charlottetown Hotel between an official of the Canadian Cancer Society and officers of the Island division to map out the program for the forthcoming campaign for funds. It is slated to be held across Canada during April. The quota for P.E.I. has been boosted from $10,000 to $12,000, due mainly to increased research costs. Shown here at the discussions are, left to right, Dr. Alan MacMillan, a director and also member of the medical advisory board to the Island division, George Pifher, national secretary- treasurer, Toronto, and Ralph M. Jones, Island president. (See story on page 5.)

British Probe Mystery Flu

LONDON (Reuters) — A mysterious illness, which has kept hundreds of Britons in bed and cost the nation thousands of man - hours, is being investigated by 10 doctors from the health ministry.

Sir Graham Wilson, director of the public health laboratory service, said Monday the researchers are "completely stumped" in their efforts to isolate the cause.

The illness clinically known as "gastric flu" but more commonly referred to as "winter vomiting disease," is a seasonal occurrence in England.

But there has been much more of it this year. This could be due to the particularly harsh winter, but according to health ministry officials, it also could be due to any number of other causes.

The gastric flu takes two forms. The victim may become violently ill or he may suffer from diarrhea and nausea accompanied by slight fever.

Harkness Declares Dief Should Quit Leadership

CALGARY (CP) — Former defence minister Harkness said Monday Prime Minister Diefenbaker should be replaced by a new leader of the Progressive Conservative party.

"I think the action I took . . . is the strongest indication of my lack of confidence in the leadership, said Mr. Harkness, who resigned his cabinet position two weeks ago over nuclear weapons.

"I wouldn't propose anyone to succeed Mr. Diefenbaker," he said at a press conference. "That would be up to a party convention."

It is "inevitable" that his resignation and those of former defence minister Sevigny and trade minister Hees will damage the party's image, he said.

"However, I think everyone has to consider their own integrity."

Mr. Harkness said if he is re-elected in his Calgary North constituency in the April 8 general election he would accept the office of defence minister in a Conservative government only if the policies he advocated were put into operation.

Mr. Harkness said his resignation was sparked by a "general situation" but it was primarily prompted by the "whole question of defence, especially the nuclear arms part of it."

FORECAST IMPOSSIBLE

No one is in a position at this stage to forecast the chances for re-election of a Progressive Conservative government, he said.

Mr. Harkness said he hopes to spend most of the election campaign in Calgary North constituency, which he has represented in the Commons since 1945.

The Progressive Conservative nomination meeting for the constituency will be held Wednesday night. There have been no reports of anyone planning to contest the nomination.

Mr. Harkness interviewed earlier on the train which brought him here from Ottawa, said he wanted to make it clear his disagreement with the leadership of the party "is no reason why I should leave the party. In fact it's my job to remain in the party."

He said he planned to seek re-election on his own defence policy.

"My allegiance lies first of all with Canada and what I think is essential to the security of the nation and the proper discharge of our responsibilities.

I think my stand is perfectly logical," he said.

He said he will set out his position in detail at the nomination meeting.

About 40 persons were in the CPR station here to give Mr. Harkness and his wife a noisy welcome home.

French Committee Named To Back Quebec Group

PARIS (Reuters)—A French committee backing Quebec separatist movements has been formed in Paris, it was announced Monday.

The committee president said the French committee for the independence of Quebec and Eastern Canada aimed at drawing the attention of international opinion to the "exploitation of which French Canadians are victims in the federal framework and to the desire of the inhabitants of Quebec and Eastern Canada to accede to a sovereign independence."

The committee was formed Feb. 10, exactly 200 years after the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1763, which made Canada a British colony.

The committee was set up on the initiative of Paul Gache, a journalist and editor of the French Office of Information, news agency devoted to the defence of the French language. Odile Le Genil, secretary-general of the committee, said Monday Gache had been writing to leaders of separatists movements, Raymond Barbeau, Marcel Chaput and Gerard Raymond.

SHOW SYMPATHY

"We have seen these movements grow, and we thought we should show them our sympathy," Miss Le Genil said. The committee is not concerned with Canadian political affairs but purely with the separatist movements, she added.

A resolution adopted by the committee's inaugural meeting said it recognized "that the French Canadians constitute a major nation, whose right to self - determination and independence is in no doubt."

It added that the French Canadians are the "most civilized of the men held in colonialist subjection" in the Western world.

"Even the State of Quebec is treated as an economic colony by the government of Ottawa . . . the independence of the French Canadians should, then, be encouraged following the same principles which have sanctioned the liberation of 50 countries in 10 years, principles recognized by all democratic states, the United Nations and international law."