



WILDERNESS WIZARD

Sylvan A. Hart, who has lived alone in the wilds more than 30 years, made almost everything you see in this picture, including clothes, rifle, boards and the shot and powder horn. Now the government threatens to throw Hart out of his wilderness home beside the Salmon River in Idaho. (AP Wirephoto)

Increase In Baby Bonus Is Suggested By Quebec

179 Passengers Airlifted From Stalled CNR Train

By WALTER HAYES AND LES MILLIN
HOPE, B.C. (CP)—A total of 179 passengers were airlifted to safety here from a trapped Canadian National Railways train Friday.

The passengers, little the worse for wear for being cooped in the train between snow and mud slides since Thursday morning, later left by bus for Vancouver.

The last of the passengers were brought out as darkness descended in the steep-sided Fraser River Canyon that at one stage had imprisoned two trains and almost 300 persons.

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HERRING WAR ENTERS COURT

WATERFORD, Ireland (AP)—Ireland's fish war went to court Friday in a gay carnival atmosphere.

Takeover Of Payments Is Said Ultimate Aim

By KEN KELLY
OTTAWA (CP)—Higher family allowance payments concentrated in larger families and federal sharing of the provinces' child welfare costs were proposed at a federal-provincial conference of welfare ministers Friday.

Mr. MacEachen said the federal department is studying increases in the family allowances which now range between \$6 and \$10 a month for each child up to age 18.

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A crowd of about 60 local fishermen clapped and cheered as Irish trawler skipper Michael Orpen appeared at Waterford courthouse accused of ramming a Northern Ireland trawler.

The family allowance increases were suggested by Quebec's welfare minister, Rene Levesque, who also reaffirmed in a brief that Quebec's ultimate aim is to take over family allowances from the federal government.

Informants said that in the conference Mr. Levesque did not read from his brief those passages dealing with Quebec's intention of taking over payment of family allowances.

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The men from the south are adamant that the northerners, who fly the Union Jack, shall not be allowed to land their fish in southern ports or fish in Irish areas.

Conference sources reported generally favorable reaction from both federal and provincial authorities to Mr. Levesque's proposed increases.

However, Health Minister MacEachen said Ottawa considers it is occupying a federal field of jurisdiction in paying family allowances and "we don't contemplate any change."

The trawlermen were released on bail for a hearing next Wednesday after agreeing not to interfere with any fishing boats.

Copies of the brief were distributed by Mr. Levesque to reporters outside the official conference and he held a press conference later.

At the conference he said provincial take-over of family allowances remains Quebec's ultimate goal even if the federal government fulfills the province's request that they be modified.

\$15 Million Expansion Program Planned For RCMP Crime Branch

By GERARD McNEIL
OTTAWA (CP)—Solicitor-General Larry Pennell announced Friday a \$15,000,000 expansion of the RCMP criminal intelligence facilities in the next five years.

Mr. Pennell, in a statement after a federal-provincial conference on organized crime, also announced federal establishment of a bilingual Canadian police college.

It would be administered by the RCMP to train senior federal, provincial and municipal law officers in the skills—accounting, law and so on—needed to fight modern "white collar" racketeers.

Kosygin Gets Talks Moving

TASHKENT, U.S.S.R. (AP)—Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin got the stalled India-Pakistan conference back in motion Friday but a solution to their smouldering quarrel still was elusive.

The RCMP expansion would mean formation of a National Stolen Automobile Bureau, expanded RCMP telex facilities, wirephoto services in major RCMP offices with links to provincial and city police networks, introduction of bilingual computer and data handling methods, and expansion of the RCMP training courses in identification work.

Ontario and Quebec, only provinces with their own police forces, had proposed a central agency for criminal intelligence that would comprise federal and provincial police officers. "In addition to the facilities already provided at Ottawa by the conference," the statement said.

Kierans' Protest To U.S. Is Called Highly Irregular

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson Friday night described as "highly irregular" the action of Eric Kierans, acting revenue minister of Quebec, in lodging a protest directly to Washington against a U.S. move to restrict foreign investment.

A four-man committee was set up to consider formation of what Attorney-General Arthur Wishart of Ontario called "a national centre of intelligence."

Mr. Pearson said the proper course was for Quebec to lodge its views with Ottawa and let the federal government consider them in the light of representations received from other sources before settling on federal policy.

Letter Was 'Personal' Quebec Premier Claims

QUEBEC (CP)—Premier Jean Lesage of Quebec said Friday he did not know in advance about a letter sent to the United States commerce secretary and signed by Eric Kierans, Quebec's acting minister of revenue.

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Butter Price Is Increased

OTTAWA (CP)—An increase of two cents a pound in the government's selling price of butter was announced Friday, meaning the consumer will pay an equivalent amount more for butter.

The announcement by Agriculture Minister J. J. Greene said this would mean increasing producers' prices for manufacturing milk and cream and "should stimulate production, bringing about a better balance between supply and demand."

Rice Rations Cut In Cuba

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—A cut in rice rations in Cuba was announced by Havana radio Friday in the wake of Premier Fidel Castro's disclosure that rice from China won't be available.

The most rigid control possible to curb the spread of disease in the province's potatoes is the aim of the provincial and Canada departments of agriculture following a discussion of the problem Friday in the office of Agriculture Minister MacRae.

Interest Increased

OTTAWA (CP)—Interest rates on National Housing Act mortgages will be increased to 6 1/2 per cent from 6 per cent effective Monday, it was announced late Friday.

Meeting with Mr. MacRae were Dr. R. S. MacLauchlan, chief plant protection division, Canada department of agriculture, Ottawa; Gordon Ross, acting district seed potato inspector here; Garth Harrison, district

Shelvin Visits North Viet Nam

By JOHN WEYLAND
MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Communist party's top trouble-shooter arrived in North Viet Nam Friday, met President Ho Chi Minh and delivered a tough speech asserting a conviction the Communists in Viet Nam will triumph.

Chinook Winds Break Prairies Cold Spell

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Chinook winds swept across the Prairies Friday, partially breaking a 14-day cold spell as a storm roared into Ontario and piled up nearly six inches of snow.

REACTION FAVORABLE

It was this part of Mr. Levesque's proposal which met with favorable reaction among provincial representatives, sources said. Not so popular was his accompanying suggestion that if Ottawa fails to take the proposed first step Quebec will implement half the increases on its own.

U.S. Denies Charge Bombing Is Resumed

WASHINGTON (AP)—China reported Friday the United States resumed bombing of North Viet Nam Wednesday. The U.S. denied it.



MONTREAL PORT manager Guy Beaudet, LEFT, presents Capt. Andrew Pinejaninov of the Soviet freighter Indigirka with the gold-headed cane presented annually to the first vessel of the year to arrive in Montreal directly from a foreign port. This is the first time a Russian ship has won the award. (CP Wirephoto)

Potato Disease Control Is Discussed At Meeting

The potato disease eradication act provides among other things, that planting and set-cutting equipment that is a common use, must be disinfected thoroughly between jobs.

FUSARIUM ROT IS AVERAGE

Temperatures fluctuated over most of Manitoba, and at Brandon dropped to a record 50 below.

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