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Meeting in January to Be First In City of 64 Centenna Series

By NEIL MATHESON
Farm and Provincial Editor
The Canadian Federation of Agriculture will hold its annual meeting here the last week of January 1936 at the first of a national conference of Prince Edward Island's Confederation Centennial year, it was learned over the week end from Smith MacFarlane, president of the P.E.I.A., it will be the first time the meeting has been held in the Atlantic Provinces.

There will be 81 members of the executive and voting delegates and the visitors will probably total something more than 120, said the Harrington man, who had just returned from Ottawa where the federation presided last week its annual biennial to the government.

ASK DISASTER AREA
The brief asked that the Maritime be declared a "disaster area" and establish a policy for "the emergency of movement of hay into the area." Referring to "disastrous weather conditions which left many farmers unable to harvest their hay crops last year," the brief said the situation calls for a more extensive program of assistance than a merely paying transportation charges to hay and suggest "compensation be paid to stricken farmers."

Archbishop Released From Siberian Camp

By BENNET M. BOLTON
VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope John announced Sunday that Soviet authorities have released Archbishop Joseph Slipey, who was sentenced to a forced labor camp in Siberia in 1915.

There was immediate speculation that an opening up in the Vatican-Soviet relations might be in the offing. Pope John personally announced Archbishop Slipey's release after the 70-year-old archbishop arrived in Rome and received a papal audience.

Archbishop Slipey had not been in the country for more than a few days when he was released from the camp. He had been in the camp since 1915, when he was arrested on charges of being a spy.

Beef Prices Continue To Decline

Beef prices are continuing their rapid decline, it is apparent from the prices listed for this week under the price forecast arranged by the Canadian Packers by the P.E.I. Beef Producers Association.

Prices listed for Red brand cattle, on a rail-grade, not dressed weight basis, is \$37.75. This compares with \$39.50 last week and \$41.00 two weeks ago and \$48.25 last September 24 when the price reached a peak.

Prices for Dairies are also declining. Dairies are selling at \$38.50 last week and \$40.25 two weeks ago and \$47.25 last September 24.

Liberal Students Support Pearson

OTTAWA (CP)—Liberal university students gathered with the nuclear weapons issue Sunday, after a long debate lasting more than three hours, ended up endorsing the position of party leader Mackenzie King.

An amended resolution calling for Canada to fulfill its commitments in the Atlantic Pact was approved 28 to 1 by the Canadian University Liberal Federation, concluding its annual convention.

The resolution provides that Canada should negotiate a logical, coherent defence policy which likely would be non-nuclear. The resolution expressed full confidence in the ability of Mr. Pearson to lead Canada in making the "best possible contribution to world peace and disarmament."

At one point in the debate Andre Gagne of St. George's University accused the Liberal federal government of trying to "control" the student convention.

FOLLOWS VISITS
Remarks were touched off by visits to the convention hall of Newfoundland Premier Joseph Smallwood, and long-time Liberal M.P. Louis Chabreuil and J. W. Pickett.

Mr. Stewart did not question the possibility that they would be out of date "as far as to be needed, as long as the short-term threat of bombing exists from the U.S.A. remained."

Mr. Stewart said after they had left that the three had attempted to stop pep talks to build up support for Mr. Pearson's nuclear weapons policy.

Speeches of "shame, shame" went up as Mr. Forget yelled his charges.

PEARSON CAUTIOUS PC Party Is Shambling, SC Leader Declares

OTTAWA (CP)—Political opponents have been quick to react to the two new resignations from Prime Minister Diefenbaker's cabinet, citing them as fresh evidence of a major split within the government.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has so far declined comment. The resignations Saturday of Trade Minister Hees and Acting Defence Minister Severy, following by only six days that of Douglas Harkness as defence minister, caught almost everyone by surprise.

NOT SURPRISED
Mr. Harkness, who was at work in his office Saturday sorting out papers, told reporters he was "not a bit surprised" at the actions of Mr. Hees and Mr. Severy.

He said he wouldn't be surprised, either, if more cabinet members follow suit. "Paul Martin, a former Liberal cabinet minister who is MP for Essex East, said Mr. Severy took the "only honorable course" in resigning.

**PC Students
Oppose Dief**

HALIFAX (CP)—The Progressive Conservative Association of Dalhousie University says that its own "pro-associate itself" with Prime Minister Diefenbaker's leadership of the Progressive Conservative party.

Mr. Martin, reached at Sydney, N.S., where he had a speaking engagement, said the prime minister has lost the confidence of his own colleagues and cannot hope to capture the support of the Canadian people.

**Decision In
Appeal Case
Is Reserved**

OTTAWA (CP)—The Supreme Court of Canada reserved judgment on an appeal by Toronto promoters Hugh Paton and D. Hubert Cox against convictions on which they were sentenced to four-year prison terms.

Previously, the Russians had turned down a Chinese plea made two months ago for an early conference of Communist parties on the issue of the right road to world communism.

**U.S. Tanker
Still Missing**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Search planes spotted debris in the Gulf of Mexico Sunday, sending rescue ships to the scene in the belief that the U.S. tanker of the missing U.S. tanker Marine Sulphur Queen.

But the U.S. Coast Guard from New York later said inspection of the wreckage of the tanker it appears the floating pieces of wood and other matter was not "anything from the ship."



Acting Defence Minister Pierre Severy (left) and Trade Minister George Hees (right) Saturday resigned from the Canadian federal cabinet.

Resign From Cabinet Mop-Up In Iraq Is Continued

By WEBB MCKINLEY
BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP)—Troops of Iraq's national revolution were killed in all and that, on the rebel side alone, 2,000 men were wounded.

asked that his name be withheld, told reporters in Tehran he had heard a report 1,000 persons were killed in all and that, on the rebel side alone, 2,000 men were wounded.

Greener Crosby Leaves Hospital

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Crosby Bing Crosby was released Saturday from St. Joseph's hospital, where he underwent a minor surgery 10 days ago.

He had been in the hospital since his fall from a 15-foot-high diving board in the swimming pool at his home in Los Angeles.

Nfld. Slammed By Severe Storm

teen-foot drifts block highways in western and central Newfoundland Sunday as one of the snowiest storms in several years continued to rage over a large part of the island province.

Automobiles were all but buried on many highways Saturday night and RCMP rescued many stranded motorists. The snow was so deep Sunday that people were walking on car roofs.

Witnessed Overthrow

Foley and Morton, who witnessed Kassen's overthrow Friday, said he held out alone in his bomb-scarred defence ministry building, Charlottetown, as his ammunition ran out.

A thousand miles to the east, a woman alighted from the plane at Tehran, Iran, with the night and RCMP rescued many stranded motorists. The snow was so deep Sunday that people were walking on car roofs.

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Resignations Expected Today

By JAMES NELSON
OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker continued an intensive round of meetings at his residence Sunday to crack together his government, roamed by three resignations in a week, and to hold an April 8 general election platform.

The press gallery was informed Sunday night that the portfolios were to be announced concerning the cabinet will be made about 9 a.m. today at the prime minister's official residence, 24 Sussex Drive.



HON. MR. CHURCHILL

An informed source said Veterans Minister Churchill is almost certain to be appointed defence minister succeeding Douglas Harkness.

Gordon Chubb, speaker of the House, an industrialist and MP for Waterloo South, and Marcel Lambert, speaker of the Commons in the 26th parliament and MP for Edmonton West, seemed likely to go to the portfolios vacated Saturday by Trade Minister Hees and Associate Defence Minister Severy.

Faced with the resignations of the two key ministers Saturday, Mr. Diefenbaker held lengthy conferences with his chief strategy lieutenants and prepared for a major public address in Toronto today.

In their resignations of resignation Mr. Hees and Mr. Severy said they could not support Mr. Diefenbaker's nuclear weapons and defence policy. — Mr. Severy, called it "ambiguous" and said they feared the effects of an anti-American election campaign.

Pilotage Commission To Open Here Today

By STAN BOWLES
Guardian Staff Writer
The Royal Commission on pilotage, headed by Mr. Justice Yves Berrier, 46, of the Quebec Superior Court, will open a two-day session in the Law Courts Building, Charlottetown, at 10 o'clock this morning.

Other members of the commission are Robert K. Smith, Waterloo, Ontario; Harold A. Reid, Vancouver, B.C.; Maurice Jacques, Quebec City, commission counsel; and Gilbert N. Leclerc, Ottawa, secretary and director of the commission.

The commission was set up to enquire into problems related to marine pilotage in Canada, particularly under the Canada Shipping Act. There are about 400 pilots engaged in the shipping industry.

The principal points of the commission is concerned with the safety of navigation, dockage, and the duties of the pilots, masters of ships, public pilots, interests and the public, compulsory pilotage and dues and in what areas the latter should be exempted. The commission is exploring also the field of pilot duties, responsibilities and status.

Mr. Nadeau, said last night that here the commission expects to hear from two groups. The local Pilotage Commission will be submitted by E. K. McNatt, district marine agent, department of transport. The other, which is expected to be of a verbal nature, will be from the Canadian Merchant Service Industry for 11 hours. This submission will be represented by Leo P. Langlois, Quebec City, who is legal adviser to the guild.

Subsequent sessions will be held in Saint John, N.B., Thursday, Vancouver, B.C., March 11, Prince Rupert, B.C., March 18 and in Regina, Saskatchewan, on March 23.

Further hearings, for which no fixed dates have been set will be Newfoundland in April, and beginning in May along the Lawrence River including Montreal and Quebec City. Hearings are also expected to be held at Nova Scotia, Great Lakes ports and Ottawa.

Mr. Diefenbaker was reported to be in good spirits and fighting fit despite the resignation of three key ministers.

3-Jet Aircraft Is Given Test

OTTAWA (AP)—The first three-jet aircraft to be built in Canada was given its initial flight Sunday. The experimental aircraft was built by the Canadian Aircraft Corp. and is a three-engine biplane with a butterfly tail.

Mr. Diefenbaker and his cabinet members were expected to be in Ottawa for the test flight.

Reports circulating in Ottawa said Transport Minister Balmori and Senator Wallace McCutcheon, Minister without portfolio who joined the cabinet last fall to bolster its support from the business community had to be Continued on Page 2.



THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON PILOTAGE will open Charlottetown hearings in the Court House this morning. It is looking into various aspects and problems related to pilotage throughout Canada. Here studying a chart of the Gulf of St. Lawrence area, left to right: Harold A. Reid, Vancouver, Mr. Justice Yves Berrier, chairman, Quebec City, and Robert K. Smith, Waterloo, Ont.