

House Tries New Rules As Bank Acts Debated

Longer Sitings End 2-Hour Dinner Period

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons' new 7½-hour day went into effect Monday as MPs returned to debating Finance Minister Gordon's mammoth bills to revise the acts of the chartered and Quebec savings banks.

The longer hours for the Commons, which wipe out the two-hour dinner period, were approved last week in a sweeping package of reforms to speed up House business.

MPs took up most of the one-hour period provided under the new rules for Monday's oral question period. There will be a 30-minute limit for the other four sitting days.

The extra hours lengthen to 33 from 25½ the Commons working hours in a week. The two-hour dinner period is wiped out Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays when the House sits in the evening and the 1½-hour luncheon Fridays when the sitting begins at 11 a.m. The House sits only from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays.

RETAIN INTEREST
The 10-year revision of the Bank Act includes a proposal to let chartered banks gradually enter the mortgage lending field, although the current six-per-cent ceiling on other bank loans will be retained.

The legislation also prohibits ownership of chartered bank stock by provincial governments, while proposing to let the federal cabinet method of having Parliament pass an act.

These two provisions are considered ways to stop Premier Bennett of British Columbia who said his government would invest in chartered banks when the Senate held up his Bank of British Columbia bill.

The new incorporation method would get around the parliamentary block thrown up by the New Democrats and Creditists against legislation for two other

banks in retaliation for stopping Bennett's bank.
During the question period Opposition Leader Diefenbaker asked whether Premier Lesage of Quebec had asked that the prohibition against provinces entering the banking field be put on the agenda of the forthcoming federal-provincial conference.

TO INVEST FUNDS
The finance minister said he would have another look at the correspondence, but recalled that Mr. Lesage had told him his only concern was that the provinces be permitted to invest pension and other funds in moderate amounts of shares.

Mr. Gordon also said he has agreed to consider any suitable amendments to this proposal that are offered when the Bank Act legislation goes before the Commons banking and commerce committee.

Mr. Gordon last week introduced a resolution to extend the bank charters to the end of this year from their July 1 expiry date because the legislation is not expected to be completed by the end of this month.

Marcel Lambert (PC — Edmonton West) said the proposed new method of incorporating chartered banks "is a weird and wonderful thing." He said that the proposal for incorporation by letters patent rather than through Parliament would give the cabinet the power to choose what banks it wanted.

FEARS DANGERS
Reid Scott (NDP — Toronto Danforth) said he would vote against the present method of incorporating banks, a bit ridiculous since any group of members can band together to filibuster a bill. But the proposed method also raises dangers, he said.

It would leave the cabinet open to charges of improper influence.

Mr. Scott said he also had to be convinced about the change in the Bank Act which would prohibit provincial governments from owning shares in chartered banks. So far Mr. Gordon had not advanced convincing arguments on the question.

H. A. Olson (SC — Chartered Bank) criticized the chartered banks for their tardiness in trying to meet demand for small and term loans. This had opened the way for a "tremendous expansion in consumer loan companies charging exorbitant interest rates."

Doctors Take Searching Look At Cost And Quality Of Drugs

By HARRY CALNEK
HALIFAX (CP) — Canada's doctors turned their scrutiny on drugs Monday and searched for ways to control both quality and cost.

The general council of the Canadian Medical Association's 98th annual meeting was critical of any possible moves by the government to put complete control of drugs in the hands of a government agency.

Presenting the pharmacy committee's report to the first day of the five-day meeting, Dr. R. W. Gunton of Toronto said: "The question is whether any agency of the government should be entrusted to make the rules, acquire and interpret the evidence, sit in judgment on it, and act in a police capacity to execute the judgment."

"The Canadian Medical Association, representing the major professional group responsible for the use of drugs, must decide whether it should play a more active role in advising its members, the public and the government on matters concerning drugs."

PROPOSE COMMISSION
Dr. E. A. Sellers of Toronto, representing the Pharmacological Society of Canada, had proposed that the CMA sponsor jointly with other professions a national commission on drugs.

The general council shelved a recommendation to approve the idea in principle, but authorized a sub-committee to continue exploration with interested organizations including the federal health department.

Dwelling on recommendations of the Hall royal commission on health services, the council agreed Canadians should have insurance against the cost of prescribed drugs. It did not advocate, however, compulsory insurance.

A discount on drugs by retail

**35,000 Homeless
In Brazil Flood**

RECIFE, Brazil (AP) — Widespread flooding caused by three days of torrential rains have claimed at least 15 lives and left an estimated 30,000 persons homeless in Recife and surrounding towns.

Pernambuco state governor Paulo Guerra has declared a state of emergency in the area around Recife.

pharmacists was unrealistic and should not be encouraged. And the committee did not favor a commission recommendation that describing habits should be regulated.

It was emphatic in its agreement that federal sales tax should be removed from all prescribed drugs.

RESIST PANIC
Throughout the first day of the meeting medicare crept into all discussions. Retiring President Frank Turnbull of Vancouver told a council luncheon the CMA would resist a panicked approach to the Hall commission recommendations.

Dr. A. F. W. Peart of Toronto expressed concern of the CMA in the rising toll of highway injuries and deaths. Presenting a report from the committee on medical aspects of traffic accidents, he dwelt at length on the problem of drinking drivers.

A list of recommendations from the Canadian Bar Association was approved in principle by the CMA. The recommendations dealt with the drinking driver and with the various means of detecting him.

The bar association listed only one means of detection: Breath analysis. Dr. H. E. Emson of Saskatoon introduced an amendment to bring to the attention of the justice minister that

**Railways Request
\$142 Million Aid**

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada's two major railways have asked the federal government for interim financial aid of some \$142,000,000 to meet rising wage costs, it was disclosed Monday.

The figures were given in an exchange of correspondence, tabled in the Commons, between Prime Minister Pearson and railway presidents Donald A. Gordon of the CNR and R. A. Emerson of the CPR.

The two railway heads, in a letter to the prime minister dated March 17, said the CNR and CPR were unable to cope with rising wage costs set off by last year's settlement with their non-operating employees.

They also complained that the \$50,000,000 a year in subsidies provided since 1961 as interim aid while freight rates were frozen and the government-awarded MacPherson royal commission report had proved inadequate.

Strawberry Crop Expected Down

FREDERICTON (CP) — C. F. Crosby of Kentville, N.S., was elected president of the Maritime Strawberry Growers' Association at the group's annual meeting here Monday. He succeeds John D'Aoust of Jemseg, N.B.

A spokesman said following the meeting this year's crop is expected to yield 1,900,000 quarts, compared with 2,000,000 quarts last year.

Ceiling Is Demanded On City Welfare Bill

The city must find a way to cut down welfare spending, finance chairman W.R. MacNeill warned city council yesterday.

In his report to the monthly council meeting, Councillor MacNeill said of the \$10,000 allocated for the year's welfare program, only about \$7,000 was left for the remainder of the year.

"The city has to set a limit on welfare spending whether we like it or not," Councillor MacNeill said. "We don't have a right to spend as much of the taxpayer's money as we're presumably expected to."

Coun. Arthur Wright, welfare chairman, said he planned to meet with the secretary of the Protestant Family Service Bureau and Sister Mary Henry of the Catholic Welfare Bureau to attempt to find a solution to heavy expenses of the two welfare bureaus.

Councillor Wright questioned whether federal funds would be made available if the municipality put a ceiling on its welfare spending.

However, Councillor MacNeill (Continued on page 3 Col. 7)

**10 Generals
Form Gov't
In Viet Nam**

From Reuters-AP
SAIGON (CP) — South Viet Nam reverted to military rule Monday under a "national leadership council" consisting of 10 generals.

The new executive group was reported to have been expanded from a planned three-man panel at the request of the United States.

South Viet Nam's new leader, Maj-Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu, 42, announced the switch to a 10-man council after conferring with U.S. Ambassador Maxwell Taylor.

Taylor, who returned Monday from talks in Washington, was believed to have expressed concern about the three-man setup and especially about the major role of chairman assigned to air Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky, who heads South Viet Nam's air force.

Ky would in effect have been premier. Under the new plan, Ky will have overall responsibility for the executive but another officer will be appointed to head the council and carry out the duties of a premier.

Shastri Suggests Period Of Truce

MONTREAL (CP) — Prime Minister Shastri of India Monday called on the major powers in conflict to discard their fears of each other and force themselves into a period of truce.

"The fact of the matter is that none of the bigger countries really wants to attack each other," he said. "But the fear is there, and it persists."

"There should be a period of calculated and deliberate truce entered into between the big powers."

"If for a moment the bigger countries could get over their complexes and try to understand each other better, things could definitely improve."

The prime minister was speaking at a special convocation at McGill University, at which he received an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Among the guests on the platform were Quebec Premier Jean Lesage, Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau and External Affairs Minister Martin, who arrived in Montreal with the Indian prime minister at noon.

GIVEN BOOKS
After the convocation ceremony Mr. Shastri joined some 50 Indian students at McGill for tea and accepted three volumes of a philosophy series from Prof. Raymond Kishbas, editor of the series and chairman of McGill's philosophy department.

In his convocation address, the diminutive Indian leader said the period of truce he recommended should be put in full use in searching for avenues to further strengthen peace through disarmament.

"An effort should also be made for greater cultural and economic contacts between countries during this period."

He did not suggest how long the period should be.

**Report Promised
On CBC Color TV**

OTTAWA (CP) — State Secretary Lamontagne said in the Commons Monday he will make a statement in the next few days on color television.

He was replying to Robert Simpson (PC — Churchill) who referred to press reports that color TV might be introduced in Canada by the CBC in 1967.

Mr. Simpson said CBC networks should be extended to areas now without radio and television service before color is introduced. The advent of color would cost at least \$20,000,000.

**Que. Liberal MP
To Return Medal**

MONTREAL (CP) — Hector Dupuis, former Montreal executive committee member and Liberal MP for Montreal Ste. Marie riding, said Monday he will return his medal as a member of the Order of the British Empire now that the Beatles have been listed in the Queen's annual birthday honors.

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**Commuters
Delayed**

MONTREAL (CP) — Crawling traffic lines, delays and snarls were encountered by some 550,000 Montreal automobile drivers Monday while efforts to settle two bus-company strikes were renewed.

Traffic clogged main arteries and bridges into the city in the morning rush hour and drivers appeared headed for the same situation as they started home in the evening.

Some harassed drivers from the south shore said they could cross the St. Lawrence faster in a towboat than drive over the bridges.

Chicago Roars Out Welcome To Two Gemini Astronauts

CHICAGO (AP) — Astronauts James A. McDivitt and Edward H. White II received a tumultuous civic welcome here Monday and told their hosts they feel humble.

After receiving honorary citizen medals at a special city council meeting while their wives and parents looked on, both said their Gemini 4 space flight was a team effort which included all Americans.

The welcome, which included a ticker-tape parade past cheering thousands, McDivitt said, reinforced his deep feeling of "how insignificant one man, or two men are."

The space flight, during which White manoeuvred outside the space capsule, was, McDivitt

said, "a wonderful bit of cooperation by everyone in the United States."

IMPRESSED BY UNITY
The welcoming cheers of crowds, said White, impressed him with the sense of unity. His greeters were a mixture of races, he noted.

"It was a display of just plain Americanism," he said. "It didn't make any difference if they were black, white or red—they were feeling like Americans."

There was no sign of the anti-communism, who pleaded the city's police and motorists in three days of traffic-snarling marches and whose leaders talked of interfering with Monday's celebration.

**Fishing Cove
Job Awarded
To City Firm**

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
OTTAWA — A contract for the construction of a protection wall at Fishing Cove has been awarded to H.J. Phillips and son of Charlottetown, it was announced here Monday by Solicitor General J. Watson MacNaught. The Phillips' firm bid \$22,202.20, the lowest of five tenders received.

The wall will be built with steel piles and creosoted timber and hardwood will also be used. It will have a reinforced concrete deck and there will be six mooring cleats.

Last year a steel sheet pile quay wall was constructed for a distance of 270 feet and considerable dredging was done.

About 40 boats carry on fishing at Fishing Cove and when the wall is completed, additional landing and working space for fishermen will be provided. In the past the harbor has been of little value to fishermen because of shallow water and the lack of landing facilities.

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**Medicare Dominates
Opening CMA Meeting**

HALIFAX (CP) — Medicare, something that lacks definition but to which almost all doctors are opposed, dominated opening discussions today at the 98th annual Canadian Medical Association meeting.

While the association's general council didn't come to grips with the subject—that will happen later this week when the statement of policy on medical services in a new act is introduced—almost every speaker found a reason to touch on it.

Dr. R. K. C. Thomson of Edmonton, presenting his executive report, said the first volume of the Hall royal commission report on health services had continued to dominate the thoughts and actions of the committee.

The second volume of the report had not been "as momentous as we thought it might be," he said, and its release in February had been in the nature of an anticlimax.

Dr. Frank Turnbull of Vancouver, retiring CMA president, said the executive had met with Prime Minister Pearson, Health Minister LaMarsh and Finance Minister Gordon to present the



THE ONLY ONE LEFT

This small boy was the only civilian found alive in the rubber plantation town of Thuan Loi when a Vietnamese Ranger company entered the area

Monday. All other civilians were either dead or disappeared. Rangers were searching for the 280 casualties that are missing since Saturday when the Viet Cong ambushed the

7th Vietnamese Airborne Battalion. Town was completely destroyed by the fighting and U.S. air strikes. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Saigon).

Biculturalism Institutes Suggested To Commission

By DON McLEOD
HALIFAX (CP) — A comprehensive program intended to expose the two main cultures of Canada to all Canadians and a proposal for university institutes of bilingualism in the five regions of the nation were outlined Monday before the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism.

Dalhousie University's dean of graduate studies, W. R. Trost, explained what commission co-chairman A. Davidson Dunton

called an "extremely interesting" plan for institutes across the country to study the trials of bicultural nations.

The Canadian Authors' Association suggested exposure of the two cultures to each other would prompt public interest. It asked the federal government for \$250,000 annually to translate all Canadian literary works into French or English, or both, if the writer used a third language.

Mr. Dunton said the university institutes might be charged with trying to cover too vast a ground, but Mr. Trost replied they could at least "turn out further qualified people."

The dean said the two phases of the proposed institutes would protect against Mr. Dunton's fear, expressed at the hearing, that the "experts would be linguists and literary persons who would not understand the economic and sociological aspects of the problem."

Communication and linguistics would be handled by one branch of the institutes while the others would study the general problems facing bilingual and bicultural nations.

On its second swing through the Maritimes but its first visit here, the commission heard spokesmen explain five briefs and tabled another without comment. The next sitting will be at Moncton Wednesday.

LACK FACILITIES
Three dealt directly with the Acadian population of Nova Scotia, claiming its culture was being diluted through over-exposure to the language of the English-speaking majority, coupled with lack of facilities to preserve the Acadian heritage.

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