

# Pearson's No Election Promise Of Two Years Ago Is Recalled

By KEN KELLY  
OTTAWA (CP)—Two years ago, on April 8, 1963, Lester Pearson went before an election-night celebration of Liberal party workers here to promise hopefully "I won't put you through this for another four years."

The Liberal leader had just emerged from a bitter, grueling federal election campaign—the second in as many years and his third as party leader—with the largest number of Commons seats, 129 of 265.

Two weeks later he became Canada's 13th prime minister, head of a minority government. At various times, as parliamentary battles raged and the second of two sessions dragged into the longest ever, the prime minister seemed to be on the verge of calling an election without waiting for the end of the four years.

There could still be a vote this year, of course, but the speculation subsided somewhat after Mr. Pearson, in a bantering exchange with Opposition Leader John Diefenbaker, broadly hinted he wouldn't call one this summer.

The two years have been marked by a succession of political crises that sometimes obscured, in the public's mind, a slowly lengthening record of legislative enactments.

**GOT NEW FLAG**  
A new Canadian flag—a single red maple leaf on a white ground with a vertical red bar at each side—replaced the red ensign. The design was picked by a parliamentary committee which set aside the government's proposed three-leaf banner.

A seemingly interminable Commons debate on the flag was ended by the imposition of closure, a controversial parliamentary device whose use was invited by a member of the opposition, deputy Conservative leader Leon Balcer.

A contributory pension plan went on the books after nearly two years of negotiation with the provinces and redrafting by the government.

A bill allowing provinces to opt out of programs in which the cost is shared by the two levels of government was passed over Conservative opposition, clearing the way for prorogation of the marathon session.

While these and other legislative issues were under discussion in Parliament, a federal royal commission was touring the country studying the state of relations between English and French.

The government put new emphasis on federal-provincial co-operation by placing many of its legislative plans, including the pension bill, before federal-provincial conferences prior to their introduction in the Commons.

Out of one set of negotiations came a formula for making all changes to the constitution in Canada. This would turn the British North America Act—now a statute of the British Parliament—into a purely Canadian statute.

**ISSUE FOR ELECTION**

Agreement of the provinces to this formula, completing negotiations that started before the Pearson government took office, was unanimous. It became a high-priority item for legislative action in the next parliamentary session, and it shaped up as a possible major battleground for the next general election.

Also in its first two years, the government set up a new department of industry and an Economic Council of Canada to boost employment and productivity.

It won approval for an arrangement to redistribute parliamentary constituencies by independent commissions, a \$100,000,000 Atlantic provinces development fund, a municipal development loan fund, and the reorganization of the military under a single defence staff.

Old age pensions were boosted \$10 a month to \$75 during the 1963 session.

A parliamentary commissioner with judicial status was given the job of passing on applications for divorce long a contentious issue in the Commons.

Maritime trade unions were placed under government trusteeship in the wake of violence on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence which resulted in the conviction and flight of Hal Banks, ousted boss of the Seafarers' International Union of Canada.

**MINISTER ATTACKED**  
Justice Minister Favreau came under fire in the Commons for his handling of allegations that a ministerial executive assistant had tried to bribe a Montreal lawyer and that other aides, including Mr. Pearson's secretary, Guy Rouleau, exerted political pressure to get Lucien Rivard out of jail on bail.

While a judicial inquiry into the affair was being held, Rivard, wanted on narcotics charges in the United States, broke out of Montreal's Boreaux Jail. The federal government posted a \$15,000 reward for his recapture.

**CAPTAIN RETIRES**  
LIVERPOOL, England (Reuters)—Capt. L. H. Johnston retired Wednesday after 42 years' service with Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd. His last duty was to bring his ship, the 27,300-ton Empress of Canada, into dock here after a "very successful" cruising season to the West Indies and South America.

State Secretary Lamontagne and Postmaster-General Tremblay were questioned, and criticized, about no-downpayment purchases of furniture from a firm that had had dealings with the government and later went bankrupt.

Mr. Pearson took the unusual step of issuing a code of ethics to be followed by ministers and their aides, stressing that they must not be under obligation, or even appear to be under obligation, to anyone outside government.

UN diplomats, who have watched East-West relations freeze and thaw, say the signs are ominous.

The persistence of the attacks and the toughness of the language, they say, indicate a full-scale revival of the cold war, not just a polite exchange of blows for the record.

The bias are coming both from the Soviet Union and from the United States. Some veteran

## New Blasts From Cold War Are Shaking United Nations

By MAX BARRELSON  
UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The United Nations is being shaken by a series of cold-war blasts reminiscent of the Stalin era and the shoe-pounding days of Nikita Khrushchev.

The U.S. has struck back on a wide front going back to Soviet collaboration with Nazi Germany before and in the early part of the Second World War.

This is the first time since the Cuban missile crisis in 1962 that the U.S. and the Soviet Union have engaged in such a general slugging match.

**BEGAN TWO WEEKS AGO**  
The current phase became ap-

parent two weeks ago when the General Assembly's 33-country special committee on peacekeeping held its initial meeting. The Soviet Union launched a bitter assault on U.S. policy in Viet Nam.

The U.S. replied by charging the Russians had injected "a cold-war propagandistic note" into the debate.

The exchange was continued and intensified this week when another UN committee met to discuss how to define aggression.

U.S. Ambassador Francis T. Plimpton called Soviet charges against the U.S. in

connection with the use of non-lethal gas in Viet Nam, as "wholly false, wicked and monstrous." He launched a counter-attack.

He reviewed the record of the Soviet Union, both during and after the Second World War, listing the victims of Soviet expansion as including Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, and citing the Soviet role in suppressing the 1956 revolt in Hungary.

**NAME CHURCH OFFICIAL**  
NEW YORK (CP)—Rev. T. E. Floyd Honey of Toronto, secretary of the Board of World Mission of the United Church of

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