

FIRST SHOT SAID SUCCESSFUL

American Nuclear Device Tested In Aircraft Drop

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States fired the first explosion in its new nuclear test series in the atmosphere near remote Christmas Island in the Pacific at dawn Wednesday. It was a middle-range weapon dropped from an airplane.

The brief Atomic Energy Commission announcement gave no details. But other sources said word from nuclear Task Force 3 on the scene was that this first of about three dozen U.S. shots expected to be touched off in the next two months was successful.

This undertaking to sharpen the tools in the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal was started a day after President Kennedy gave the final go-ahead. The preparations had been made during the months he has been warning Russia that this country had no other choice unless a safe nuclear test ban could be agreed upon.

U.S. officials braced for a wave of protests, and sought to soften them beforehand. They held the door open for calling off the tests provided agreement could be reached and signed on a test ban with adequate inspections.

The AEC sought to assure the people of the world that fallout from the U.S. tests would be held to a minimum.

The atomic energy promised, as Kennedy and others had done before, that the fallout would be far less than that from Russia's nuclear blasts last fall.

Kennedy was informed of the start of the tests at 1:30 p.m. while cruising aboard the White House yacht Honey Fitz in Lake

Worth, near his vacation White House in Palm Beach, Fla. This was about 2½ hours after the explosion.

The president issued no statement on resumption of the tests.

The AEC announcement described the detonation as in the intermediate-yield range, equal to the explosive power of more than 20,000 tons and less than 1,000,000 tons of TNT — a relatively small explosion in the nuclear field.

It's expected that the U.S. tests will be limited to 10 megaton blasts with up to 50 megaton blasts in the SE megaton series last fall. A megaton is equal to 1,000,000 tons of TNT.

Lincoln White, state department press officer, told report-

ers he hoped people around the world would realize the U.S. decided reluctantly to resume atmospheric testing.

BALANCE DELICATE

Kennedy's decision to give the go-ahead was based on his concern that if the Russians continued testing and the U.S. held off the Soviet Union might gain an edge in the delicate nuclear power balance.

White said the state department was aware of the appeals and warnings expressed by some other nations objecting to the U.S. tests. And he disclosed that Japanese Ambassador Koichi Asakai had formally expressed his government's opposition.

New Tests Touch Off Chorus

LONDON (AP) — The United States' resumption of nuclear tests in the atmosphere Wednesday touched off a mixed chorus of denunciation and disapproval, regret and moral support.

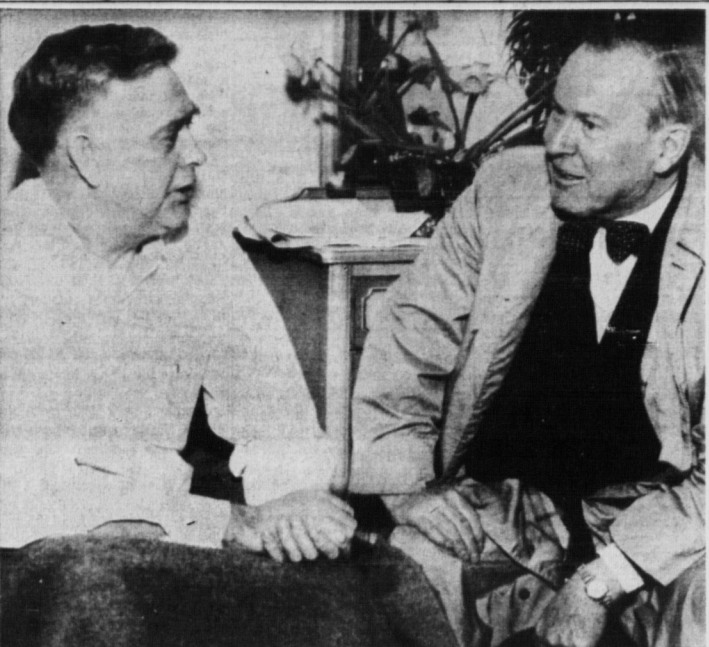
Communists bitterly assailed the move. Pacifica protested. Backers of Washington's decision said the Soviet Union, by its own testing late last year, left the United States no choice.

In Western Europe, many newspapers expressed regret that the United States resumed its test over the Pacific Ocean but laid the blame on the Soviets for not agreeing to an international test inspection system.

"President Kennedy's decision to resume tests in the atmosphere is a tragedy," said Britain's Daily Mirror. "It means the nuclear arms race is again in full spate. But the world must realize the responsibility for this is not Kennedy's. It is Khrushchev's."

Without mentioning that the Soviets broke a test moratorium last September to launch a major series of nuclear blasts, East Germany denounced the U.S. move as "one of the greatest crimes in the history of humanity."

Pearson Issues Challenge To PM For Public Debate



THE NATIONAL and provincial Liberal leaders met yesterday as Lester B. Pearson, right, called on A.W. Matheson in hospital. Mr. Pearson began his June 18 election campaign in Charlottetown yesterday and prior to addressing a public meeting at Queen Charlotte High School called on Mr. Matheson, who is recovering in hospital from a heart condition. He entered hospital in late March.

'Not Interested' Diefenbaker Says

By DON MACLEOD
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"Unemployment has become chronic... that's the reality, the basic reality of the wasted years... that's what this election is going to be about," national Liberal leader Lester B. Pearson said in Charlottetown last night.

During the course of his remarks, Mr. Pearson challenged Prime Minister Diefenbaker to a debate "over radio and television" on Liberal and Conservative policies for the future.

He was addressing a public meeting at Queen Charlotte High School auditorium on the opening day of a cross-Canada election campaign.

(In Fort William, Ont., where he is visiting, Mr. Diefenbaker dismissed Mr. Pearson's suggestion with the comment: "I'm not interested in providing TV audiences for others.")

PM Non-Political On Start Of Tour

By ALAN DONNELLY
FORT WILLIAM, Ont. (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker got off to a strictly non-political start Wednesday on his election campaign travels.

He visited crippled children, attended two civic receptions, and gave an assist to fellow Kl-wains Club members who are sponsoring a big sportsman's show in this lakehead city.

His visit to the sportsman's show was arranged some time ago, before his June 18 election date was set. Today he resumes his role as campaigner, flying westward in his chartered DC-7B to a Progressive Conservative rally for South Saskatchewan at Moose Jaw.

But there were plenty of opportunities here for the Prime Minister—and party leader—to smile and wave to crowds and shake hands with many who cross his path.

MP for Fort William since 1957, and his predecessor Rev. Dan Melvor.

A motorcade took Mr. Diefenbaker and his party to city hall where he was presented with an oil painting of the Fort William settlement as it was in 1890, shook hands with a long line of aldermen and city officials and was made an honorary admiral of Lake Superior by the Chamber of Commerce.

Another civic reception followed at neighboring Port Arthur, where the prime minister received a golden key to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Diefenbaker then went to the sportsman's show where about 1,000 children and old folk were enjoying a special matinee.

The Prime Minister spoke only briefly—his appearance sandwiched between a display of pole-fighting by two men standing atop canoes in a big water tank and a high-wire balancing act.

The Prime Minister was to make a second appearance Wednesday night at the sportsman's show for the official opening ceremony.

In Scandinavia, NATO allies Norway and Denmark indicated regret coupled with understanding of Washington's position.

Japan, the only nation ever to experience the horror of nuclear bombing, reacted strongly against the tests, as it had to the Soviet blasts. Morning papers delayed deadlines by more than an hour to splash the news from Washington.

The Tokyo government filed a protest against Washington's earlier announcement that it would resume tests and another protest was planned against the actual firing.

RUSSIANS DENOUNCE IT

The Russians denounced the tests as a grave crime against mankind.

At the site of the 17-nation disarmament talks in Geneva, Soviet delegates refused to comment immediately.

A spokesman for the Canadian delegation at the meeting said his government sympathizes with the United States but added "we are against any nuclear tests in any environment."

In Fort William, Ont., Prime Minister Diefenbaker said he felt "deep regret" that the Geneva conference had reached no agreement on a nuclear test ban.

"The new situation makes it even more imperative to persist in the efforts now being made at Geneva to bring about a test ban agreement which would provide for some acceptable international system of verification."

Constitution Change Asked By Khrushchev

MOSCOW (AP) — Premier Khrushchev called Wednesday for a new constitution to write into the Soviet Union's basic law the fundamental principles of its foreign relations, including peaceful coexistence. He also asked for the inclusion of more freedoms for the people.

The Supreme Soviet then adjourned a three-day meeting by designating him to continue running the country at the head of a 71-man cabinet and to head a commission to write a replacement for the 1936 Stalinist constitution.

The cabinet which Khrushchev presented, following the routine resignation of the old one, kept the same faces in the same places with few exceptions.

The chief change was to give the comparatively unknown Konstantin Pysin the thankless job of agriculture minister. He replaces Mikhail Olshansky who had tried for two years to whip Russia's stubborn low-yield agricultural problem.

The old constitution in outlining the conduct of foreign relations, Khrushchev said, "speaks only of the procedure for proclaiming war and concluding peace."

Khrushchev asserted a new constitution also is needed because the Soviet Union has changed from a "proletarian dictatorship" to a "proletarian democracy."

By JOHN BOND
Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer

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people of Morell that the prosperity of Prince Edward Island depends on the prosperity of Canada and pledged that a new Liberal government will work for the renewed prosperity of Canada.

Some 200 people jammed the village hall to hear the Liberal leader promise steeper and better planned assistance for the farmer and fisherman. The 200 were won by his expression of pleasure at being able to start his campaign "not in a great metropolis but in a small community like the one where I was born and raised."

He said he chose the small village for his campaign "face off" because it was in such a place "where people work on the land and on the sea that a government can do so much for a little for the people" that a Liberal would work for a greater share of the national prosperity for the people.

Winding up the Morell visit, Mr. Pearson and his party set off for Montague where he visited the Kings County Memorial Hospital. He visited a number of patients and exchanged light-hearted chatter with the patients and staff.

From Montague he sped to Murray River where he met by a reception committee of more than 600. Mr. Pickersill arrived in Murray River a short time before Mr. Pearson and paved the way for his reception at the Mayfair Theatre.

MAC REACHES N.Y. FOR U.S. VISIT

NEW YORK (CP) — British Prime Minister Macmillan arrived here by air Wednesday night for his eight-day visit to the United States and Canada.

Pearson Recalls His Home In Morell Campaign Start

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MAINE REPORTS 7 INCHES SNOW

PORTLAND, Me. (AP)—An unseasonable storm deposited up to seven inches of snow in Maine Wednesday.

The United States Weather Bureau reported seven inches in Rumford, four in Augusta and lesser amounts elsewhere in the state. Roads were clogged and traffic snarled in Farmington, which had an unofficial six inches.

PROMISES BETTER DEAL

Mr. Pearson reiterated his promise of a better deal for the farmer and fisherman, adding that the establishment of a 12-mile Canadian fishing limit was a necessity and would be obtained by his government.

His tour of Charlottetown was no less glamorous, as the official cars, led by motorcycle police and followed by a procession of slogan-covered cars moved from the airport to the Confederation Chamber.

He toured the historic chamber and was stung the guest book when Premier W.R. Shaw came up from his office to extend a hearty welcome to the Liberal leader. He suggested that in view of the fact that Mr. Diefenbaker signed the guest book "John" that Mr. Pearson should sign as "Mike."

Later in the day, however, Mr. Pearson was seen attempting to start a brush fire

N.B. Couple Dies In Crash On Maine Rd.

PITTSFIELD, Me. (AP) — An elderly couple was killed and five other persons were injured Wednesday in a head-on collision on Route 100 during a surprise snow storm.

The victims were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Claude B. Chisholm, both in their 70s, of 109 Port Lodge Avenue, Moncton, N.B.

Heavy snow was falling at the time of the accident and state police said the highway was in slippery condition. The Pittsfield area received an unofficial accumulation of 6 to 8 inches of snow.

In critical condition at the Scott-Webb Hospital in Hartland are Mrs. Effie Perkins, 73, and Mrs. Lois Foster, 37, both of Bangor. Mrs. Perkins suffered severe lacerations and a concussion. Mrs. Foster is being treated for a broken collar bone and jaw and severe lacerations.

Reported in fair condition were: Mrs. Verna Shutt, 44, of Moncton, broken shoulder and possible broken nose; her 16-year-old daughter, Brenda, cuts and bruises; and her 14-year-old son, Edward, possible broken nose and cuts and bruises.

ASKS COMPARISON

"We are asking Canadians to consider these Liberal policies for the future, and to compare them with the policies and the performance of the present Conservative government.

"Such a comparison requires, I believe, the fullest and frank-

New Air Force Chief Named

By DAVE MCINTOSH
OTTAWA (CP) — Air Marshal C. R. (Jake) Dunlap, 54, righthand man to Gen. Lauris Norstad, supreme Allied commander in Europe, will take over leadership of the 51,000-man Royal Canadian Air Force Sept. 15, the defence department announced Wednesday.

The wartime bomber pilot from Cape Breton will succeed Air Marshal Hugh Campbell, 53, as chief of air staff. For the last four years he has been deputy chief of staff for operations at supreme headquarters, Allied powers in Europe, a post once held by Air Marshal Campbell.

Air Marshal Campbell, a native of Salisbury, N.B., has been chief of air staff since Sept. 1, 1957. He has since the RCAF through some of its most trying but most successful peacetime years, including cancellation of the Arrow interceptor and re-equipment of Air Defence Command, the RCAF air division in Europe, transport command and the search and rescue service.

Air Marshal Dunlap, a native of Sydney Mines, N.S., joined the RCAF in 1938 and won his pilot wings the following year.

Hit Bomb Sites

He went overseas in 1942 to take over command of the RCAF station at Leeming, Yorkshire, part of No. 6 Canadian Bomber Group. He commanded a bomber wing in North Africa in 1943 and 1944 and later flew 35 combat operations while commanding another wing based in Britain which struck at German buzz bomb sites.

He attended the Bikini atomic bomb tests in 1946 and became



AVM DUNLAP

Union Of All Christians Is Said Aim Of Council

ROME (Reuters) — Augustin Cardinal Bea, president of the Vatican's secretariat for union among Christians, said Wednesday Catholicism's forthcoming ecumenical council wishes to prepare for the union of all Christians, "even if only in the long run."

Observers considered the cardinal's statement one of the church's most important pronouncements on the council since Pope John first announced more than three years ago that he would convene the assembly.

Speaking as the first cardinal to attend a Rome Foreign Press Club luncheon, Cardinal Bea said: "Imagine... and try to

measure, what it would signify for humanity if all Christians would press forward completely united on the questions of nuclear weapons, disarmament and peace."

The 89-year-old Jesuit scholar is the Vatican's most authoritative spokesman on the question of Christian union.

He was appointed by the Pope to head the secretariat for union among Christians, a body formed to enable non-Catholic Christians to follow the work of the ecumenical council.

The ecumenical council, the first Catholic world assembly for nearly a century, will open in St. Peter's Basilica Oct. 11.

TEST NEAR PERFECT

Dr. Kurt Debus, director of launch operations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said Saturn's performance was "near perfect."

The 95 tons of water blossomed like a giant white parachute, and then dissolved into transparency. The synthetic cloud was described as being

eight to 10 miles in diameter. It disappeared after about 12 seconds.

Afterward, Dr. Ernest Stuhlinger of NASA said the water turned immediately into ice flakes in the frigid temperature of the upper atmosphere and flew on upward to 95 miles. This was slightly above the altitude of the highest natural clouds—the noctilucent or night-shining clouds found above the Arctic, he said.

The purpose of the test, Stuhlinger said, was to see how quickly the equilibrium would re-establish itself in the upper atmosphere after it had been disturbed by sudden introduction of that much water.

Giant Rocket Sparks Space Thunderstorm

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The giant Saturn rocket flew its second perfect flight Wednesday in a development program preparing it to take Americans to the moon.

And as a basic research sideline, it produced what missile-man Werner von Braun called "probably the first synthetic thunderstorm ever generated in space."

The Saturn was blown up intentionally about 2½ minutes after liftoff at an altitude of 65 miles, dumping its ballast of 95 tons of tap water into the upper atmosphere. The experiment produced a massive ice cloud and lightning-like effects.

It did not interfere with the major goal of the flight, which was achieved when the Saturn first-stage engine burned out 115 seconds after launching.

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SNOW HALTS FOREST FIRES

HALIFAX (CP) — A touch of winter early Wednesday ended Nova Scotia's first outbreak of spring forest fires.

Temperatures near freezing, heavy frost—and even some snow—helped firefighters in the southwestern counties of Yarmouth and Shelburne extinguish half a dozen brush fires.

Two of the fires had caused concern Tuesday night.

One near Shelburne, 150 miles south of here, burned to within 500 yards of the tiny village of Roseway. It skipped over nearly 300 acres of scrub and brush before the combination of weather and efforts of 200 men put it out.

Another major fire in Yarmouth County was checked earlier when three inches of snow fell overnight. No property losses were reported in any of the fires.

Meanwhile, police were searching for a firebug spotted in Shelburne County Tuesday by a fire patrol plane. The man was seen attempting to start a brush fire



TEACHERS HEAR GUEST SPEAKER FROM N.S.

The second day of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation's annual convention was climaxed last night with a dinner at the Charlottetown Hotel. Guest speaker was

Charles Fillmore, Truro, N.S., who dealt with teacher organizations. Following the dinner teachers participated in a social evening at Parkdale Hall.

At a morning session the main address was given by Rev. Sister St. Michael, supervisor of studies, Mount Saint Bernard College, Antigonish. Mrs. Marjorie Dover, president of the federation. (See story on page 1.)

Mr. Fillmore, centre, talks with Sister St. Michael and Mrs. Marjorie Dover, president of the federation. (See story on page 1.)