

# Hospital Operating Costs Increase 78% In Six Years

By NEIL A. MATHESON  
 Special Staff Editor  
 The operating expenses of Prince Edward Island's hospitals have increased by more than 78 per cent in the last six years. They rose from \$1,412,076 in 1957 to a projected total of \$2,507,803 last year, but a large part of the increase was caused by the improvement in hospital services and equipment effective

when the hospital insurance plan went into operation. This was learned from Dr. L. E. Prowse, hospital commission chairman. The expenditures increased 2.89 per cent in 1958; jumped 23.22 per cent in 1959, as the insurance plan was being inaugurated; rose a slightly smaller 16.61 per cent in 1960; and a 14.83 per cent in 1961.

Increases in the future will range somewhere between the national average of four to five per cent for present services, to six to eight per cent that is expected when hospital services and facilities are brought to optimum standards.

Hospitals were under staffed with minimal equipment at a few facilities, when the insurance scheme was inaugurated. Dr. Prowse said, and the sharp rise in expenditures over the first two years was keeping up with the experience elsewhere.

Hospitals here are still working on minimal standards, but the hope is the highest standard will be attained in a period of perhaps 10 years. Marked improvements have been made already. Dr. Prowse explained. The position has now been reached where a patient gets the direct care of a nurse for every 3.5 hours out of every 24, which hospital experts have found to be most desirable.

The commission supports the hospitals' statement of their current costs and the reasons they listed. But you have to go back to the original plan of hospital insurance, which was designed to provide assistance to the community in paying current or operating costs. The community

afraid of a reunified Germany and Britain too is afraid. America favors the continued division of the world. The only difference is that the United States never says so because America is its ally and the United States cannot publicly say so.

Thomson told Khrushchev that if he returned to Britain again he would "swig as a little way toward communism and we would source your long way towards capitalism."

There is, however, some provision for capital costs. It required roughly \$170,000 annually to service long-term debts that had been incurred prior to hospital insurance, so an amount of \$200,000 was provided to cover this cost.



**KENNEDY ON A WORKING DAY**

This is a candid glimpse of President Kennedy seated at his White House desk. The photo was made just before he broadcast a speech by short-wave radio to Greenville, N.C., as part of the dedication ceremonies of the new \$23 million Voice of America broadcasting station. (AP Wirephoto)

Robert Ford, RN, of Kissimmee, Fla., two grandchildren; a twin brother, Stanley, living on the old Perry homestead in Tillsburg; three sisters, Dorothy Mrs. Charles Young, Beechville, Ont., Cora, Mrs. Martin Showers, Woodstock, Ont., and Elsie, Mrs. Pearce, also in Ontario. Another sister died, predeceased her. The funeral will be held Tuesday with services at 2 o'clock at the Lower Montague United Church.

**PRINCESS KILLED**  
 CASERTA, Italy (AP)—Princess Maria Elisabetta Borghese, Russian-born wife of Count Valerio Borghese of Rome, died in an auto crash on the Rome-Naples highway Monday night. The 35-year-old princess was the daughter of Count Basilio Ouseffier, an officer of the imperial Russian army.

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**L. Montague Lady Dies**

**SAIGON KILLED**  
 SAIGON (AP)—Search teams found the bodies Monday of two U.S. air force captains and a South Vietnamese observer killed in the crash of a B-26 fighter-bomber. The plane was believed to have been shot down while strafing Communist sampans along a canal.

allowance for new construction. If a building costs \$100,000, for example, the federal construction grant would look after \$60,000. Half of the remainder \$20,000 would be paid under the scheme provided that the community had the other \$20,000 collected prior to filing the application. This is paid by the province, though. There is no personal sharing and a commission spokesman felt there should be hospital maintenance.

Dr. Prowse agrees with the idea of people making their insurance premium refund money available to hospitals, as suggested in a brief to the government Tuesday. Refund money will be turned over to the Hospital Association of the province if that action is authorized by individuals. But otherwise, of

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**ROY THOMSON, center, wearing fur-collared coat, Canadian-born newspaper magnate, is shown in Moscow's Red Square yesterday during his visit to the Soviet capital. At left is British businessman Billy Butlin and hostess Mrs. Edna Thomson's son, Kenneth Thomson.**

# Khrushchev Has Long Talk With Canadian Publisher

By PETER JOHNSON  
 MOSCOW (Reuters)—Premier Khrushchev told Canadian newspaper publisher Roy Thomson Saturday that the signing of a German peace treaty would be a major step towards improving East-West relations.

He said the signing of such a treaty would "generate an atmosphere conducive to the solution of such problems as disarmament, the problem of confederation, a non-proliferation pact and other important international issues."

His two-hour talk with Thomson, Khrushchev rejected a suggestion by Thomson that Russia

might come day unite with the United States and Britain in opposition to Communist China. "That day will never come," Khrushchev said in the almost unprecedented interview in the Kremlin with Thomson, here on a weekend visit with 160 British businessmen to mark the first anniversary of the color supplement of his London Sunday Times.

Thomson, who now lives in London and controls newspapers and television stations in several countries, told the Russian leader: "I look forward to the day when the Soviet Union, Britain and America are all going to be one big, happy family opposed to the Chinese."

"That day will not come," replied Khrushchev.

**SEKS WORLD FAMILY**

"We shall always be friends with the Chinese and there will come a time when the workers' class in Britain and the United States and other countries is victorious. Then we will indeed have one happy family, the world over."

Khrushchev also dismissed the idea of a European "third force" as expounded by French President de Gaulle and said Russia was stronger than the "first, second and third forces" altogether.

When Thomson asked him what Britain could do to improve Anglo-Soviet relations,

**BREAKS BONE**  
 Miss Ruby Battersby of Midgell, suffered a broken bone as a result of a fall in her home recently.

Thomson questioned: "We Russians have a proverb which says that when dear friends quarrel they are just amusing themselves."

**HAD HOLIDAY**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Clements, Montague returned Saturday from a two week holiday in Boston and Toronto.

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**VISITING BROTHER**  
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**MOTHER DIES**  
 Mrs. Robert Ford, RN of Kissimmee, Fla., arrived home by plane Saturday evening. Mrs. Ford was called home by the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Lebert Taylor, Lower Montague.

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**NICHOLSON FUNERAL**  
 The funeral service for Angus J. Nicholson of Lorne Valley was held Saturday afternoon Feb. 9 from the Montague Funeral Home. The service was conducted by Robert Jackson. Mrs. James Snidley was the organist, and of the hymns sung were: "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "Seek The Kingdom's Possessors were John Drake, Robert Drake, Ernest Ings, Martin MacPherson, Peter MacLeod, Elmer Collaghan, Flowerbearers: John MacLeod, Bennett Crane, Wendell Crane, Donald Sharn. Interment was in Lorne Valley cemetery.

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**TROOPS STILL LEAVING**  
 But that was the extent of Russian strength in Cuba, and "many have left Cuba and are continuing to leave Cuba," he said. He said there are no nuclear arms in Cuba as "all the atomic weapons are in our own hands and we do not need to place them there."

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**TURN INTO CAPITALISM**  
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**QUOTES PROVERB**  
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