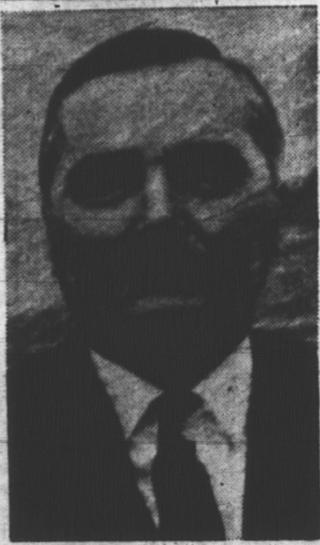


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Johnson Declares U.S. Will Stay In Viet Nam



LUCIEN LAMOUREUX
Lamoureux Seen As Next Speaker

Aggression End Is Prime Target

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson said Wednesday night he will pursue peace but will not ask for more appropriations until aggression has stopped. He backed this pledge with a record \$112,000,000 budget that did not call for a general tax boost.

Johnson reported to Congress in person and to the people of the United States by radio and television on the state of the home front and on efforts to bring about peace talks in Viet Nam.

He said the peace campaign so far has produced "no response to prove either success or failure."

Johnson sounded no threats or ultimatums, but he said "we do not intend to abandon Asia to conquest."

At the end of his lengthy address, Johnson said "I am hopeful, and I will try, to end this battle and return our sons to their homes."

Johnson did not say how long the United States might continue its pause in the bombing of North Viet Nam, now in its 20th day.

Johnson dealt also with the domestic scene and said that the war in Viet Nam must not halt the drive towards what he calls "the Great Society."

Johnson laid down these 10 goals:

- To carry forward health and education programs enacted last year.
- To provide funds to "prosecute with vigor and determination our war on poverty" on a speeded-up basis.
- To take "a new and daring direction" in the foreign aid program to help needy countries to help themselves.
- To make it possible to control the population explosion.
- To make it possible to stay in each village a year or as long as necessary.

Johnson set forth a 10-point domestic program and said: "I believe we can continue the Great Society while we fight in Viet Nam."

In his address, prepared for delivery in the House of Representatives at a joint session of Congress, Johnson estimated federal government revenues will be \$111,000,000,000 and the deficit will be \$1,200,000,000—lowest in several years.

White House records showed this would be the closest matching of income and expenditures since a surplus of \$1,200,000,000 in 1960.

Johnson wrote his annual report to Congress in two sections, one dealing primarily with domestic affairs and the other international problems and policies. A conflict he said "must be at the centre of our concern."

The White House released the text of the presidential address one half at a time.

Railway Shippers Claim New Demurrage Is Unjust

By BEN WAD
OTTAWA (CP) — Railway shippers complained to the board of transport commissioners Wednesday that the railways' proposed increase in demurrage penalties is unjust and discriminatory.

But they agreed some action is needed to crack down on shippers who use freight cars for cheap storage, keeping them out of service for a week or more by delaying unloading.

The board ended a two-day public hearing on the issue and deferred decision.

Demurrage penalties apply to shippers who retain freight cars beyond two days. Present rates are \$4 a car for each of the first four days of delay and \$8 for fifth and subsequent days.

The railways want \$5 for each of the first four days, \$10 a day for the next four and \$15 for every additional day. They tried to introduce these new rates Oct. 1 but the board suspended the move pending public hearings.

Called for study
R. Eric Gracey of Toronto, general manager of the Canadian Industrial Traffic League, said higher rates are not the answer to the problem of freight car tieups. He asked the board to order a special study of the situation by railway specialists and to continue its suspension until that has been done.

The railways themselves must take some of the blame for tie-ups, he said. Poor or inadequate service by the carriers was often the cause of delayed unloading.

Craig Dickson of Moncton, executive manager of the Maritime Transportation Commission, said the real problem is caused by shippers who hold cars for five days or more.

He supported the idea of \$10 and \$15 penalties for these cases but opposed any increase for the first four days of delay. Some short-term holdups were unavoidable.

MAY AID MINISTER

Mullally Expected To Get Ottawa Job

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
OTTAWA — John Mullally, former Member of Parliament for Kings, is expected to be appointed as a special assistant to one of the Liberal cabinet ministers, it was learned here Wednesday.

Mr. Mullally was elected to the Commons in 1963 and served for two and a half years prior to his defeat by Conservative Melvin McQuaid on November 8. Since the election Mr. Mullally, his wife and family have continued to reside in Ottawa. Indications are that he will join the staff of one of the cabinet ministers to assist in the operation of the department but there is no indication as yet as to which department he will be named.

It is expected that Mr. Mullally will seek his party's nomination to contest the Kings' seat when the next federal election is called and he plans to maintain his contacts with the riding even though he will be based in Ottawa.

P.E.I.'s former cabinet minister J. Watson MacNaught is also continuing to live in Ottawa since his defeat in the November election. There has been speculation that Mr. MacNaught may be appointed to the bench, either on the Island or the Supreme Court but no vacancies exist at present.

3 British Labor Members Manhandled In Rhodesia

From AP-Reuters
SALISBURY (CP) — Three British Labor members of Parliament were manhandled Wednesday at the close of a rowdy public meeting they had called to discuss the Rhodesian situation.

None of the MPs, who are on a fact-finding mission in this rebellious colony of Britain, was injured.

MPs David Ennals, 43, Christopher Rowland, 38, and Dr. Jeremy Bray, 35, had announced they would answer only two more questions and were preparing to close the meeting when a crowd of hooting, hollering Rhodesians surged towards the speaker's table.

"I was sitting there when I saw a hand come out from the throng and grab for my papers," Rowland said later.

"The papers contained all the notes made on this visit, as well as letters and messages."

Ennals and Bray were manhandled by the crowd, but a police detective quickly intervened and rescued Rowland.

Dr. Bray moved across the speaker's table to help Rowland and someone grabbed him by his hair and pulled him to the floor. Ennals ran around the end of the table to help Rowland.

As Dr. Bray was propelled across the table someone emptied a pitcher of water on Rowland's head. Another man poured his glass of beer over him.

Not everyone joined in the fray. There were shouts: "Let him alone."

Bray's tie was askew, his hair matted and his coat pulled part way off. Rowland, too, was in disarray when the fracas ended after a few minutes.

They were hustled quickly by the detective to a private room in the hotel where the meeting had been held.

Job Insurance On Farms Aired

CAGLARY (CP) — Agriculture Minister J. J. Green says the main problem of unemployment insurance for farm workers is whether it should be industry-wide or applied only to areas where it is needed.

Mr. Green, who replaced Harry Hays of Calgary as agriculture minister, arrived in the city from Edmonton Tuesday.

"Unemployment insurance," he said in an interview, "would help farmers in attracting labor but any scheme must operate on a sound actuarial basis."

"We don't want a return to the situation where it was used politically and became a slush fund."

Senator Connolly Is In Hospital

OTTAWA (CP) — Senator J. J. Connolly, 58, government leader in the Senate, is in hospital undergoing a series of tests, but an aide said Wednesday there is no indication he will be unable to carry on as leader in the upper house.

The Ontario senator was active through the campaign leading up to the Nov. 8 general election and following this went to New Zealand as a member of a Canadian parliamentary group.

The aide said Senator Connolly decided to enter hospital for a complete examination and is expected to be there about 10 days.

3 New Gov't Departments Slated In Newfoundland

By DAVE BUTLER
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — The creation of three new government departments and the resulting reorganization of several others was foreseen in the throne speech at the opening of the Newfoundland legislature here Wednesday.

Most important was the announcement that a department of resources development, to be responsible for all matters pertaining to forestry and fisheries development, would be created.

This new department would cut down the responsibility of the existing mines and resources department and absorb the fisheries development branch of the fisheries department.

Also to be established is a department of Labrador affairs which will be charged with the duty of promoting development of Labrador on all fronts.

TO FORM NEW OFFICE
A new "office of government" to be known as the president of the council, is to be formed. The title was not defined and the duties and responsibilities of this new office were not spelled out.

U.S. Outlines New Plan For Vietnamese Villages

By LEWIS GLICK
WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. aid officials outlined Wednesday a long-term plan aimed at permanently wiping out Viet Cong control in the South Vietnamese countryside.

The new pacification program, is a successor to the ill-fated strategic hamlet program of the early 1960s.

The core of the new effort will be assignment of specially-trained teams of 60 to 80 South Vietnamese to villages that have been freed from the threat of large-scale guerrilla attacks.

The teams are being trained to ferret out hidden Viet Cong cells remaining in the villages, nurture respected local governments based on the existing village council system, establish good police, health, schooling and other community facilities and maintain security.

About one-half of the team members are to be armed and the teams will be prepared to stay in each village a year or as long as necessary.

COULDN'T STAND PRESSURE
The strategic hamlet concept was unable to withstand continued pressure from the guerrillas.

The strategic hamlet operation tended to destroy the existing village governmental system. Saigon government cadres would move people into a location, give pap talks and distribute a few pigs, see that limited fortifications were constructed and then move on to another site.

Eventual success of the new program hinges on the success of the fight against Viet Cong military units. And even with victory on the battlefield, rural reconstruction would take years.

Estimates vary on how much countryside is Viet Cong-controlled. Some say the guerrillas hold more than one half.

THIS CAT BRUSHES HER TEETH

Yes, this cat is really brushing her teeth on her own tooth brush. The picture was taken in the bathroom at the home of Police Chief Stierus Webster and Mrs. Webster. See Across The Island for the details of this interesting story.

Watchdog Committee Appointed On Rhodesia

By JOSEPH MACSWEEN
LAGOS (CP) — The Commonwealth prime ministers set up a watchdog committee Wednesday to check on results of economic sanctions against Rhodesia, and agreed to meet again July if the Rhodesian rebellion is not ended.

A communique issued at the end of the two-day conference in Nigeria said delegates agreed to use of military force in Rhodesia "could not be precluded if this proved necessary to restore law and order."

The watchdog committee will sit in London and will advise Commonwealth governments on possible action against Rhodesia, either by them or by the United Nations, and will keep Commonwealth commitments to Zambia, Rhodesia's neighbor, under review.

Prime Minister Wilson of Britain left after the conference for Lusaka, where he will hold talks with President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia.

REBELLION 'MUST END'
The Commonwealth leaders affirmed their determination "that the rebellion must be brought to an end," the communique said.

Prime Minister Pearson of Canada told the conference additional measures against the rebellious white-minority government in Rhodesia should be considered, unless there are indications "within a matter of weeks" that sanctions are taking effect.

The Commonwealth leaders noted a statement by Wilson that economic and financial sanctions may end the rebellion in weeks rather than months, and expressed hope the Smith regime would be overthrown within the period mentioned by the British prime minister.

They stated that the authority and responsibility for guiding Rhodesia to independence rests with Britain, but that the problem is of concern to Africa, the Commonwealth and the world.

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Mr. Kierans wrote Wednesday to U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Fowler—his second to that official as well.

Its contents were not disclosed. Neither were those of the first message to Mr. Fowler, believed in have dealt with the effect on Quebec of U.S. efforts to curb investment in foreign countries by the subsidiaries of U.S. companies.

Mr. Kierans' first letter to Commerce Secretary John T. Connor said U.S. efforts to improve that country's balance of payments would hurt Quebec and that the province would have to act accordingly.

AGREED WITH PREMIER
Mr. Kierans told Mr. Connor he agreed with Premier Lesage that he should not have sent the first letter.

Premier Lesage who announced the new letters at a press conference said the incident now is closed.

Mr. Kierans holds the regular post of health minister in the provincial cabinet.

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