

ARMY WILL SEEK OWN AIR FORCE

Agriculture Conference At Ottawa Has Sober Note

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OTTAWA (CP)—Federal forecasts of lower livestock prices next year, no increase in farmers' cash income and possibly heavier grain surpluses, offered few rosy pictures Monday as the 17th annual federal-provincial agricultural conference got under way.

Reports gathered by federal agriculture and trade experts said cattle and hog prices likely will decline in 1956 as a result of rising production. They predicted, however, that more livestock would be marketed next year than this.

There probably would be no increase in overall flow of cash to farmers, grain marketings probably would not be higher than this year and if crops were as good as the 1955 harvest, farmers would have heavier grain surpluses than at present.

Agriculture Minister Gardiner, welcoming the provincial ministers and their deputies, had no easy solution to offer for the problem of

selling Canada's growing agricultural production on world markets.

OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS

He said the federal government hesitates to change the agriculture policies under which it has been operating, but it is always open to suggestions.

Referring to suggestions by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture for parity prices for farm products, Mr. Gardiner said the federal government has sought to maintain a fair relationship between returns for agriculture and other occupations through price supports.

Mr. Gardiner said the price support plan, which went into effect in 1944, so far has cost \$88,924,586. Dealing with butter, surplus stocks of which have been estimated variously between 4,000,000 and 65,000,000 pounds, he estimated that its support program this year will cost some \$3,000,000.

He said the butter support plan, under which the government buys surplus stocks at 58 cents a pound plus about three cents for handling charges, cost \$3,175,085 from 1949

to 1954. With this year's cost, the total outlay for the butter program would be more than \$5,000,000.

Mr. Gardiner said the egg price support program likely will cost the government \$555,000 in the current fiscal year, which would bring the total cost since 1950 to \$733,025.

ECONOMIC PROSPECTS GOOD

The reports on 1956 prospects said general economic conditions looked good. The boom that developed this year likely would continue to provide strong markets for consumer goods. The rate of economic expansion next year, however, might slow down from the sharp 1955 rise.

Higher prices might maintain apple growers' earnings at this year's rate, but 1956 fruit production might be down because unusually favorable growing conditions this year are not expected to be repeated.

A rise in milk output might increase revenue from this source, but lower produce might trim farm cash income from sale of eggs in the first half of 1956.

Toronto's Mayor Is Re-elected

TORONTO (CP)—Mayor Nathan Phillips, Toronto's first Jewish mayor, won a landslide re-election victory in Monday's civic elections.

His only serious opponent, controller Roy Belyea, conceded at 10:25 p. m. EST, 2 1/2 hours after the polls closed.

Mr. Phillips took a three-to-one lead in early counting and held it. On two ballot questions, the voters of Canada's second largest city swung in favor of a two-year term for municipal officers but against a new \$20,000,000 city hall.

Gaspereaux Airman Is Uninjured In Plane Crash

Flying Officer Archibald Ernest Gaspereaux, Prince Edward Island was among three survivors of the ill-fated plane crash in Metz, France last Saturday, who came through the ordeal uninjured. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graham of Gaspereaux. A brother, George Graham, lost his life while serving with the Canadian Army during World War II.

F-O Graham served in the R.C.A.F. during the last war and remained with the service after the cessation of hostilities. He is married to an Ottawa girl. They have two children living with them in France. As far as could be learned, the Gaspereaux officer was attached to the Fire Fighting Unit of the R.C.A.F. A sister, Mrs. John MacPherson lives in Abercrombie, Nova Scotia.

In an interview after the crash, F-O Graham said, "The first indication that I had that the plane was in trouble was when I heard tree tops brushing the underside of the aircraft." "The next thing I knew, I was in my seat looking up at the sky. I crawled out of the wreckage and the first person I saw was Airwoman Pippen. We immediately set out to get help."

Airwoman F. L. S. Pippen, Cranbrook, B. C., was the only woman among the 17 persons aboard the aircraft.

Seven Canadian airmen were killed and three injured. Four passengers were injured also.



TO VISIT OTTAWA

Foreign Minister Dr. Paulo Cunha of Portugal, who will visit Ottawa Dec. 11-12. He will confer with Prime Minister St. Laurent and External Affairs Minister Pearson. (CP Photo)

No Competition For The R.C.A.F.

OTTAWA, (CP)—Lt.-Gen. Howard Graham, chief of the general staff, said Monday the army will recommend to the government within six months a plan for creation of its own air force.

He was quick to emphasize at a press conference, however, that the army has no intention of entering into competition with the RCAF and that there will be no duplication between the two services.

He said the army wants planes and helicopters to move troops and supplies over short distances. Aircraft now were "almost essential" for armies in the field.

Gen. Graham, who took over from Lt.-Gen. Guy Simonds as chief of staff Sept. 1, also said Canadian soldiers are being trained in the field of guided missiles in Britain and the United States.

The question of a small air force for the army is not new here—it has been a matter for discussion in the defence department for years—but Gen. Graham indicated it now is comparatively close to a decision. The decision would be taken by the combined chiefs of staff, the defence council and finally the cabinet.

The army has used light planes for years as artillery spotters. But now it wants comparatively inexpensive transport aircraft to increase mobility and improve supply.

Gen. Graham declined to say how many planes the army wants but he indicated that initial plans would call for airlifting of only one battalion. The three-battalion mobile striking force now is transported by the RCAF.

WANTS GUIDED MISSILES

The army hoped to get guided missiles in the future but many factors still have to be ironed out. He added that he wouldn't like to say which arm of the services eventually would acquire control of

Court Reserves Decision In Coffin Murder Case

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Supreme Court of Canada reserved decision Monday on a motion by the Quebec attorney-general for dismissal of a federal request for advice on whether to do about Wilbert Coffin, convicted of murdering an American bear hunter 2 1/2 years ago.

Quebec claims that the federal cabinet does not have jurisdiction to refer the case to the Supreme Court for an opinion that presumably would guide the central authority in deciding whether to order a new trial for the 44-year-old Gaspé, Que., prospector or commute his death sentence to life imprisonment.

Coffin is scheduled to be hanged Feb. 10 at Montreal's Bordeaux jail.

The federal justice department opposed the Quebec argument, claiming the cabinet has jurisdiction to ask the court for such advice.

Baby Born On Liner In Halifax Hbr.

HALIFAX, (CP)—The wife of an army private gave birth to a girl aboard the liner Queen Frederica Monday while the ship rode out a storm in mid-stream.

Mrs. D. R. Ragan of New Norway, Alta., returning from Germany with her husband, gave birth to the first of two babies while the ship was anchored in the harbor waiting for winds to drop. The second baby was later stillborn in a Halifax hospital.

Doctors said the condition of Mrs. Ragan and her baby Deborah Frederica were satisfactory.

One thousand soldiers and their dependents arrived back from Germany while freezing rain and 30-mile an hour winds whipped across the port. The ship arrived early in the morning but had to remain in mid-stream until late afternoon.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Ragan who gave birth to the first child in the ship's hospital was taken to a city hospital immediately after the ship docked. The second birth came a few hours later.

Mrs. Ragan's husband is a member of the Second Field Squadron of the Royal Canadian Engineers.

An army band and hundreds of relatives and friends stood on the wet and wind-swept pier either during or after the hearings. Meanwhile, the case will continue to be argued for the Supreme Court's review.

Historic Railway

The Stockton-Darlington railway in England, using Stephenson's steam locomotive, opened in 1825.

Fabrics From U.S.

MONTREAL (CP)—Canadian imports of woven fabrics from the United States totalled 3,235,371 square yards during August this year, the Silk and Rayon Institute reported Monday. The figure compared with 2,838,127 square yards the previous month and 2,366,074 in August, 1954, volume of these imports has seldom exceeded 3,000,000 yards in a month, and domestic producers noted that 1955 totals will likely exceed all previous years.

Russian Churchmen Insist Religion Free In Russia

TORONTO (CP)—Three Russian church dignitaries insisted Monday that religion is free in Russia and that church and state exist peacefully provided each minds its own business.

Archbishop Boris, representative in North and South America of the Russian Orthodox Church—pastor, archpriest Constantine Ruzitsky, rector of Moscow Theological Seminary, and seminary registrar Anatole Gorbachov, a layman, are in Canada on a two-weeks visit as guests of the United Church of Canada.

At a press conference Boris and Ruzitsky did the talking. Gorbachov made notes. Questions and answers were through an interpreter, Dr. Herman Neufeld of Vancouver. Questions were answered without hesitation and in short takes to facilitate translation.

The archbishop said the Bible is about to be pushed in the Soviet Union for the first time since 1916. A new edition, incorporating changes made in Russian writing and spelling since the revolution, is "on the press" and should appear in January. He would not say how many copies will be run off.

FREEDOM IS THEME

The hour-long press conference, attended by about 25 reporters and photographers, stuck closely to freedom of religion in the U. S. S. R.

"The church is the church," Boris insisted, "and it has freedom to preach provided it deals only with the Bible."

"What we preach is the gospel and the gospel only. We must serve the church."

At the conference the long-haired, black-robed prelate three times said St. Paul, in an epistle to the Corinthians, counselled believers in Christ to submit to the civil government in matters proper to it.

Later, in his hotel room, he checked his Bible and corrected the reference. He meant, he said, the Epistle to the Romans, Chapter 13, verses 5 to 7.

The final verse reads: "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor."

He told reporters interest in religion is growing in the U. S. S. R. The constitution gave freedom of belief, whereas citizens previously had been obliged to profess a faith. That had led millions who belonged

Two Russian Leaders Are Guests Of Burmese Troops

MAYMYO, Burma (AP)—Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist party Secretary Nikita Khrushchev reviewed a crack Burmese brigade here Monday while just a few miles away in dense jungle other troops were fighting Communist insurgents.

Only five days ago an insurgent band penetrated Maymyo itself and kidnapped two World Health Organization doctors, one an Italian, from a house 300 yards from where Bulganin and Khrushchev were quartered.

Consequently Burmese security forces were alert during the Russians' stay. Soldiers with steel guns guarded every house and cordoned off every road which the Russians visited or travelled. All unauthorized movements were halted.

After reviewing the polished brigade with its glistening equipment, Khrushchev commented: "The most important task is defending one's own country. I wish your army would have its own officers and soldiers and generals. To achieve this aim, you should have your own military academies and institutions."

The foreign office in London said it had no idea what Khrushchev was talking about, that Britain has not had a training mission in Burma for years.

TEST NEW CONCEPTS

Other points made by Gen. Graham:

1. The army hopes in manoeuvres next year, mainly at Camp Gagetown, N. B., to try out different tactical concepts which so far have been discussed only in a theoretical way.
2. A further reduction of Canadian troops in Korea is possible in the next few months. There are only some 200 Canadian soldiers remaining in Korea.
3. There has been no suggestion that the Canadian infantry brigade in Germany be increased.
4. Commanders have been giving close study to new weapons but no conclusions have yet been taken on new tactics or reorganization.

Prime Minister Eden To Visit The U.S., Canada

LONDON (Reuters)—Prime Minister Eden announced Monday he will visit the United States and Canada early next year at the invitation of President Eisenhower and Prime Minister St. Laurent.

Diplomatic sources said the Western leaders will engage in general discussion of West's role in the light of failure of the recent Big Four foreign ministers conference and the forthcoming visit of Soviet leaders to Britain.

The British leaders are expected to travel by sea to New York and will arrive in Washington Jan. 30 for a few days of talks. After that they will go to Ottawa around Feb. 4 for several more days of discussion with Canadian government leaders. They probably will fly home.

In addition to providing the leaders of the three countries with an opportunity to exchange views on the new Russian diplomatic offensive which they hope to meet by Prime Minister St. Laurent, they fly to Edmonton where about 20 small parishes grouped under St. Barbara's Russian Orthodox Church place spiritual allegiance in Patriarch Alexei of Moscow. They return to Europe by commercial trans-polar flight from Edmonton, reaching Moscow by Dec. 18 for pre-Christmas religious observances.

BORIS TO PREACH

Thursday they visit Emmanuel College in the evening will attend a service at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, where Rt. Rev. George Dorey, moderator of the United Church will preside and the archbishop Boris will preach. The prelates will wear their ecclesiastical robes.

Friday they visit the University of Toronto, and dine as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Dorey at a function to which the Toronto heads of various religious groups have been invited. They leave Friday on the overnight train to Ottawa.

After two days there, during which they hope to meet Prime Minister St. Laurent, they fly to Edmonton where about 20 small parishes grouped under St. Barbara's Russian Orthodox Church place spiritual allegiance in Patriarch Alexei of Moscow. They return to Europe by commercial trans-polar flight from Edmonton, reaching Moscow by Dec. 18 for pre-Christmas religious observances.

Churchill Calls Russian Visit Tactics Surprising

WOODFORD, England (CP)—Sir Winston Churchill described the visit of Soviet leaders to Burma and India Monday night as a "surprising spectacle and one which Her Majesty's government will no doubt study carefully before they allow it, with suitable variants, to be repeated here."

Addressing a young Conservatives meeting in his own constituency, the former prime minister referred to the attacks on Britain and the West generally by Soviet Premier Nikita Bulganin and Communist party leader Khrushchev during the trip through the two Asian countries.

They are scheduled to visit Britain in the spring and Churchill was apparently voicing suspicion that they might take the opportunity while here to deliver attacks on other Western nations.

"I have no doubt you have all been following the exhibition which the heads of the Russian state have been making on their tour of India and Burma."

"It has certainly been a surprising spectacle and one which Her Majesty's government will no doubt study carefully before they allow it, with suitable variants, to be repeated here."

Prime Minister Eden extended an invitation to Bulganin and Khrushchev during the Geneva "summit" conference last July.

U. K. VIEW CHANGES

Britain welcomed the move at the time but misgivings have developed since, particularly as a result of attacks made during the current tour. Among other things, Khrushchev accused the Western powers of sending Hitler's troops

Coming Events

- New Glasgow concert, Dec. 22.
- Bonshaw Christmas concert Friday, December 23.
- Reserve Dec. 22nd for Winslow North Christmas concert.
- Reserve December 21, Victoria School Christmas concert.
- Reserve Dec. 20th for St. Peter's North Christmas concert in Holy Name Hall.
- Buying poultry Tuesdays and Wednesdays only to Dec. 21. Waddell Bros., Crapaud.
- Dance Mt. Ryan Hall, Wednesday night, Dec. 7. Don Meeser's Orchestra.
- Buying large chickens, capon and fowl Wednesday, 3 till 12. R. L. Dickieson, New Glasgow.
- See "The Little Blue Angel" in Fracade Hall, Monday, December 12th at 8:00 p.m.
- Postponed—Shur-Gain amateur avalanche in St. Peter's Bay. Hill will now be held Dec. 7th at 8 o'clock.
- Reserve Tuesday evening, December 22nd for Christmas concert at the P.E.I. Protestant Orphanage.
- Regular Junior Farmers meeting New Glasgow School, Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 8:15 p.m. Special speaker.
- Community bingo Morell Wednesday 20 cash prizes of \$1.00 each plus jackpot now worth \$100.00. Door prize \$5.00. Admissions 35 cts. 8 o'clock.
- The annual meeting of the Federal Dairying Company, Eldon, which was to have been held Friday, Dec. 9 is postponed till Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. J. W. MacGuigan, Secretary.
- To arrive this week carload bulk barley No. 1. Special price on barley meal for ten days. Get some to mix with your own grain for finishing hogs. To arrive next week carload bulk wheat. Special price off cars. We make and sell Swift Gro-Mor brand feeds. We consider the best on the market. We can make a satisfactory feed to match any selected hogs to your own specifications. Bring in your grain for mixing. While it is at special price on Purdy Flour C. C. Pratt & Sons, St. Peter's.

ALLEGES INTERFERENCE

The court's decision on the issue will be announced later, either during or after the hearings. Meanwhile, the case will continue to be argued for the Supreme Court's review.



BACK FROM THE ARCTIC

The communications staff of the MCS Labrador posed for this "family" picture shortly before the ship's recent return from five months operations in the Arctic. In front, left to right, are: CPO Jerry Dufour, Halifax; Ldg. Sea David Dinner, Aurora, Ont.; James Penney, Bell Island, Nfld.; Eugene Walzak, London; AB Martin Smith, Toronto; AB John Boucher, Grandmaré, P.Q.; Ldg. Saul, Ste. Marie; Ldg. Sea Robert Frowley, Windsor, Ont., and Robert Frowley, Windsor, Ont., and North Bay; LT. MICHAEL KELLY, Charlottetown; Ldg. Sea Gregory McLean, Sydney, and Ldg. Sea.

INTEREST GROWS

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POWERFUL DOGS

Dogs resembling the bulldog species were known in Britain as early as Roman days.

16 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

WATCH YOUR WICKED CAT DOWN IN SLIPPERY PLACES

TORONTO (CP)—Temperatures issued by the Toronto public weather office:

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	...	4b
Vancouver	...	31
Victoria	...	36
Edmonton	...	3
Calgary	...	11
Regina	...	11
Winnipeg	...	15b
Toronto	...	33
Ottawa	...	24
Montreal	...	34
Quebec	...	13
Fredericton	...	15
Saint John	...	20
Moncton	...	20
Halifax	...	23
Charlottetown	...	21
Sydney	...	24
St. John's	...	29

HALIFAX (CP)—The weather office here says northwesterly winds are bringing drier air to the southwestern Maritimes. This northwesterly flow of air will cover all the district on Tuesday. Cloudiness will be variable and there will likely be a few snowflurries in widely scattered localities.

Northern Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, eastern N. B. counties and lower St. John river valley: Variable cloudiness; widely scattered snowflurries, not much change in temperature; northwest winds 20. Low-high at New Glasgow and Charlottetown 25 and 30, Fredericton 12 and 25, Moncton and Saint John 15 and 25.

High tide today at Charlottetown at 3:16 a.m. and 4:21 p.m. Summer-side tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Sun rises at 7:35 a.m. and sets at 4:32 p.m.