



DIEF AT THE BAR

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker Wednesday was made an honorary life member of the Cape Breton Barristers' Society. Here he receives his credentials from society officers Simon Khattar, Q.C., and Charles O'Connell. (CP Photo)

Combat Casualties Soar In S. Vietnamese Forces

SAIGON (AP)—Combat casualties in the South Vietnamese armed forces soared to 1,505 last week, largely as a result of the Viet Cong guerrillas' destruction of the 7th Infantry Regiment, a U.S. military spokesman announced Wednesday.

The latest statistics on the toll of a war that U.S. Defence Secretary Robert S. McNamara says "will be a long road ahead" came out on a day of relatively light ground action.

U.S. planes loosed both bombs and propaganda pamphlets on North Viet Nam.

American losses Nov. 21-27 were markedly less than in the previous week, though some U.S. advisers were cut down by the South Vietnamese infantrymen in their losing battle Saturday on the abandoned Michelin rubber plantation 43 miles northwest of Saigon.

The U.S. toll was 40 killed, 117 wounded and five missing.

CASUALTIES FEWER

That compared with a record loss of 240 dead, 470 wounded and six missing in the week of Nov. 14-20, when U.S. 1st Air Division cavalrymen and North Vietnamese regulars were locked in the La Drang Valley battle in the central highlands.

South Viet Nam lost 459 killed

the government's second-highest toll of the war. In addition, 861 were wounded and 185 missing.

However, the spokesman said 1,539 Viet Cong were killed, giving U.S. and government troops a favorable ratio of 3 to 1.

U.S. marines in the Hue-Fu Bai area north of Da Nang exchanged fire with about 20 Viet Cong. A spokesman said they killed one and wounded four while taking light casualties.

Briefing officers said two companies of South Korea's Tiger Division relieved two South Vietnamese militia platoons attacked by the Viet Cong Tuesday at Koa My, a village between the coastal city of Qui Nhon and An Khe, headquarters of the U.S. 1st Air Cavalry Division. Later 37 guerrillas were found dead on the field. South Korean casualties were light and South Vietnamese moderate.

IMPROVE FRENCH TRADE

PARIS (Reuters) — France's trade balance has improved all round and this year's exports are likely to show a 14-per-cent increase over 1964, Finance Minister Valery Giscard d'Estaing said Tuesday.

Gov't Aid Is Urged In Spreading Culture

By JOHN LEBLANC

TORONTO (CP) — Government assistance in the spreading of various forms of culture was suggested from two directions Wednesday to the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism.

The ideas were put forward independently by the Canadian Institute of Cultural Research and by W. Harry Giles, president of the Toronto French School, on the second day of the commission's final four-day series of public hearings here.

The institute asked that the federal government set up a centre that would study the contributions of all cultures and sponsor concerts, plays and exhibitions.

Mr. Giles suggested federal and provincial governments go \$0.40 in financing physical facilities for cultural centres in Canadian cities of more than 250,000.

He developed the idea during a question period on a brief presented by his school, which recommended a federal study centre in Toronto primarily for training French teachers and developing better methods of teaching that language to English-speaking children. A similar centre could work in reverse in Quebec.

When commission chairman Davidson Dunton asked whether he would advocate the establishment of such centres across the country, Mr. Giles said he would.

Other briefs heard Wednesday urged more and better teaching of French across Canada. They included the National Japanese Canadian Citizens Association and the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada.

In addition, the French-Canadian Cultural Association of Timmins complained that French-Canadians have been the victims of official injustice through lack of observance of the spirit of the British-North America Act. It asked for biculturalism in the federal civil service, schools, municipal governments and public utilities.

OUTLINED SOME LIMITS

B. E. Keirstead, professor of political economy at the University of Toronto, said if things come to the point where Quebec is recognized as a nation, it would not be economically feasible to let it formulate its own monetary and fiscal policies.

"The cost in our standard of living of sacrificing essential national controls is one which must be considered by the commission. I believe it is prohibitive as far as the aspirations of Quebec are concerned."

Dr. Gordon Bates, general director of the health league of Canada, who learned French after his regular education had been completed, said revolutionary changes are needed in teaching if Canadians are to accomplish a widespread knowledge of spoken and written French.

The commission also made public briefs received earlier from two ethnic groups looking for support for aims of their peoples.

The Czechoslovak National Association of Canada said it recognizes the realities of French-Canadians' political and cultural aspirations but feels their satisfaction "must be compatible with Canada's unity and the ability of the federal government to discharge its duties to the country as whole."

AID IS CONDITIONAL

"If the fulfillment of the French-Canadian demands require changes in the Canadian constitution, our group is prepared to support these changes so long as they would not jeopardize Canada's integrity."

"But it is our opinion that much more now depends on the efforts of the French-Canadians themselves to enjoy fully the advantages of their existing autonomy within a larger political and economic unit, rather than on constitutional changes."

The Polish Alliance of Canada, a mutual benefit society with 44 branches in Ontario, described the ethnic groups in this country as "a third founding force" but said many of them are discriminated against in immigration.

"We feel that immigrants should be judged on quality alone and, as long as they are sponsored by a blood relative, they should be allowed into Canada," the brief said.

Jobless Fund Said Healthy

OTTAWA (CP)—The unemployment insurance fund is back above the \$100,000,000 mark again, twice as high as its year-ago level. It hasn't been as healthy since 1962.

Only 20 months ago it was more than \$30,000,000 in the red. This year's marked increase in employment, more than matching a decline in unemployment, has sent fund revenues soaring while expenditures have dropped.

At Oct. 31, latest date available, the fund's balance was \$129,822,111. During that month the fund added nearly \$24,000,000 to its bank account on revenues of \$34,132,103 and benefit payments of only \$10,223,036.

Last year the balance at Oct. 31 was \$66,750,970.

The fund traditionally reaches its annual low point in May, drained by the high unemployment of late winter and spring. Last May it was at \$22,721,000.

France Planning Weather Probes

PARIS (Reuters) — France plans to put up satellites capable of giving a six-month weather forecast, the French cabinet was told Wednesday.

Yvon Bourges, state secretary for scientific research, said the results could lead to many changes in farming.

French scientists also are perfecting a communications satellite which would permit direct telephone and television links between France, French-speaking Africa and France's overseas territories, he said.

Business Briefs

PRODUCTION TART

TORONTO (CP)—Bio Algom Mines has started production of yttrium oxide, a rare earth compound used in the manufacture of color television tubes. Initial capacity is 100,000 pounds a year, enough to satisfy world demand, president Robert Winters says.

ALES CLIMB

TORONTO (CP) — Clairtone Sound Corp. reports sales of 6,756,896 in the nine months ended Sept. 30 compared with 5,632,508 in the same period of 1964. President Peter Marsh said sales and earnings for the year will be ahead of last year.

ACQUIRES 2 FIRMS

TORONTO (CP) — Delta Acceptance Corp. Ltd. has acquired Independent Acceptance Ltd. of Oakville and Independent Finance Corp. Ltd. of Port Credit, Ont., the company said Wednesday. The firms will operate under the Crescent Finance Corp. name. The price was not disclosed.

COMPLETES FINANCING

TORONTO (CP) — Consolidated Mogul Mines Ltd. says it has completed financing to bring into production the lead-zinc-silver mine of its subsidiary, Mogul of Ireland Ltd., in County Teperary, Ireland. A total of 21,000,000 has been raised through the sale of bonds.

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