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"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

To Continue Egg Price Support

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government will continue to support egg prices during 1957 on the same basis as this year, the agriculture department announced Friday.

The support price will be 38 cents a dozen for grade A large at storage points, unchanged from this year's and the 1955 support price.

Due to decreased egg production, the agricultural prices support board is expected to incur no loss on the egg support program this year. The last year was estimated at about \$30,000.

Necklace For Mrs. Diefenbaker

OTTAWA (CP)—A necklace of quartz and gold from an absent supporter was among the first gifts presented to Olive Diefenbaker as she stepped into the role of the Progressive Conservative party's first lady.

The necklace came from Harold Parkes, a party follower from Yellowknife, N.W.T., who had to catch a plane and sent a messenger to make the presentation.

The gift came unwrapped, with only the giver's name and address written on a crumpled bit of paper and the notation that Mr. Parkes lives in the party's "most northern riding."

An orchid corsage came from the Prince Albert delegation, and roses from the PC Women's Association of Waterloo South.

IMPORTANT SESSIONS CONCLUDE

NATO Approves Report Of Its "Three Wise Men"

PARIS (CP)—Foreign Ministers of the North Atlantic countries Friday night completed a four-day council meeting which delegates described as one of the most important in NATO history. John Foster Dulles of the United States said it was perhaps a turning point in history.

In a final crowded day, the ministers made public a 10,000-word document on political co-operation and issued a communique indicating some useful lessons had been learned from past divergences.

Finally, the NATO council appointed Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium to succeed Lord Ismay as secretary-general in April 1957.

Conference sources gave these two developments priority:

1. Publication of a 30-page document embodying the recommendations of NATO's "three wise men." This outlines the "guidelines" in the field of political consultation and, if adhered to, will almost surely be a landmark in the NATO story.

GIVEN MORE POWER

The main practical provision is to make the secretary-general a figure of authority and initiative roughly comparable to the United Nations' Dag Hammarskjöld.

2. The first steps were taken to the powers of vetoing out Big Three members after their different stands on the Suez crisis. The communique expresses this by saying the ministers drew from their

Plan Program To Eradicate Bang's Disease

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government next year will undertake a program to wipe out the cattle disease which costs producers an estimated \$9,000,000 annually and causes undulant fever in humans.

The disease is brucellosis, more commonly known as Bang's disease, a bacterial infection causing abortions and breeding difficulties in cattle. The same organism causes undulant fever if transmitted to humans.

The agriculture department said Friday the eradication program will follow the pattern applied successfully in the virtual eradication of tuberculosis from Canadian cattle.

An area will be selected for an eradication program on the recommendation of a provincial department of agriculture. All susceptible cattle in the area will be tested and infected animals will be destroyed, with compensation paid to the owners.

Mayor Whitton Blasts Delegates

OTTAWA (CP)—Fiery Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa administered an angry spanking Friday to a Progressive Conservative convention delegate who protested against parking tickets on delegate cars.

The mayor, a staunch Progressive Conservative, stormed to a platform microphone after John Boyle of Montreal suggested the city of Ottawa might show more consideration for convention delegates.

"I remind you that you have been calling for the restoration of the rule of law in Canada," she snapped. "Well, you're getting the rule of law."

"Don't ask me or the police force of this city to break the law for you. Observe the law yourselves."

"As a parking shot, she added: "If any of you can't pay the fee, let me know and I'll pay it myself."

NO ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A Swiss mountaineer said Friday he had failed to find any clues to the existence of the legendary Abominable Snowman after what is probably the longest stay on Mt. Everest by a European—25 days. Alpinist Fritz Mueller said he doesn't believe there is such a thing as the huge, hairy two-footed monster.

Citizens Co-operating With Hungarian Refugee Committee

The Prince Edward Island government has responded to Prime Minister St. Laurent's appeal to assist the Federal Government to bring Hungarian refugees to this country by voting the amount of \$300.

Premier Matheson said yesterday the amount was based on the per capita contribution made by the other Provinces throughout Canada. In the meantime, the Provincial Government stands in readiness to receive and place any refugees that may come to the Province.

Hon. M.L. Bonnell, chairman of the Government reception committee for refugees said yesterday there has been a marvellous response from the people of the province offering assistance to the Hungarians.

He said Dr. T. Gencheff, well known Charlottetown orthopedic surgeon, has offered his services as an interpreter. Many have made offers of employment particularly in the labouring field and many have offered to take refugees into their homes.

Dr. Bonnell said the choice of where the refugees would go would be left to themselves. He felt the majority of them would want to go to the industrial areas and did not anticipate that many would request coming here.

Eden Home, Says Health's Fine

LONDON (AP)—Prime Minister Eden said Friday night "there is growing understanding" in Canada and the United States that British armed intervention in Egypt was right.

Eden returned tanned and rested from three weeks under the Caribbean sun in Jamaica and said firmly, "I am absolutely fit to resume my duties."

Eden referred to the Middle East crisis and by implication to U.S. opposition to British-French intervention almost at the outset of his prepared statement.

"Now I am sure from my post-bag and otherwise that what we have done has been right," he said.

"There is growing understanding in Canada and"—his voice rising—"also in the United States. I am sure this will go on increasing."

Development Of Fishery Markets Is Emphasized

OTTAWA (CP)—Development of domestic and foreign fish markets and other measures to assist fishermen were incorporated into the Progressive Conservative platform today at the party's national convention.

Besides advocating all possible means to fish in every part of the world, the fisheries plank sponsored by Atlantic provinces delegates also called for:

1. Protection for inshore fishermen in the use of their natural fishing grounds.
2. Assurance that commercial fishermen will be able to buy boats and gear on "the best possible terms."
3. Immediate relief for fishermen in the event of disaster.
4. Extension of unemployment insurance to fishermen immediately.

Note Speed-up In Flow Of Refugees

VIENNA (AP)—Refugees from Hungarian communism came over Austria's border in growing numbers again Friday.

Border police at Eisenstadt, capital of the Burgenland frontier province, reported that 1,450 had come across in the last 24 hours. That was 500 more than Thursday.

Austrian officials list the total who have fled Hungary since Oct. 28 at nearly 135,000. These are only the Hungarians who registered with the police. It is believed that 10,000 or more have not done so. Some 63,000 have been moved to other countries.

Dispute On Salvage Role

PORT SAID (AP)—A dispute boiled up Friday from conflicting views of Britain's first lord of the admiralty and an American general on what role British-French salvage crews might take in clearing the Suez Canal.

Viscount Halliham, civilian chief of the royal navy establishment, arrived to inspect salvage operations as Egyptians continued explosive harassing attacks on withdrawing British forces.

Lt-Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler, retired U.S. army chief of engineers now in charge of canal salvage operations for the United Nations, has suggested the use of British-French salvage ships already here. But to maintain UN neutrality he does not want the British-French crews.

Diefenbaker Wins Party's Leadership Hands Down



MR. DIEFENBAKER

New Leader Has 16 Years In Parliament Under His Belt

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

John Diefenbaker, a wiry, vigorous westerner, had under his belt 16 years of prominent parliamentary service and two unsuccessful attempts for the Progressive Conservative leadership when he decided this year to try again for the party's top post.

He entered the Commons in 1940 from a law career and became his party's spokesman on foreign affairs and western agriculture.

He placed third among five candidates for the Conservative leadership in 1942, and ran second in a three-way race at the 1948 convention which chose Hon. George Drew who resigned this year through illness.

EARLY DISAPPOINTMENT

But the 61-year-old MP from Prince Albert, Sask., came close to dropping out of politics altogether 17 years ago.

Mr. Diefenbaker likes to tell how he was nominated in 1939 in the Saskatchewan constituency of Lake Centre which gave him his first election success and sent him to Ottawa.

Until then he had had little luck in politics. Twice, in 1925 and 1926, he had tried and failed to enter the Commons. In 1937 he was named Conservative leader in Saskatchewan but lost a bid to enter the legislature.

He says he was practically through with politics at that point and went to the Lake Centre nomination meeting only to thank his backers. Instead, he was named candidate and since has won three straight elections.

Before the 1953 election, Lake Centre was merged with Moose

SEARCH FOR TIN

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada is paying almost half the \$400,000 cost of a survey being made of mineral deposits in 35,000 miles of hitherto unexplored jungle in Malaya. The external affairs department, announcing the Colombo Plan contribution Friday, said it is hoped the aerial survey by Spartan Air Services of Ottawa will lead to discovery of important new deposits of tin as well as such other minerals as tungsten and ilmenite.

ISRAELIS DEMAND CONCESSIONS

Lord Halliham was annoyed by Wheeler's statement the UN could assemble quickly a commercial salvage force as effective as the one here.

"That is a proposition which could only be greeted with incredulity by my advisers," Halliham retold a press conference. "I'm advised by the people most competent in the world to judge this question and they tell me it is nonsense."

WHEELER DOUBLE TIME

Halliham said the withdrawal of the British-French salvage fleet as demanded by President Nasser of Egypt would more than double the time needed to reopen the canal. The British and French already have cleared a channel in the Mediterranean sea of the

First Ballot Is Decisive Despite Quebec Defection

OTTAWA (CP)—John Diefenbaker bounded into the Progressive Conservative leadership with ease Friday and immediately called on his party for Atlantic-Pacific unity.

Despite a turnout from the majority of the Quebec delegation, the tall Saskatchewan lawyer beat Donald Fleming and David Fulton with 125 votes to spare on the first ballot at the national convention choosing a successor to Hon. George Drew.

The 61-year-old Commons member from Saskatchewan's Prince Albert riding piled up 774 votes against the 649 needed to make him opposition leader, almost doubling Mr. Fleming's 393. Mr. Fulton got 117.

A wildly cheering convention hailed the Diefenbaker win, though the greater part of the 342-member Quebec group refused to stand and a large proportion of them had started walking out before the new chieftain began an acceptance speech in which he called on pre-balloting opponents for their support.

But the other two leadership candidates who had divided the lion's share of the Quebec vote were among the first to congratulate the winner as turmoil erupted among delegates. They moved the customary formality of making the choice unanimous.

KEY NOTE SOLIDARITY

The solidarity was a keynote of Mr. Diefenbaker's speech that promptly followed, and he later let reporters know he is going to look for this in Quebec specifically.

"I intend to go into Quebec and place before them the message of our party," he said at a press conference when a reporter asked him about the so-called "Quebec problem." He was going "as soon as possible."

Evidence of at least a partial subsidence of anti-Diefenbaker feeling displayed among the Quebec group during the convention was claimed by George Hees, former national party president and Mr. Diefenbaker's chief campaign lieutenant.

The Toronto Broadview MP said he was informed reliably that his candidate got 102 Quebec votes, despite a Quebec caucus early last night at which more than 300 were said to have decided on an anti-Diefenbaker stand.

Also, it was reported that word was passed quietly to Quebec delegates that Ontario's Premier Frost—whose government enjoys warm relations with that of Quebec—was solidly behind the prairie candidate. Publicly, Mr. Frost remained silent.

Across the country, Mr. Diefenbaker picked up slightly more than 60 per cent of the 1,284 ballots counted. Supporters said his heaviest individual strength came from Ontario, where they said he got 350 of that province's 512 votes in the secret ballot.

BALCER GIVES REGARDS

One of the leaders in the Quebec delegation and a reported strong backer of Mr. Fleming—Leon Balcer—said after the count: "I congratulate Mr. Diefenbaker; there is no doubt the best man won."

Despite Quebec's caucus move, convention observers had continued freely predicting a win for Mr. Diefenbaker.

Mr. Fleming, 51-year-old Toronto lawyer, is Commons member for Toronto Eglinton. Mr. Fulton, 40 and also a lawyer, is MP

St. Laurent Sends His Best Wishes

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent Friday sent John Diefenbaker best wishes on his election as Progressive Conservative party leader.

His message: "Like many other Canadians I was not surprised in view of your long experience and your devoted public service that your party paid you the honor of choosing you as its leader."

"We realize that your new duties will be heavy and demanding for you and Mrs. Diefenbaker. And while we cannot wish you success in attaining all your goals, my wife and I extend our most sincere congratulations and our best wishes in your new and important functions."

Money Left To Study Ways To Make World's Deserts Bloom

MONTREAL (CP)—McGill University Friday announced it has been left a \$2,000,000 bequest to study ways of making the world's deserts fertile.

The bequest forms the bulk of the estate of the late Maj. James Henry Brace, an internationally known engineer, who visualized that vast irrigation schemes would some day enable the barren lands of the globe to be cultivated. His idea was that sea water, without its salt content, might be used for irrigation.

Maj. Brace died in Montreal last April, aged 85. He was born at Sheridan, N.Y., and was president of Fraser, Brace Engineering Company, Ltd.

Dr. F. Cyril James, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University, announced details of the \$2,000,000 bequest for research on the project which he described as "perhaps one of the greatest ever contemplated for the well-being of mankind."

Maj. Brace will stipulate that results of the research be made "freely available to the peoples of the world" and should not be controlled by any group "for their own selfish purposes."

The remainder of the estate is given as a \$100,000 request to be used by the engineering faculty "for purposes not normally covered by the budget of the university." It is named the Frances G. Brace fund in memory of the donor's wife.

Terms of the main bequest are for research into ways of eliminating or reducing the salt content of sea water so that it may be used economically and effectively for irrigation; and for research into "methods of irrigation or other means for making desert or arid lands available and economically useful for agricultural purposes."

Dr. Steel Continues As CBC Governor

OTTAWA (CP)—Dr. G. Douglas Steel and Kenneth G. Montgomery have been reappointed to the CBC board of governors. It was reported Friday in the Canada Gazette.

Dr. Steel, 74, of York, P.E.I., former head of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, will be serving his fourth consecutive three-year term.

Mr. Montgomery, 49, Edmonton businessman and past president of the Eskimo Football Club, will be entering his second term.

LEAVES FOR HUNGARY

NEW YORK (AP)—Imre Horvath, Hungarian foreign minister, sought for home Friday, saying he thought the time would be "ripe" soon for a visit to Hungary by UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld. The foreign minister talked with reporters after boarding the French liner Liberté.