

VOTE COMES TODAY

Dief Non-Confidence Motion Made As Money Debate Opens

OTTAWA (CP)—A Conservative non-confidence motion criticizing the government for failing to curb increasing costs and economic inflation was put forward in the Commons Monday by Opposition Leader Diefenbaker.

Mr. Diefenbaker opened a two-day money supply debate. His motion is to be voted on this evening.

He said if the debate had been held at the first of last week his party would have moved a non-confidence motion criticizing the "totally inadequate and improper nature" of the terms of reference for the judicial inquiry into the Gerda Munsinger case and allegations of a sex-and-security scandal.

He said an amendment on that subject is inappropriate now. But he wanted to make it clear that the Conservatives do not

accept the "arbitrary nature" of the terms.

They did not place before the commissioner, Mr. Justice W. F. Spence of the Supreme Court of Canada, the allegations that had been made in the Commons.

SAID CASE MISHANDLED

Justice Minister Cardin has charged that two or more former Conservative ministers were involved with blonde German-born Gerda Munsinger. He said there was a security risk in the case, and that Mr. Diefenbaker mishandled it.

The lengthy Conservative motion said that since the cost of living in February this year reached an all-time high the House regrets that the government has failed to act effectively to hold down living costs and halt inflation.

It said both are having a serious effect on persons receiving social security, war pensions, the old age pension, retired civil servants, persons on fixed incomes and all low income groups.

The government should have taken action before now, he said. Small businessmen are having difficulty obtaining loans because of tight money. There had been unjustifiable increases in food prices.

The New Democrats faked a rider on the Conservative amendment.

Its subamendment adds the words: "That this House further regrets that the government has not established a prices review board to determine the extent to which prices are unjustified and to take appropriate steps to reduce such prices accordingly."

auto trade pact and for not raising the old age pension to \$100 a month from \$75.

He added the government made no protest to the United States about its guidelines restricting investment abroad until pressed by the opposition.

SHARP HITS BACK

Finance Minister Sharp defended his government's fiscal policies and criticized those of the Diefenbaker administration as leading to "stagnation of the Canadian economy."

He said unemployment during the previous administration was the "highest in the civilized, industrialized world" and there had been "disastrous handling" of Canada's finances and exchange rate.

Canada now had a "remarkably good performance" and its increase in the cost of living in the last five years was the lowest in the world, with the exception of that of the United States.

The country was in its "greatest period of prosperity and the most prolonged."

T. C. Douglas, New Democrat leader, said in introducing his party's subamendment that the government had not used "the powers it has" to influence prices. Thus, "unjustified, unwarranted" increases had occurred.

"Inflation has destroyed the whole idea of thrift."



WINS \$110,000

Mickey Cohen, one-time gambler serving a 15-year term for income tax evasion, was awarded \$110,000 in damages by a federal district judge at Atlanta, Georgia, Monday as the result of a 1963 lead pipe assault by a fellow inmate in the Atlanta Penitentiary. He had sued for \$10 million. Cohen, now 51, will be up for parole this summer. He charged prison authorities were negligent in permitting the attack. He testified he suffered a paralysis of the left side, a skull fracture and brain damage.

(AP Wirephoto)

Opening Of Adult Seal Hunt Is Awaited Off Cape Breton

HALIFAX (CP)—A seal hunt off the northwest coast of Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island may begin as soon as the seal pups are weaned from their mothers and learn to swim, the area director of the federal fisheries department said Monday.

Ross Homans said a department helicopter is patrolling the Gulf of St. Lawrence where the seal-hunting season opened March 7. It will report when the weaning season has ended and the baby seals weaned and the information will be passed to hunters assembling at Cheticamp, N.S.

The federal quota of 50,000 pelts from whitecoats — seal pups — was reached three days after the opening of the season in the gulf and most sealing vessels moved to the Front in international waters off Labrador where there is no quota.

However, Mr. Homans said the gulf season extends to April 25 and adult seals may be hunted following the weaning period.

READY FOR HUNT

A report from Cheticamp indicated planes and ships were being readied for what may be the area's biggest hunt.

Mr. Homans said he had just returned from an aerial survey of the seal herds on gulf ice and there were possibly 100,000 seals in the Cheticamp area.

Another department spokesman said ice in the gulf was deteriorating rapidly and might make the use of planes in a hunt dangerous.

ANTI-MISSILE SYSTEM PONDERED

Canada May Give Sites

By DAVE McINTOSH

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada might provide the United States with some of the necessary real estate if the latter decides to build a counter-missile system, informed sources said Monday.

Any Canadian sites for such a system to shoot down approaching ballistic missiles would likely be in the area of the present Bomarc anti-aircraft missile bases at North Bay, Ont., and La Macaza, Que., the source said.

Such siting would provide some protection for Toronto and Montreal.

Authorities emphasized that it is still far from certain that the U.S. will try to erect a counter-missile system, even a rudimentary one. And even if it did, it was only a possibility that Canada would participate by providing a couple of sites.

Officials said the government doesn't want to become involved financially in such a system if it can help it. An elementary network would cost between \$8,000,000 and \$10,500,000,000 and a more advanced one some \$3,000,000,000.

Press reports from Moscow say large, mysterious structures in the countryside near Moscow and Leningrad indicate that Russia is stalling a defence system against intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Previously, U.S. Defence Secretary Robert McNamara indicated that he is more worried about a Chinese Communist long-range missile force than about Russia's.

He told a congressional committee Jan. 26:

"Obviously the threat of greatest concern to the U.S. is that posed by Communist China. The development and deployment of even a small force of intercontinental ballistic missiles in the 1975-80 might seem attractive to them as a token, but still highly visible, threat to the U.S. designed to undermine our military prestige and the credibility of any guarantee which we might offer to friendly countries."

"The prospect of an effective U.S. defence against such a force might not only be able to negotiate that threat but might possibly weaken the incentives to produce and deploy such weapons altogether."

WOULD KILL MANY

Mr. McNamara also said effectiveness of a major counter-missile system would be uncertain and that even with one 50,000,000 Americans would be killed in any surprise Soviet nuclear attack.

Development of components for a "light" counter-missile system designed to cope with any attack from China would be pressed vigorously, however.

The Canadian Armament Research and Development Agency at Valcartier, Que., is continuing its work for the U.S. on detection of missiles in space.

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Death Penalty Debate Is Set For Wednesday



RURAL BEAUTIFICATION PLANS FINALIZED

Plans were being finalized for rural beautification competitions at a meeting of the P.E.I. Rural Beautification Society held at Birch Court last night. Discussing rules and regulations are (FROM THE LEFT) Keith Brehaut, Bunbury, president; Leonard E. Arsenault, Charlottetown secretary treasurer, and Mrs. David Mutch, Mermaid, director. Mr. Brehaut said more emphasis will be put on first-year contestants in the farm-home improvement competition this year.

Two Captains, River Pilots Suspended In Wake Of Probe

MONTREAL (CP)—A Department of Transport inquiry, conducted by Mr. Justice Francois Chevalier into last fall's collision between an ore carrier and a freighter loaded with grain on the St. Lawrence River, has ordered the suspension of the two ships' captains and the river pilots aboard the ships at the time of the accident.

The collision between the ore carrier Lawrencecliff Hall and the freighter Suneck occurred during the afternoon of Nov. 16 on the river off the Ile d'Orleans, below Quebec City. No lives were lost.

The inquiry, which closed here Saturday, ordered the suspension of certificates for the four principals for periods ranging from four to nine months.

Mr. Justice Chevalier declined to assess costs to the individuals and found neither shipping company at fault.

He recommended, however, that any ship of a certain tonnage should be equipped with VHF (very high frequency) radio — telephones and that large ships should be confined to a mandatory speed limit when meeting or passing one another.

SAID NEGLIGENT

Mr. Justice Chevalier's report found the Suneck's Captain Syversen had shown "negligence" on this particular occasion.

"He said that Pilot Bender's faults "in this occasion were of a major importance. They cannot be overlooked and, because of his carelessness, a valuable ship has been extensively damaged and loss of life was to be feared."

The faults attributed by the inquiry to Captain Larose were of a "lesser importance."

Mr. Justice Chevalier said that the suspension of Pilot Bender's certificate for six months is justified in view of the findings of fault against him.

He found that both ships were on their wrong side of the channel when the accident occurred.

Both ships were moving at an excessive speed, considering the visibility and weather conditions at the time.

Machinery Probe Data Promised

OTTAWA (CP) — Agriculture Minister Greene said Monday there will be an announcement shortly — "I hope" — concerning an investigation into farm machinery prices. He was replying in the Commons to New Democrat Leader Douglas who said Mr. Greene had promised such an inquiry last fall.

Money Mystery Still Unsolved

MONTREAL (CP) — Montreal post office investigators remained puzzled Monday by the arrival of \$8 \$1,000 bills which were mailed anonymously to the main post office here Saturday.

The bills, apparently genuine, came to light when an envelope addressed only "to whom it may concern" popped open on its way through a cancelling machine and the currency spilled out.

Investigators still have no idea who sent the money or why.

A post office spokesman said Monday the investigation branch "feels certain," pending examination by a currency expert, that the bills are real.

Postmaster Rene Boileau said that unless the post office hears from the sender, or can trace him or her, it looks "as if the government is going to be in \$58,000."

Imports Of Hogs Will Be Checked

OTTAWA (CP) — Agriculture Minister Greene will investigate reports that recent large shipments of pork into Canada have depressed the price of Canadian hogs. He was replying in the Commons Monday to a question by Eric Winkler (PC—Grey, Bruce) who said the Canadian Federation of Agriculture is concerned with recent pork imports.

Quakes Rock Area Of China

TOKYO (AP) — Earthquakes rocked the Singtai area of Hopen province in north China again Sunday, Peking's New China news agency reported.

The agency in a broadcast monitored here today, said there were no casualties but "some buildings collapsed in nine people's communes."

The Singtai area was the scene of a strong earthquake March 8 which Peking said affected people, animals and buildings. The agency then reported "350 production brigades of 30 people's communes in the district suffered losses of varying degrees."

Yank Quits Oak Island

OAK ISLAND, N.S. (CP) — California geologist Robert Dunfield has called an indefinite halt in his hunt for buried treasure on this Nova Scotia south shore island.

Mr. Dunfield said in an interview Monday he will leave for his hometown of Los Angeles this weekend, ending temporarily a search that cost him more than \$120,000 since its beginning last September.

He said he will return "when the weather is better" to concentrate his efforts in a natural rock structure of carbonates believed to run 130 feet deep.

Four persons were killed in August in the search for legendary pirate treasure. Mr. Dunfield then took over the search, using a huge earth-moving machine, but the work suffered several serious setbacks.

Island Native Dies In N.S.

HALIFAX (CP) — Arthur R. Patton of Halifax, a former high school industrial arts teacher died at a nursing home here after a long illness Sunday. He was 77.

A native of Charlottetown, Mr. Patton taught at several schools here before retiring in 1946.

Funeral will be held at Annapolis Royal, N.S., today.



APOLLO CREW AND BOSSES

The crews for first manned Apollo spaceflight are shown at news conference Monday. Listening as Dr. Joseph F. Shea, back to camera Apollo program manager, explains program are, LEFT TO RIGHT: Russell L. Schweickart; James L. McDivitt, members backup crew; Roger B. Shaffer; Edward H. White, II, and Virgil I. Grissom, primary crew. At extreme right is Dr. Robert R. Gilruth, director, Manned Spacecraft Center. Other member of backup crew, David R. Scott, was not present. (CP Wirephoto)

Vote Expected By Next Monday

OTTAWA (CP)—A resolution calling for the abolition of capital punishment was introduced in the Commons Monday by four backbenchers and will come up Wednesday.

The fact that the long-promised debate will be based on a resolution rather than a bill is expected to delay a final decision somewhat.

Government House Leader McIlraith told the Commons the government is ready to set aside Wednesday, Thursday and Monday, March 23, for the free debate and vote.

The House passed a motion giving precedent to the backbenchers' resolution over all other business on the three days. Speeches will be limited to 20 minutes.

APPROVE RARE MOVE

The Commons also approved the rare procedure of permitting several MPs to submit a resolution jointly. The four sponsors, who previously introduced similar bills to abolish hanging, are James Byrne (L — Kootenay East), Terry Nugent (PC—Edmonton-Strathcona), Reid Scott (NDP—Toronto Danforth) and Robert Stanbury (L — York-Scarborough).

Text of the resolution:

Resolved that it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Criminal Code for the purposes of:

(A) Abolishing the death penalty in respect of all offences under that act.

(B) Substituting a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment in those cases where the death penalty is now mandatory.

(C) Providing that no person upon whom a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment is imposed shall be released from imprisonment without the prior approval of the Governor-in-Council.

Mr. McIlraith said the procedure for the debate was agreed on in talks Monday between House leaders of the various parties and the sponsors of the four private members' bills.

He said in an interview outside the House he hopes the issue will come to a vote, free of party lines, by March 23.

If the resolution carried, a bill to amend the Criminal Code accordingly would then be introduced immediately.

The capital punishment debate will be interrupted Friday for study of pressing government legislation, to be announced later.

Truscott Case Study Being Urged On Ottawa

By KEN CLARK

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government was prodded Monday inside and outside the Commons to look into the developing controversy over the guilt or innocence of convicted murderer Steven Truscott.

Five Toronto schoolboys played hockey to visit Prime Minister Pearson in the capital, seeking a royal commission inquiry.

Earlier Stanley Knowles (NDP—Winnipeg North Centre) disclosed he visited Truscott in jail Saturday and is convinced of his innocence.

Later in the House, Mr. Pearson fielded questions from Mr. Knowles and others about Truscott, who was sentenced to be hanged seven years ago for the murder of Lynne Harper, 12, near the southwestern Ontario town of Clinton.

The sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment. Truscott was 14 when he was convicted.

ARGUES INNOCENCE

A recently-published book arguing Truscott's innocence by Isabel LeBourdais has provoked new interest in the case.

Lorne Taylor, Rick Jordan and Jim Montgomery, all 16, and Larry Yamamoto and Philip Jackson, both 17, presented a 55-name petition to John Matheson, Mr. Pearson's parliamentary secretary. Then they had a few words with Mr. Pearson.

The boys are members of the Charlie Brown Society at Victoria Park Secondary School. The group supports the underdog and got its name from the comic strip character.

Taylor, the Charlie Brown president, said those who signed the petition know and understand the case. All are Victoria Park high school students.

Mr. Matheson said Solicitor-General Pennell, in charge of the penitentiary service, began a review of the case weeks ago. That was before the LeBourdais book came out.

SEES DANGER

In weighing the merits of a government inquiry, Mr. Matheson warned that there is a danger in allowing governments to tamper with the due processes of law.

"We'd have a terrible society if administrations sort of sat as courts of appeal on the processes of law."

However, the conditions in the Truscott case, including the age at which he was convicted, are so extraordinary, that if "constitutional proprieties allow," an inquiry might be necessary.

Mr. Matheson gave the students a letter to their principal, which asked they be excused for missing school Monday.

3 New York City Dailies Announce Plans To Merge

NEW YORK (AP)—Three of New York City's major dailies have announced plans to merge, combining two evening newspapers into one and two Sunday papers into one. No date for the move has been set.

The proposed new firm will be known as World Journal Tribune Inc.

The evening Journal-American and Sun will be merged as the evening World Journal. The World-Telegram does not publish Sunday.

The Herald-Tribune will continue to publish weekday mornings, but its Sunday edition will be combined with the Journal-American under the name of World Journal and Tribune.

With one evening newspaper and one Sunday paper vanishing, Manhattan will be left with five dailies of general circulation and three Sunday newspapers.

It will mark the first alternation in the city's newspaper pattern since Hearst's tabloid morning Mirror discontinued daily and Sunday publication October, 1963.

"The economics of the newspaper industry in New York compel this move," said a joint merger announcement Monday. It was signed by John Hay Whitney for The Herald Tribune, William Randolph Hearst Jr. for The Journal-American and Jack R. Howard for the Scripps-Howard World-Telegram and Sun.

Diminishing circulation, increased production costs and a change in the pattern of metropolitan newspaper competition were believed major factors in what the announcement described as a co-operative amalgamation. The merged paper will operate eventually with combined production facilities out of a single plant.

The evening field in Manhattan will be shared by the new World Journal and the tabloid New York Post. The morning