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CHILDREN'S DAY OBSERVED AT CARNIVAL

Children's day was held yesterday at the Summerside Lobster Carpival and a doll carriage parade and contest is a must with such activities. One was held and the results were something more than startling with the entries which were displayed. Seen here is Susan Schurman of Summerside with her entry which placed third in the standings. The lucky winners were met on stage by TV's Michele Finney who was one of the judges of the contest. The winner was Shannon Gaudet of Parkdale and the runner-up was Darlene Pineau of Summerside. The parade was sponsored by the Summerside Lionettes and entertainment was supplied by the Lions band from Oromocto, N.B. (See also pictures and stories on page 3).

Canadians Claimed 'Fleeced'

By JOHN E. BIRD

OTTAWA (CP)—The Credit Union National Association said Tuesday Canadians are being fleeced by some loan companies charging excessive rates of interest.

Robert Ingram of Hamilton, Ont., association manager, told the joint Commons-Senate committee on consumer credit one Canadian loan company recently charged an interest rate of 68.8 per cent on a loan of $124.50.

The association said users of consumer credit in Canada are not being dealt with fairly in the marketplace and must be protected by adequate legislation strengthened by constant supervision.

A brief presented to the committee called for legislation requiring extenders of every kind of credit to give the borrower in writing the total cost of credit in dollars and the rate in terms of simple annual interest. This should also apply to all credit advertising.

"Victims of unconscionable transactions should be granted redress by the courts and those who have exacted the unjust terms should be penalized under the law," the association said.

PHOTOSTAT TABLED

Mr. Ingram tabled a photostat copy of a contract between Traders Finance Corporation Limited and an individual he did not name. The individual borrowed $124.50 and was required to pay a finance charge of $25 making the total amount of his indebtedness $149.50.

Mr. Ingram said the individual was required to make one payment of $25.40 and five monthly payments of $25 each. This worked out to an interest rate of 68.8 per cent, he said.

The association provided the committee with a number of photostat copies of various types of loan contracts and advertisements which do not state the annual rate of interest charged.

Mr. Ingram said an annual interest rate of 11.7 per cent was charged under a bank of Nova Scotia contract. The rate under a General Motors Acceptance Corporation Contract was 17.3 per cent while that under a Consolidated Finance Company contract was 23.6 per cent.

Credit unions in the 10 provinces, he said, are required by legislation to restrict all interest, charges and penalties to a maximum of one per cent per month on the unpaid balance of the loan.

Militia Civil Defence Role To Be Ended, House Told

VOTE IS TONIGHT

First Ballot Win Seen For Goldwater

SAN FRANCISCO (CP) — Pennsylvania Governor William Scranton's faltering forces, their backs to the wall, launched a last-ditch attempt Tuesday night to reform the Republican campaign program for the Nov. 3 U.S. presidential election.

The effort to put a dent in Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater's massive convention strength appeared in vain however but Scranton said he would fight to the finish to get the party's presidential nomination tonight.

Goldwater appeared to continue to rocket toward the nomination as he picked up more undecided delegates to the Republican convention here and spoke out against "Republicans bent on destroying other Republicans."

Scranton tried to hurt Goldwater's cause by ordering his outnumbered forces into San Francisco's Cow Palace in a desperate attempt to change the party program, or platform, built to the Arizona senator's specifications.

Svranton's platform fight looked futile, however, as the majority of the 1,308 convention delegates appeared set to hand the prize to Goldwater on the first ballot.

Tensions meanwhile continued to increase between the party's moderates and conservatives as the backers of Goldwater demand that Scranton apologize for a letter he sent the senator — demanding a showdown debate and accusing Goldwater of harboring "a whole crazy-quilt collection of absurd and dangerous positions."

Party leaders feared the letter will be turned into potent political ammunition by the Democrats in this year's presidential election campaign.

But though Scranton said he didn't see the letter which his staff had written and though he considered the language a bit harsh, the mild - mannered Pennsylvania governor said he could not repudiate the document.

SPEAKS TODAY

Mrs. Ralph W. Frost of Knoxville, Tennessee, speaks this morning at the annual meeting of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation which runs until Friday at Montgomery Hall. Mrs. Frost, who has held offices in local, district and state divisions of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers in the United States for over 20 years, is vice-president of a region which includes Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Florida.

Force Will Revert To Former Status

By DAVE McINTOSH

OTTAWA (CP)—The government has all but abandoned the civil defence role of the 43,696-member militia after five years and expenditures of about $218,-000,000.

Associate Defence Minister Cardin informed the Commons defence committee Tuesday the militia, which will be cut to 30,000, will revert to its former role of supporting the regular army.

The militia was given the civil defence—or national survival—role by the previous Conservative government and has trained at it for five years, establishing about 200 mobile units which would re - enter bombed target areas in event of nuclear war. Special training was given an additional 70,000 men in this task in the winter of 1961-62.

Mr. Cardin didn't say who, if anybody, would take over this civil defence job. But he indicated it would be left up to provincial civilian organization.

He said only 1,500 militiamen will be required for civil defence.

The government decided on the militia policy somersault last January when it handed the terms of reference to the commission headed by Brig. Earle Suttie of Montreal for an investigation into militia organization.

NOT MADE PUBLIC

The terms of reference were not made public until Tuesday when Mr. Cardin deposited in the committee the first report of the Suttie commission.

The minister said the commission's recommendations on which of the 331 militia units should be disbanded or merged won't be made known until mid-October after the defence department has decided what to do about them.

Withholding of that part of the report raised a storm of protest from opposition MPs in the committee.

Mr. Cardin said it would create a "tremendous and useless panic" in the militia to disclose the recommendations before the defence department has acted on them.

Mr. Cardin gave no reasons, though pressed to do so by Marcel Lambert (PC—Edmonton West), for the flip-flop on militia policy.

Up until now, the government has put emphasis on the need for regular forces on the grounds that there would be no time to mobilize the militia or a citizen army in event of a nuclear emergency.

WILL REPLACE ARMY

Now, Mr. Cardin said, three militia brigades comprising some 18,000 men would be called up to replace the three regular army brigades in cases of war and would operate as a training command.

In addition, 8,000 militiamen would be required for logistic and special units; 2,500 for internal security, such as the guarding of internment camps; and 1,500 to staff national survival installations.

These roles and the number of men required for them were given to the Suttie commission in January. Thus the commission made no recommendations on the role or roles of the militia and confined itself to administrative matters.

Its first recommendation was for a "positive public relations program" to remove the "false image" which the public had of the militia.

CommonwealthPMsStudy Formation Of Secretariat

LONDON (CP) — The Commonwealth prime ministers agreed Tuesday to study possible formation of a formal Commonwealth secretariat before they completed their agenda with an agreeable discussion on the merits of increased trade.

The idea of a secretariat, whose function was still undefined after several hours of discussion, has been traditionally opposed by Canada, but Prime Minister Pearson told the conference Tuesday he would support any such organization that would be given a "realistic function."

However, he saw little value in a secretariat that would duplicate the efforts of agencies already in existence, including branches of the United Nations.

"But anything to increase the exchange of information will all be to the good," he said. A lot of care should be taken to see that the role of a secretariat was realistic.

While Canada opposed the idea of such an organization in the past, Pearson said, there was always the fear that it would be dominated by London and it would result in greater Commonwealth centralization. It now was being associated with a different view and much of the support came from small, emerging nations.

GAVE SOME IDEAS

Earlier, Pearson gave the conference some ideas on how communication satellites could be used to increase the flow of information, and strengthen bonds, between Commonwealth nations.

Many Western countries had already reached agreement on having a communications satellite in operation by 1967, and Pearson suggested the three Commonwealth countries involved — Britain, Canada and Australia — could help poorer member countries establish ground stations so they could use the satellite. This would immediately bring them into touch with the major countries, and bring Commonwealth countries into easy reach of each other.

A Canadian official was asked whether Canada associated this project with her 1967 centennial. It would just be a "happy co-incidence," he said.

Spud Plebiscite Reaction Is Described As Amazing

Expressing himself as amazed by the reaction of the government to the proposed plebiscite on potato marketing as revealed by Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae, Leo P. McIsaac suggested to the Guardian last night "I don't think the minister and the government are aware of the critical adjustments that have to take place in agricultural marketing to meet the changing conditions.

"I have no personal ambitions whatsoever," he explained, in connection with the proposal. "All that I want is to go home to my farm and make a living raising beef cattle"—he has a herd of pure bred Angus animals—"and producing potatoes. But I can't do that with marketing conditions the way they are now".

The minister has challenged proponents of the marketing scheme to give examples of how a similar scheme is working elsewhere successfully, with a similar product, under similar conditions, noted Mr. McIsaac who is now a farm machinery dealer in Charlottetown and operates a beef cattle farm at Mermaid a few miles from the city.

CITES EXAMPLES

Generally, the Charlottetown-Mermaid man observed, " all over the Western world, organized marketing based on legislation through which producers can bargain for sale of their own products, is the accepted and only workable system that is giving them a fair return for their products.

B. C. Tree Fruits organization is marketing all over Canada and in a large part of the United States. The same in true of Sunkist oranges, on the basis of one single sales agency or outlet from which their product can be procured in the larger consuming centres.

"Only recently the potato growers of Ontario have announced intention of setting up a marketing board to promote their product and control price fluctuations: the same as is being done now with most of the other fresh vegetables and fruits in Ontario.

"In Ontario there is a marketing board for practically everyone of the other fresh fruits and vegetables being produced, and now they are talking of establishing one for potatoes." Potato growers in Alberta are also talking about it, he added.

Shortly after the March 30 meeting in Charlottetown on potato marketing, a large meeting of growers and dealers in New Brunswick indicated they were "watching our development with interest," and if it succeeded would certainly take similar action, Mr. McIsaac reported.

There are more dealers in this province who are in favor of this proposal than there are

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North Lake Dredging Job Is Awarded

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OTTAWA (Special) — Dredging operations are expected to get underway shortly at North Lake, P.E.I., John Mullally, MP, for Kings, announced here Tuesday.

He said that Maritime Dredging Limited of Charlottetown has been awarded a contract in the amount of $35,627. When the project is completed it will substantially overcome the present difficulties which many fishing boats are encountering both at the entrance and in the inner harbor.

In addition to this dredging under contract, dredging will also be done in the following harbors throughout Kings County by department of public works' dredges: Neutrage, Sturgeon Bridge, Red Head, Basin Head, Murray Harbor, Souris, Launching and Graham's Pond.

Indian Bill Of Rights Proposed By Speaker

The Indians as a people are being destroyed through lack of understanding and insight by the Indian himself and the society in which he is enmeshed, C. M. Bedford of Saskatoon said here yesterday.

In his address to the annual national convention of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation at Montgomery Hall, the national president presented a proposed declaration of human rights of reservation Indians. The proposed declaration is based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations.

The determining principle of the way of life of the Indian people should be "of the Indian, by the Indian and for the Indian".

Reserves should be made economically independent, with employment suited to Indian attributes, and education should be directed and administered by the Indian, and suited for the Indian way of life.

OUT OF STEP

Mr. Bedford said today's educational system was out of step with the Indian people. "What is taught, the language used and the teachers themselves are foreign both to the Indian children and to their parents."

This, he said caused the Indian student to "get out of step with his parents and with life on the reserves; he becomes prepared for life neither on nor off the reserve."

Mr. Bedford also stressed the need for further study by the federation of the problem of a federal office of education.

Delegates discussed the question in a workshop session following the president's address.

The more than 50 delegates attending the six-day convention spent the remainder of the day touring points of interest in the province, and a lobster boil was held at Dalvay in the evening.

Woman Veteran Of Police Dies

HALIFAX (CP) — One of the first policewomen in this city, Mrs. May Virtue, 94, died at her home here Tuesday. She was a native of St. Antoine, Que., and came here after the 1917 harbor explosion to take charge of a rescue centre.

She joined the Halifax police force in 1920, retiring in 1941. A police spokesman said a special contingent of officers will represent the department at her funeral here Thursday.

Opposition Parties Critical Of Student Loan Proposal

OTTAWA (CP) — Spokesmen for the four opposition parties took potshots at the government's student loan plan in the Commons Tuesday, claiming its benefits are more apparent than real.

"Just a start, just a stopgap," Opposition Leader Diefenbaker commented.

"A pretty shabby piece of legislation," said NDP Leader Douglas. "Very largely windowdressing."

Social Credit Leader Thompson said too few university students will be able to get loans.

All three leaders indicated their parties will vote for the measure, however, on the theory that it is better than nothing.

TAKES DIFFERENT TACK

Creditiste House Leader Gilles Gregoire took a different tack, opposing the bill on the grounds that it invades provincial jurisdiction over education.

Finance Minister Gordon said the government would guarantee bank loans totaling up to $40,000,000 for needy university students in the first year of operation. It would pay interest charges while the student attended university and for six months after.

The loan ceiling would rise automatically by at least $40,-000,000 each subsequent year, with larger increases based on the population growth in the 18-24 age bracket.

This would provide enough capital for a $500-plus loan to one student out of every three enrolled in universities.

GUERNSEY ASSOCIATION ELECTS PRESIDENT

Donald MacKenzie, of Mt. Vernon, Ont., left, the new president of the Canadian Guernsey Breeders Association, chats with past president J. Eric Hurry, West Royalty, centre, and Bruce Hodgins, Guelph, Ont., the national secretary. Mr. Hurry and Livestock Director L.W. Roper of P.E.I., were yesterday presented with honorary memberships in the association and past presidents' pins. Mr. Roper, national president in 1932, is the oldest living past president. (See story on page 5.)

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WINDJAMMER ON THE HUDSON

The Christian Radich, a 205-foot square-rigger from Norway, moves past the New York skyline at the Battery Tuesday for a sail up the Hudson River. The craft, one of 11 stately square-riggers of a bygone age taking part in "Operation Sail" passed in review before throngs of onlookers in small craft and on the shore. (AP Wirephoto)