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BACK IN THE COLD

Prime Minister Pearson (LEFT) is welcomed back to snow-cold Canada by External Affairs Minister Martin at Ottawa's Uplands Airport Thursday night. The Prime Minister returned from a six-day trip to Lagos, Nigeria, where he attended a Commonwealth meeting on the Rhodesian question. Mr. Martin was acting prime minister during Mr. Pearson's absence. (CP Wirephoto)

# Pearson Says Satisfied With Result Of Talks

COMPANY OFFICIALS MEET PREMIER

## Funds Will Be Made Available For More Gulf Garden Trawlers

A meeting yesterday between Premier W. R. Shaw, two members of his cabinet and officials of Bathurst Marine Ltd. and Gulf Garden Foods Ltd. of Georgetown resulted in financial arrangements being made for the construction of more ships for the Gulf Garden stern trawler fleet. In a statement early yesterday afternoon the premier said, "The progress (in Georgetown) has been very material and it was pleasing the government's commitments had been met. "In the projected future it was considered the construction of trawlers should be proceeded with at all possible speed so that the extensive facilities of the Gulf Garden plant may be utilized to their fullest at an early date.

The number of ships needed to bring the Georgetown plant into full operating capacity.

Attending the meeting for the government besides the Premier were Hon. Lloyd MacPhail, minister of industry and Hon. Leo

Rossiter, minister of fisheries. Among the company officials present were Cyril A. Davies of Gulf Garden Foods, Tom Sanderson and Bill Bennett of Bathurst Marine and Jens Moe, who has interests in both companies.

## Storm Brewing Over Tax Boost

WASHINGTON (AP)—A congressional storm brewed Thursday night over President Johnson's call for a quick \$1,000,000,000 boost in U.S. excise taxes to help offset the mounting costs of war in Viet Nam.

"This would mean a very substantial increase in the labour and other revenues in this area, more ships mean more jobs. "It is therefore approved that the construction of a number of new ships will be arranged for at an early date. Gulf Garden has already met its financial requirements regarding the downpayment in this respect. "It is believed the Gulf Garden fleet now consists of four 96 foot stern trawlers and there are two 128 foot stern trawlers scheduled for completion early this year. The premier did not state how many ships had been approved for construction.

Fifteen to sixteen stern trawlers are what is believed to be

outlook for Johnson's request this way: "He'll get the tax increases. There's no doubt about it. Of course, there will be opposition."

There is plenty of that. A check of the Senate finance committee showed a majority of its members initially inclined to oppose the excise tax boost.

Treasury Secretary Henry Fowler formally sent to Capitol Hill that proposal and two other revenue measures Johnson recommended in his State-of-the-Union message. The treasury said they would boost revenues by \$4,800,000,000 next year.

The ways and means committee of the House of Representatives plans to begin hearings on the money-raising plan next Wednesday.

One committee member, Representative A. Sidney Herlong Jr. (Dem. Fla.), summed up the

## Students Backed By Moderator

VANCOUVER (CP)—The moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada says high school students should be allowed to think more for themselves.

Rev. J. A. Munro of Toronto, criticized in an interview a "silly kind of discipline" which he said some high schools have reverted to.

He said the discipline would make him as "rebellious as Sam Hill" if he were a student.

One Toronto student who had intended to become a minister quit school and took a laboring job because the school principal insisted he get his hair cut.

"I think I would have said it was nobody's business but mine whether I wore my hair long."

## Treasure Drilling Planned

OAK ISLAND, N.S. (CP)—Robert R. Dunfield said Thursday he's no less enthusiastic about his chances of finding buried treasure on this 123-acre Nova Scotia island than when operations began five months ago.

"There have been so many setbacks I don't know what to think," said the 39-year-old Los Angeles petroleum geologist who took over treasure hunting operations here in August.

Use of modern machinery and expenditure of more than \$90,000 have resulted in failure to solve the 170-year-old mystery of the island.

A huge hole aimed at the legendary money vault was abandoned Jan. 3 after sliding earth filled in the bottom of the excavation three times.

But Mr. Dunfield refuses to give up.

He said a crew would begin drilling today over the area of the money pit. Core samples will be taken from a depth of 135 feet to about 100 feet.

"If nothing is found that indicates we're in the area of the treasure we'll dig a few feet away," he said. "We've taken this thing this far and we're not going to give up."

## Water Plant Hopes Dashed

HALIFAX (CP)—Nova Scotia's hopes for immediate installation of a heavy water plant at Glace Bay were dashed Thursday by Health Minister MacEachern.

The minister told a press conference 400 additional tons of heavy water required by Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. would not be produced at the plant of Deuterium of Canada Ltd., under construction in the Cape Breton Town.

## Kidnap Attempt Foiled

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—An attempt to kidnap industrialist Leonard K. Firestone failed Thursday night, police reported, when a pair of gunmen were intercepted by police at the Firestone home here. One man, detectives said, was killed in a gun battle, and his alleged accomplice was critically wounded.

Detectives said officers were expecting the alleged kidnap attempt and were waiting when two masked men arrived at the Firestone home.

Officers said the family was not at home at the time.

The dead man was identified as Hal Bailey, 40, and his accomplice as George Scalla, 28, said Police Capt. John E. Harris.

Officers said ransom was to be \$2,000,000.

## Child's Father Ordered To Pay

LONDON (AP)—A paternity support order was issued Thursday against a member of the Rolling Stones, long-haired pop group vying with the Beatles for leadership of the British recording charts.

Magistrate Sir John Cameron ruled that Brian Jones, 21, said to be a near-millionaire, should pay two pounds, 10 shillings, (\$7) a week toward the maintenance of his son, Julian Mark, 4.

"It is deplorable that this child should not have been helped by his father until now," Sir John said.

Jones did not appear in court. He sent a medical certificate saying he was sick. The mother was named in court as Patricia Andrews, 21.

## Commonwealth Rift Reported Narrowed

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson returned Thursday night from the Commonwealth meeting on Rhodesia and said: "I am satisfied that we did a good two days' work."

He told an airport press conference on his return from the Lagos meeting that "the Commonwealth has emerged not weaker but stronger."

"Some thought it (the conference) would not succeed and that it would be harmful to the Commonwealth. It did succeed."

Mr. Pearson said there was unanimous agreement at the conference on the objectives to be achieved—the replacement of the breakaway Ian Smith regime of Rhodesia by a government that would lead to majority rule.

There had been differences on how to achieve this objective, "but they have now been widened as some thought would be the case. They have been narrowed."

He said the talks resulted in a better understanding of Britain's position and there was also a better understanding of "the intense feelings among the Afro-Asian nations about this (Smith) regime."

Some prime ministers had been skeptical about the effects of economic sanctions, but British Prime Minister Wilson had reported they were "biting deeply."

The objective of toppling the Smith regime could be achieved in a matter of weeks, not months, Mr. Pearson said.

## Zambia Gives Wilson Red-Carpet Treatment

By JOSEPH MACSWENEN

LUSAKA (CP)—Prime Minister Wilson of Britain said Thursday he regards the scheduling of a possible new Commonwealth prime ministers conference for July as a timetable in efforts to bring down the white rebel Rhodesian government — not a time limit.

Wilson made the comment at a press conference in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia, as he made a series of stops on his flight back to London from the emergency Commonwealth meeting in Lagos, Nigeria.

Wilson was asked by an African reporter whether Prime Minister Pearson of Canada, in his remarks at the Lagos conference, had been thinking in terms of a time limit for current economic sanctions.

Wilson replied that Canada had "approved very warmly" the final conference communique, which calls for a new Commonwealth meeting in July if the Rhodesian rebellion has not been ended. Wilson regarded this as a "timetable" rather than a time limit.

Pearson had told the conference that mandatory sanctions under the United Nations charter might have to be considered if the current measures do not appear to be bringing a quick end to the Rhodesian rebellion, "in a matter of weeks rather than months."

PEARSON OPTIMISTIC

Shortly before his departure for Ottawa by air Thursday, Pearson, said in Lagos that although the conference agreed on the use of force if sanctions failed, he was optimistic that sanctions—particularly those on oil—would crush the Rhodesian rebellion.

President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia said on his return to Lusaka that he expects the rebel regime of Prime Minister

Ian Smith to collapse before July.

After meeting Wilson, the Zambian leader said: "I don't think Smith will be in power by next July when the Commonwealth leaders are due to meet again if the illegal government in Rhodesia has not been brought down."

Wilson was given red-carpet treatment when he arrived at Lusaka for a five-hour visit after a 2,800-mile overnight flight from Lagos.

CRITICAL OF POLICIES

Of the Commonwealth countries attending the two-day Lagos talks, only Sierra Leone demanded immediate armed intervention and was critical of policies that caused Ghana and Tanzania, two Commonwealth members, to break diplomatic ties with Britain and boycott the conference.

A British source said it would not come as a surprise if Sierra Leone's prime minister, Sir Albert Margai, broke relations with London after he returned home.

## Rusk, Kosygin Hold Meeting

NEW DELHI (AP)—U.S. Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Soviet Secretary Leonid Brezhnev met Saturday for a long discussion, presumably on the possibility of peace negotiations in Viet Nam. There were hints the talks made some progress.

They met for an hour and 50 minutes, far longer than expected. Asked about the meeting by an Indian government official before leaving for Washington, Humphrey said: "We had a visit we hope was of some help." A high-ranking source said the talks "were not disappointing."

## 3 Pearson Ministers Blast Que. Spokesman

OTTAWA (CP)—Three federal ministers charged Thursday night that Quebec Justice Minister Claude Wagner has committed "a grave injustice" to the RCMP.

Justice Minister Cardin, Privy Council President Favreau and Solicitor-General Pennell issued a joint press release defending the RCMP and rebutting criticism voiced by Mr. Wagner Wednesday.

In one of the strongest attacks on a provincial minister by the Pearson government, the three ministers stated:

"We consider it a grave injustice in the circumstances to deprecate the valuable and effective role of the RCMP in the war on organized crime."

They referred to Mr. Wagner's comments in Quebec that federal ministers and RCMP leaders at last week's federal-provincial conference on crime frustrated his attempts to step up the battle against crime syndicates.

The outspoken Quebec minister said in an interview that most of the participants at the

two-day closed meeting in Ottawa were "soft as dough and more interested in playing petty politics and being careful not to tread on toes."

PLAYED CRITICAL ROLE

The federal ministers said the RCMP, particularly recently, has played a critical and often essential role in gathering information and helping provincial and city police to arrest criminals.

"Organized crime in Canada can only be effectively dealt with through the fullest co-operation by all law enforcement agencies—federal, provincial and municipal—and not on the basis of competition among them," the statement added.

Mr. Wagner said he was disappointed after the conference because the RCMP had done everything it could to kill his proposal for a Canadian Interpol.

He also criticized federal ministers for avoiding any commitments on his proposals for stiffer laws against organized crime and for provincial lotteries.

## COSTS ARE MOUNTING

# Farm Machinery Probe Considered By Minister

REGINA (CP)—Serious consideration is being given to the establishment of a comprehensive inquiry into increasing farm machinery costs, federal Agriculture Minister J. J. Greene said today.

Mr. Greene told a press conference he would discuss with the federal cabinet whether an inquiry is necessary to ascertain if rising costs are justified or if machinery companies "are exploiting the purchasers."

The minister, in the late stages of a Western tour, said he was not making any accusation against machinery companies but "the costs seem to have gone up at a faster pace than the cost of other items that farmers need. This is a grave problem for the farmers."

training or relocation of uneconomic farm operations. He said it was his belief that it would be almost impossible for the government to outline one policy covering all aspects of the farm population.

One policy might be fine but it would tie the uneconomic farmer to the economic unit and this would be unfair to the better and more efficient operator, Mr. Greene said.

SEES NO PROBLEMS

The minister said he could see no problems in that ARDA and the Canadian Wheat Board do not come under his jurisdiction. "The problem is so difficult to solve that no one government department can deal with it. It can be solved only by complete co-operation of all departments. We must use every federal agency in this much needed social battle that is going on," he said.

## Five Freighters Are Caught In St. Lawrence River Ice

MONTREAL (CP)—Five ships including three Russian ones strengthened for winter navigation, were stuck fast Thursday in a 40-mile ice field in the St. Lawrence River.

Two federal government icebreakers were working on the jam about 30 miles downstream from Montreal, near Contrecoeur.

Meanwhile, the department of transport has received word that waters are rising rapidly and may threaten low-lying communities near Vercheres.

just east of Montreal—on the south shore of the St. Lawrence. The Russian ships are the Indigirka, which won the gold-headed cane Jan. 1 as the first foreign ship into Montreal in 1966, the Birjusa and the Volkhovges.

Also stuck are the Finnish freighter Finnulp, which rescued 93 people from the burning Yarmouth Castle near the Bahamas Nov. 13, and the Fort Ramezay, a Canadian coastal freighter.

FERRIES STOPPED

A third icebreaker has been working near Sorel, 45 miles northeast of Montreal, providing a ferry service for workers who ordinarily use two ferries. They have been immobilized by ice.

Cause of the ice-jam is said to be recent cold weather and high winds. Two huge pieces of shore ice broke off and jammed up the river.

The Indigirka and the Birjusa left Montreal harbor at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, heading for home. The Fort Ramezay was also heading downstream. The Finnulp and the Volkhovges are bound for Montreal.

Ice has been measured to a depth of 20 feet in the main section of the jam. A river channel spokesman said:

"The situation is not too serious at the moment. Our first job is to break up this main body of ice, and get it moving through the lake. Then the water level should go down."

He said the icebreakers will be joined by the Wolfe, which is on her way up from Charlottetown and St. Lawrence River ports.

## HALIFAX JAIL WATCHDOG COMES UNDER CRITICISM

HALIFAX (CP)—Blackie, the county jail watchdog, is in trouble.

Blackie's services at the county jail were criticized by councilors Thursday after a prisoner told them the dog lay in the prison yard and watched two men escape over the wall.

"This dog isn't even earning his grub," said Councilor Granville Moser at a meeting of the county welfare committee.

Cecil Edison, recently sentenced to two years for escaping the jail, told the councilors the four-year-old Blackie "is sure some watchdog. He lay in the prison yard and watched us go over the fence."

Edison, who escaped with Jean LeBlanc of Montreal, said the dog was being fed too many chocolate bars.

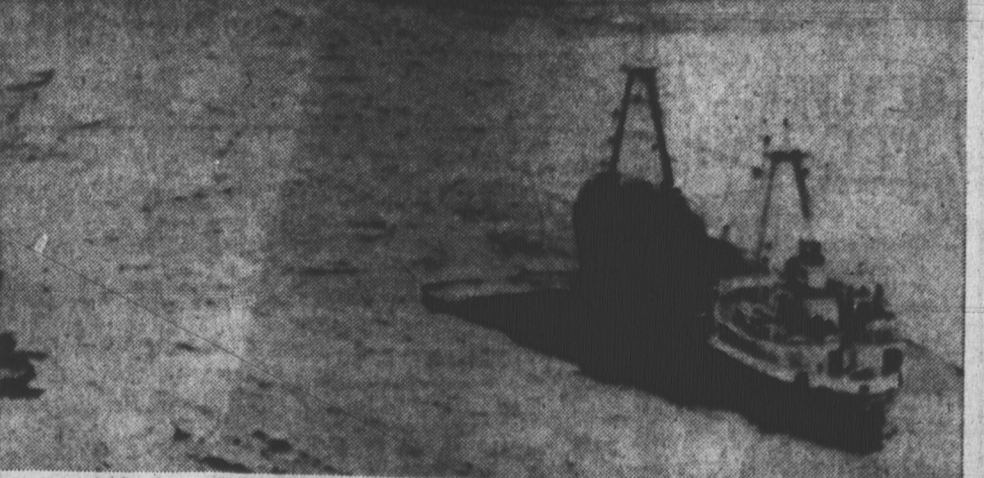
Jailer William Pushie defended the dog. He said Blackie had provided "a great service at the jail" and he was "good to have around."

Mr. Pushie said he understood the dog was inside the building eating at the time of the escape.

Referring to the escape by Edison and LeBlanc, who is yet to be sentenced, Councilor Howard Day said: "A prisoner breaks a piece of metal from a bed and nobody knows about it. And he scales a 16-foot fence and we've got a dog out there who knows nothing about it. No wonder the taxpayers complain."

Blackie, a purebred German shepherd whose formal name is Hidelbergs Cajun, recently required a \$21-treatment for a growth on his paw plus a \$3 bath.

No decision on Blackie's future was reached.



THIS AERIAL picture shows four of the five ships stuck in a 40-mile long ice field in the St. Lawrence River near

Contrecoeur, Que., 30 miles down-river from Montreal. They are the Russian freighter Birjusa (LEFT) and Indigirka

## N.Y. Transit System Roars Back To Normal

By ARTHUR EVERETT

NEW YORK (AP)—With a rattle above ground and a rumble beneath, New York's 800-mile subway and bus system rolled back to normal Thursday, with settlement of a transit strike, first in the city's history, that lasted 12 days.

Losses of \$500,000,000 to \$800,000,000 during the municipal crisis were grievous, and strike settlement terms placed the 15-cent transit fare in jeopardy. But 8,000,000 footsore New Yorkers were happy to see the end of the mammoth tieup.

Settlement terms were drawn up by a three-man team of mediators, although Republican Mayor John V. Lindsay called the agreement a triumph for collective bargaining. The new contract's cost to the city was estimated at from \$52,000,000 to \$70,000,000 more than the last two-year contract with the transit workers.

The strike ended before dawn and by noon subways and buses were reported on schedule on nearly all lines.

However, Manhattan underwent another big traffic jam as

people poured to work in cars before the resumption of transit service.

PLEADS FOR PATIENCE

"I ask the people of New York to do the exceptional for just one more day," said Lindsay in pleading for patience on the clogged streets.

With the strike over, Michael J. Quill, president of the AFL-CIO Transport Workers Union, was released from imprisonment as were eight other strike leaders jailed for contempt. Quill remained in Bellevue Hospital where he is being treated for a heart condition. But the bills for his \$48-a-day hospital room and for extensive treatment were no longer being picked up by the city.

Also dropped was a \$322,000-a-day damage claim brought against the union by the transit authority. In winding up this phase of the authority's contempt case against strike leaders, Justice Abraham Geller of the state supreme court said: "If this had gone further, God only knows what would have happened to the concept of collective bargaining."

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