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Thornycroft Explains Why He Resigned

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Thornycroft, in his first speech since his Jan. 6 resignation, told his parliamentary constituents he has no intention of leading a revolt within the Conservative party.

But he clung to his argument that government expenditure in the financial year starting in April must rise no higher than the current year's "high level of spending."

In accepting the resignation, Prime Minister Macmillan said all other members of the cabinet agreed that another £50,000,000 was needed in the new budget for welfare costs.

Thornycroft said Tuesday night he regarded it "a matter of principle" to hold the budget line at the 1957 level.

OPPOSED GOVERNMENT — "I could not accept for the government in its own housekeeping a standard of financial stringency different from that which I was seeking to impose and was in fact imposing on others," he said.

In his year as chancellor, Thornycroft had imposed a series of tough, credit-tightening measures to combat inflation. Among them was the increase of the bank rate to seven per cent from five.

He said the current financial year had shown a higher level of spending than planned originally but he had not sought reductions in the coming year.

"It open to criticism at all, it is that I have been too lax and not too strict," he said.

HAT STRIKE OFF — NEW YORK (AP) — Production of Easter bonnets and the rest of the spring hat line resumed Tuesday as 22,000 union millinery workers returned to work.

The first country-wide strike in the industry was called off Monday after some 2,000 shop officials of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union ratified a two-year pact.

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Course Opens For Dragger Fishers

A two-day short course for dragger fishermen in Prince Edward Island began at the Queen Hotel yesterday. Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, welcomed the fishermen to Charlottetown on behalf of the Prince Edward Island Government.

Mr. MacDonald told the dragger fishermen that while he was not conversant with their occupation, he was sure that the fishing industry was most important to the economy of the Province and it was up to each individual engaged therein to do the best job of which he was capable.

Principal speaker at the two-day course is Mr. John Proskie of the Economic Service, of the Federal Department of Fisheries, Ottawa. The discussions will involve the economics and analysis of last year's production in the dragger fishing.

English and French is very strongly entrenched. His choice is influenced too by the fact that Mr. Pearson won the Nobel Prize for peace, one of the greatest rewards for international service in the world.

The Island Premier complained that when sitting on the platform, it was almost impossible to hear what goes on. Those in charge of the public address system had apparently forgotten to install any amplifiers in the platform area.

Similar complaints were made by other provincial leaders and senators. Mr. Matheson and his fellow delegates are following not only the convention procedure but are closely watching events on Parliament Hill itself.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker, they said, made very definite pledges of financial assistance to the Province. Unless these promises are kept to the letter, they declared, the Liberals will gain seats in the Province at the next Federal election.

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PATUXENT, Md. (AP) — A big U.S. Navy transport plane, waved off as it tried to make an instrument landing at murky Patuxent naval air station, crashed into a wooded area and exploded Tuesday. All nine crew members were killed.

The R-7V four-engined Super Constellation was making practice instrument landings. It had tried to land once before but was waved off because its approach to the runway was too low.

Visibility, reduced by fog and mist, was about half a mile. On the second run, the plane also came in too low and to the left. The tower again waved it off.

The pilot gunned his ship as it started over the "cinder block," the station's name for a housing area for married personnel.

The plane cleared the housing area but clipped treetops. The impact threw the plane out of control and it seared a strip through the thin woods a quarter of a mile long. Then it struck the ground and erupted into a huge ball of fire.

Circles For Hour, Lands Safely — HALIFAX (CP) — The pilot of a naval Avenger plane landed safely at Shearwater air station near here Tuesday night after circling the airport for an hour reporting his landing gear would not work.

Lieut. M. H. Babcocke of Dartmouth, N.S., told the control tower one wheel was down but he was unable to get the second one in position.

An operations officer put the pilot through a series of checks that finally revealed the trouble. He landed normally.

A naval spokesman said the wheel actually may have been down but did not show as such on the plane's instruments due to an electrical defect.

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He was speaking in the Commons shortly before second reading was given a government bill providing financial assistance to the Atlantic provinces for power development.

These would include steam and subventions on Maritime coal power plants, transmission lines and subventions on Maritime coal used to produce electricity for industry in any Atlantic province.

Liberal and CCF members said aid should include hydro power. Newfoundland members said the bill would not help their province because it was not building thermal plants.

Mr. Hamilton said any province seeking hydro development may make a request under the "conditions established by the precedent of Beechwood." He said Prime Minister Diefenbaker had given this assurance.

REFERRED TO BILL — The resources minister was referring to a bill providing a \$30,000,000 loan to New Brunswick, to pay bank loans used to finance the Beechwood power project on the St. John River.

Mr. Hamilton said hydro aid would be for publicly-owned systems. In the case of Nova Scotia and other provinces with privately-owned systems there "will be certain connections with these schemes, but not directly from us."

Requests "would have to be brought before the government and dealt with on the basis of need."

He told Stanley Knowles (CCF — Winnipeg North Centre) it is not true the government has refused to help Newfoundland construct hydro plants. The government said only the bill before the House would be limited to thermal installations.

If Newfoundland put forward a proposal it would be considered. If it was a "matter of a hydro project or I imagine that is the way it would be handled."

Mr. Hamilton said completed power plants would be sold to the province which would return the money over 30 or 40 years at a maximum 4 per cent interest a year.

N.B.-N.S. LINK BY '59 — He said he expects the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick electric systems to be linked by the end of 1959.

Mr. Knowles said aid under the bill should have been provided by an amendment to the Northern Canada Power Commission Act.

This act enabled the Northern Canada Power Commission to develop power—subject to provincial legal stipulations—in any province and the Northwest Territories. The only thing lacking was a section enabling the federal government to enter into financial agreements.

Mr. Hamilton said Nova Scotia and New Brunswick wanted the legislation the way it was. They wanted a coal subvention and a separation of thermal and hydro projects.

Veterans Affairs Minister A. J. Brooks said problems in the Maritimes cannot be considered general. There was less power development there than in any other part of Canada.

NO DISCRIMINATION — He said he did not think there was discrimination against Newfoundland. That province had an abundance of hydro resources and could produce power cheaply.

"If this could be done in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick there would be no need for this bill."

Mr. Brooks said no claim of discrimination has been received from Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba or British Columbia.

He said the bill places the Atlantic provinces on a more equal footing with other parts of the country.

H. M. Batten (L.—Humber-St. George's) said it appears the only assistance Newfoundland will get is in building power transmission lines.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The U.S. Army launched a Redstone missile—the first stage of its forthcoming satellite-bearing space vehicle—at 8:25 p.m. EST Tuesday.

The largest and heaviest of the army's ballistic weapons, the 69-foot-long, six-foot thick Redstone blasted off into a starry, almost cloudless sky and appeared to make a successful flight.

A Redstone formed the first stage of a Jupiter-C test vehicle which carried a warhead 3,500 miles out over the Atlantic in an earlier test.

In the army satellite vehicle, scheduled for launching this month, the Redstone first stage would start the vehicle on its way toward orbital altitude.

The Jupiter-C would use a cluster of 11 recruit rockets in its second stage and three recruits in the third stage.

The defence department confirmed Tuesday night's firing within 15 minutes. It said nothing of the range of accuracy attained but commented that "the flight was normal."

It was the second test launching of a missile Tuesday.

A Boeing Bomarc Ramjet guided missile was fired before noon. A weapon capable of flying three times the speed of sound and destroying an enemy aircraft more than 250 miles from the launching pad, the Bomarc soon will go into operation with the air force.

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The committee is expected to sit today and the bill may be passed this afternoon. No senator opposed the purpose of the bill.

RELEASED FROM JAIL, ACTRESS APPEARS ON TV — LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jailed Monday as a drunk, actress Sarah Churchill Tuesday played the lead role in an hour-long television drama entitled The Makropoulos Secret.

Critics thought she gave a creditable performance in the role of a Hungarian singer who had a strange knowledge of the past. They said they detected no speech flaws in her lines.

Miss Churchill, daughter of the British statesman, spent five hours in jail on a complaint by the General Telephone Company that she used profane and obscene language over the phone.

Deputies said they arrested her only after she climbed into their car, holding a glass of rum, and then resisted efforts to get her out.

After her release on \$50 bond she went through a rehearsal for her NBC Matinee Theatre performance. She had another rehearsal Tuesday morning before the color telecast.

Miss Churchill is in California for a series of TV shows, Tuesday's being the second.

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J. W. Pickersgill, angry at an article in a convention newspaper published by Paul Martin's supporters, announced he was in Mr. Pearson's camp.

The Quebec delegation, which holds about one-quarter of the voting strength, met in caucus and indicated a strong backing for the former external affairs minister.

It was reliably reported at least 1) of the 155-member Toronto area delegation will vote for Mr. Pearson.

The Martin team was calm, expressing doubt that the majority of the Quebec vote would go for Mr. Pearson.

The only other candidate, Mayor H. Lloyd Henderson of Portage La Prairie, Man., tried to gather the necessary 10 signatures to file nomination papers.

MACKAY MADE NEWS — The big development came with the sudden announcement of Mayor Mackay, made after he moved a resolution calling on the party to send scouts across the country to ascertain what the people really need and want from the Liberals.

The last general election had seen the "brass get turned out to grass." But would the party learn? There was a widening breach between the former Liberal government and public opinion.

Later, the 43-year-old mayor told a reporter: "Pearson has a lot of strength out West. I'm backing him publicly."

Mr. Pickersgill hurriedly called a press conference to announce his support of the 60-year-old Mr. Pearson after glancing through Paul Martin's convention daily.

What caught his eye was an item headed "Pickersgill speaking" which appeared to indicate Mr. Pickersgill favored the former health minister. Mr. Pickersgill said he had made no such statement. The article contained "misleading propaganda."

BEST MAN FOR JOB — "I am extending my support to Mr. Pearson because I consider him incomparably the best person available for the leadership," Mr. Martin told reporters.

Mr. Martin told reporters he had no hand in producing the newspaper, adding: "I am sure my workers are doing their best to ensure my election."

The newspaper's main point was that the party is doomed if it maintains its tradition of rotating the leadership among French-speaking Catholics and English-speaking Protestants.

Louis St. Laurent is a Roman Catholic. Mr. Pearson is Protestant.

From a survey, it appeared Mr. Pearson had the support of most of the former Liberal cabinet with the exception of veteran James G. Gardiner who has publicly endorsed Mr. Martin.

"Mike Pearson has the brass tied up," the Ottawa Citizen said in a front-page news story.

Mr. Martin's headquarters conceded this but said they were relying on the back-concession delegates to back him.

PEARSON 4 TO 1? — Quebec delegates were called into caucus to hear speakers for the two main delegates. Delegates emerging from the chamber said Mr. Pearson was favored at least 4 to 1.

Mr. Martin's associates said they questioned this. They said a meeting of the Quebec group had been called for 10 p.m. today and the only candidate asked to attend was Mr. Martin.

The deadline for nominations is 11 a.m. EST today. Balloting is Thursday night.

Rev. Mr. Henderson Declares The Tortoise Is Moving Up — OTTAWA (CP) — A Manitoba clergyman - mayor, whom most observers give little chance in his bid for the national Liberal leadership, said Tuesday he feels that "the tortoise is moving up."

"The victory in the race is not always to the swift and the strong," said Rev. H. Lloyd Henderson, mayor of Portage La Prairie, Man., who is pitted against two former federal cabinet ministers, Lester B. Pearson and Paul Martin, and Mayor Don Mackay of Calgary.

The Presbyterian minister, mayor of the Manitoba city, said in an interview at the leadership convention hall that he is gathering support among the 1,500 voting delegates.

Some support—he did not say how much—had come from the Ontario and Saskatchewan delegations.

There should be "no more of this pipeline business"—an apparent reference to the former Liberal government's use of debt-limiting closure during Parliament's hectic 1956 trans-Canada gas pipeline debate. And there should be no more "control from the top down" in the Liberal party.

The native of Freeland P.E.I. said he would be "happy" to get 25 per cent of the vote on the first ballot Thursday for the leadership. He would stick it out and not throw his support at the last minute to any other candidate.

Chevrier Calls St. Laurent One Of The Great Statesmen — OTTAWA (CP)—Lionel Chevrier Tuesday described retiring Liberal leader Louis S. St. Laurent as "one of the greatest statesmen of our time," in both the national and international political spheres.

Introducing Mr. St. Laurent to the national Liberal convention for his farewell speech as party leader, the former federal transport minister reiterated the words of another Liberal cabinet colleague, C. D. Howe, who once said Mr. St. Laurent "stands in the shade of no man, living or dead."

Mr. Chevrier said that his retiring leader "far exceeded the highest hopes of the Liberals who chose him their leader" nine years ago. It was Laurent with "deep regard," but our pride is greater than our regret."

FOUR GREAT PMs — Canada had had four great prime ministers: Macdonald, a Conservative, who gave Canada a body; Laurier, a Liberal, who gave it a soul; Mackenzie King, a Liberal, under whom "the body of the nation was nourished and strengthened and the spirit of the nation rekindled in the fire of war," and St. Laurent.

"As prime minister, Louis St. Laurent completed the work of all three of his great predecessors," Mr. Chevrier said.

He regarded Mr. St. Laurent as a Father of Confederation since it was under his leadership that Confederation was completed by the union of Newfoundland with Canada.

His very person—Mr. St. Laurent was born of a French-Canadian father and Irish mother—"is the very embodiment of national unity between Canada's major racial groups."

He was regarded by other countries as the founder of NATO and a Commonwealth countries acknowledged him as a link between the older Commonwealth members and the new Asian nations.

"When he toured the world in 1954" Mr. Chevrier said, "Mr. St. Laurent was acclaimed in all the countries he visited as one of the greatest statesmen of our time."

"I am sure that history will confirm this judgment because our country under his leadership has acquired, in just a few years and in spite of its small population, the stature of a real international power and the reputation of a great defender of peace, justice and freedom in the world."

Speaking briefly in French, Mr. Chevrier recalled other achievements under Liberal governments led by Mr. St. Laurent.

The statements were included in a text of the speech issued to the press before delivery.

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