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Opposition Angry, Sees Attempt To Thin Ranks

Premier Is Decorated

OTTAWA. — (Special) — The Canadian Efficiency Decoration for long service yesterday was awarded to Hon. Alexander W. Matheson, Premier of Prince Edward Island, and a major with the Royal Canadian Artillery Reserve unit in Charlottetown.

Jr. Queens M.P. Is Re-Elected To Nato Ass'n

OTTAWA. — (Special) — Heath Macquarrie, Conservative M.P. for Queens, has been re-elected to the executive committee of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association.

Premium Method Likely In Hospital Insurance

From what is termed, "a source close to the government", Canadian Press yesterday carried a story that Prince Edward Island's share of the national hospital insurance scheme will be financed through a premium plan, rather than a sales tax which is said to have met with opposition from the merchants of Charlottetown and elsewhere.

Venezuelan President Takes Oath

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — With tears in his eyes, Romulo Betancourt took the oath as president Friday with a pledge of economy and democratic rule to repair the havoc of a decade of dictatorship in Venezuela.

Works Minister Says Poppycock

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition parties reacted angrily Friday to what they described as a government attempt to spread their thin ranks even thinner between sittings of the Commons and House committees.

They were met by a stinging reply from Works Minister Green — he called the Liberals whippersnappers who don't want to work — and by the votes of the big Progressive Conservative majority.

An hour-long Commons argument centred on motions by six House committees seeking power to hold meetings while the Commons sits and its members is sitting.

The argument wound up with a vote of 156 to 41, on party lines, empowering one of the six committees — on external affairs — to meet while the Commons is sitting.

But it isn't settled yet. The Opposition insisted on the rule for two-days notice before considering the requests of the five other committees for the same power. The requests were made Thursday and will come up again next week.

Overcrowding In Prisons Is Described 'Emergency'

OTTAWA (CP) — Justice Minister Fulton Friday described overcrowding in federal penitentiaries as an emergency.

He told the Commons that the situation is particularly bad at St. Vincent de Paul near Montreal and at New Westminster, B.C., where more prisoners could not be admitted.

It was for this reason that his department had taken over a former health department institution at Williams Head, B.C., near Victoria and a wartime army camp at Valleyfield, Que., as quarters for surplus prisoners.

Speaking during a debate on penal reform that grew out of House study of supplementary spending estimates, Mr. Fulton emphasized that use of the Williams Head and Valleyfield quarters is only a temporary measure designed to relieve overcrowding.

A three-man government committee on penal reform was set up after a federal-provincial conference last October agreed in principle on implementation of the Fauteux committee report that recommended wider federal responsibility for the custody of law offenders.

Mr. Fulton said it is planned that the federal government will assume responsibility for prisoner sentenced to more than one year, instead of just those sentenced to two years or more as now.

The committee is made up of Allan J. MacLeod, chief of the justice department's criminal law section, Col. J. R. (Big Jim) Stone, former provost marshal of the Canadian Army, and James A. McLaughlin, assistant commissioner of penitentiaries.

Mr. Fulton said that prisoner overcrowding at Kingston penitentiary will be eased when a new prison is opened later this year at Joyceville, 11 miles from Kingston, Ont.

Conditions were crowded at Dorchester, N.B., and Prince Albert, Sask., penitentiaries but were reasonable at Stony Mountain, Man.

Mr. Fulton also announced that the new four-man parole board, set up under legislation adopted last session, will come into operation Sunday. It will take over the duties of the department's remissions service, which will go out of existence.

Members of the parole board, announced earlier, are Magistrate Thomas George Street of Welland, Ont., chairman; Edouard Dion, New Carlisle, Que., lawyer; J. Alex Edmondson, former public relations and endowment director of Queens University, and Frank Miller, former assistant director of the remissions service.

His appointment as prime minister to take office Monday followed the mass resignation of the Cuban cabinet.

Provisional President Manuel Urrutia immediately announced his choice of Castro for the job normally means head of government under the president, who is chief of state.

Up to now the bearded leader has served the provisional government as commander-in-chief of armed forces.

Quebec Group Elated Ocean Ship Navigated Gulf, River

QUEBEC (CP) — The Danish freighter Helga Dan arrived from Europe at 3:15 p.m. EST Friday and became the first ocean-going vessel to reach Quebec harbor during winter.

Piloted by Capt. Henrik Bjerregaard, the 5,050-ton vessel made the 3,200-mile voyage in 15 days from the small Danish port of Norresundby, at the northern tip of Jutland.

The ship is specially equipped for ice-fitted waters with an ice-breaker stem, ice-cutter, ice fins to protect the propeller and a reinforced hull. She has radar, direction finder and gyro compass.

She received help from the ice-breaker Labrador for several hours Wednesday while plowing through rafted ice in Cabot Strait, between Newfoundland and Cape Breton Island, but had been on her own since.

The Helga Dan is owned by J. Lauritzen Lines of Copenhagen. She sailed in ballast here and will carry general cargo to London and European ports on the return voyage.

SEVERE CONDITIONS Marcel Fortier, president of the Industrial and Trade Bureau of Greater Quebec, said the sailing was accomplished during one of the coldest winters on record with ice conditions in the St. Lawrence Gulf and in the river more severe than usual.

He said the voyage by the Helga Dan could lead to interesting new developments affecting the whole Canadian economy and that of the Greater Quebec region in particular.

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No Clash Expected

SEOUL, Korea (AP) — South Koreans formed a united front Friday night against Japan's decision to let some of its Korean residents find new homes in Communist North Korea.

Though officials discounted the possibility of an armed clash, there was a break-off in Tokyo negotiations to establish diplomatic relations. The talks had been going on for 10 months.

OTTAWA. — The Minister of Public Works, Hon. Howard Green, has announced that a contract for \$197,395 has been awarded to Sydney Drydock and Engineering Limited, Sydney, N.S., for the construction of a 1 1/2 cubic yard clamshell dredge.

The company submitted the lowest bid on the project in response to the Department's advertising for public tenders.

The new dredge is to be a flat-deck, steel barge with a square forward end and a raked stern. Principal dimensions will be 90 ft. long and 27 ft. wide and 6 feet deep. A proprietary excavator crane suitable to a clamshell and dipper operation will be installed on the deck at the forward end. Two anchor spuds will be installed in wells abreast of the excavator and a walking spud installed in the slot at the stern.

Movement of the spuds will be controlled by individual winches driven by hydraulic motors. Necessary auxiliary machinery, equipment and accommodation for the crew will be installed in a compact steel deck-house.

This vessel is being constructed to replace dredge PWD No. 14, and it will carry out dredging operations in the Prince Edward Island district. Plans and specifications were prepared by the Harbours and Rivers Engineering Branch, Department of Public Works, Ottawa.



COLLEGE CURLERS CALGARY BOUND

Prince of Wales College Island champion school-boy team left last evening by MCA for the Canadian schoolboy curling championships starting Monday at Calgary. Although they will be facing the finest schoolboy teams in the Dominion Gordon Bennett, president of the Charlottetown Curling Club, who is accompanying the boys, said before departure, "We will win our share of games."

Left to right as they emplane are Allen Smith, Skip; Dick Matheson, mate; Roger Smith, second stone; Roger Michael, lead and Mr. Bennett.

Smallwood Claims Loggers Back Him On Union Views

BY IAN MACDONALD Canadian Press Staff Writer ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Premier Smallwood said Friday his office is being deluged with telegrams and phone calls, most of them favoring his Thursday night speech advising loggers to boot the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) out of Newfoundland.

"I have never seen anything like it," the premier said. "It's fantastic. It's like the sky has dropped down on me."

The response from loggers was "more overwhelming" than the telephone and telegram support he received 10 years ago in a province-wide campaign for Confederation.

Only a handful of the hundreds of telegrams Friday were against the premier's call to oust the IWA and form a great new Newfoundland union of loggers.

QUICK RESPONSE Mr. Smallwood said the response started as soon as he completed a half-hour province-wide radio and television broadcast Thursday night.

In the broadcast, he said the strike of 1,200 IWA loggers against the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company is "a failure and the IWA itself is a failure."

He said he and Max Lane, provincial Liberal member for White Bay North, would help lumbermen form a new union. Mr. Lane is also general secretary of the Newfoundland Fishermen's Federation (Ind.). He urged the loggers to write or telegraph him on how they feel about a new union. He offered the resignation of his fellow Liberal, Mr. Lane, to form the union.

Frank Chafe, CLC Newfoundland representative, said the premier's proposal is "a radical abuse of the power of the government."

CALCULATED ATTEMPT The government's action "is a calculated attempt to deliver a large segment of the Newfoundland government electorate into the captivity of a political machine."

District president, H. Landon Ladd of the IWA said in Grand Falls, site of the struck A.N.D. Company, the "vehementness of Premier Smallwood's hysterical and inflammatory speech is a measure of his government's failure to back his own conciliation board recommendation to the (A.N.D.) Company."

The company turned down a conciliation board recommendation that loggers receive a five-cent hourly increase over the next two years and a six-hour reduction in the work week. It would boost the basic wage to \$1.22 from \$1.05. They went on strike Dec. 31.

President Larry Daley of the Newfoundland Federation of Labor said the premier's plan can only be described as "a calous and calculating attempt to utilize the present situation for selfish political motives without any real regard for the workers themselves."

DEATH KNELL President William Breen of the Longshoremen's Protective Union (Ind.) said Premier Smallwood has sounded the death knell to the IWA in Newfoundland.

He said he supported the premier. "I have never agreed with LSPU represents 1,000 stevedores."

Albert Martin, general manager of Bowater's Pulp and Paper Mill at Corner Brook said "I think he (Smallwood) is a very courageous man. I will be glad to support the premier in his stand."

Progressive Conservative Opposition Leader Malcolm Hollett said "I hope the premier's speech brings things to a head. 'I'm glad someone on behalf of the government has spoken at last.'"

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Describes Smallwood Words 'Inflammatory'

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6 Drowned In Sinking Of Tugboat

VANCOUVER (CP) — Six men died Friday when their 90-foot tugboat sank in the gale-whipped Strait of Georgia.

Only one man survived the sinking of the 163-ton United States tug Henry Foss. He clung to an overturned lifeboat for more than four hours in near-freezing water before being picked up.

Rescue boats which sped to the scene on the east coast of Vancouver Island picked up six bodies from the water.

All the dead were from Port Angeles, Wash.

The dead were identified as skipper Warren Waterman, mate Lawrence Berg, assistant engineer Martin Gullstein, deckhand Oswald Sorenson, deckhand Richmond T. Lethian and cook Erick Danielson.

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Mr. Fulton replied that he doesn't require any such assurances. The RCMP — serving in Newfoundland as a provincial force under the provincial attorney-general — would not be used in such a capacity.



18 NURSES RECEIVE CAPS

In a ceremony at the school last night, 18 probationary nurses were accepted into the School of Nursing of the Prince Edward Island Hospital.

FRONT ROW — Hazel Vessey (left), York; Joan Mallett, Charlottetown; Vera Dewar, in-

structor, Brudenell; Mrs. Lois MacDonald, director of nursing; Janet Ives, director of nurses education; Elsie Rodgers, M.E. Stewart; Gal Partridge, Char-

lotte. SECOND ROW — Margaret

Ross, Flat River; Marianne Johnston, Charlottetown; Louise Corbett, South Granville; Jean Hubley, South Pinette; Eleanor Murray, Brudenell.

THIRD ROW — Margaret Walton, De Sable; Margaret Mac-

Lean, Souris; Mary Blue, Hopefield; Barbara Stevenson, Cavendish; Sally Ann Murphy, Amherst, N.S.; Clara MacLeod, Digby; Frances MacPherson, Charlottetown. (See story on page two.)