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MATHESON BEGINS SPEECH

Investigation Promised Into Ballots Allegation

By DON MacLEOD
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A thorough investigation as to why three "ballots" for use in the Dec. 10 provincial general election were found on a street in Charlottetown was promised by Premier Walter R. Shaw in the Legislature yesterday.

Beginning his debate on the draft address, Opposition Leader A. W. Matheson severely criticized the government for handling returns on election day.

"About a month after the election," Mr. Matheson said, "a man told me that he had found some ballots on the street. I said it couldn't be possible but he produced them and here they are."

Mr. Matheson held out the sheet for the members to see.

"I have had years of experience in elections," the Opposition Leader said, "but never did I see anything like this. It may be possible to make an investigation. The ballots are marked 'Provincial Election, Kings County Polling Dec. 10, 1962. Prince Edward Island.' The number 1430 is pencilled on it. The stamp of the provincial election is on it and it was picked up in the street. If we had anyone but the Provincial Secretary's department giving out news of the returns, it would not have been so serious.

"The delivery of election returns was the worst we ever had in my memory. In 1955, returns were in in less than an hour. This time, I received, in 11 polls, a majority and it was not announced until 9 p.m. Why?

Holding up the ballots he said were found in the street, Mr. Matheson asked "is this why? Others told me that they had seen similar ballots. No wonder we didn't have Canadian

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More Than 1,000 Killed In Eruption Of Volcano

JFK Shows Concern On Test Ban Problem

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy estimated Thursday that Russia has "withdrawn approximately 3,000 troops" from Cuba in recent weeks. He said he hopes the Soviets will pull out more.

Kennedy also underscored at a press conference a seven-nation pledge at this week's conference in Costa Rica to take measures "to halt the flow of agents, money, arms and propaganda from Cuba to Central America."

In the domestic field, the president said he foresees no recession in 1963 and that "we plan to get the tax cut" he has proposed to Congress.

On one point, Kennedy showed concern, by tone and word. That was about the problem of trying to get an agreement with the Soviet Union on banning nuclear weapons tests.

"I am haunted by the feeling," he said, "that by 1970, unless we are successful, there may be 10 nuclear powers instead of four, and by 1975, 15 or 20. . . . I regard that as the greatest possible danger and hazard."

And that, he said, doesn't even take into account the contamination of the atmosphere when other countries would start testing.

NOT DISCOURAGED

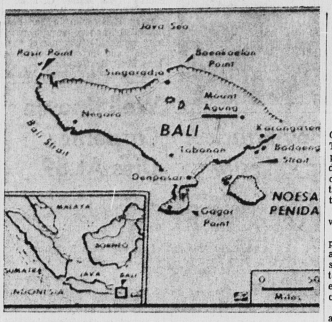
So, he said, he is "not discouraged at all by those who attack every effort we make to get a nuclear test ban."

Kennedy's estimate of 3,000 troop withdrawals from Cuba was the first official word from the government on the extent to which the Soviets have kept a pledge of Feb. 18 to pull out "several thousand" by mid-March. At the time of the pledge, the United States figured about 17,000 Soviet troops were on the island.

FIRST FOR PRESIDENT

The Costa Rica meeting was the first time, he said, that a U.S. president had journeyed to Central America and conferred with all the leaders of this vital area.

In addition to agreeing on continued efforts toward economic advances, he said, "we also agreed on the necessity for measures to halt the flow of agents, money, arms and propaganda from Cuba to Central America."



MAP LOCATES Agung volcano in northeast Bali, which erupted Sunday and since then has killed at least 1,000 persons, an Indonesian government spokesman said in Jakarta Thursday. He said some 100,000 persons are being evacuated from an area 20 miles around the volcano.
(AP Wirephoto Map)

100,000 Flee Bali Disaster

DENPASAR, Bali (AP) — Government officials said Thursday that more than 1,000 people are believed to have died under foaming lava and deluges of hot ash pouring from the sacred Agung volcano in the past four days.

They predicted the death toll would rise from that figure.

Some 70 persons were reported in hospital with burns, and an estimated 100,000 were said to be walking and riding toward safety, laden with whatever possessions they could carry.

They were trying to get away as quickly as possible from the 10,308-foot volcano that burst into activity in February after more than 100 years of silence.

"We have no exact figures," said an information officer of the Bali provincial government, "All we know is what we hear from those who came out."

According to a late report received in this island capital, he said the flow of lava from Gunung (mount) Agung dwindled Thursday morning. But he said a heavy pillar of smoke and ash was still belching from the volcano.

The pillar, looking like a mushroom - shaped thundercloud, was visible from aircraft flying into Denpasar. But there was no sign of ash in this sleepy town in the extreme south of the island, which Indonesians call the Isle of the Gods.

Most of the northeastern corner of Bali—off the eastern tip of Java Island—was declared a danger zone. Roadblocks manned by army and police erected on major roads leading into the area. Agung lies about 70 miles northeast of Denpasar.

"This is a major disaster for us," the spokesman said.

He said a number of small towns on the northeast coast, where most of the lava has flowed, have been evacuated. Efforts also are under way to clear the area around Karanga-sem, northeast of here, where emergency aid measures were hampered by heavy floods that have ripped down bridges.

Pearson Sees PM Using Martyrdom Vote Appeal

By ALAN DONNELLY

HALIFAX (CP) — Liberal Leader Pearson said Thursday night Prime Minister Diefenbaker is adopting "manufactured martyrdom" in his election appeal for another chance at office.

The prime minister is using "tactics of desperation and deception," Mr. Pearson said in a campaign speech to more than 2,000 persons here.

"He's saying, 'Vote for me, vote for my party because everybody's against me.' It's a kind of manufactured martyrdom."

The Liberal leader ran into intermittent interruptions from hecklers scattered through the audience. Two hecklers were removed by police from the balcony—one of them before Mr. Pearson arrived.

It was the heaviest heckling of his campaign so far, and Mr. Pearson answered one young man who challenged his nuclear weapons policy.

READY FOR QUESTIONS

"I'll be glad to deal with any question at all tonight," he said, amid applause.

Mr. Pearson said he hopes to see the day when all weapons will be removed under international agreement but "that day has not yet arrived.

"Until that day arrives, a foundation for peace cannot be assured with one side being armed and the other side not armed."

If Canada had committed itself to accepting weapons which needed nuclear ammunition to make them effective, "then I say let's follow through on our commitments until those commitments are changed."

The government now had "the worst of both worlds"—ineffective weapons, and a policy that it wouldn't make up its mind until an emergency developed.

"It will be too late then to go down to Washington and beg for ammunition."

Over Production Farming Ills Blamed On 'Professional Men'

By NEIL MATHESON
Guardian-Patriot Staff Writer

"The farmer has come to the end of the road," Frank Myers, PC-1st Queens, told the legislature as he seconded the motion for the Throne Speech debate yesterday afternoon. He blamed the professional men who have adopted assembly line methods of production—"they are not farming he criticized—for the ills of over production.

Mr. Myers followed mover Keith Harrington, PC-3rd Prince who emphasized that agriculture provides the prime source of wealth as it is the Island's basic industry, welcomed what he termed the legislation provided by the government to help the industry, and hoped governments must accept responsibility for the problems that increasing mechanization and automation bring.

Mr. Myers spoke with appreciation of the improvements machines have brought to farming—he contrasted modern grain seeders with the hand sowing of other years—but he said it is the assembly line methods of professional men which is mostly responsible for the problem of overproduction.

CUT DOWN OR GET OUT

He suggested that those big fellow should be told to cut down production or get out; they are ruining agriculture. That would be a calamity to the entire country, said Mr. Myers who recalled that the thought of raising agriculture to the idea of industry had been one of the first stated goals of the community of European countries who some time ago had been planning common action to improve their standards.

Mr. Harrington, a farmer and potato shipper, advocated anything that can be done to encourage maximum production as economically as possible.

Many Island dairy herds hold top records, the hogs are the best in the country, potatoes, both seed and table are second to none and the soil responds well to cultivation and fertilization. Government policies outlined in the speech from the throne will do much to further the industry, he said.

The increased rationalization means that one farmer can do as much as 10 could 25 years ago but the problems that it brings are the responsibility of the government, he said. There are the problems of surplus foods, of education for those on the farm and those who must leave it to seek employment elsewhere.

He praised the government for the effort to develop new industries, spoke of the "wonderful attractions here" with so many natural benefits, and said the government is contributing a great deal to the province's future.

"I appreciate the honor of being asked to move the debate. I appreciate it particularly on behalf of my district," said Mr. Harrington who emphasized the importance of the electoral reform bill that will be considered. The right to vote is not good enough in itself, there should be provision so that all men will have equal voting privileges, he said.

PRIDE IN STUDENTS

The member for 3rd-Prince referred with pride to two young people in the area who have outstanding scholastic records. Frederick J. Arsenault has won a Rhodes Scholarship award at the youngest age it is possible to be accepted. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Arsenault, Mont Carmel, he said.

The other student is Barbara Ann Ramsay, Hamilton who

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Cosmos 13th Goes In Orbit

MOSCOW (Reuters)—The Soviet Union opened its 1963 space program Thursday with the launching of another manned Cosmos sputnik to circle the earth.

The sputnik—named Cosmos XIII—is the latest in a series begun a little more than a year ago and designed to pave the way for further manned space projects, presumably including a moon flight.

Thursday's launching was the 31st publicly announced here since October, 1957, when a tiny sputnik was lobbed into space for the first time by any country.

Cosmos XIII is orbiting at a maximum distance of about 210 miles from earth and a minimum of about 127 miles.

Myers Appointed Deputy Speaker

Frank Myers, veteran member of the Provincial Legislature for 1st Queens, was named Deputy Speaker yesterday by Premier Walter R. Shaw whose announcement was greeted by applause from both sides of the house.

Mr. Myers, a Hampton farmer, was first elected to the legislature in 1951. He was defeated in the general election of 1955 but was returned in a by-election in 1957 to fill the vacancy created by the death of a former colleague, W. F. Alan Stewart, who had been a minister of agriculture and also a speaker under previous Liberal administrations.

House To Meet This Morning

The Legislature will reconvene at 10 this morning, following the new schedule announced by Premier Walter R. Shaw Wednesday.

Afternoon sessions are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and to give members an opportunity to get home for weekends, sittings are scheduled for Fridays from 10 to 12.30.

This morning, Opposition Leader A. W. Matheson is expected to continue with the debate on the Speech from the Throne.

POPCORN GETS RUSSIAN PLUG

MOSCOW (AP)—Izvestia Thursday night followed up Premier Khrushchev's recent plug for American cornflakes and potato chips with news of another treat—popcorn.

"The Americans love air corn," the government newspapers said. "They sell small packages of it in theatres, recreation spots, beaches, cafeterias, railroad stations and airports. Adults and children enjoy it."

"Air corn," as the Russians call it, is made from special hybrid corn, Izvestia explained. It then gave detailed instructions on growing and preparing it.

Labor Retains U.K. Seat

SLAITHWAITE, England (Reuters)—The Labor opposition party retained its parliamentary seat of Colne Valley in a byelection Thursday.

The middle-of-the-road Liberal party ousted the Conservative party from the runner-up position it achieved in the constituency in the 1959 general election.

Result of the ballot, declared early today, was: Patrick Duffy, Labor, 18,033 votes; Richard Wainwright, Liberal, 15,994; Andrew Alexander, Conservative 6,238; Arthur Fox, independent, 266.

In a three-cornered contest in the 1959 election the figures were: William Gienvil Hall, Labor, 19,284; C. J. Barr, Conservative, 13,030; Richard Wainwright, Liberal, 11,254.

The standing of parties in the 630-seat House of Commons after the byelection is: Conservative and allies 364; Labor 254; Liberal seven; independents one; four vacant seats.

Que. Candidate Dies Suddenly

MONTREAL (CP) — Leon Crestohl, Liberal member of Parliament seeking re-election April 8 in Montreal Cartier, died of a heart attack Thursday.

Mr. Crestohl, a native of Warsaw, was 62. He had been MP for Montreal Cartier since 1950 when he was elected in a by-election.

Dief Says Magazine To Tell Canadians How To Vote

By JAMES NELSON

REGINA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Thursday night that within the next two or three days a United States magazine would hit the newsstands and advise Canadians how to vote.

The prime minister, speaking at an election rally in the Regina Armories, said the magazine would not be urging Canadians to vote for the Progressive Conservative party.

"I welcome that . . . it's wonderful help," he said.

Earlier in his address the prime minister noted that a recent issue of Newsweek, an American news magazine, had had a picture of him on the cover that he said was unflattering and had contained a critical article about him.

ARMORIES CROWDED

There were about 4,500 persons in the armories to hear Mr. Diefenbaker's address. About 3,000 filled seats on the floor and the remainder stood in balconies.

Mr. Diefenbaker said that two weeks ago the Progressive Conservative party was being counted out in the election campaign. "Have you noticed the press?" he asked. "Now they're counting us in."

The prime minister told his audience, drawn from the capital and surrounding rural areas of a province highly dependent on agriculture, that he has been accused of doing too much for the western farmer.

N.S. House Prorogues

HALIFAX (CP) — Lieutenant-Governor H. P. MacKeen gave royal assent to 103 bills in the Nova Scotia legislature Thursday and prorogued the shortest session of the House since Confederation.

The governor gave his assent to the bills in a formal ceremony after the regular afternoon sitting of the House.

Adjournment Report Said To Be Error

Hon. J. D. Stewart was reported in error Thursday as saying the provincial legislature would adjourn next week for two weeks, he told the house yesterday when he rose on a question of privilege.

The provincial secretary and holder of several other portfolios was in jovial mood as he suggested "I must speak more distinctly so the press get hearing aids," then added "there are enough rumors flying around now without compounding them."

Mr. Stewart brought in the names of the committee on Public Accounts which is headed by Lloyd MacPhail, PC 3rd Queens. The committee does not have any members of the government on it.

Mr. Stewart explained yesterday that although he could not find any rule against having members of the government on the committee, he was bowing to the precedent established a long time ago, as explained by Opposition Leader Alex Matheson the previous afternoon.

Mr. Matheson rose briefly to note that the long established tradition had been broken once, in 1935. That was the term during which the legislative assembly was made up of 30 Liberals and no officiar opposition.

Hon. J. P. Matheson, minister of highways and public works, tabled reports of both departments.

The legislature adjourned at 5.30 to meet again this morning at 10.00 o'clock.

Hospital Insurance Rebates Will Be Mailed Next Monday

Hospital insurance premium rebates will be mailed to subscribers Monday, Dr. L. E. Prowse, chairman of the Hospital Services Commission, said yesterday.

Total rebate is approximately $1,000,000 and about 31,000 cheques have been made payable in the name of the individual premium payer.

As promised during the Dec. 10 provincial election campaign, the government, following the election, instructed the commission to rebate all premiums paid in advance of Nov. 30. Cost of hospital care for Island residents is to be paid out of the general revenue of the province.

"Monday morning at 8:30," said Dr. Prowse, "the post offices will receive the cheques and within two or three days all rebates should be in the hands of subscribers."

According to Dr. Prowse, the refunds are being returned to the individual premium payer through the same channel the payment was originally made.

"For example," he said, "if payment was made directly to the commission, the cheque is being forwarded to the last known address of the subscriber; if the premium payer was a member of an employee group, the refund will be returned through the employer; similarly, for collector group participants—dairy and creamery patrons, fishermen, etc.—these cheques will be forwarded to the former individual premium payer through the group."

SUBSCRIBER'S NUMBER

All refund cheques will show the subscriber's hospital insurance number printed on the face of the cheque. "This," according to Dr. Prowse, "should provide proper identification in instances where there is more than one person with the same name and address. Residents of the province should check this identification carefully."

Dr. Prowse said all accounts have been checked and many double checked with the initial programming and subsequent administrative processes under the daily review of a firm of chartered accountants."

Commenting on the campaign of provincial hospitals for funds, Dr. Prowse said "we as a commission would strongly support the appeal for funds and we hope that the people who are to receive premium rebates will, according to their circumstances, make them available to their community hospital.

"The hospital insurance plan was designed to relieve insured patients of the direct charges of hospital care but the costs of providing the physical facilities, necessary operating funds, and care to uninsured patients remains a responsibility of the community through the hospital trustee board.

"I hope people will take cognizance of that and make funds available to their hospitals. I think the hospitals' reports of their financial condition is a true picture. A community hospital is only as good as the community is willing to support."

96,000 REGISTERED

Dr. Prowse said that about 96,000 persons in the province were registered "at one time or another" under the hospital care plan. "Persons who have registration cards can use them as proof of identity for admission to hospitals," he said, "or they can register on admission to hospital or apply for a registration card now."

Abolition of the premium collection system has meant a staff reduction at the commission of 20 persons. "These people have been absorbed by other government departments or found jobs elsewhere," Dr. Prowse said.

Fisheries Minister Explains Causeway Feasibility Fund

A story from the Ottawa bureau of this paper earlier this week which referred to "investigation to determine the feasibility of constructing the proposed Northumberland Strait causeway" is factually correct because it referred back to estimates which were prepared late in 1961 and sent to the printers before Christmas for the fiscal year 1962-63, but the decision to build the Causeway was made and announced several months later and the Diefenbaker government is now proceeding on that decision, Fisheries Minister Angus MacLean said here yesterday.

The decision to build the land link to the mainland was announced by Prime Minister Diefenbaker in April 1962, just before he announced the general election for June 18, but that was several months after the estimates for 1962-63 had been printed. The reference in The Guardian is to an item in Governor-General's warrants, a method of financing expenditures when the house is not in session, but the warrants' items have to be listed in exactly the same wording as they appeared in the estimates to which the expenditures have reference," Mr MacLean stated. That, he explained, is the reason for the "determining the feasibility" wording.

The feasibility study has in actual fact been completed and further reference to the Causeway would have been contained in the 1963-64 estimates which were not tabled before the house prorogued, and therefore are not made public.

The item referred to in the story in question will be the last reference to the estimates for the fiscal year 1962-63 and future reference, it is suggested, will be worded in different terminology. The study now is leading up to the actual construction of the land link to the mainland, and is not related to a feasibility study, Mr. MacLean stated.

BANQUET CLIMAXES CANNERY COURSE

A reception and banquet at the Queen Hotel climaxed a four - day course for lobster cannery foreman, which concludes today. Guest speaker at last night's banquet was Joseph Carton, chief of legal services, department of fisheries, Ottawa. Mr. Carton spoke on the background and need for fish inspection legislation. Left to right are Mr. Carton; Hon. Leo Rossiter, minister of fisheries, and R. J. MacNeil, assistant chief of fisheries inspection services, Halifax.

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