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Iraq Urges US And Egypt To Join The Bagdad Pact

By WILLIAM L. RYAN BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)—Foreign Minister Burhan Eddin Bashayan Wednesday urged that both Egypt and the United States join the Bagdad Pact. The pact, chiefly an anti-Communist alliance composed of Britain, Turkey, Iraq, Pakistan and Iraq as the only Arab member, has been bitterly attacked by Egyptian President Nasser who charged that it represents "foreign" influence in the Middle East. Lately, Iraq has come under heavy propaganda attack from Egypt and Syria who have tried to create the impression the Iraqi government is facing a crisis because of its membership in the alliance. In an interview, Bashayan said he believes pressure on the Bagdad Pact is easing as a result of the rapid British and French withdrawal from Egypt.

He said he believes the pressure would diminish even more if the United States joined the pact outright, and he urged that the American government take action on this as quickly as possible. BRITISH ASK TOO A similar hope was expressed in the British House of Commons Wednesday by Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd. In Washington, the U.S. state department renewed assurances to the ambassadors of the Bagdad Pact countries that it would vigorously support Iraq, Iran, Turkey and Pakistan against threats to their independence and security. Washington officials said privately, however, that the United States has no intention of joining the pact. Bashayan challenged Egypt to join the pact in these words:

"We are ready now to come to terms with President Nasser. . . it is up to Nasser to stop his propaganda attacks against the Bagdad Pact and either forget about the pact or join it." If Egypt still does not like the pact, he said, Iraq would be willing to talk about a new Arab collective security treaty or modifications of the present alliance. But, he declared, Iraq would not "compromise on the Bagdad Pact." Nasser, Bashayan added, has been encouraged in his fight against the pact by Russia. The Iraqi foreign minister said Iraq believes Israel "has proved a real menace to peace" in the Middle East and "the whole question of its existence as a state created by the United Nations should be considered."

Decide On All-Canadian St. Lawrence Seaway

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada has told the United States formally that it is over-riding U.S. objections and going ahead with preliminary plans for an all-Canadian St. Lawrence Seaway route, it was learned Wednesday. The two countries have been tussling inconclusively over the issue for a couple of years. Canada's definite stand was made known in an exchange of diplomatic notes. In the exchange it was understood the U.S. continues its protest against the Canadian plan but will not try to block it. Canada's action will add some \$17,000,000 to the over-all cost of the \$900,000,000 hydro-navigational project, but will set the stage for an eventual all-Canadian seaway independent of shipping facilities on the U.S. side of the St. Lawrence in the international rapids section. It consists, for the present, of dredging out a 27-foot-deep channel into the Cornwall, Ont., area of the river. This will set up that area for later carrying of deep-sea vessels through the international section on the Canadian side. The existing plan for the seaway calls for taking shipping past Cornwall on the U.S. side of the river, through locks being built by the U.S. government. About 40 miles upriver, ships will go through a single lock on the Canadian side at Iroquois.

AFTER DATE ARRANGED

U.N. Secretary-General Is Refused Entry To Hungary

Government Butter Holdings Are Down 11,000,000 Pounds

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal government holdings of butter are down 11,000,000 pounds. When this program was completed the board held approximately 25,000,000 pounds of 1955 butter and the balance of its stocks were of 1956 make. The report said the board continued to sell butter to Canadian institutions such as hospitals at a discount of 21 cents a pound and that these sales have been running at about 7,000,000 pounds a year to more than 2,000 institutions across Canada. The government last May extended its butter price support program through April 30, 1958.

Egyptians Riot As British Leave

PORT SAID, Egypt (AP)—Egyptians burned down the Port Said Woolworth store Wednesday when British-French military authorities tried to force reopening of all the city's shops. A second mob ransacked a drug store where the stock ranged from toothbrushes to shoes. The imminent withdrawal of all British-French forces has stiffened Egyptian resistance against co-operation with them. British-French headquarters barred servicemen from patronizing all local businesses, even peddlars. The British and French said Port Said's governor, Mohammed Riad, told the shopkeepers to defy the military. The harbor, crowded with what appeared to be enough ships to remove the entire occupation force, suggested that the British and French would disappear much more quickly than the two or three weeks officially predicted for their withdrawal. Lt. Gen. Sir Hugh Stockwell, commander of the Anglo-French task force, said he was getting shipping which is "adequate to lift the forces." Stockwell completed details of the withdrawal program in a brief conference with Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns.

Rejection Comes As Shock To Most Delegates To U.N.

By ROD CURRIE UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP) Communist Hungary Wednesday refused to permit Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold to visit Budapest Dec. 16 but left the way open for a possible visit later. The rejection, announced by Budapest Radio, came as a shock to most delegates since the date was arranged during a meeting Tuesday between Hammarskjold and Hungarian Foreign Secretary Imre Horvath. Later Horvath called his government recommending that it accept the plan. Word of the rejection came as delegates returned to the general assembly and heard Roch Pinard, acting head of the Canadian delegation, suggest that armed forces of smaller countries be kept available for UN police duties at short notice. Sir Percy Spender of Australia commenting on Hungary's rejection for pressing ahead with the 14-power resolution approved Tuesday night. That resolution calls on Russian and Hungarian authorities to admit a team of UN observers to rebellion-torn Hungary. LODGE CONDEMNNS MOVE A Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. of the United States, one of the sponsors of the resolution, said in a statement that the decision from Budapest is "an affront to the secretary-general and to the whole civilized world." Pinard, secretary of state, said the success or failure of the present UN Middle East police force might well determine whether the influence of the UN will grow or wither. Besides having armed units available at short notice, he said, "the United Nations might also think of a permanent organization" to provide the necessary central machinery to organize the force and put it into operation. Referring to the withdrawal of British, French and Israeli forces from Egypt, he said a "momentum for peace" was created which should not stop short of a political settlement of the Palestine and Suez Canal questions. Horvath, questioned by reporters as he arrived for the afternoon session, said he had received no official reply to his cable. As word of the rejection was circulated, several delegates talked of moves to revoke the credentials of the Hungarian delegation if the Communist government does not agree by Dec. 7 to accept UN observers. Such action has been mentioned before but many delegates including External Affairs Minister L. B. Pearson of Canada have expressed opposition to it. Pearson said recently that such a move would just open the way for Hungary to expell from Budapest all diplomatic personnel representing countries who voted in favor of expelling the Hungarian delegation.

Curbing Production No Way Stop Inflation Says Cullen

OTTAWA (CP)—Current federal financial policy of higher interest rates and restricted credit could lead to an economic "crash," Agriculture Minister Eugene Cullen said Wednesday. "This business of trying to curb inflation by upsetting the whole economy is rather ridiculous," he said at the federal-provincial agricultural conference. He said it seems to him that conditions now are similar to those existing before the onslaught of the depression in 1929—"the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and eventually we had a big crash." "It seems to me if we carry on this policy, we are likely to curb inflation by having a big crash."

Mr. Cullen said his government has been trying to encourage establishment of agriculture products processing plants in P.E.I. but this year companies setting up such plants were coming to provincial authorities and complaining that their sources of credit a year ago have been cut off. To keep them in business, the provincial government would have to loan the plants money. It was difficult to understand how inflation could be curbed by creating conditions that might force some producers out of business. For example, said Mr. Cullen: "Could rents be lowered by cutting down on the number of houses being built?"

Max Thompson Elected Director

BRANTFORD (CP)—Results of the annual election of directors of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada for provinces other than Ontario were announced Wednesday. The election was conducted by mail ballot. Those elected include Quebec, Stanislas Panetton, Trois-Rivieres; H. L. Guilbert, Vercheres; A. Pinsonneault, Ormstown, New Brunswick; Hon. C. B. Sherwood, Norton; Prince Edward Island, Max Thompson, Victoria; B. M. Trenholm, Grand Pre.

Canal Problem Vital To U.S. Says Menzies

MELBOURNE (AP)—Prime Minister Menzies said Wednesday night the traditional friends and allies of the United States will find their positions "sadly weakened" unless the United Nations quickly solves the Suez Canal problem. "This is a prospect which is not comfortably contemplated by the United States," Menzies added. He made the comments after a cabinet meeting at which External Affairs Minister Robert Casey reported on the Suez crisis.

South African Police Follow Up Sedition Investigation

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters)—Police in race-tense South Africa Wednesday arrested 140 whites, mixed blood, accusing many of treason and sedition. Those arrested include a member of Parliament, a Methodist minister, a university professor, a lawyer, trade union officials and African, Indian and youth leaders. The South African court at Johannesburg refused bail to 50 of the defendants and adjourned the hearing until Dec. 19. Many of the defendants were routed out of their beds early in the morning. Thirty-five persons were arrested in Johannesburg, 21 in Durban, 17 in Port Elizabeth, 14 in Capetown and the balance in cities and villages throughout the country. They face various charges of treason, sedition, riotous assembly and communism. Justice Minister Charles Swart said it was decided to start criminal proceedings after an examination of evidence gathered in police raids last year. MORE GUIDANCE Brig. H. J. du Plooy, assistant commissioner of police, said that information obtained Wednesday might result in more arrests. The police seized books, papers, letters and files. One of the books seized in Port Elizabeth was Nought for Your Comfort, a book about South Africa by Rev. Trevor Huddleston. Rev. D. C. Thompson, 51, a Methodist clergyman, was arrested at his home at 3 a.m. The accused member of Parliament is L. B. Lewarde, representative for Capetown. Prof. Z. K. Matthews, acting principal of Fort Hare University, was taken into custody at 5 a.m. The organizations in which those arrested played a part include the African and Indian congresses, non-white youth movements in the Springbok Legion, the Congress of the Deaf, the South African Society of Peace and Friendship with the Soviet Union, and the Friends of China Society.

Crushed Under Canned Goods

MONCTON (CP)—Emil Joseph LeBlanc of Moncton, who bought a truck Monday to open his own business, was killed about nine miles from here today when the vehicle skidded on icy road and plunged into a ditch. Police said LeBlanc was crushed when canned goods and other items he was trucking to Prince Edward Island were hurled through the truck cab by the impact.

Dulles Now Fit

WASHINGTON (AP)—A medical report said Wednesday State Secretary Dulles "has made a full recovery" from his cancer surgery last night. He is now fit for full resumption of his normal duties. A section of intestine was removed Nov. 3.

May Ask Canada For More Than 130-Man Signal Corps

OTTAWA (CP)—External Affairs Minister Pearson said Wednesday the United Nations soon may ask Canada to provide more troops for the Middle East in addition to the 130-odd signal corps personnel it has indicated it wants. He said following an afternoon cabinet meeting Wednesday no final decision was made on dispatching the signalers, requested last week, pending further information from the commander of the UN Emergency Force for the Middle East, Maj.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns. The information is expected today, Mr. Pearson said, and "possibly more" than the 130 signalers would be requested. Trade Minister Howe, acting prime minister, said a statement likely will be issued Friday. "We'll comply with the UN request whatever it is, unless it varies from what we expect," Mr. Howe said.

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Soviet Tanks Repeatedly Disperse Hungarian Crowds

By ENDRE MARTON BUDAPEST (AP)—Soviet tanks and Hungarian police, confronted by a new wave of patriotic fervor that resembles the revolutionary atmosphere of roughly dispersed demonstrating crowds in Budapest at least four times Wednesday. Police, acting under Russian orders used their rifle butts to break up a throng of 1,000—men, women and children—who assembled in freedom square before the U.S. embassy in a demonstration against Premier Janos Kadar's government. With two dozen Russian tanks patrolling in the square, the people had ignored orders to clear out. "Down with the AVE," the throng shouted, referring to the secret police. "No more deportations!" Several demonstrators fell under the police onslaught. Some were arrested and removed, apparently to police headquarters. Witnesses said prisoners included children.

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U. S. Convoy Turned Back By Soviet Army Leaving W. Berlin

BERLIN (AP)—The Soviet Army Wednesday blocked a U.S. military convoy leaving West Berlin. The move raised fears of another Soviet squeeze on allied road and rail links with this Communist-encircled city. The U.S. army said its weekly supply convoy turned back to West Berlin after Russian road guards imposed new restrictions on its free run along the superhighway (Autobahn to West Germany). West Berlin lies 110 miles inside Communist East Germany and its lifelines to the West are the superhighway, one railroad and three air corridors. Last week the Russians imposed similar curbs on allied rail traffic in and out of Berlin. The Russians complained the allied military trains were carrying unauthorized personnel and demanded presentation of new identification papers. When the allies rejected this, the Reds turned back a British train to West Berlin and delayed American trains. The United States, Britain and France have protested.

Extension Work On Bank Of Commerce To Start At Once

Official confirmation was received yesterday by Mr. W.M. Mellish, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Charlottetown, that the tender for the Maritime Asphalt Co., of Summerside, has been accepted. The complete renovation and extension of the present Charlottetown Bank of Commerce building on the corner of Queen and Grafton Streets will be started immediately. One of the first jobs in the planning calls for the dismantling of the old structure next to the present bank, which has been occupied until recently by the Island Furriers Ltd., but which has been owned for some time by the Bank. It is on this lot that the new extension is to be made. Mr. Mellish states that complete renovations and extension will provide approximately one and one-half times as much space as the present building now allows and that working space for the staff will be doubled. The basement, which will be larger than the present one, will be completely new, providing many added staff facilities. Two new vaults will be installed—one for cash and safety deposit boxes and the other for books and records. Furniture, fixtures and lighting will all be of the latest of office equipment available. Mr. Mellish also stated that a night depository system will be installed. He states that the Bank has been familiar with this system for some time and that it was authorized for use in the Charlottetown branch a year and a half ago but due to the knowledge that renovations were to be made, the installation was postponed at that time.

Dave Fulton Tells Kings Maritimes Must Be Developed

"Our first duty is to increase the welfare of our own people. . . Confederation will not be complete until the Atlantic Provinces are brought up to the same standard as that of the Central provinces," said E. Davie Fulton, M.P. (Kamloops) speaking to a capacity audience in Souris Tuesday last night. He has now visited every Province since the leadership of the Progressive Conservative party became vacant. Mr. Cyrus Shaw, President of the Kings county Progressive Conservative Association, introduced the guest speaker who was introduced by Mr. W. Chester S. MacDonald, President of the Young Progressive Conservative Association of P.E.I.

P.E.I. Minister Asks Shipping Service To Gulf North Shore

OTTAWA (CP)—Agriculture Minister Eugene Cullen of Prince Edward Island Wednesday called for some sort of shipping service between his province and the St. Lawrence north shore. Speaking to the federal-provincial agricultural conference, he said P.E.I. is in the most advantageous position to supply the growing needs of the Quebec area centered largely around Sept-les, the jumping off point for shipments into the expanding iron ore areas of northern Quebec and Labrador. He said his government feels the future of P.E.I. lies in supplying that area with the agricultural products that go to make up 70 per cent of the province's annual income. He also suggested the federal government consider sharing at least part of "recent freight" increases. He added that fast, efficient and low-cost transportation is the greatest need of New Brunswick farmers.

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Lords' Ruling Offers Br. Citizenship To Royal Blood

LONDON (AP)—The House of Lords ruled today that German Prince Ernst Augustus of Hanover is a British subject under an ancient act which was designed to keep the throne in Protestant hands. The decision opened the way for nearly 500 members of European royalty to claim British citizenship if they wish to do so. The ruling climaxed court battles of several years in which the Crown steadfastly opposed Ernst's claim. It maintained that acceptance of the title would have "absurd and ridiculous results." Ernst 42 is a grandson of the late Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany. Like his grandfather who also could have become a British subject under the House of Lords ruling, he fought with Germany against Britain in a world war. The prince also however is a lineal descendant of Princess Sophia of Hanover who was the mother of King George I. Ernst's suit was based on an act passed by Parliament in 1705 when Queen Anne was on the throne. Queen Anne had no heir of her own. The closest approach to a Protestant successor was Sophia, a granddaughter of King James I and herself born at The Hague. The act of 1705 conferred citizenship on Sophia and the "heirs of her body." Sophia died before Queen Anne but on the latter's death in 1714 George I son of Sophia became king. Lord Simonds in handing down the decision said: "However absurd we may today think an interpretation which would lead to most of the royal families of Europe being British subjects, I cannot say that in 1705 there could be any manifest absurdity as to enable one to reject it. "Nor can I say that in those years of religious, dynastic and political conflict Parliament would not have enacted it at the risk of its seeming absurd." Ernst now lives at Castle Marlbury, near Hanover. He has said he sought British citizenship to confirm his "vested rights."

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News Briefs

OFFER TWO SCHOLARSHIPS—ANTIGONISH, N.S. (CP)—The president of St. Francis Xavier University Wednesday offered two complete scholarships to two Hungarian refugee university students. Msgr. H. J. Somers made the offer in a telegram to Immigration Minister J. W. Pickersill and said the scholarships are "all inclusive" and cover living costs. SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—Mrs. Marian Washen Fox, 85, widow of Rev. J. W. Fox and long known as a writer on Maritime subjects, died in a nursing home here Wednesday. Mrs. Fox also wrote poetry and short stories for children and was a frequent contributor to Canadian magazines and Sunday school papers. She taught school at one time in F. E. I. HOLD TEACHERS MEETING—ANTIGONISH, N.S. (CP)—The Nova Scotia Teachers Union will hold a one-day "workshop" meeting at Judique, N.S., Dec. 8. More than 100 teachers are expected from Antigonish, Guysboro, Richmond and Inverness counties. 1,500 TROOPS—EGYPT (AP)—Lt. Gen. Sir Hugh Stockwell of Britain said Wednesday he had 19,800 troops at his disposal at the height of the military buildup here—13,000 British and 6,500 French. MORE MONEY ADVANCED—OTTAWA (CP)—Another \$10,000,000 government advance has been made to Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited for Prairie natural gas pipeline construction, bringing the total advanced so far to \$43,750,000, it was announced Wednesday. The government has agreed to lend the company up to \$80,000,000 to finance 90 per cent of the cost of building the 375-mile, Alberta-to-Winnipeg portion of the proposed 2,000 mile line. CLOTHING FOR REFUGEES—TORONTO (CP)—The Canadian Junior Red Cross Wednesday contributed \$15,000 to a world-wide Christmas project to provide winter clothing for Hungarian refugee children in Austrian camps. The Red Cross said junior members throughout the world are working on the project, which hopes to give complete winter outfits to some 1,000 children.

DAVIE FULTON COMPLETES CANADIAN TOUR

Davie Fulton M.P. from Kamloops, B.C., youngest aspirant to the leadership of the National Progressive Conservative Party arrived in Charlottetown yesterday afternoon to fulfill a speaking engagement at Souris which is the last of a series of speeches he has been making across Canada in all ten provinces. Mr. Fulton was met at the Charlottetown Airport by a number of party supporters. LEFT Melvin J. McQuaid, Souris Provincial President of the Progressive Conservative Association, Heath MacQuarrie, Federal P. C. Candidate for Queens County; J. Angus MacLean, M.P. for Queens County, Mr. Fulton and Norman Richards, Souris. Mr. Fulton said he was pleased with the reception that he received on his cross-Canada tour. He felt there was a growing tendency toward the Party and predicted a bright future for the next leader who will be chosen at the National convention at Ottawa beginning December 12.

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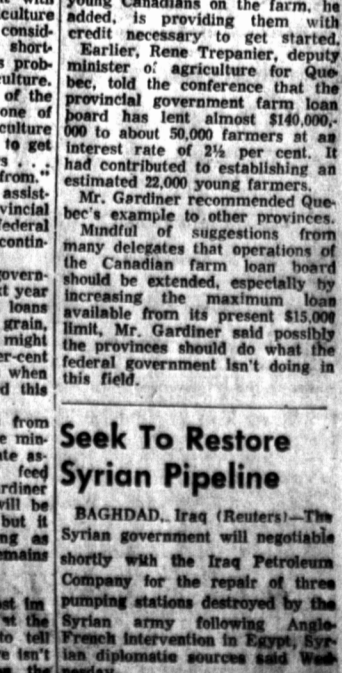
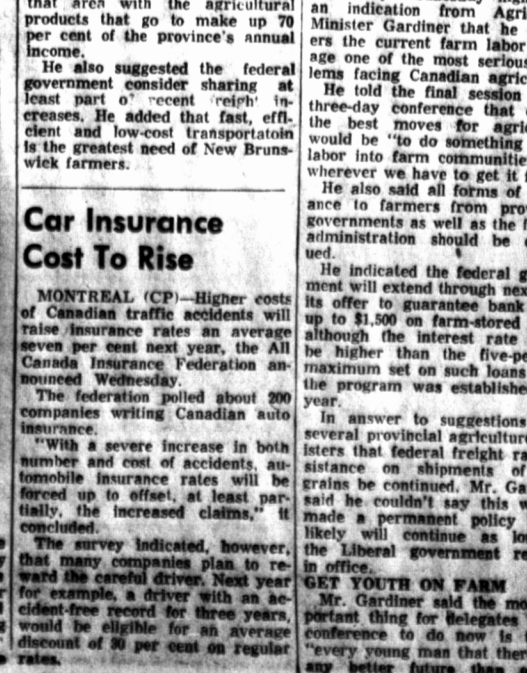
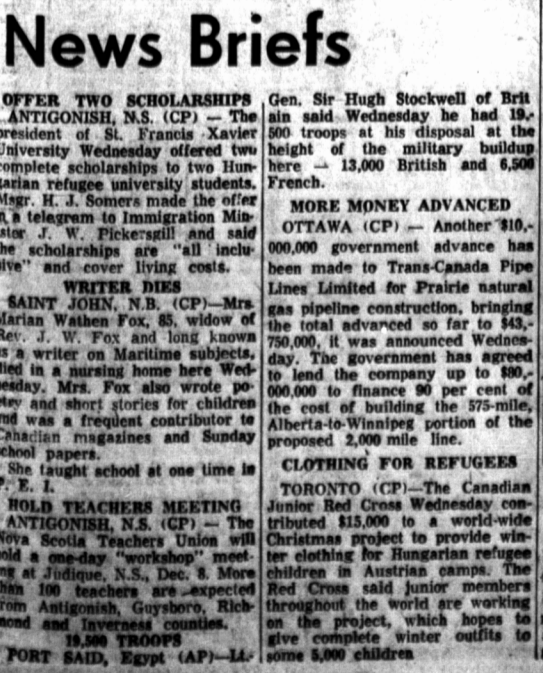
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Agricultural Conference Ends On Note Of Labor Scarcity

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal-provincial agricultural conference wound up Wednesday night with an indication from Agriculture Minister Gardiner that he considers the current farm labor shortage one of the most serious problems facing Canadian agriculture. He told the final session of the three-day conference that one of the best moves for agriculture would be "to do something to get labor into farm communities wherever we have to get it from." He also said all forms of assistance to farmers from provincial governments as well as the federal administration should be continued. He indicated the federal government will extend through next year its offer to guarantee bank loans up to \$1,500 on farm-stored grain, although the interest rate might be higher than the five-per-cent maximum set on such loans when the program was established this year. In answer to suggestions from several provincial agriculture ministers that federal freight rate assistance on shipments of feed grains be continued, Mr. Gardiner said he couldn't say this will be made a permanent policy but it likely will continue as long as the Liberal government remains in office. GET YOUTH ON FARM Mr. Gardiner said the most important thing for legislators to do is to tell every young man that there isn't any better future than on the farm.

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