

\$20,000 For Land Sale Explained By Queens MP

By FARMER TISSINGTON
OTTAWA—Slightly more than a third of an acre of land in Charlottetown, purchased by the department of transport in 1964, cost the government \$20,000, a reply tabled in the Commons Wednesday revealed.

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Hon. J. Angus MacLean had placed a written question on the order paper asking for details of cost of the transaction between the government and A. Pickard and Company of Charlottetown for 0.34 acres of land.

The department said that the cost of the land itself had been \$7,428 but that other costs had raised the total figure to \$19,345 and, for an amicable settlement, the figure was rounded to \$20,000 which was considered very reasonable.

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Centennial Plans Said On Schedule

REGINA (CP)—Centennial programs and projects at the national level are proceeding on schedule, says Maurice Lamontagne, secretary of state and minister in charge of centennial affairs.

In a luncheon speech Wednesday to delegates attending the two-day national centennial conference here, Mr. Lamontagne outlined the major national projects and their progress.

Underlying each project or program is the awareness that we are rapidly approaching our centennial of Confederation at a time when the idea of Confederation itself is being debated as never before.

One-third of the nation's population is made up of people under 25 years of age and some of these will be called on in the future to lead their country.

He also worked at the National Employment Office here for approximately three years.

Mr. Lamontagne revealed that the centennial commission will bring a re-enactment of the story of Confederation to the four Western provinces this fall, starting leading Canadian actors. The tours will visit about 40 Western cities and towns.

He said more than \$110,000,000 in expenditures had been approved under the centennial grants program and the Confederation memorial program for projects throughout the country at the federal, provincial and municipal levels.

He did not elaborate.

Russia Indicates Luna V Failed In Soft Landing

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union announced its spacecraft Luna V hit the moon Wednesday night but indicated it had failed to make a "soft landing" on the lunar surface.

The purpose of a soft landing is to continue to receive radioed information after the craft lands on the moon. By saying information was obtained only in the approach, the announcement indicated the moon shot was at least a partial failure.

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Top Policy Statement Seen In Peking Story

PEKING (Reuters)—The Chinese people and armed forces have been told to be prepared to face any eventuality—from nuclear bombing to negotiations—in the struggle with the United States over Viet Nam.

He reiterated China's pledge to send men to fight "together with the people of Viet Nam when they need us."

Peking newspapers splashed an article from the Communist party theoretical journal, Red Flag, by Gen. Lo Jui-ching, a vice-premier and one of the top military leaders in the party and government.

Some observers here believed that in addition to psychological preparation of the population, the article aimed at making clear to Hanoi and Moscow China's determination to maintain its militant stand on Viet Nam.

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Senate Retirement Bill Is Declared Absurdity



NURSES GRADUATE FROM CITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL

Dr. J. H. Maloney (right) president of the medical staff of the Charlottetown Hospital, talks with two of the graduates and the guest speaker at last night's graduation exercises of the hospital school of nursing and x-ray technology.

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Legion Of Honor NDP Suggestion

OTTAWA (CP)—New Democrat MP suggested Wednesday that, if the prime minister needs a way to reward political supporters, he do it through "a Legion of Honor with a good pension" and not through the Senate.

This can be accomplished, he recommended specifically that half the members of the 102-seat chamber be appointed by the provinces and that the Upper House be given more work to do.

Colin Cameron (Nagaimo-Cowichan-The Islands) put the idea before the Commons in one of several light-hearted speeches on the government's proposed bill to retire senators, now appointed for life, at age 75.

The Senate, for example, could take over the functions now performed by royal commissions. There are enough able senators to make such inquiries and it would be far cheaper than appointing outside commissioners at large salaries.

The British Columbia member said he had heard a few Liberals argue that the Senate is a necessary institution in providing the prime minister with a place in which to put supporters when they have outlived their usefulness.

The government bill would provide a pension of \$8,000 a year for retired senators, who draw a \$15,000 annual indemnity now while serving.

"If it is such a political convenience without which the prime minister couldn't operate, then I'd suggest he retire these people in some other way. Maybe he could set up a Legion of Honor with a good pension."

He singled out several senators and cited their qualifications as examples of the calibre of the members in that chamber.

The only answer for the present Senate, said Mr. Cameron, is the NDP proposal to abolish it. The upper chamber as it now stands is "an affront to democracy."

Gerald A. Regan (L-Halifax) said he opposed suggestions of appointments to the Senate by the provinces or any other bodies. This would be a further step in "stripping the authority of the federal government."

He termed the government legislation "an absolute absurdity" and expressed strong doubts it is really only a first step toward Senate reform.

At one point he asked Social Credit Leader Thompson whether he would "accept a Senate seat," then added "I think he doth protest too much."

Gene Rheume (PC-Northwest Territories) said he is in favor of retaining the Upper House, but the people of the north "want to get in on it."

When the small parties had "men of sufficient quality" they would place men in the Senate, he said.

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Mr. Favreau Keeps Silent On Spy Case

OTTAWA (CP)—Justice Minister Favreau declined Wednesday to tell the Commons how fast the RCMP informed himself and Prime Minister Pearson on their discovery of an attempted Soviet espionage plot.

Pressed on this point by New Democrat Leader Douglas, Mr. Favreau said he would want to check into it "in the minutest detail" and then decide whether it is in the public interest to disclose the information.

Mr. Favreau replied only that he was advised of the situation "in the normal course in regard to such security investigations." He did not elaborate.

No Changes In Boundary, Joey Says Of Labrador

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Premier Smallwood made it plain Wednesday that he would never tolerate an alteration of the boundary between Quebec and Labrador.

Commenting on Quebec Premier Lesage's statement Wednesday that any agreement between Hydro-Quebec and British-Newfoundland Corporation on carrying power from the Churchill Falls power development in Labrador through Quebec might be governed by the boundary dispute between the two provinces, Mr. Smallwood said:

There will be no changes, and I repeat, there will be no changes. No alterations, no modifications, no amendments. There will be no changes of any kind whatsoever in the boundary between Quebec and Labrador. Not now, not anytime, under any imaginable conditions.

Lobster Season Is C.B. Delayed

OTTAWA (CP)—Serious ice conditions have forced a one-week postponement to May 22 of the lobster fishing season along part of the Cape Breton coast.

The postponement, Fisheries Minister Robichaud announced Wednesday applies to district 6B which extends from High Capes in the northern part of Inverness County around the northern end of Cape Breton Island. It includes the sea coasts of Victoria and Cape Breton counties as far south as Indian Point, as well as the adjacent Bras d'Or Lakes.

Fishermen will be allowed to set out their traps the day before the start of the season, which now will end July 21 instead of July 15.

Mr. Robichaud added that the Senate appointment might be the way to get an Eskimo representative into Parliament.

Dominican Settlement Is Forecast

SANTO DOMINGO (AP)—An Organization of American States team met with Dominican rebel leaders Wednesday and an insurgent official said: "There's every reason to hope we are near a settlement."

The rebel official, Foreign Minister Jotin Cury of the rebel government, declined to give specific reasons. But he said a peaceful solution depended on the dismissal of some key military officers backing the rival civilian-military junta.

Cury ruled out a coalition government, saying "our objective is the restoration of the constitution." He said that acceptance of a coalition "with elements from the other side would be a repudiation of constitutional objectives for which we have fought."

Cyclones Hit East Pakistan

DACCA (AP)—Cyclones raged through Dacca and other East Pakistan districts Wednesday killing 20 persons, injuring more than 100, uprooting trees, sinking barges and damaging hundreds of homes.

Starting at about midnight, the storms with 100-mile-an-hour winds tore in from the Bay of Bengal and lasted eight hours.

John A.'s Home To Become Site

TORONTO (CP)—A house in which Sir John A. Macdonald once lived here, will be purchased by a private group for \$18,000 and preserved as an historic site.

Mayfield, the name given the house when Samuel Trees bought it in 1875, had been earmarked for demolition.

Controlled by Margaret Campbell, who has been interested in saving the house, said a trust fund will be set up to raise an additional \$22,000 so that the furniture also can be purchased.

Atlantic Allies Reaffirm Right Of Self-Determination

LONDON (Reuters)—The Atlantic allies reaffirmed Wednesday night the right of national self-determination and specifically mentioned Viet Nam, the Dominican Republic, Malaysia and "some African states."

The 15-country North Atlantic Treaty Organization ended its ministerial council session here 24 hours earlier than originally planned.

A communique made no direct comment on American policy in Viet Nam or the Dominican Republic — both of which were discussed in the two-day talks here.

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The communique passage on Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic — reported reached after Rusk met with his French and British counterparts and NATO Secretary-General Manlio Brosio — emphasized only the self-determination stand.

Palace Has Brief Fire

LONDON (Reuters)—Fire broke out Wednesday at Buckingham palace, London home of Queen Elizabeth. The Queen was in residence at the time, but the blaze was confined to a second-floor staff room on the western front of the palace.

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TWO MURDER CHARGES

Marcel Bernier, 43, is led from a Shawigan, Que. courtroom after being arrested on two capital murder charges. He is accused of the slaying of Denise

Thérien, 16, in 1961 and of the slaying of Laurette Beaudoin, 29, in 1962.

(CP Wirephoto)

British Legion Founder Dies

LONDON (AP)—Major Gen Sir Rubel Cohen, 78, founder member of the British Legion and prominent as a worker for wounded veterans, died at his London home Monday. It was announced Wednesday.

Cohen, son of a lord mayor of Liverpool, was badly wounded at the Battles of Ypres in 1917. He had both legs amputated above the knee.

Though he spent most of his adult life in a wheelchair, he went on to represent a Conservative Liverpool district in the Commons for 13 years and served on more than 30 government committees and voluntary organizations for the disabled.

He was a member of the committee that in 1921 framed the constitution of the British Legion, and was its honorary treasurer until 1946, with a two-year break in 1930-32 as vice-chairman.