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FISHERIES MEN MEET

Problems of the Atlantic coast fisheries engage the attention of top fisheries officials attending the first annual meeting of the federal-provincial Atlantic fisheries committee in Ottawa this week.

and industry, N.S.; Dr. Arthur Larabee, deputy minister of fisheries, Quebec; John Paterson, deputy minister of industry and development, N.B.; E. M. Gorman, deputy minister of fisheries, P.E.I.; Jean Duguay, superintendent, department of fish and game, Quebec; George R. Clark, federal deputy minister of fisheries; Eric Gosse, deputy minister of fisheries, Nfld.; A. T. Pelletier, chief of the fish and wildlife branch, department of lands and mines, N.B.

Deficiency Egg Payments Proposed By Government

Box Cars Will Carry Reflective Markings

OTTAWA (CP)—A trial run of a new device to help keep motorists from running into the side of freight trains is ordered Thursday by the board of transport commissioners.

Causeway Story Coming

OTTAWA (CP)—Transport Minister Hees said he expects to be advised soon by the works department on a study of the feasibility of a causeway to link Prince Edward Island with the mainland.

He was replying in the Commons to CCF House Leader Hazen Argue, who asked whether the government is considering buying the United States vessel Vacationland to improve ferry ferry service to P.E.I.

Mr. Hees said this is one of several ideas being considered for "further improvement" of the ferry service, which now has two vessels.

Lionel Chevrier (L.—Montreal) asked whether it wouldn't be best to construct a causeway as had been promised by the government for two years.

Mr. Hees said he has been informed that the works department hopes to advise him soon on building of the causeway.

POPE'S LAUGH IS ON LEFFE

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope John got a laugh Thursday from 200 residents of Leffe, a small town near the Pope's own birthplace of Sotto il Monte in Bergamo province.

While he was in Istanbul years ago, the Pope said at an audience, a man from Leffe posed as a Persian and tried to sell him a rug.

Old Workers Are Defended

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor Minister Starr said Thursday in the Commons he hopes shortly to convince Canadian employers they are taking a shortsighted view on the question of older workers.

Support Price Holds For Year

OTTAWA (CP)—The government plans to make deficiency payments to egg producers to prevent large-scale commercial producers from reaping the benefit of egg price supports which are being continued for another 12 months.

Agriculture Minister Harkness announced to the Commons Thursday that the support price of 44 cents a dozen for grade A large eggs at Montreal will be continued until May 5, 1960.

The continued expansion in egg production can be largely attributed to the growth in numbers and size of large commercial producers, he said.

The present support program was providing an incentive to commercial operators to increase production. Disposal of the surplus accumulated by the government was creating "an extremely serious problem."

Mr. Harkness said every effort will be made to put the deficiency payments plan for eggs into operation as early as possible.

type of payment sought by a Prairie farm delegation in March.

Mr. Harkness interjected "you do not understand what deficiency payments are" as Mr. Pearson completed his criticism. The minister said the payment to egg producers "would be calculated on the difference between the actual market price for shell eggs for the period concerned and the prescribed support price."

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Parliament At-A-Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thursday, May 7, 1959

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Agriculture Minister Harkness announced extension of the 44-cent-a-dozen egg price support for one year and plans to institute a deficiency payment system on eggs.

Revenue Minister Nowlan said the CFC will take disciplinary action against those responsible for the French TV program about the founder of the Grey Nuns order.

'Go North' Is Advice

HALIFAX (CP)—Rev. Harry S. Shepherd of Toronto told graduates of the University of King's College here Thursday to go north for "service, adventure and profit."

Mr. Shepherd, who spent 25 years in Canada's Arctic as missionary, teacher and minister in Anglican missions, received an honorary doctor of divinity degree at convocation exercises.

He said if graduates are of the "right stuff" they would never regret going into the Arctic. In the field of service they could help Eskimos, the first Canadians, a people whose "natural assets are too valuable to be lost."

Mr. Shepherd, a native of Grand Manan, N.B., and a former deacon of the diocese of Fredericton, now is rector of Pickering parish near Toronto.

OTHER DEGREES

Also receiving an honorary doctor of divinity degree was Rev. Derwyn R. G. Owen of Toronto, provost of Trinity College.

Seaway Ports Are Criticized

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—The captain of a German cargo ship Thursday criticized the St. Lawrence-Seaway, the Welland Canal and Detroit harbor facilities, warning that each will have to be doubled in size if inland ports want to retain European trade.

Captain Helmut Donat, skipper of the Hermann Schulte, the first foreign ship to dock in Windsor this year, said the seaway is incapable of handling the influx of foreign vessels scheduled to sail to this year.

He criticized the "incompetence" of the new crews on the seaway locks and blamed the vessel tie-ups and boat traffic jams on the lack of facilities and dock workers.

WAIT AT ANCHOR

As Capt. Donat spoke, four foreign vessels were anchored in the Detroit River, waiting to find docking space at the Detroit marine terminal which is experiencing the worst traffic jam in its history.

Capt. Donat said the entire seaway is "poorly arranged." Once through the seaway locks Capt. Donat complained that he was 36th in line going through the Welland Canal.

"I was held up for more than 28 hours and that costs us a lot of money — \$750 a day for that wait."

Planes Cost \$11 Million

OTTAWA (CP)—Trans-Canada Air Lines has been approached to buy supersonic jet passenger planes, president Gordon McGregor said Thursday.

He told the Commons railway committee that such planes would have a speed of 1,800 miles an hour and cost \$11,000,000 apiece. Mr. McGregor did not indicate what TCA has done about the approach, and he did not say who has tried the sale.

Russians Are Challenged By State Secretary Herter

WASHINGTON (AP)—State Secretary Christian A. Herter called on the Russians Thursday night for "businesslike negotiations and not a propaganda exercise" at the big four foreign ministers meeting opening in Geneva Monday.

In a report carried by radio and television, Herter said the West will stand firm in upholding allied rights and responsibilities in Berlin.

He also promised the West will go to Geneva "honestly and in good faith to seek some advance, even if small, toward a just peace."

Herter, speaking two weeks after he was named to succeed John Foster Dulles as state secretary, outlined his views on the Geneva parley.

STEP TOWARD SUMMIT

He said President Eisenhower hopes that the Geneva foreign ministers meeting will develop in such a way as to lead later to a summit conference.

"This means that the foreign ministers meeting must give some promise that a summit meeting would have a reasonable prospect of advancing the cause of peace," Herter said.

"The eyes of the world are bound to be focused on a meeting of the heads of government. It would be unfair to all peoples to risk shattering their hopes and expectations by engaging in summit talks under conditions likely to produce failure."

Herter said that if the Russians refuse to negotiate seriously at the Geneva meeting "the world will see that it is the Soviet Union alone which is blocking the free choice of the German people and the chance for true peace."

UNITED FRONT

Herter said the United States, Britain and France are firmly united on proposals they believe will advance the cause of peace.

He ruled out any one-sided Western concession to the Russians as the price for easing Soviet demands that the Allies get out of Berlin.

"One fact must be faced squarely," Herter said. "Fear and appeasement will not in the long run reduce the danger of war."

"Only courage and a firm stand on our rights and principles can do this."

"Once the Communist rulers soberly realize the depth of our solemn Berlin commitment, we believe they will refrain from putting to trial by force the present right and obligation of the Western powers to preserve the freedom of the people of West Berlin."

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END OCCUPATION

Such a compromise might shape up this way: The Russians technically would end their occupation of East Berlin, something the Allies cannot prevent in any case.

From this, the East Germans would gain prestige. They would also get the power to close the East Berlin border, thus sealing off West Berlin from contacts with the East German population.

On the lifelines to West Berlin, the Allies probably would look the other way as East Germans took over the checkpoints from the Red Army and began stamping convoy documents.

7TH AWARD OF 90

Music Festival Marks Are High

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Interest Rate Hikes Again

OTTAWA (CP)—The Bank of Canada interest rate rose for the eighth consecutive week, increasing to 5.16 per cent this week from 5.01 a week ago, the central bank reported Thursday.

The rate is set at one-quarter of one per cent above the average yield of 91-day treasury bills. The current peak compares with the all-time low of 1.12 per cent set last Aug. 2.

Plot In Portugal Is Said Crushed

LISBON (Reuters)—The regime of Premier Antonio Salazar, in power in Portugal for 27 years, reported Thursday it secretly crushed a plot "to alter public order" two months ago and arrested 31 persons.

The government linked the plot with Gen. Humberto Delgado, defeated candidate in the presidential elections last year. Delgado since has been granted political asylum in Brazil.

The announcement came from External Affairs Minister Col. Arnaldo Schulz in an interview with the Lisbon newspaper O Seculo.

Schulz said Delgado's advisers had "cynically thought to create a conflict with Brazil."

He said of the 31 persons arrested 22 were civilians and nine officers—the highest ranking a major.

"As well as Communist inspiration, there was the influence of political fanaticism created by the so-called opposition during the electoral campaign," he said. Schulz said the plot was discovered in the first half of March.

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but the government kept it secret to help investigations and "because it was useless to create public alarm" over something which "after all did not take place."

Asked whether the plot was connected with Delgado or other recent cases of political asylum, Schulz replied: "Everything points to the affirmative."

WORST IN POST-WAR PERIOD

Widespread Fear Of Inflation Is Seen By Howe In Canada Now

MONTREAL (CP)—Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, a Liberal cabinet minister from 1935 until his defeat in the 1957 federal election, said Thursday night "the fear of inflation is widespread in Canada, more so than at any time in the post-war period."

In an address at the annual meeting of the Dominion Mortgage and Investment Association, the 73-year-old former trade minister gave the Progressive Conservative government some advice on the problem of inflation and how to beat it.

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George Drew, Canadian high commissioner to London, chats with Prime Minister Diefenbaker following a luncheon with the new prime minister and members of his cabinet in Ottawa this week.

SPECULATION ON DREW

The meeting prompted speculation that Mr. Drew, former Progressive Conservative party leader, is among those being considered for the external affairs portfolio left vacant by the death of Sidney Smith.

Mr. Drew had flown from London two weeks earlier to attend the funeral of his father-in-law Dr. Edward Johnson of Guelph, Ont. (CP Photo)

Halifax Seeks Winter Fair

HALIFAX (CP)—Donald Oland said Wednesday night the Maritime winter fair would bring more than \$500,000 annually into the city.

Mr. Oland is chairman of a trade committee which seeks to locate the fair here. Mr. Oland told a city service club if the fair were held here it would attract five times as many people as when it was staged in Amherst, where it is competing with Moncton and Saint John, N.B. for the fair which was postponed last year when fire destroyed its buildings in Amherst.

Mr. Oland said officials of the Maritime Stock Breeders Association which sponsors the fair will inspect facilities in Halifax May 20.