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Full Airing Of Problem On January 8

Confab May Set Seal Of Auxiliary Squadrons

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OTTAWA — Commanders of the RCAF's 12 auxiliary flying squadrons have been summoned to Ottawa Jan. 8 for a special one-day conference which will set the seal on their future.

No public announcement of the conference has been made, but it is learned that a full airing will be given to the airforce's numerous problems. Which do the auxiliaries want first: modern Dyers to fly, or if they can't fly jets?

THE DECISION on that problem, which the air force has wrestled with for more than a year, will be announced to parliament by Defence Minister Campney sometime in the coming session.

The jet is expected the conference at RCAF headquarters here next week will keep its secrets from the squadron commanders.

The conference comes at a crucial time when the auxiliary squadrons are up in arms over the RCAF's decision to equip them with the CF-100 all-weather interceptor.

TO DATE THEY have not been told what their future role will be. It has been learned there will be integrated secondary jobs such as transport, training and tactical support.

The special conference has been called on a Sunday to interfere as little as possible with the squadron commanders' regular employment. It is the first full-dress meeting of this kind to be held here.

It will be addressed by Air Marshal C. Foy Slemon, chief of the air staff, and other senior officers. Defence Minister Campney will not take part.

THE SPARE-TIME pilots will be give a opportunity to present their views on the junking of the fighter role for which they were originally trained.

But it is understood here the purpose of the conference is not as much to solicit their opinions as to acquaint them with the new air force policy and the reasons behind it.

Significance is attached to the fact that the commanding officers of all auxiliary squadrons in training will also attend.

These two ground trades have proved particularly well adapted to part-time airmen and their role is slated for expansion.

NAMED PATRON SAINT

VATICAN CITY (Reuters) — The Pope Sunday declared the apostle Matthew to be the patron saint of accountants and bookkeepers. Matthew was the apostle who gave up tax collecting to follow Christ.

Minimum Wage Raised To $1 In United States

5,000,000 Workers To Get Increase On March 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 3,000,000 U.S. workers, and perhaps several million more will get automatic pay raises during 1956.

Those raises will boost the annual wage bill of U.S. industry $5,000,000,000 or more.

The pay increases either have been negotiated by labor unions or will come through a jump in the federal minimum wage on March 1 from the present 75 cents an hour to $1.

A LABOR department survey released Tuesday night showed that approximately 2,000,000 persons in a range of six to 11 cents an hour or from $2.40 to $4.40 for a 40-hour week.

Some of those union-negotiated pay boosts will be as low as three cents, some as high as 35 cents an hour. Some workers stand to get as much as 25 cents an hour more through the higher minimum wage.

OTHER LABOR news:

The Detroit newspaper strike, which has closed the city's three metropolitan dailies, entered the 35th day today with no negotiations scheduled between the striking unions and the seven unions officially on strike.

THE TORONTO Globe and Mail says according to unofficial figures the General Motors strike in Oshawa, Ont., has cost the auto-making industry in Canada a net loss of 11,000 cars and 3,000 trucks without its Canadian subsidiary in number of man-days lost.

"With 74 days of production lost in the group which closed GM plants last Sept. 19, the toll of man days lost has reached 1,584,000, exceeding the record of 1,121,000 during a Maritimes coal mine strike in 1925."

NO FURTHER violence was reported Tuesday night at the gates of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation plant at Hamilton, Ont. where one man died, and 10 persons were injured, seven including 12 women, were nailed following a disturbance earlier in the day.

Rail Conciliation Board Is Named

OTTAWA (CP)—Eric H. Taylor, Toronto industrial relations consultant, has been named chairman of a federal conciliation board to deal with the contract dispute between the railways and 150,000 non-operating employees.

Mr. Taylor will head a three-man board that includes David Lewis, Toronto lawyer who was named by the railway unions, and Paul R. Gerin, Montreal lawyer and representative of the company.

Labor Minister Gregg appointed Mr. Taylor after the company and union board members failed to agree on a chairman.

BLIZZARD VICTIM FOUND

WEYBURN, Sask. (CP)—The RCMP reports finding the frozen body of 36-year-old district farmhand George Buttes, the fourth victim of December's big blizzard.

THOMAS L. O'KEEFE, QC, recently appointed by Premier E. C. Manning as a Queen's Counsel.

Antarctic Village Growing

LITTLE AMERICA, Antarctica (AP) — Little America, the world's first mechanized village on a gently rolling desert of endless snow some 30 miles east of Admiral Richard E. Byrd's four previous Antarctic camps.

For the brief communicating ceremony today, only three tents and assorted orange-colored tractors were seen on the scene. It looked like the last forty men on a desolation spot in a white infinity.

BUT WITHIN TWO months United States Navy navy will have completed a modern village of 126 buildings, spread over 160 acres, which for the next three years will be the main base for Operation Deepfreeze.

BUT THEY WILL have comfortable quarters with carpeted floors, radio, movies, photographs, a well stocked library and just about everything except fresh fruit.

Rear Admiral George J. Dufek, who will winter here, said he expects the men's biggest problem to be boredom. To help combat it, he hopes, to plant "good thoughts" to stimulate thinking and conversation.

Certification Vote Planned

(By Herald Correspondent)

MEDICINE HAT — An all-out campaign to unite cattle, sheep and the United Mineworkers of America and the United Glass and Ceramics Workers of America for the right to represent three Medicine Hat and district plants will be climaxed Thursday when the Alberta Board of Industrial Relations conducts a certification vote at the three plants.

Some 300 employees are eligible to vote, including 200 at the Medicine Hat Brick and Tile, 31 at Redcliff Pressed Brick and 31 at Redcliff Premier Brick. Voting will take place at the respective plants between 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. The sealed ballot boxes will be returned to Edmonton, and the result announced by the provincial government.

Potent Christmas Mixture Explodes

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A glass jug of apple cider left over from Governor G. Mennen Williams' Christmas office party exploded while stenographers were working in the office reception room Tuesday.

The explosion shot the neck of the jug 20 feet across the room and showered frightened office workers with glass and cider.

Simple Funeral Held For Anglican Prelate

YORK, England (AP) — Simple funeral services were held at Yorkminster today for Dr. Cyril Garbett, 80-year-old Archbishop of York, who died Saturday.

The Princess Royal, aunt of Queen Elizabeth, represented the Royal Family at the funeral for the bishop, headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, attended the last rites for the Anglican Church's second ranking prelate.

Mayor Successful In 35th Campaign

SILVER MINES, Ont. (CP)—Mayor Albert Grigg, at 82 a great Lincoln-like figure with a love of words and his 35th column, today entered his 36th consecutive year as civic magistrate of this mining community. He was the man to stand against him, E. A. White, 70, by 178 votes to 70.

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Intensive Campaign Planned

Highway Safety Need Noted By Conference

Special Dispatch To The Herald

TORONTO — An urgent need for a nation-wide effort to reduce the ever mounting accident toll was stressed today by W. M. V. Ash, chairman of the Canadian Highway Safety Conference.

Canada swung into 1956 with the blackest New Year's holiday in her history with 82 deaths, 20 of them caused in traffic mishaps.

AIM OF THE AIMS of the conference's programs, Mr. Ash said, is to "regulate, license, signs and similar devices, speed limits and zoning, to restrain the criminal code with respect to motoring offences, to obtain uniformity and acceptance of driver license suspension and to bring pressure to bear on people to establishment of permanent safety organizations, to instigate periodic re-examination of drivers and motor vehicles and to engage in exhaustive research into human and physical factors of traffic safety.

Mr. Ash paid tribute to a number of communities where "we are determined to get something done" and cited Caroll's illegally from New York City six months ago.

RCMP CREDITED

Evidence was that Miss Elm bought some 350 marijuana cigarettes from the accused.

Chamber Wants Taxation Relief

MONTREAL (CP) — The Canadian Chamber of Commerce calls for a number of specific changes in income tax, excise tax and Dominion succession duty taxes in a brief made public Thursday.

None of its suggestions are new, officers readily admit.

THE BRIEF was prepared by the chamber's public finance and taxation committee—part of its executive council—and mailed to Ottawa for scrutiny by Finance Minister Harris and Revenue Minister McCann.

The government has been asked to increase medical expense deductions on personal income by applying the three-per-cent "floor" to income after personal exemptions; to provide greater tax rates applicable to corporations regardless of ownership; to appeal professional accountants to the income tax appeal board; to "simplify and clarify continually . . . the accounting problems."

THE CCC ALSO suggests tax assessments by the department of national revenue should be issued only after taxpayers' returns have been "adequately reviewed."

In order to reassure a taxpayer, except in fraud cases, should be limited to one-year period dating from assessment, it is contended. Assessments should be issued in less years as well as profit years, and taxpayers should "have the right to appeal from any assessment."

Ike Has Plan To Cut Surplus

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Times says President Eisenhower will send to Congress this week a plan to cut the 1956-57 agricultural program not by as much as 25 per cent the big surplus-producing crops at corn, wheat, cotton and rice.

A Washington dispatch in the newspaper adds the plan would permit the government to reward farmers in cash or in kind for reducing their already allotted acreage of the crops.

THE PLAN WOULD work this way: A farmer who voluntarily cooperated with the government by cutting his allotted acres would be given two . . .

He could take a government certificate which he could turn into cash, or he could receive from the government surplus stock a quantity of the kind of crop he grew and dispose of it as he saw fit.

HEADMASTERS PREXY

OAKVILLE, Ont. (CP)— R. L. Gordon, headmaster of St. John's-Ravenscourt school, Winnipeg, has been elected president of the Headmasters Association of Canadian independent schools.

Ambassadors Meet In London

LONDON (Reuters) — Selwyn Lloyd, the new British foreign secretary, opened a two-day conference today on the critical Middle East situation resulting from Egypt's drive to spread her influence there.

Seven British ambassadors in the area and the political readers in the Persian Gulf flew to London this week to take part in the appraisal of Western policy.

THIS IS to be re-examined in Washington later this month by President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Eden.

Diplomatic observers here expect the British ambassadors to give Lloyd a pessimistic picture of the present chances of a peace settlement between the Arab states and Israel.

Policewoman Nabs Narcotics Pedlar After False Pose

MONTREAL (CP) — An undercover policewoman baited the trap for Mana Pardeshian, 38, self-styled New York artist who was sentenced Tuesday to two years for marijuana trafficking.

Police said Pardeshian at various times had gone under the name of Emmanuel Trujillo and eight other names. He entered Canada illegally from New York City six months ago.

RCMP CREDITED clever undercover work by Montreal city policewoman Mary Elm with providing proof in the case when she posed as a corrupt cop willing to take bribes.

Evidence was that Miss Elm bought some 350 marijuana cigarettes from the accused.

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