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Prime ministers facing crisis as South African issue looms

PRIME MINISTER John Diefenbaker and his wife arrive at London airport Friday to attend the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference which started today. —CP from AP.

Parley crucial one for group's unity

LONDON (CP)—The leaders of 11 Commonwealth powers today opened a conference that may provide a turning point in the association that binds them.

The leaders met at 10 Downing Street, official residence of Prime Minister Macmillan, for the first of their confidential sessions.

The 11 men represent some 700,000,000 people of many races—a quarter of the world's total population.

CRUCIAL ISSUE

For the first time in the history of Commonwealth meetings, they are confronted by an issue setting one of them apart from the rest—the problem of South Africa's racialist policies.

Police, mindful of weekend anti-South African demonstrations, took the unusual step of clearing all sightseers from Downing Street today. There were no disturbances.

In the next 11 days the prime ministers must find a way of dealing with the problem in terms mild enough to avoid driving the South African representative, External Affairs Minister Eric Louw, out of the chamber, yet forthright enough to convince South Africa's critics that the issue has not been glossed over.

Before their eve-of-conference dinner with the Royal Family at Windsor Castle Monday night, the troubled statesmen gave ample evidence of their efforts to find a middle way.

ABHOR DISCRIMINATION

Canada's John Diefenbaker, departing from the text of a prepared speech, told a luncheon meeting that equality of races and peoples must be a major principle in the Commonwealth. Later, at a Baptist assembly, he said all Christians must abhor racial discrimination.

But the Canadian leader also found time for a private meeting with Louw, and there was no indication their talk was unfriendly.

A simuar pattern was followed by India's Prime Minister Nehru, who called upon South Africa to change her policies but added that he appreciated the political difficulties involved.

Britain's Prime Minister Macmillan had private talks with Nehru, Prime Minister Nkruman of Ghana and Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman of Malaya, all outspoken opponents of apartheid, and there were reports that he had persuaded them to agree to keeping the South African discussions unofficial.

"...Why fight it Ambrose? The city's not charging you for it. Jubilee Year, you know."

Anti-polio clinic slated Friday night

Follow-up vaccinations against polio will be given at another Kinsmen Club-sponsored clinic at the Skeena Health Unit, Friday night.

W. A. Gordon, chairman of the Kinsmen anti-polio campaign said that the clinic would be held for persons who have yet to receive second and third anti-polio shots, between 7 and 8:30 p.m. Friday.

He said that Kinettes will be on hand to assist Skeena Health unit personnel.

Morven Fund now $1,654

Cuthbert Morven Family Fund climbed past the $1,600 mark today.

The Women's Auxiliary to the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union donated $128.10 while Margaret C. Brain deposited $25.

The donations bring the total to $1,654.58 from $1,526.48 last week.

Tenders called for roads to airport aids

Tenders for the construction of three miles of access roads to radio aids locations for Prince Rupert airport on Digby Island were called yesterday by the Department of Transport.

The tenders will be received up to 3 p.m. May 19.

Bids for the overhead powerline and distribution to the airport have been received but the contract has not yet been awarded.

Lowest of $124,208.80 was submitted by Saltspring Contracting Limited of Vancouver.

Prince Rupert has now gone 475 days without a fatal traffic accident.

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LOTS OF WORK DONE

Murray raps critics of work on highway

Prince Rupert MLA William H. Murray got tired of turning the other cheek to Chamber of Commerce critics last night and let fly with a blast at members for continually assailing Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi and the highways department over Highway 16.

As a result, a letter of protesting Mr. Gaglardi's news that the 1960-1961 program will not complete the hardsurfacing of Highway 16 between Terrace and Prince Rupert, was referred to the chamber's highways committee for study and later action.

Mr. Gaglardi's letter replying to a previous chamber "strong protest" urging the completion of the paving between Prince Rupert and Terrace, said that he could "not advise, definitely that the 1960-61 program will complete the hard-surfacing of Highway 16 between Terrace and Prince Rupert.

CERTAIN FUNDS

"Certain funds are contained in the estimates for further paving, base gravelling and hot-mix beyond the end of the 1959 pavement, but there still will be some sections uncompleted."

Mr. Gaglardi wrote that "later in the year we may be able to obtain funds for further paving but I am not able to make any commitment on this."

The letter was almost filed when W. J. Scott urged the meeting not to accept the letter.

He recalled two years ago when he accompanied Premier Bennett, Mr. Gaglardi and Recreation Minister Westwood to see highway 16 by the Skeena River and the premier described Prince Rupert as the oldest community with the worst roads."

"It was my understanding," Mr. Scott said that the road was to be finished this year.

A. P. Crawley, vice-president of the chamber said that the phrase "1959 pavement was ambiguous as the contractor on the Prince Rupert end hadn't completed the mileage expected" and that this year's money was going to be spent finishing last year's work.

1960 SAID DEADLINE

Dr. L. M. Greene, past president of the Chamber said it had been his understanding for some years that the paving of Highway 16 between Terrace and Prince Rupert was to be finished in 1960.

Neil McDonald said that during the last provincial election campaign Highways Minister Gaglardi had said on the platform here that by 1960 motorists would be able to drive from Prince Rupert to Vancouver on black top.

He said the chamber should "go after" the contractors to get the work done. The crushing plant was there and the paving machinery nearby, he said.

Mr. Scott said that the chamber should consider the fact that if rip-rapping of the highway was necessary, then the chamber should urge the highways department to get on with the work, as the chamber didn't want the highway dropping off into the Skeena River any more than anyone else.

"If it's necessary to rip-rap then let's rip-rap," Mr. Scott said, adding "Let's get some work done."

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See — MURRAY

Chamber plans policy study on donations

The Chamber of Commerce will review its policy of giving donations to various organizations and associations within the city.

The chamber took the action last night after it had granted a $25 donation to the Prince Rupert Civic Band.

W. J. Scott said he believed that every chamber member gave individually and yet under present circumstances members were asked to see chamber revenues, mostly from fees paid by members, donated a second time to the same organizations.

Last month the chamber donated $25 to the Prince Rupert District Boy Scout association.

Mr. Scott's motion that the executive review the chamber's policy of making donations, was unanimously approved.

Fishing camp operator, J. Stack dies

A 49-year old fish camp operator, John Joseph Stack, died at Dundas Island Saturday.

Mr. Stack was operating the fish camp for Pacific Canneries at the time of his death.

Born in Ontario, he lived in Terrace and Smithers before coming to Prince Rupert 15 years ago. He lived here for some years before going to Dundas Island.

Mr. Stack's survivors have not been located and no funeral arrangements have been set.

B.C. BRIEFS

Wife faces murder charge after husband stabbed

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Vancouver woman was charged with murder Monday in the butcher-knife slaying of her husband.

The murder charge warrant was signed Monday but was still to be executed against Mrs. Irene Dorothy Johnson, 37.

The woman, suffering from severe shock, was under heavy sedation in hospital and police were unable to question her.

Her husband, Theodore Martin Johnson, 42, was found slain Monday morning in the blood-spattered bedroom of their South Vancouver home.

Police said the husky, six-foot carpenter had been stabbed twice in the throat with an eight-inch butcher-knife.

Last inspection

VICTORIA (CP)—Decision on a successor for Rear-Admiral H. S. Rayner as flag officer, Pacific Coast, will be made this week, Vice-Admiral H. G. DeWolf said here Monday.

He is making his last inspection of the Pacific Command as chief of naval staff before turning over the top RCN post to Admiral Rayner Aug. 1.

Admiral DeWolf told a press conference he had made his recommendation to the cabinet, but was not aware of the decision.

AG awarded plaque

VANCOUVER (CP) — Attorney-General Robert Bonner of British Columbia has been awarded the "service to safety plaque," the top award of the Canadian Highway Safety Council.

Japanese buses

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Sun says in a Hong Kong dispatch that the B.C. Electric Company is negotiating to buy plastic gas pipe and a bus fleet in Japan.

The paper says the bus deal would cost the company about $1,250,000. Cost of the pipe would depend on quantity purchased.

Finance probe "must"

VANCOUVER (CP)— Mayor Tom Alsbury said Monday that a royal commission on education financing is a "must"-and he was sorry finance had not been included in the Chant Commission's terms of reference.

To issue bonds

VANCOUVER (CP) — Premier Bennett of British Columbia announced Monday night that the B.C. Power Commission will make available a $25,000,000 issue of parity bonds similar to the Pacific Great Eastern Railway issue which was oversubscribed last year.

The premier said the move was designed to "create a new money market for B.C." He said the Power Commission issue would probably be followed by a B.C. Bridge and Toll Authority offering.

Jubilee cleanup popular

The Jubilee Cleanup drive is proving popular with city residents, it was learned from City Hall today.

Since the free collection of rubbish and debris began yesterday, the city works department has received 96 calls, City Administrator R. W. Long said today.

The campaign to help residents get rid of excess rubbish and debris, is part of the city's plan to spruce up Prince Rupert for its Golden Jubilee year.

The collections will continue tomorrow and Thursday.

Householders are asked to have debris piled in accessible locations for the pickup trucks.

Taking car nets youth fine of $75

Donald Gordon Jensen, 18, of 228 Ninth Avenue East was fined $75 or in default of payment sentenced to two months in jail when he appeared in police court this morning on a charge of taking a car without the owner's consent.

Jensen had pleaded guilty to the charge before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite Saturday morning and had been remanded for sentence until today.

James Jeffrey Reid, alias Morberg of 611 Eleventh Avenue East who was with Jensen when the pair were arrested Saturday after being caught in a car owned by Edward Garner of 740 First Avenue West, changed his plea from guilty to not guilty.

He was remanded for trial until tomorrow and released on $50 bail.

Also in police court this morning NorWest Refrigerated Foods Ltd., was fined $50 for failing to comply with the Milk Industry Act.

The company pleaded guilty to the charge, but A. Bruce Brown, counsel for the defence, said that NorWest was merely a distributor for the product and had nothing to do with the production.

The charge was laid by the sanitary inspector who said that the fat count in the whipped cream from Lakelse Dairy was too high according to specifications.

70 PER CENT OF CATCH

Last week's halibut totals 245,200 pounds

Halibut landings last week made up almost 70 per cent of the 356,200 pounds of fish caught for the week ending April 30, statistics released by the Department of Fisheries disclosed today.

Two halibut vessels landed 245,200 pounds of halibut from the Bering Sea. They were 4,600 lbs. of chix which sold for 12 cents, 234,000 lbs. at 17 cents, large 3,800 lbs. at 19 cents and No. 2—2,800 at 14 cents.

One longline vessel in Area 1 and two draggers operating in Area 4 in the Hecate Straits landed a total of 76,000 pounds of flatfish. The longline vessel landed 5,900 pounds of black cod.

The price range and catagories of the fish are as follows:

Lemon sole 35,000 pounds at 4 cents, grey cod 7,400 at 2½, red and rock cod 500 at 2 to 04, ling cod 100 at 8, minkfeed 27,000 at 1.75, brill 100 at 5½, and black cod 5,000 at 18 cents (under six pounds 9 cents).

Salmon landings last week saw 2,400 pounds of reds and 1,100 whites for a total of 3,500 pounds.

Large reds (trolled) 1,400 pounds sold for 32 cents while small (trolled) red salmon sold for 14 cents. Large reds (gill-netted) 500 at 38 to 40 cents while medium (trolled) 400 sold at 25 cents.

Large (trolled) white spring salmon sold 800 pounds at 22 cents while small trolled of 300 pounds sold for 10 cents.

Two shrimp trawls operating in the Chatham Sound landed 4,000 pounds of green shrimp which sold at a price range of 12 to 14 cents.

31,709 pounds of fish landed

One fish packer, the Elva M of Nelson Brothers Fisheries brought in a load of 31,709 pounds of halibut today from Squadarle fish camp and took it straight to the company's Port Edward plant.

One halibutter, the Iris S, cleared today for Area 2.

World News Briefs

LONDON (Reuters)—Changes are being made on Princess Margaret's wedding dress following a "staggering leak" published in the New York dress trade paper Women's Wear Daily, the London Daily Herald reported Monday.

VANCOUVER (CP)—The four-power "atomic club" should close up shop before another nation tries to join, Fritz Erler, deputy parliamentary leader of the German Social Democratic Party, said Monday.

"The four atomic powers are four too many," he said in an interview. Possession as well as production of nuclear arms, he said, should be prohibited.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Cheryl Crane's flight ended Monday. She telephoned her father, Steven Crane, and asked him to come for her.

He and a county probation officer picked her up near the county-operated home from which she fled last Friday.

Cheryl, 16, daughter of actress Lana Turner, escaped from the El Retiro home with two companions. All three were taken into custody.

HALIFAX (CP)—M. J. Coldwell, national CCF leader, today described the Bomarc missile as a waste of Canadian money on the defence of the United States.

"The Bomarc was never intended to defend Canada; it was designed to protect the U.S.," he said in an interview. Any decision to buy manned interceptors from the U.S. "would be throwing away more money," he added.

HALIFAX (CP)—Debris floating in waters 200 miles south of Greenland has been tentatively identified as wreckage from the 40-ton Danish ship Hanne S, missing since early Saturday with 18 persons aboard.

Moraes inquest adjourned until May 11

An inquest into the rifle death Sunday of a 23-year-old apprentice drycleaner Joseph Roland Moraes, was adjourned Monday night until 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 at the City Hall.

The jury, sworn in by Coroner George J. Dawes, viewed Moraes' body at Ferguson Funeral Home and then adjourned. The body was identified by Moraes' brother-in-law James Griffin.

Moraes was found dead in the bedroom of his home at 1220 Park Avenue early Sunday morning, with a 30.30 rifle beside him.

A six man jury chose George W. Cook as foreman.

INABILITY OF WIFE TO DRIVE CRIME SAYS INSURANCE CHIEF

VANCOUVER (CP)—The general manager and counsel for All Canada Insurance Federation said here Monday that it is criminal if the women of the household doesn't learn to drive the family car.

E. H. S. Piper of Montreal, here for the Canada Highway Safety Conference, said:

"It's just as necessary for the woman to drive in the case of an emergency as the husband. Just as the husband might drive the about-to-be-mother to hospital, so should the mother be able to drive her children or her husband in case of accident."

The vice-chairman of laws and enforcement sessions at the conference said women are the big factor in safety campaigns.

"They are a terrific influence," he said. "When a couple goes out to a cocktail party, they should have an agreement as to who will drive home. My wife and I do."

Mr. Piper doesn't claim that women are better drivers than men but he does say that women are more amenable to training than men.

"Women get through driving schools faster than men," he said. "The male driver fights the corrective treatment, but his better half adapts much more readily to it."

This, he said, is why the insurance rate for boys up to 25 is so high.

Still undecided

PARIS (Reuters)— The Duke of Windsor said Monday he still did not know whether he and the Duchess would attend the wedding of his niece, Princess Margaret, Friday. The Duke spoke to reporters when he arrived here following his annual winter stay in the United States.

WEATHER

Variable cloudiness tonight and sunny with cloudy periods Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Winds light, at times rising to easterly 15. Low tonight and high Wednesday 42 and 55.

TIDES

Wednesday, May 4, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	07:10	16.0 feet
	20:31	16.8 feet
Low	01:12	0.0 feet
	13:50	7.1 feet