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June, September mentioned as government election dates

Diefenbaker silent on speech details

OTTAWA (CP) — A mid-January meeting of Parliament and a June or September general election seem to be the key dates in the government's timetable.

These were the impressions left by Prime Minister Diefenbaker with about 100 Conservatives attending the government party's semi - annual executive meeting in Winnipeg Saturday.

Executive sources said they took these indications from the prime minister's speech to the private meeting Saturday. The prime minister would give reporters no comment on the meeting or indication of what was contained in his speech.

Members of Parliament and senators who attended the meeting said Mr. Diefenbaker has discarded his earlier intention of having Parliament meet before Christmas to dispose of the general debate on the speech from the throne, which will outline the government's legislative program for the new session.

It now appears Parliament will meet January 15 or 18, depending on whether the government follows its practice of opening new sessions on a Monday or reverts to the traditional Thursday opening.

WANT EARLY ELECTION

The choice of a date for the election remains with Mr. Diefenbaker. It was learned from several delegates that representatives of Western Canada and the Atlantic provinces pressed for an early election.

They felt that politically, times were never better than now for re-election of a sweeping number of Conservative MPs.

A more sobering position, however, was taken by the delegates from Ontario and Quebec. The former wanted more time for the adverse effects of Ontario's new three-per-cent sales tax to wear off, and the latter wanted more time for the Liberal government of Premier Lesage to get settled in office in Quebec, believing that time will give the Conservatives a larger target to shoot at.

Influential members of the executive were reported to be split on the subject.

The present Parliament, elected March 31, 1958, can run until the early summer of 1963, five years after the return of the writs for the last election. However, it is usual for governments to call elections in the fourth year of the life of each Parliament.

MICHAEL KRUEGER
. . . to face voters

A. J. DOMINATO
. . . schoolboard stalwart

W. J. SCOTT
. . . uncertain still

Election list increases

Another sitting aldermen has filed his nomination papers at city hall preparatory to the forthcoming municipal elections to be held December 7.

He is Michael Krueger of 825 Borden Street, who has been a member of council for the past 10 years.

School Board Chairman, W. J. Scott, who has been out of town for a few days, said this morning that he is "vacillating" and has not filed papers to stand for re-election to the board. He added he thought he would be standing but had not definitely made up his mind.

A. J. Dominato school board trustee for the past 15 years, previously announced his intention to stand again last week.

Elections to both the school board and the city council will be held on the same day, time and place. Returning Officer is R. W. Long, city administrator, and assistant Returning Officer is David Wilson.

The last day for nominations to either the school board or city council is midday, November 27, Mr. Long said this morning. So far, he added, no other nominations had been received at his office.

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National survival course to be expanded in city

The city's first six-week national survival course is in full swing now and 81 local volunteers are busily engaged in learning many aspects of general military training as well as survival techniques.

A total of 2,250 men will be trained throughout British Columbia, with training carried out in local armouries.

There will be a total of four six-week courses with the others scheduled for: January 8 to February 18; February 26 to April 8 and April 16 to May 27.

The present course will terminate December 15.

Capt. F. M. Pue, of D Company, Irish Fusiliers of Canada (Vancouver Regiment) is the officer commanding training while Lt. G. H. Shore is training officer.

Courses are being conducted by two regular army men, Sgt. W. A. Buchan and Sgt. W. F. Dolen, and four militiamen, Sgt. W. E. Swanson, Sgt. L. A. Quast, Cpl. R. W. Baldwin and Cpl. A. B. Cook. Cpl. Donald Burkinshaw is quartermaster.

Originally, 90 men were needed for the course, but 98 turned out and through fall-outs and sickness, the number has dropped to 81.

Applications for the second course are presently being accepted by the Armoury.

Lt. Shore described the course as "excellent." He said the men was "showing lots of interest" and are extremely interested. "They all keep themselves smartly dressed," he said.

The course includes instruction in drill, first-aid, map-using, nuclear warfare, health and survival, traffic control, security patrolling and career counselling.

Trainees are paid $243 for the course which runs five days a week. The basic rate is $173 a month.

They are being trained as re-entry teams and can be used in an emergency of any kind, either national or local.

Medical and dental care if needed is being supplied trainees during the course.

Trainees are under no obligation but, following the completion of the course, they'll be tested and then given an opportunity to join the regular army, militia or drop out of the service.

Lt. Shore said the men have shown a great improvement since the course started.

Many at funeral rites for Katherine J. Smith

Ferguson Funeral Home was crowded with people from all walks of life this afternoon as they gathered to pay their last respects to former Alderman Katherine Janet Smith who died Friday after a lengthy fight against cancer.

Rev. J. A. Roskam of First Baptist Church officiated at the ceremony and paid tribute to the woman who, he said, had fought such a courageous battle against adversity and still managed to take an active part in the life of the city in which she was born.

Born in Prince Rupert in 1915, Mrs. Smith was educated here and began work at the Royal Bank of Canada and later was employed at the Northern British Columbia Power Company, Limited. She married William D. Smith in 1947.

An active member of the First Baptist Church, she entered city politics in 1952 and served three terms on city council, on the finance, health, police, licence, social assistance, wage and Pioneer Home committees. She worked for the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, the Civic Centre and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

She served as president of the Prince Rupert Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society and also was a director of the B.C. Division of the Canadian Cancer Society.

In 1959 she was awarded the Alex Hunter Good Citizen plaque for 1958.

During her fight against cancer Mrs. Smith received 37 cobalt "bomb" treatments, radium needle treatment, X-ray treatment and gold seed implants as well as undergoing 18 operations.

She is survived by her husband at home at 213 Fifth Avenue East and her mother, Mrs. Ann Watson, in Vernon and two aunts in Scotland.

Hymns sung during the service were "Unto the Hills Around do I Life Up Mine Eyes" and "Rock of Ages."

Pallbearers were Henry Vanderheide, David Owens, E. F. Verwold, Arthur Jones, T. A. Johnstone and Hilmar Domreis.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Howard speaks on freedom

KITIMAT (CP) — Frank Howard, CCF MP for Skeena riding, says the concept of democracy "has become adulterated down through the years."

Addressing a Kitimat public meeting Friday in the course of a swing through his northern B.C. riding, Mr. Howard said voting rights and freedom of speech and writing are in Canada's constitution.

"But either through lack of interest on the part of the voter or cloudy dissemination of politics by elected representatives, these rights are not fully utilized," he said.

$100 bail set by magistrate

Robert McKay of 101 First Street was remanded Saturday without plea until November 27 when he appeared in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on a charge of possession of stolen property valued under $50.

McKay, represented by defence counsel W. N. Poole, was charged in connection with a truck seat which had been stolen from a truck owned by Roy Hemroff of 841 Summit Avenue during Friday night or Saturday morning. Bail was set at $100.

RCMP recovered the seat about 9 a.m. Saturday.

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Supreme Court has upheld the right of the restrictive trade practices commission to hold public hearings in an inquiry into the fishing industry and to compel witnesses to attend and testify.

Mr. Justice Harry Sullivan dismissed a suit by Canadian Fishing Company Ltd., disputing commission chairman C. Rhodes Smith's authority to subpoena witnesses and order that all or any part of the hearings be open to the public.

Woman, car collide

A city woman received minor injuries Saturday afternoon when she was in collision with a car in the Co-op Centre parking lot.

Mrs. Hugo Kraupner of 326 McBride Street suffered abrasions to her right knee after colliding with a car driven by Joyce Micholuk of 1176 Ambrose Avenue.

RCMP said that Mrs. Kraupner was putting groceries in her station wagon when the incident occurred. She was taken to hospital but released shortly after.

Man remanded on shoplifting

William Bercar of 943 First Avenue West was remanded until next Saturday for trial when he appeared in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on a shoplifting charge.

Bercar, represented by defence counsel W. N. Poole, pleaded not guilty to a charge of theft under $50.

He was charged following an incident about 6:10 p.m. last Friday when a carton of cigarettes was stolen from Co-op Centre. Bail was set at $50.

Names in the News

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations, fearful that Antoine Gizenga might withdraw Oriental province from The Congo, sought today to have the United Nations Security call for an end to all secessionist activities in the turbulent country.

CUIDAD TRUJILLO (AP) — Bowing to a U.S. show of force and opposition from Dominican Republic air force generals, the Trujillo clan today appeared to have abandoned an attempt to set up a new dictator ship in this Caribbean republic.

HOLLANDIA (Reuters) — Dutch New Guinea authorities here reported today there was "good hope" for the safety of Michael Rockefeller, missing son of New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller, after he tried to swim ashore from a raft off the coast of New Guinea.

LONDON (AP) — Canada will ask for a conference of Commonwealth prime ministers before Britain takes a final decision on joining the European Common Market, Canadian Finance Minister Donald Fleming announced today.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer open a series of policy conferences today in an effort to agree on a basis for Western negotiation with Russia to settle the Berlin dispute.

HELSINKI (AP) — The Finns today pinned their hopes of averting a crisis in Soviet-Finnish relations on a meeting between Premier Khrushchev and Finnish President Urko Kekonen.

PIETRO PRESOTTO, centre, is shown being installed president of the Italo-Canadian Club by Italian consul Guido Pagano Saturday night. At left are vice-presidents Roberto Paolinelli and Otto Sambol and at right is retiring president John Barazzuol. — Staff photo by Dick Ayres

PRESOTTO HEADS ITALO-CANADIANS

Italian future bright consul tells city club

The Italians of 1961 can still find inspiration in the teaching of the great builders of Italy, Guido Pagano, Italian consul for British Columbia and the Yukon, told a cheering group of Italian-Canadians at Annunciation Hall Saturday night.

Mr. Pagano spoke to about 250 persons gathered to honor his first official visit and attend the Italo-Canadian Club installation ceremonies.

He traced the history of Italy's centenary from 1861 and the "glorious events which drew their inspiration from the thought and action of men such as Cavour, Mazzini, Garibaldi, Saffi and Mameli, men renowned for their intelligence and courage."

Mr. Pagano said that several sectors of life in Italy still "need to be pushed forward and brought up to date from education to social welfare, from union legislation to bureaucratic reform."

However, the consul said, Italy celebrates its first century of independence with a brave optimism in its own future.

Mr. Pagano was introduced and thanked by vice-president-elect Otto Sambol, master of ceremonies for the evening.

Mr. Pagano, assisted by retiring president John Barazzuol, officiated at the installation of the new executive.

Sworn in as the club's new president was Pietro Presotto which has Otto Sambol as first vice-president and Roberto Paolinelli as second vice-president. Anthony Seccia is secretary and Pietro Ferraro treasurer. Directors are Charles P. Balagno, Enrico Campagnolo, Silvio Pucci and Olindo Chittaro.

Bring greetings from the City of Prince Rupert was Mayor P. J. Lester, who extended a welcome to Mr. Pagano, told him that Prince Rupert was very proud of our Italians and their contribution, particularly the Golden Jubilee fountain and plaza."

Rev. M. N. Murphy, who asked grace, congratulated Mr. Barazzuol on the success of the Italo-Canadian Club during the two years he had been president and said that the Italo - Canadian Club's fountain in the Jubilee plaza not only symbolized Italy but symbolized "the life and vitality you have given Prince Rupert and Canada."

"We are richer for it," Father Murphy said.

The toasts to the Queen and to President Giovanni Gronchi of Italy were proposed by Otto Sambol.

Forty new members of the club were sworn in by the consul bringing the membership to slightly more than 100.

In his report retiring president John Barazzuol paid tribute to those who had worked on the Golden Jubilee fountain and plaza and quoted a Daily News editorial which lauded the Italian community for their efforts.

He said that while the club had been active in projects it was time it turned its efforts to helping individual members, particularly the immigrants.

As his last duty as president, Mr. Barazzuol presented a life membership to Joseph Pitri for his work on the fountain and plaza.

Mrs. Emilio Pettenuzzo is the new president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Italo - Canadian Club. She succeeds Mrs. James Ciccone.

In his acceptance speech, newly - installed president Pietro Presotto assured members that he would do his best to keep the club in as good standing as it was being left by his predecessor.

In his first duty as president he presented Mr. Pagano with a pin making his an honorary member of the Prince Rupert Italo-Canadian Club.

The evening was concluded with a dance.

JOSEPH PITRI, left, receives life membership in Italo-Canadian Club from retiring president John Barazzuol.

Minister Fairclough addresses Native Brotherhood convention

ALERT BAY (CP) — Delegates from throughout British Columbia are at this community, 200 miles northwest of Vancouver for the week-long annual convention of the British Columbia Native Brotherhood which gets underway today.

The keynote speaker is Citizenship Minister Ellen Fairclough, the first federal minister to address the brotherhood.

Before her Tuesday speech, delegates will acquaint her with a number of their problems. Tuesday night she will attend a banquet sponsored by the brotherhood's women's auxiliary.

Major discussions will be about the reports of the senate parliamentary committee on Indian affairs which spent three years reviewing the 1952 Indian act and studying Indian problems.

Discussion also will be given to wider application of education for Indians, including adult education and other training and inclusion of the brotherhood in the Federal government's physical fitness program.

It seeks more uniform coverage of medical services including better dental service for all Indians and immediate better housing plans.

Reports last week said there will be a move to establish another fishermen's union to rival the Independent United Fishermen and Allied Workers.

Prince Rupert has now gone 1,034 days without a fatal traffic accident and 234 days without a fire fatality.

Children die as basement blazes

VANCOUVER (CP) — Three young children were burned to death as they slept today when fire burst out in the basement of a Point Grey home and raced through the structure.

Four other persons, including two children, escaped.

Dead are Dennis Birchall, 4, his 18-month-old brother Ian and Steven Cowan, 2 and a half.

Two were the children of Mrs. Joan Birchall and the other the son of Mrs. Lynette Cowan.

The two mothers were having coffee with their father, Mr. Ross, upstairs when they smelled smoke and then flames belched from the basement where the three children were sleeping.

The home was that of first United Church Minister H. R. Ross. The children were those of two of his married daughters who had come to visit for the weekend and left them with the Rosses while they went out.

Douglas Birchall is the brother of Lewis Birchall, president of 99 Taxi Company in Prince Rupert. Douglas, who has been driving for some time for his brother in the city here, planned to pick up his family and settle here. They were to return on the boat tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Birchall have two other small boys, Ian and Kenneth. The family is still expected to return to Prince Rupert at a later date.

M. Macarthur funeral held

Funeral services were held in First Presbyterian church Friday afternoon for well-known city shoemaker Murdo Macarthur, a resident here for 37 years, who died Monday at the age of 60.

Rev. Ivan S. Gamble officiated at the service at which Psalm 23 and the hymn, "Unto the Hills Around do I Lift up Mine Eyes", were sung.

A member of Tyee Lodge, AF & AM, Mr. Macarthur was also an active member of the Prince Rupert Shrine Club, whose members served as active pallbearers.

They were Donald Glendross, H. F. Robins, Alderman A. Donald Ritchie, James N. Forman, A. W. Allaire and O. G. Breehill.

Honorary pallbearers were Col. S. D. Johnston, W. R. McAfee, Samuel Smith, Alex S. Mitchell, David Geddes and Duncan Munro.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery.

WEATHER

Cloudy with showers Tuesday. Little change in temperature. Winds shifting to northwest 25 tomorrow. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 32 and 40.

TIDES

Tues., November 21, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	00:23	20.8 feet
	12:25	23.4 feet
Low	06:18	5.6 feet
	18:35	1.9 feet