

GLOBAL GLANCES

Fireworks Feature UN Building Deal

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An explosive issue is simmering on the sidelines of the United Nations.

While it differs from the usual weighty arguments that eat up the world peace organization's time, it serves to add to the impression the U.N.'s major motivation is an agreement to disagree.

This latest storm centre is the U.N.'s nearly complete skyscraper headquarters on New York's East River.

Members are squabbling over the construction and furnishings contracts, who is entitled to the biggest shares, etc.

The row grew to such proportions that Secretary-General Trygve Lie found it necessary to take a hand in it.

He recently countered charges that Warren R. Austin, chief of the American delegation and former senator from Vermont, influenced the choice of Vermont marble for the 'lowering structure'.

He also added that "no low bids were received from other countries which met the specifications for the materials required."

His move confirmed ripples at the peace body's current Lake Success sessions that representatives of Great Britain and other U.N. members have protested against the awarding of contracts for the \$85,000,000 headquarters exclusively to U.S. companies.

But the irritating foreign members of the U.N. anxious to share in the profits, if any, to be made from supplying materials and furnishings for the project, has not been entirely satisfied.

The dispute got into gear when a London Times story from Washington claimed that a British-owned firm submitted the low bid for the marble order, but was turned down in favor of Vermont marble.

It was concluded as significant that Vermont is the home state of Mr. Austin.

He also explained the contractors' heavy bond to meet their construction schedule for completion of the secretariat center by January 1951, "this gave them the time to canvass markets before the U.S. was maintained."

Perhaps to slow down an snowballing wrath, he assured U.S. members that every consideration will be given outside bids to supply materials for the remaining buildings and furnishing for the entire headquarters.

Already 37 countries, including Communist Poland and Czechoslovakia have sent word that they could furnish some of the items required.

But running true to its laughy form, Russia has made no moves to board the building bandwagon.

Sample offerings from other countries include steel desks from Britain, electrical equipment from Sweden and the Netherlands, curtains from Turkey, Ethiopia and Afghanistan, and workwood from Burma.

Financing of the secretariat structure has some interesting angles.

The \$65,000,000 construction cost is being met with an interest-free loan from the U.S. and the American part of the annual U.N. budget is about 40 per cent, \$26,000,000 of the loan will be repaid by 1955.

The remaining \$39,000,000 is to be repaid by the other 58 U.N. members.

The \$8,500,000 site was donated by John D. Rockefeller Jr. Improvements costing \$13,272,000 are to be contributed by the World Bank.

Work on the site has already started, but the water rights and easements valued at \$8,000,000.

This is just part of the nucleus of world peace hopes come to \$94,837,000.

Chop—If it actually serves to further the cause of peace.



With \$750,000 NEEDED TO BUILD NEW YWCA, Barbara Irving (Miss YWCA) and co-chairman R. A. Sanderson and Gordon Southam plan campaign for fund drive which runs from April 11 to 29. The list in front of them contains names of people they hope will contribute 75 per cent of total.

DOOR SWITCH FOOLS CROWD

Ducharme 'Fans' Foiled As Police Spirit Condemned Man To Oakalla

Three hundred men, women and bobby socks were disappointed Wednesday when they stood outside the Court House police exit to catch a glimpse of Frederick Rodger Ducharme.

BOY'S AMATEUR NIAGARA CAUSES MOTHER TO FAINT

Some people faint at the sight of blood—others at the sight of water.

That's what happened to a South Vancouver woman when she saw water running from under the bathroom door, having which her two-year-old son had imprisoned himself.

Little Patrick had turned on the sink tap and allowed the water to overflow, neighbors found when they smashed the door.

His mother was revived by Fire Department inhalator squad.

Pair Of CCF Resolutions Stalled By Legislature

VICTORIA — (CP) — Two CCF resolutions were stalled in the House Wednesday.

One, moved by Randolph Harding (CCF—Kaslo Sticcon), asked that the operation of the Hospital Insurance Act be referred to the standing committee on social welfare and education which should have regard of representative citizens organizations on services already provided and suggestions for further improvements.

Another resolution by R. W. Hagen (CCF—Grano Forks Greenwood) asking that the Legislature petition the Ottawa government to remove the means test in old age pensions, to raise the maximum pension to meet living costs and to lower the age of eligibility to 65 years for men, and 60 for women, was defeated.

N.B. Plans Sales Tax

FREDERICTON — (CP) — Premier McNeil announced Wednesday in the New Brunswick Legislature that the government plans to impose a consumer tax on goods sold at retail level.

He did not mention the tax rate. The announcement comes in long-standing rumors that the government would sell tax to some form of sales tax to boost revenue.

Adventure Vital To Future: Gordon

TORONTO — (CP) — The spirit of adventure and the love of exploration are vital to development of Canada's potential, Donald Gordon said Wednesday night.

The president of Canadian National Railways said in an address prepared for delivery at a King Scout recruitment ceremony that Canadians are "just beginning to discover how great is our heritage."

Frail Youth Pleads His Case In Huge Courtroom

The magistrate had to sentence him to a year in Oakalla jail.

But the boy appealed. A week ago he appeared without a lawyer, unworked in his own case. On Wednesday, his mother and brother appeared in court with counsel, Tom Campbell.

Mr. Justice O'Halloran (reading a statement written by the magistrate): "I foresee this youth behind a gun, doing more serious charges."

He looked up and asked Mr. Levesque: "Do you have any evidence of that?"

B.C. Faces Full Cost For Ousted Japanese

VICTORIA — (BC) — British Columbia faces a bill of \$240,000 for the care of Japanese indigents governed from the onset of the federal government during the war.

This is almost double the amount paid last year.

Ottawa To Probe 1949 Deficits Of CNR, TCA

OTTAWA — (CP) — Large 1949 deficits of two publicly owned transportation systems will be examined next week by a Parliamentary committee.

The Commons committee on railways and canals will start its annual task of reviewing the reports of Canadian National Railways and Trans-Canada Air Lines, along with estimates covering 1949 operations.

It is expected the 1949 report of deficit of \$42,043,028 on the year's operations, will be tabled today. The report for TCA, which had a 1949 deficit of \$4,217,594, will be tabled Friday.

Mr. Drew, largely responsible for bringing TCA into being in 1937, made his statement after George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, asked for a full explanation of the large TCA deficits, which have climbed to their present high from \$1,269,624 in 1946.

Mr. Drew gave notice that his charges during the general election campaign on the efficiency of North Star aircraft used by TCA will be brought up at committee hearings.

How said officials of TCA will appear before the committee and will answer any questions about its operations last year and forecasts for this year.

LONDON — (Reuters) — The Canadian aircraft carrier HMS Canadian has been ordered to Londonderry, Northern Ireland, this autumn, to take part in anti-submarine exercises with the Royal Navy.

This was disclosed Wednesday in the House of Commons by James Callaghan, parliamentary secretary to the Admiralty.

Bakers' Case Highlighted By Vancouverites

CALGARY — (CP) — Testimony of two Vancouverites Wednesday highlighted the third day of the preliminary court hearings of bread bakers' charges against six Western Canada bakers.

Bakers charged with combining to prevent or lessen competition in the bakery industry are Canada Bakes Ltd., Calgary; Weston Bread and Cake (Canada) Ltd., Winnipeg; Edmonton City Baking Ltd. and three McGavin Ltd. firms at Vancouver, and Victoria Baking Co. The hearing is before Magistrate G. H. Ross.

ROSS TESTIFIES — David A. Ross of Vancouver, general manager of Canadian Bakers Ltd., testifying as a witness in the case, said chain bakeries in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria all sell a standard bread loaf at the same wholesale price.

During his testimony Mr. Ross said that he recalled an occasion when bakeries in Calgary made an effort to prohibit shipments of bread from bakeries operated by the McGavin firms in Edmonton to Calgary. He said it was during wartime.

DISCOUNTS GIVEN — B. M. Caldwell of Vancouver, executive assistant to Mr. Ross, said that prior to the flour subsidy there is an accumulation of bread prices. Sept. 15, 1947, Vancouver bread sold for seven cents while flour cost 10 cents at stores and nine off wagons. "Secret discounts" were given to some bakers' price structure," Mr. Caldwell testified.

Arrives In Norway

OSLO — (Reuters) — A. D. P. Heaney, Canadian undersecretary of state for external affairs, arrived tonight on a routine visit to Norway, the first of his missions in western Europe.

He hopes to have a talk with the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Halvard Lange, during his two-day stay.

TURB-O-TUBE

OLDFIELD FURNACE AS SEEN THROUGH THE ROSSWITE CO. LTD.

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