

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

What's happening in Canada? What caused it to happen? This is about it:

EARLY in January, American General Norstad, retired commander of NATO forces in Europe, paid a visit to Ottawa, Canada's capital, on his way home to the U.S. While there, he told a news conference that Canada would not fulfill its commitments to NATO unless it accepted nuclear weapons for its air and ground forces in Europe.

The Canadian parliament assembled in January 25, and Lester Pearson (leader of the out-of-power opposition party) said in a foreign policy speech that Canada should accept U.S. nuclear weapons for its forces in Europe. A few days later he needed Conservative Premier Diefenbaker for not having done so. Diefenbaker replied, but his reply was vague. He didn't say definitely whether Canada had accepted or rejected a nuclear role for Canadian forces.

THEN - On January 30 - The U.S. jumped into Canada's nuclear row. Our state department took issue with many points made by Premier Diefenbaker in his answer to Pearson.

Washington told Ottawa it was HIGH TIME Canada accepted U.S. nuclear arms.

THAT did it. The following day, Diefenbaker

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Diefenbaker said the Washington statement CONSTITUTES AN UNWARRANTED INTRUSION into Canadian affairs. A few days later, he told the reporters that "Canada has demonstrated that it is not in the New Frontier of the United States."

What in countries using the parliamentary system is called a vote of NO CONFIDENCE was introduced in the Canadian House of Commons. Diefenbaker lost by a vote of 111 FOR him to 142 AGAINST him. Under the parliamentary system, that means that the parliament must be dissolved and an election held to choose a NEW parliament. The new election must be held within 60 days of the no-confidence vote, which will be about April 8.

IN THE Canadian campaign that will intervene between now and then, the big issue will be pro-Americanism vs. anti-Americanism. That is unfortunate. But it is at least understandable.

Back in our early days as an independent nation, "twisting the lion's tail" - meaning whooping it up against England - was a popular campaign issue. In the Canadian election that is coming up, Premier Diefenbaker will substitute pulling the eagle's tail feathers for twisting the lion's tail.

It is unfortunate, but that is about the way it will be.

DIEFENBAKER will have an argument that will have considerable weight. In Oregon - and especially down here in southern Oregon - we have great respect for our big neighbor California. We LIKE our neighbors. The California market is a big asset, and we appreciate it.

Suppose California undertook to tell us what we ought to do and what we ought NOT to do. Suppose it got into an election. You know what we would do. We would spit in

COMMUNICATIONS

Items on Consolidation
To the Editor: Goodness sakes it certainly looks like some one with more money than most of us has some reason for wanting to consolidate the Phoenix-Talent School District 4 and Medford School District 549C.

It is strange that this combination is supposed to provide us with all the advantages of educating our children.

One item that interested me in the large ad was that it would avoid costly transportation of children from one district to another. According to a question asked a member of the Medford school board, in all probability the same number of buses now used would be needed. Naturally, if the districts were combined, the transportation would be within one district, costly or otherwise.

I also wonder how taxes could help but be increased, when there is no secret that Phoenix has the lowest millage rate in Jackson county outside of Pinehurst. If we combine with Medford, without considering a building program there, it will increase our taxes \$3.80 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

How can it provide us with better teaching when Phoenix has low teacher ratio; and, also, provides a librarian for each elementary school, which we have been told is not done in Medford elementary schools.

This program will not increase efficiency in the district but will most certainly take all control of District 4 schools into Medford where they will in all probability have no membership on the school board, as now there is only one member on the Medford school board residing outside of the Medford city limits.

The Medford school board has said that they have no interest in keeping the 4-H program active. The 4-H and Big California's eye. The temptation in Canada will be to spit in Uncle Sam's eye. We'll see what we'll see.

FFA are one of the big interests in the Phoenix district. We have had five children who attended Talent and Phoenix schools. Four of them graduated there. One is now doing very well in the Air branch of the Marines and one is attending Southern Oregon college and keeping up a GPA of 2.3. They all entered many activities in school, which having attended a large metropolitan high school myself, I do not believe they would have had the opportunity of entering if they had attended a large school.

I would get the feeling of a pawn in a chess game being pushed around to someone else's advantage after reading the very expensive advertisement in last night's (2-6-1963) Medford Mail Tribune even if I hadn't been informed that the remonstrance petitions had been carried by the Messieurs Vandergrift, Leever, McIntyre, Whalen and Wimberley and Mrs. Gammill.

It certainly looks like the consolidation of the two districts is to the advantage of some one, but I don't think it's the people in District 4 or their children.

Mrs. Ray Burnette, Route 1, Box 388, Talent, Ore.

Reiterates Suggestion

To the Editor: Recently the Jackson county court announced its intention of building a baseball stadium suitable for the use of Junior Legion baseball, at an approximate cost of \$90,000.

This is very commendable, but only a very short step in the right direction. A group desiring a multi-use stadium, baseball, football, conventions, etc., approached the county court about two years ago before the freeway construction was started.

They proposed a large concrete construction, permanent type stadium capable of use by professional baseball, Junior Legion baseball, intercollegiate and professional football, large conventions, etc. It was pointed out with architectural drawings and cost

estimates that this need not all be built at one time, but that the estimated \$15,000 which freeway contractors would pay for fill dirt from the stadium excavation would pay the cost of turf drainage.

As more money became available and the need presented itself, more parking area could be surfaced, more seats added, etc.

The county court did not refuse to build the multi-use stadium, but said that before any stadium could be built, a vote of the people was necessary. There was no attempt to put this on the ballot, and all attempts by the multi-use stadium group to get some action were met by procrastination.

During this period agents of the Northwest Class B baseball league made several trips to Medford at their own expense to discuss professional baseball here. And, incidentally, the day the county court announced their small stadium plans, a representative of the National Association of Minor Leagues, of Columbus, Ohio, was in Medford to discuss a Class B baseball franchise to be operated by the San Francisco Giants.

No representative of the multi-purpose group was notified of, or invited to, the meeting when the small stadium was decided upon and announcement made.

The small stadium would not be fireproof, and fire insurance liability insurance and upkeep would be much higher than on the multi-purpose stadium.

The announcement stated that the county court would not build the multi-purpose stadium without a vote of the people, but would build the small stadium because that was what the people wanted. How do they know this is what the people want? May I reiterate the large stadium group's suggestion that a professional research group be hired to determine the community's needs in a stadium, type of construction, location, seating and other important factors?
L. E. McMurray, 440 Fairmont st., Medford

Conferences Set At Oregon State

Corvallis - Oregon high school principals and counselors have been invited to Oregon State university Saturday to participate in the annual series of conferences with their recent graduates.

The conferences center around student appraisal of their high school preparation for college and reports on their progress and problems at OSU.

Conference findings and observations during the past 10 years have prompted many significant changes and improvements in both the OSU orientation programs for new students and in high school programs. Dallas Norton, OSU director of admissions, observed:

Oregon State started the interviews in 1952 to help spot and correct weaknesses in its orientation programs for new students, and to help high schools evaluate their college preparatory programs. Some 70 high schools from throughout the state are expected to send representatives to the campus this year for the special program. The number has increased steadily from 1952 when the interview

program was started on an eight - school experimental basis.

High school and university officials will meet during the afternoon to review comments and recommendations made by the students and to discuss university course offerings and career opportunities in the various fields after graduation.

Thornton Rules on Use of Machinery

Salem - (EP) - Soil conservation districts cannot legally furnish machinery to a landowner for use on land outside the district limits, Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton said today.

Robert C. Baum, administrative officer of the State Soil Conservation committee, asked the question.

TO ENTER FAIR

Tokyo - (EP) - Fifteen Czech companies will participate in an international fair to be held in Jakarta next July, according to a broadcast by Radio Indonesia monitored here today.

Grants Pass School Studies Salaries

Grants Pass - The District 7 city school board has taken under advisement a plan for three major changes in the administration of school athletic programs.

The changes include adoption of a coaches' salary schedule similar to that of the Medford school system; the limiting of each coach to two sports during the school year; and the conducting of athletic practice after school only.

A report recommending three major changes was presented to the board this week by Curriculum Director Warren Cook, who headed a committee on coaches' salaries. The committee had made a survey of procedures in Southern Oregon Conference schools and other leading A-1 schools of the state.

POISON PREVENTION

Washington - (EP) - President Kennedy Thursday proclaimed the week beginning March 17 as National Poison Prevention Week.

Sen. Jackson, Wife Become Parents

Washington - (EP) - Sen. and Mrs. Henry M. Jackson Thursday became the parents of an 8 pound 4 1/2 ounce girl. The baby, named Anna Marie, was born at the George Washington University hospital. Mother and baby were reported to be doing fine.

DRAFT NAVY MAN

Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill. - (EP) - James F. Scharback, 37, chief personnel officer at Great Lakes Naval Training Center and a Navy man for 12 years, got a letter Thursday from Butler, Pa. It was an order to register for the draft.

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