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BATTLE OVER OLD HALL SITE

Keep Off Our Land Says FDC

You Stay Out Until Asked Whitton Retorts To Kennedy

Major General Howard Kennedy, chairman of the Federal District Commission, charged today that Mayor Whitton was breaking an agreement with the Government in proposing to build a city hall for Ottawa on Confederation Park on the site of the old city hall which was destroyed by fire on March 31, 1931.

(City Council last night, with only Alderman Roger dissenting, approved the old site for the new City Hall. During the discussion Mayor Whitton referred to "powers" which she said had "pulled Ottawa apart body and soul". Story on Page Three.)

City Owns Plot.

In his statement, Gen. Kennedy said he believed the City owned certain property at Confederation Square and the FDC would not take steps to prevent building on it.

Other sources said that they believed this space was too small to accommodate a city hall.

The block of city property in the area includes the Police Station, the Registry Office and the land out to Elgin where the Boer War and Northwest Rebellion monuments stand. It includes 191 feet on the south side of Queen street and 325 feet on the north side of Albert with 198 feet on Elgin.

Mayor Whitton dismissed General Kennedy's statements with the comment that the FDC "hasn't yet come officially" into the affair and indicated that the city may use its ownership of part of the National War Memorial site to bring the FDC to terms.

She said:

"The FDC has not been approached by the City of Ottawa on the question of the city's using the old Elgin site for a new city hall; the FDC hasn't yet come officially into the situation."

Then she added:

"The FDC won't be coming in at this stage unless we ask them to move the National War Memorial."

(Presumably she was referring to the possibility that the FDC might trade a section of property close to the Police Station for the old extension of Sparks street which runs under the War Memorial site should the city desire that the memorial be moved.

(The FDC property close to the Police Station would add enough to city property there to make a city hall site; the old Sparks street extension is still in the city's possession.)

Mayor Whitton said that until the FDC has been officially consulted on the possibility of a trade, the matter was "none of the FDC's business".

"General Kennedy's press conference this morning has no more bearing on our business than some press conference I might hold on a purely FDC concern would have on that concern."

There still remained the possibility that the City and FDC would reach a compromise on another location.

"The commission is unalterably opposed to rebuilding on the old city hall site", General Kennedy declared. "We have spent millions in creating an open space in the heart of the city and now the Mayor proposes building on it."

Quotes Old Agreement.

General Kennedy quoted two former Prime Ministers, the late Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and the late Lord Bennett, that the government considered an agreement made in 1927 precludes the City of Ottawa from rebuilding on the old site.

"I would be very much surprised if Mr. St. Laurent gave the city his approval of the old city hall site without consulting the commission", Gen. Kennedy said. "He depends on the commission to negotiate."

On Parliament Hill it was learned that Mr. St. Laurent who is in the city and is interested in the City Hall discussion, has no intention of intervening.

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LOCOMOTIVE INCHES AWAY — Transport driver William Giles, 28, of Montreal stared death in the face when a CNR train bore down on him at Carp last night. After his miraculous escape the injured trucker phoned his mother from Weedmark's Garage to tell her he was safe. (See Also Page 3.) —Journal Photo by Dominion Wide.

Shift in Location Of Memorial Unlikely

The old Jacques Greber proposal of moving the War Memorial from Connaught Place was considered last Summer by Yale University traffic expert Wilbur Smith, but it will not likely appear as a recommendation in his report, due to be presented next month.

Informants said Mr. Smith advocated moving the Memorial and drew a storm of protest from city authorities. Mr. Smith was said to have felt that the traffic situation on Connaught Place could be helped by trimming the island on which the Memorial stands.

Mr. Greber originally advocated placing the Memorial in Major's Hill Park midway between Nepean Point and the Chateau Laurier. He said that that location would be "more dignified and spacious" than the Connaught Place location.

The Memorial was erected on its present location on the insistence of Prime Minister Mackenzie King to serve as a focal point for the 1939 visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. Mr. Greber agreed that the Connaught Place location focussed the nation's attention on the Memorial but suggested moving it after the Royal visit.

'Debonair English Look' Made Him Appear Drunk

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 21—(Reuters)—A court was told here today that a British Navy officer was not really drunk but had that "debonair English look" which made him look drunk.

Lt. Cmdr. Henry Hill had looked more drunk than debonair to a policeman who booked him on a drunk driving charge. "He was glassy-eyed", the officer said.

But Hill's lawyer countered: "He has that Rex Harrison look. It is the typical English appearance."

The judge dismissed the charge on grounds of insufficient evidence.

Tweetle, Tweetle Indeed!

LONDON, Dec. 21. — (CP) — Two vigilant British bird watchers claimed today to have caught the staid Times in error—making the prunella modularis occidentalis, or hedge-sparrows, go "tweetle tweetle" instead of "weese, sisi-weese, sisi-weese".

The influential newspaper, which prides itself on its accuracy, is taken to task in letters to the editor for wrongly describing the hedge-sparrow's song in its light-hearted fourth editorial yesterday.

Wrote L. M. Bland: "I am confident that all genuine bird lovers will be horrified . . . tweetle tweetle indeed."

Mayor Hangs Mistletoe—No Takers

Mayor Whitton, on a dare from British Columbia friends who sent her mistletoe, hung a large spray of it atop the mayor's "throne" which she occupies at City Council meetings.

No one called her bluff. Nary a Yuletide kiss.

During the normal quota of council squabbles, the mayor left the chair several times to take more active part in debate. When she did so, Controller Donaldson, and Controller Tardif took over the mayor's chair.

They too sat under the mistletoe.

Nobody played games with them either.

Note for someone in British Columbia: Mistletoe, or mayors, or controllers or aldermen, aren't what they used to be.

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TOUGH ON THE SHOPPERS.

SUNDERLAND, England, Dec. 21.—(P)—A sudden epidemic of sneezing hit hundreds of Christmas shoppers here yesterday. A seven-pound package of pepper fell off a truck and burst.

60 SENTENCED.

CAIRO, Dec. 21.—(Reuters)—The Egyptian People's Tribunal today sentenced 60 members of the Moslem Brotherhood to prison terms for conspiring to overthrow the regime and seize power in Egypt by force.

Violent Quake Hit Eureka

5 O'Clock Edition Service.

EUREKA, Calif., Dec. 21.—(P)—The most violent earthquake to strike this city in a quarter century today toppled chimneys, smashed windows, disrupted telephone service and hurled bricks and concrete blocks into the streets from jolted buildings.

Bricks were spilled on the streets. A big block of cement was jarred out of the city hall. In the newspaper plant two printers were hurt.

Beautiful Spy Gets Five Years

BERLIN, Dec. 21 — (P) — A beautiful German brunette was sentenced today to five years in prison after she pleaded guilty to seducing secrets out of two United States intelligence officers for Russian pay.

The names of the two Americans were not introduced in court. U.S. officials previously said the black-eyed charmer—Irmgard Margarethe Schmidt—was the mistress of an air force intelligence colonel and had occasional dates with a civilian intelligence chief.

The prosecution described her as one of the most dangerous spies encountered here since the war.

She Can't Take It.

The 24-year-old former East Zone student burst into tears as U.S. High Commissioner Judge Ambrose Fuller pronounced the sentence. Although she had said nothing in her own defence during the trial, she sobbed bitterly:

"I can't take it. It's too much."

The girl pleaded guilty to transmitting to the Russians for money details of the order of battle for Allied defence of West Berlin. She also admitted a second charge of approaching a German national in U.S. Intelligence to get more information.

She pleaded innocent to a third charge of attempting to obtain details of the entire network of American agents in West Berlin. This accusation was dismissed on a prosecution motion.

German counsel Egon Bach urged the court to be lenient with the girl. He said she had been reared first under nazism and then under communism in the Russian zone, and had been forced into her spy activities by the Russians.

Edgar March Chief of CPR Public Relations

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Capt. Edgar March, a veteran newspaperman, at one time a member of the editorial staff of The Ottawa Journal, has been appointed to succeed the late Hughie Campbell as chief of the Canadian Pacific Railway's public relations, it was announced here today.

Capt. March will take up his duties immediately.

Bilingualism Probe Rejected

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—(CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent has rejected a Quebec labor union's request for establishment of a royal commission to study the problem of bilingualism in the Civil Service and Armed Forces.

CIRCUS FIRE.

MARKHAM, Ont., Dec. 21.—(CP) — Fire today caused an estimated $50,000 damage to a barn containing circus and midway equipment.

MEXICO SHIVERS.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.—(P)—The Mexican capital shivered yesterday in the year's coldest weather, which has claimed at least three lives. Temperatures dropped to 25 degrees this morning and a heavy frost killed flowers and tender plants.

'Tear It Up If You Like' Britain's Reply to Soviet

AFTER 31 YEARS — Frederick Maitland Journeaux entered City Council as an alderman in 1923 and served in three periods, for 31 years. Spruce in a morning coat and wearing the Queen's Medal he received for his services to Ottawa, he retired last night. Here he is shown receiving a book containing $3,000 in cash and cheques from Mayor Whitton, with Senior Alderman Wilbert Hamilton in the background. The money was the present of colleagues and friends. (See Also Page 2.) —Journal Photo by Dominion Wide.

Brand Moscow Note Rude In Manner And Context

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Britain refused today to abandon German rearmament and told Russia to tear up their 1942 friendship treaty if the Soviets want to.

A Foreign Office spokesman branded as rude in both manner and content Russia's threat to abrogate the treaty if Germany is given an army.

The spokesman rejected it outright.

Russia also threatened to break off a mutual defence pact with France if the National Assembly, now debating German rearmament, agrees to bring the Bonn Government into the Western defence scheme.

Sorry to Lose It.

The spokesman said Britain would be sorry to lose its friendship treaty with Russia because the country felt it was a good pact.

But in straight diplomatic tough-talk, the spokesman "deplored" the Russians' method in threatening to abandon the treaty.

The Russian threat, similar to the one handed France, was delivered in Moscow yesterday to British Ambassador Sir William Hayter.

"Her Majesty's Government would regret it if the Anglo-Soviet Treaty of Friendship of 1942 to which they have always attached importance were to be cancelled or annulled by the Soviet Government", the spokesman told the daily Foreign Office press conference.

"At the same time they deplore both the manner and the context in which that government threatens such annulment", he said. "They (the British Government) cannot accept the arguments used in the Soviet note.

No Justification.

"There is no justification of the Soviet contention that the Paris agreements are incompatible with the treaty. Her Majesty's Government will continue to pursue their chosen policy of consolidating Western European unity."

The Foreign Office statement came as Britain took a firm step toward closer alignment with a united Western Europe.

Britain signed today an historic agreement that ties her with the Schuman Plan coal and steel pool.

MILDER

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—(CP)—Dominion Weather Office 11.30 a.m. report.

Ottawa and region—mainly cloudy with occasional very light snow today and Wednesday; milder; light winds. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Ottawa 5 and 8.

Summary—milder; very light snow.

Synopsis: A storm centred south of Nova Scotia is giving rain over the Southern Maritimes and light snow over a wide area, extending westward as far as Ottawa.

The storm centre is expected to move northward slowly being centred over New Brunswick tomorrow. Light snow will continue over Eastern and Southern Quebec through Wednesday but total snowfalls will not be much more than a few inches. Temperatures will hold about present levels or a little higher.

Temperatures.

Low last night and high Monday:

Vancouver 42, 47; Victoria 41, 47; Edmonton 30, 44; Calgary 44, 57; Saskatoon 23, 38; Regina 28, 37; Winnipeg 22, 27; White River 10, 18; North Bay 10h, 3; Sudbury 13h, 9; Windsor 9, 22; Toronto 7, 15; Ottawa 3h, 9; Quebec 20, 30; Saint John 32, 37; Halifax 37, 43; Chicago 23, 26; New York 18, 33; Washington 18, 33; Miami 41, 58; Kansas City 28, 58; Los Angeles 53, 62.

The Journal thermometer at noon today registered one degree above zero.

The sun rose at 7.48 a.m.; sets at 4.22 p.m.

Barometer: 7.30 p.m. Monday, 29.93 inches; midnight, 29.93; 7.30 a.m. today, 29.83.

3 Shopping Days Before Christmas

Senators Quit Quebec League

Dwindling Gate Receipts Blamed For Folding Up

Ottawa Senators last night withdrew from the Quebec Hockey League, leaving the nation's Capital without a hockey team in senior or professional company.

The Ottawa-owned players and the franchise became the property of the league with the move.

Dwindling gate receipts, with the blame laid by owner T. P. Gorman at the doorstep of the televised National Hockey League games, necessitated the club's folding.

The withdrawal from the professional loop was accepted at a special meeting of league directors called to discuss the Ottawa plight.

Mr. Gorman, accompanied by his son Frank, had asked that the team be permitted to suspend operations for the remainder of the season, presumably with a view to reviving the club next year.

The step was ruled out as against the league constitution and the Ottawa owner was faced with a complete withdrawal, surrendering rights to his players and franchise.

T. P. and Frank left the meeting for 30 minutes while the situation was discussed. They were called back into the meeting, and minutes later appeared with QHL President George Slater to announce their pulling out.

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No Sign Of Verdict In Sheppard Case

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 21.—(UP) — The Sheppard wife-murder jury was sent to lunch today with no sign that it is near a verdict in its fifth day of deliberation.

The trial was in its 49th day, nearing the middle of its 10th week. The marathon deliberation has broken records for Common Pleas Court here. The jury now has been out longer than those in most of the famous trials in American history.

TV to Carry Parliament Opening

As forecast in The Journal 10 days ago, the Opening of Parliament on January 7 will be televised.

Official announcement of the televising was made today by Senate Speaker Wishart McLea Robertson. It is recalled that last week when Prime Minister St. Laurent was asked about having the Opening on TV, he replied that the question was entirely up to the Senate.

In his statement on the Opening TV program, Senator Robertson said today:

"Recognizing that the Opening of Parliament is one of the most historic and important events concerning our traditional democratic system, I have decided that on January 7, the Senate Chamber ceremony should be televised by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

". . . I have consulted His Excellency the Governor General and he has graciously given his approval."

ROBBED OF $1,600.

HAMILTON, Dec. 21.—(CP)—An armed bandit held up the manager of the Drake Hotel early today and escaped with $1,600.

ANNA W. WORTH.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—(CP)—Anna Webster Worth, 81, organizer of the Canadian Chapter of the Eastern Star, died today.

CALL STRIKE.

LONDON, Dec. 21. — (P) — A national railway strike involving 400,000 workers was called tonight for Jan. 9.

Rough Riders Talk With Bud Svendsen

Bud Svendsen, assistant football coach at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., is expected here tomorrow to talk with officials of Ottawa Rough Riders.

Riders, of the Big Four Football Union, lined up Cliff Speagle, assistant coach of Edmonton Eskimos last week, but Speagle decided to stay in Edmonton.

A Rider official said the club will listen to what Svendsen has to say but no decision on a new coach will be made until after Christmas.

The club also has talked on the telephone with Herman Ball, former assistant coach of Washington Redskins, and Red Hickey, former assistant coach of Los Angeles Rams.

Neither has been invited for an interview but their names are being considered.

DICTIONARY.

"Elevate: Lift or raise, like the doctrine that the best way to elevate the masses is to raise children properly.

15 Passengers Hurt in TCA Airliner 'Drop'

PRESTWICK, Scotland, Dec. 21. — (P) — Fifteen passengers received cuts and bruises when a Trans-Canada Airlines Super Constellation from Montreal ran into unexpected turbulent air some 40 miles outside Prestwick airport today.

The aircraft, carrying 54 passengers and a crew of seven, was flying at 4,500 feet. The unexpected jolt threw some passengers to the floor. Others struck their heads on the roof.

"I got a slight bump", said A. J. C. Pomeroy, an Ottawa businessman. "Those sitting on the left-side windows had the worst of it." He added that it was all over in a flash and "felt rather like a bumpy landing".

A crew member said it had been an uneventful trip until then with "a tail wind of more than 100 miles an hour" to help them across.

All 15 injured passengers were given hospital attention and three were detained for shock. The Constellation, CFTGH 408, flight number 2532, was captained by S. R. Bound.

The three kept in hospital are Mrs. Mary Apps, of Paris, Ont.; Mrs. Eva Young, of Trochu, Alta., and Mrs. Margaret Penniman, of St. Catharines, Ont.

Hospital authorities said that in addition to shock they suffered minor injuries. Mrs. Apps suffered a slight back injury and the other two head injuries.

"They are in no danger", a hospital official said.

Stanley Spring of (Del Park avenue) Toronto, one of the passengers, said: "It was as though a gigantic hand had picked up the plane and shook it."

Mrs. Apps, in her early 70s, is the mother of Syl Apps, of Toronto, former Toronto Maple Leafs hockey star.

She was travelling to Britain to spend Christmas with her son, Lt. Cmdr. Ernest Apps, serving with the joint military command in London. She was accompanied by her son-in-law, Prof. C. F. Morrison of the University of Toronto.

DOUBLE-LANE BRIDGE.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—(CP)—A double-lane Bailey bridge over the Don river in North York will be completed by the end of the year, council said yesterday. A permanent bridge was washed out in the October 15 floods.

SEVEN KILLED.

ALAMOGORDO, NM, Dec. 21.—(P)—Seven persons were killed and one was injured in a two-car accident three miles south of Tularosa last night.

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