

# Canada Backs Out Of Deal To Buy European Masters

OTTAWA (CP)—Published reports Tuesday said the government is faced with threats of resignation by National Gallery trustees and by gallery director Alan Jarvis, who promptly denied them.

These reports said the gallery had received authorization to buy two paintings by European old masters and had contracted to purchase them for \$440,000 on the assumption the funds were available. But it developed there had been a misunderstanding about available funds, and the government turned thumbs down on the deal.

Beyond denying that he had threatened to resign, Mr. Jarvis refused to discuss the art deal saying only: "I have nothing to say."

The pictures involved are said to be a \$350,000 Flemish landscape by Bruegel and the painting The Madonna by Lorenzo Monaco, reputedly worth \$90,000. **ALREADY PURCHASED**

The reports said the paintings already had been purchased by agents in London and New York when the government balked at the bill.

It wasn't clear just how the mistake was made about what funds were available for the gallery purchases. One report said the order was placed after cabinet authority was obtained and that this authorization later was withdrawn when the misunderstanding over available funds was discovered.

Charles P. Fell of Toronto, chairman of the gallery's board of trustees, declined to comment. "I deny that either myself or Mr. Fell has threatened to resign," Mr. Jarvis said.

The gallery director added only that any confusion that exists now regarding purchases of old masters originated when Mr. Fulton was acting citizenship minister.

## ECONOMY DRIVE

Jean M. Raymond of Montreal, a trustee, said there was no question of mass resignation of trustees. The cutback in gallery funds resulted from a government economy drive. He hoped that one of the two paintings might yet be acquired for the gallery.

Otherwise there was almost unanimous lack of comment following the reports. Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Justice Minister Fulton, acting citizenship minister in Mrs. Fairclough's absence, both declined to discuss the matter when questioned by reporters following a cabinet meeting.

It was speculated that the government, faced with record unemployment earlier this year, felt it could not justify to the public art purchases for such huge sums.

Meanwhile, the trustees and Mr. Jarvis are reported continuing in office for the present.

The other trustees are Mrs. H. A. Dyde, Edmonton; Rev. W. T.

R. Flemington, Sackville, N.B.; Lavren Harris, Vancouver; John A. MacAulay, Winnipeg; and F. Cleveland Morgan, Montreal.

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South Lake, Collector Mrs. Kenneth Bruce. \$5.00: Renfrew Cameron. \$2.00 ea: Norman Bruce, Elmer Fraser, Kermit Bruce. \$1.00 ea: Alex. Cameron, George Coffin, Miss Annie Townsend. Total—\$14.00.

Kingsboro, East, Collector Miss Jean Bruce. \$2.00 ea: Barton MacDonald, Mrs. Roy Dixon. \$1.00 ea: Mrs. E. Stewart, Mrs. Clinton Stewart, Mrs. Freeman Massey, Mrs. Mary Stewart, Pearl Stewart, Mrs. Wesley Bruce, Mrs. Carl MacVane, Mrs. Frank Mollins. .75c ea: Mrs. James Jardine, Mrs. S. J. MacVane. Total—\$13.75.

Kingsboro West, Collector Mrs. Robert Robertson. \$2.00: George Bruce. \$1.50: John W. Robertson. \$1.00 ea: Arnett Robertson, Foster Young, Kenneth MacGregor, Robert Robertson, Floyd MacLean, Callum MacLean, Morning Hearsey, Earl Kennedy, Eileen Coffin, Rev. H. R. Bell, Reggie Rose. .60c: Wilbur Jarvis. Total—\$15.10.

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East Baltic South, Collectors Marvis Rose and Rowena Garrett. \$2.00 ea: Stewart MacGregor, Wallace Rose, Colin Dixon. \$1.00 ea: Edison Rose, Waldron Rose, Harold MacGregor, Mrs. Janie MacGregor. Total—\$10.00.

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Christmas concert Bonshaw hall, Wednesday, December 17th, 8 p.m.

East Royalty Christmas Concert, Wednesday, Dec. 17th, in Heartz Hall East Royalty 8 p.m.

Organizations using this column to promote their meetings and entertainments are requested to place their announcements in the name of the Organization or Group who are sponsoring the event.

Brookfield Christmas concert, Thursday, December 18.

Morell School concert, Thursday, December 18. Curtain 7:45.

Card party Hampshire Hall, Thursday, December 18th, 8 p.m.

Christmas Concert Iona Hall, December 19th, Curtain 8:15.

Reserve Thursday, December 18 for Rennie's Road School Concert in Hunter River Hall.

Emerald School Concert in Emerald Hall on December 22nd. Curtain 8 p.m. Dance after.

Meadowbank School Christmas Concert in Cornwall Hall Saturday, December 20, 8 p.m.

Turkeys—Geese—Ducks arriving daily—Fresh killed. Gil Henry. Phone 8315.

Hear Mr. Donald MacDougall speaking on behalf of the Young Progressive Conservatives on Provincial Affairs Series Saturday, December 20th., at 7:30 p.m. C.F.C.Y.

North Milton School Concert will be held in North Milton Hall Thursday December 18, 8 p.m.

Don't miss Harrington School Concert to be held in Harrington Hall Saturday December 20, at 8 o'clock.

Christmas Concert Springton School, December 17th. 8 o'clock. All welcome!

## Truckers Avoid New Highway

TORONTO (CP)—The trucking industry virtually boycotted Ontario's \$100,000,000 Burlington Bay skyway during its first month of operation, it was reported Tuesday.

Only 12,200 of the 321,400 vehicles which used the skyway from Nov. 10 to Dec. 10 were heavy trucks, a spokesman for the department of highways said.

The spokesman said the \$54,200 revenue during its first month was higher than a firm of consultants had predicted for it.

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