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**GAINS MADE AGAINST UNDERWORLD**

**Cross Canada Survey Shows Crime Rate Remains Steady**

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
Quebec gets the reputation as a crime hot spot because most of the recent headline-catching crimes have occurred in that province.  
But Quebec has made big gains in its war against the underworld since the appointment of Claude Wagner, its crime-busting justice minister.  
In recent months, the concern of law enforcement bodies has been for a growing trend toward more violence in crimes.  
Brutal beatings are administered during minor thefts. A

cannon is used to blast open a safe.  
These catch more headlines than when less spectacular methods are used.  
**USE GUNS, VIOLENCE**  
"The use of guns and violence in carrying out criminal acts is becoming the rule rather than the exception," said RCMP Commissioner George B. McClellan in a speech last March 2, in Toronto.  
Another concern is for what appears to be a growth in crimes of corruption in which the underworld influences minor officials, who exercise some authority, to help them commit a criminal act.  
Crime, and the desire to take national measures to combat it, was a side issue during the recent federal election campaign. The Liberal government was under pressure for action be-

cause of the Dorion report which investigated charges of coercion among certain federal ministerial aides.  
The report by Mr. Justice Frederic Dorion brought about the resignation of the federal justice minister, and named four ministerial aides as having conspired to obstruct justice, and named four ministerial aides as having conspired to obstruct justice. Charges were laid against one of the aides.

**ALLEGED BRIBE OFFER**  
The Dorion inquiry was launched after Pierre Lamontagne, a Montreal lawyer, charged that he had been offered a \$20,000 bribe and was subjected to political pressure from Ottawa to agree to bail for Rivard, then being held pending extradition to the U.S. on charges of dope smuggling.  
Rivard later staged a sensational jail break but was eventually captured and convicted by a Texas court.  
George Lemay, a Montreal playboy, is still at large after escaping from a Miami jail last September. He was being held there for extradition to Canada where he is wanted in connection with a \$500,000 Montreal bank burglary in 1961.  
His capture by Miami police after his face was flashed over intercontinental Early Bird satellite television brought Canada notoriety.

Another link was put in Canada's crime picture with the recent discovery of lime-seared corpses in a Quebec bog. Mr. Wagner said they were gangland killings by a frantic underworld afraid the victims would testify in bankruptcy hearings.

**BACKED INTO WALL**  
"These people (in the underworld) have their backs to the wall," Mr. Wagner said in explaining the success of his department's crackdown on fraudulent bankruptcies. "They are playing for big stakes. It's us or them."  
Major bank robberies this year in Montreal have so far netted thieves more than \$2,000,000.

**NAMED TRULY ENOUGH**  
There were seven brothers in the family that founded the Ringling Brothers Circus in 1884.

**The Guardian**

"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

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**'Sideline' Arson Ring Uncovered**

By REMY d'ANJOU  
QUEBEC (CP)—Investigators say they have uncovered a second "sideline" arson ring operating in Quebec province.  
The second arson ring, centred in the Beauce area south of Quebec City, is reported to be the sideline of one of the persons involved in the giant trans-Quebec arson ring which now is being investigated intensively.  
Investigation of the major ring has so far resulted in some 20 in-court confessions of guilt and the discovery of five-lime-covered and decomposed bodies—Justice department officials have said the discovered bodies are those of persons who might have been dangerous witnesses against the arson ring and who were killed in an underworld purge.  
Individuals connected with the first arson ring have confessed to setting fire to private residences, hotels, restaurants, bowling alleys and factories.

**COLLECT INSURANCE**  
"In the case of the second ring," an investigator said Friday, "it consists of individual cases of persons who, approached by a man we now have in custody, agreed to their residences being set ablaze so as to collect insurance money."  
The investigator said that the head man who ran this second ring as a sideline, charged about \$500 for his arson work.

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**THEY WERE ON OUR SIDE**

The eyes of a Vietnamese litter bearer tell a sad tale as he walks down road crowded with corpses of American and Vietnamese soldiers at Michelin Rubber Plantation Sunday. A Ranger battalion retook the ground, 45 miles northwest of Saigon, that had been lost Saturday when Viet Cong overran a Vietnamese battalion and a regimental headquarters with human wave attacks. The Rangers, who recovered more than a hundred bodies, wore kerchiefs to cut down the stench. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Saigon)

**Bank Business At New Peak, Report Shows**

MONTREAL — Bank of Montreal assets nudged \$5 billion at

the October 31 year-end, while loans, deposits and earnings also reached new peaks, according to the bank's 14th annual statement released here.

The assets figure of \$4,997 million was up \$329 million over 1964. Loans climbed \$439 million to \$3,168 million, passing \$3 billion for the first year in history. Bank of Montreal earnings were \$16,730,353, or \$3.06 per share, 4.5 per cent above 1964, when the per-share figure was \$2.94. Total provision for income taxes was \$19,410,311.

Total deposits at \$4,605 million, or \$265 million from 1964, while personal savings reached \$2,167 million, compared with \$2,030 million in 1964, an increase of \$137 million.

**LOANS UP 20 PER CENT**  
The total loan figure of \$3,168 million includes an increase of \$456 million in the key category "commercial and other loans".

Securities holdings stood at \$975 million, down \$167 million from 1964. "Quick" assets were \$1,859 million, indicating that the liquid position has been well maintained.

The net profit after taxes for the year's operations of more than 970 offices at home and abroad was \$16,730,353, an increase of \$975,470 from 1964.

Dividend payments for the year to the bank's 24,000 shareholders have amounted to \$13,820,625, or \$2.27 1/2 per share, 7 1/2 cents more than in 1964.

After payments of dividends, the balance of earnings for the year is \$4,990,728, to be added to the balance of undivided profits of \$1,557,589 carried forward from 1964. From this total of \$6,467,327, an amount of \$5 million has been transferred to rest account, which now stands at \$163 million, leaving a balance of undivided profits carried of \$1,467,327.

**OFFERS PHD IN RELIGION**  
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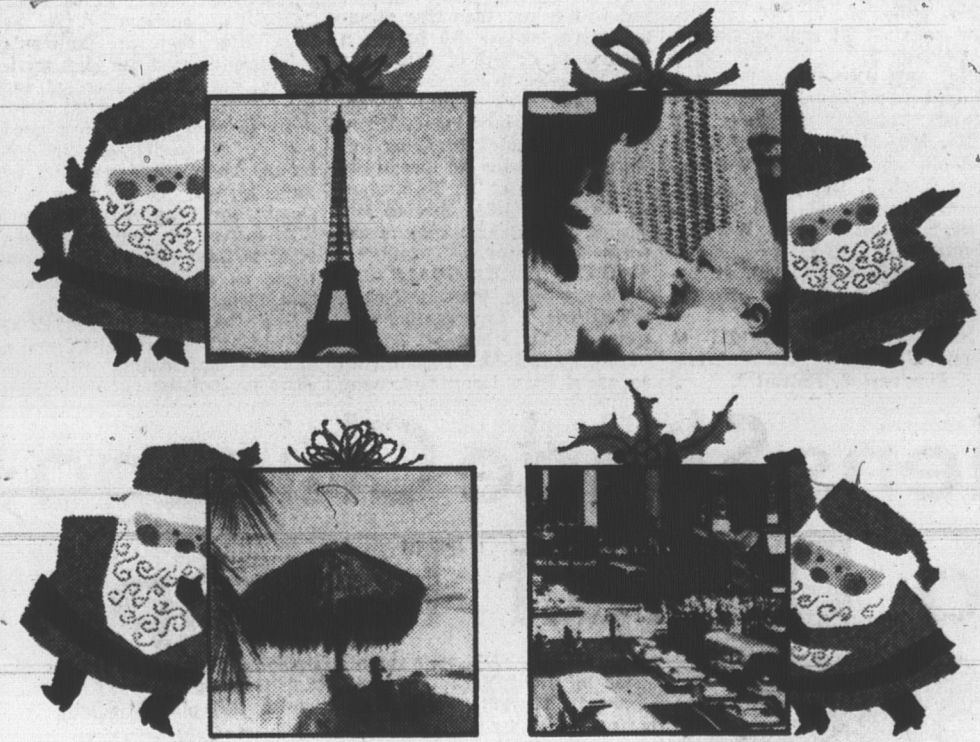
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