

Federal Minister Is Critical Of Gossip And Rumor Stories

TORONTO (CP)—Yvon Desjardins, federal minister without portfolio, has criticized newspaper publication of gossip and rumors not substantiated by concrete facts and said that "code of ethics is not good only for members of Parliament."

Mr. Dupuis' remarks were contained in a bylined article in the Telegram. He was replying to a Dec. 11 Telegram article by publisher John Bassett commenting on an earlier column by Mr. Dupuis that English

language newspapers generally and The Telegram specifically had made a "concerted effort to smear French-Canadian members of Parliament and ministers."

Mr. Bassett had written: "In the present situation in Ottawa, it is not only proper for a newspaper to report 'gossip and rumors' but it is also its duty — so long as the story is clearly labeled the material as 'gossip and rumor.'"

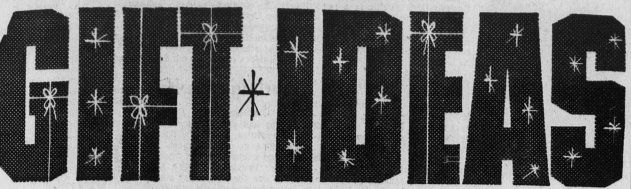
Mr. Dupuis said "I respect at least the elementary decency of requesting that your less scrupulous informers state concrete facts, bring out precise accusations and show all have the courage to identify themselves when they tell tales which you so accurately call 'gossip and rumors.'"

"The harm done by certain of their articles hurts not only the French-Canadians, it constitutes malicious insinuations against our parliamentarians and boomerangs against the fine reputation that the press must maintain, that of being objective."

Mr. Dupuis cited articles in a Journalist's code of honor proposed by the Professional Association of French Journalists and said:

"A code of ethics is not good only for members of Parliament. I am sure that it is most useful to those few journalists who really need to assimilate the contents of such a code."

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U.S. Outlook For Steel Mills Reported Good

CLEVELAND (AP)—The end of the year will see use of steel in the United States reach an annual record of 87,000,000 tons and the prospects are that it will be even higher next year, Steel magazine predicts.

Steel says the first quarter of 1953 could be the best quarter of all time for users of metals.

Most metalworkers are optimistic about the increased budgets virtually all their customers—whether consumer, industrial or governmental.

"Metalworkers think their 1953 dollar volume of sales will top last year's, and they are looking for some price inflation in that figure, the physical volume of steel production will exceed that of 1952; the steel consumption will be correspondingly greater."

WARNS OF STRIKE IMPACT

Steel notes, however, that a steel strike next year, if it were prolonged, could change the picture considerably.

The biggest consumer of steel in this record year is the automobile industry, which took about 18,000,000 tons—which is still under the record of 20,000,000 tons taken for automobile production in the big auto year of 1952. Running a close second is the construction industry, whose total shipments from the steel-makers this year will come to about 16,000,000 tons.

Steel mills turned out an estimated 2,600,000 last week, Steel says, marking the ninth straight week of production above 2,600,000 tons. The Christmas holiday will cut steel production this week.

Deportation Is Claimed 'Cover-Up'

TORONTO (CP)—The Telegram says Onofrio Minaido claims his deportation to Italy from Canada last March was a government attempt to cover up payoff he made to "somebody powerful enough to push the immigration department around."

The report from Customs northwest Sicily, where Minaido lives, says the former resident of Windsor, Ont., Detroit and Cuba declined to name names and reveal the amount he says he paid but still hopes to return to Canada.

In Parliament Friday, the government tabled previously confidential correspondence and reports on Minaido's application for landed immigrant status and subsequent deportation.

The payoff is alleged to have taken place in 1950.

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He was just told to honor my oath, to work hard for the province, and to get out and promote B.C.—I've been left alone to make decisions ever after my appointment the Premier said: 'Now I have a couple of things to tell you.'

"I thought the worst."

"The minister's qualifications make him the most scholarly member of the cabinet, and he says his degrees serve him well."

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AFTER COMMISSIONING NEW DESTROYER ESCORT

R.C. PECK, of Vancouver, left, commanding officer of the new destroyer escort Annapolis chate with labor minister MacEachen and Lt.-Gen. Geoffrey Walsh, vice-chief of defence staff, after the ship's commissioning Saturday at Halifax.

General Walsh presided at the commissioning ceremony and Mr. MacEachen was special speaker. The ship's keel was laid down at Halifax Shipyards Limited on September, 1961. She was launched in April 1963. Cost was more than \$35,000,000.

Loffmark's Rise In Politics Like Walking Into Hurricane

By MICHAEL BLAIR VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia's "instant" cabinet Minister isn't sure he enjoys his work.

Ralph Raymond Loffmark, the academically experienced minister of industrial development, trade and commerce, finds it "time-consuming" and says it leaves him little time for writing books.

"I could work 18 hours a day if I wanted and still not catch up on all my work," said Mr. Loffmark, a scholar who turned politician overnight.

For seven years until August, 1953, he was an academician with his world bounded by the University of British Columbia and writing books on taxes, on which he is an internationally recognized authority.

"And then I embarked on an entirely new life—in instead of dealing with young people with impressionable minds, I was dealing with men of strong minds, ambitious and personalities. It was like walking out of a greenhouse into a hurricane."

His rise in politics, from not being a member of a political party to an obscure backbencher and on to become a cabinet minister, must be something of a record.

Little Radioactivity Expected From Chinese Bomb Testing

By JOHN E. BIRD OTTAWA (CP)—Tests by the federal nuclear department's radiation protection division show that levels of radioactivity in Canada will not be increased by any appreciable amount by the Oct. 16 Communist Chinese nuclear explosion.

Dr. Peter Bird, chief of the division, said here in an interview that this conclusion can be drawn from data obtained in the division's October report on fallout levels in Canada.

The report shows that immediate fallout from the Chinese explosion showed concentration in the air, but a slight rise in the amount of fallout levels still were well below those considered permissible on health grounds. They also were much lower than those reported following the resumption in September, 1962, of Russian nuclear tests.

However, tests made at the end of October showed that fallout levels had returned to the low levels that existed before the Chinese tests.

WATCHES ECONOMY

"If business or employment slides downward in one area we warn the appropriate people and suggest remedies—we're continuously testing the economic pulse rate."

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SHIP MISSING

TOKYO (AP)—The 535-ton Japanese trawler Uji Maru with crew of 23 was believed lost in the south Atlantic off Portuguese Angola. The ship's owner said the trawler's skipper radioed sister vessel Dec. 19 but has not been heard from since.