

Breath Evidence Said Very Shaky

OTTAWA (CP)—The breath analysis test for impaired driving was called shaky medical evidence on which to build a law.

Reid Scott, (NDP — Toronto Danforth) told the Commons standing committee on justice and legal affairs that there is growing doubt about the reliability of such tests.

In such tests, a suspected impaired driver breathes into a balloon. A chemical analysis of the contents is made and the amount of alcohol in the blood determined from the results.

The committee was considering a bill by Barry Mather (NDP—New Westminster) that would make such tests compulsory and set an alcohol level of eight-tenths of a part per 1,000 in the blood as that of impairment.

SETS PENALTIES

Conviction of impaired driving for the first time would mean a fine of up to \$500 or a maximum of three months in jail. A second offence would bring a jail sentence of up to three months and a third, a sentence of up to a year.

Steamship Profits May Decline

MONTREAL (CP) — Canada Steamship Lines Ltd. shareholders were told here net profits for 1966 may be lower if the recent outburst of strikes continue.

T. R. McLagan, president of the Montreal-based company, said:

"We expect to have an active year but whether or not the profits will be as high remains to be seen."

Speaking at the annual meeting Mr. McLagan said the company's transportation activities are affected by strikes in Canada Steamship itself and "indeed by strikes in our customers' activities."

Mr. McLagan said the trucking industry strike in Ontario, last week's Montreal longshoremen's strike and the soft coal miners' strike in the United States have slowed up deliveries.

Mr. McLagan said:

"Our shipbuilding yards have a good load of work and one of them has a full order book this year. Our heavy transport company is also fully employed."

The company expects capital expenditures to be fairly heavy again this year, "but will be considerably lower in 1967," Mr. McLagan said.

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Canada Receives No Return From Subsidy For Tuna Ship

By PAUL DUNN
OTTAWA (CP)—The federal transport and fisheries departments paid \$764,250 in subsidies for construction of the tuna seiner Golden Scarab and that's about the last Canada saw of her.

Lloyd R. Crouse (PC—Queens - Lunenburg) detailed this history of the vessel with the exotic name for the Commons fisheries committee then rattled a series of questions at Dr. A. W. H. Needler, deputy fisheries minister.

Mr. Crouse had learned Scarab Fishing Ventures Ltd. had received \$764,250 for construction of the Golden Scarab from the federal departments. However:

—No tuna had been landed by the vessel in Canada since its launching more than a year ago.

—Only one Canadian in a crew of 13 was known to be employed on the vessel (although the ship left the Marlin times on its maiden voyage with a Canadian crew, it completed one voyage, then dropped the Canadians and hired Mexican and Puerto Rican fishermen.

PAID \$25,000
—The fisheries department paid the Scarab firm \$25,000 in a special subsidy, because the firm is to construct a tuna processing plant in southern New Brunswick and to build three 210-foot tuna trawlers in Canada to supply the plant.

"What safeguards are being set up to protect the Canadian taxpayer from exploitation of this kind?" asked Mr. Crouse.

A. M. A. McLean (L—Charlotte) said he understood the Scarab firm was constructing a processing plant in the northern U.S. and wondered if the Canadian plant would benefit from future tuna fishing.

Dr. Needler said he shared Mr. Crouse's concern "about the financing of processing plants." However, his department was "not the principal agency of government" concerned in the case mentioned.

The Scarab subsidies were almost all from other departments. The \$25,000 from the fisheries department was "on a value received basis." Department personnel had used the ship's accommodations and its records on research work.

CONSIDERED CONDITIONS
The fisheries department had considered imposing "some conditions regarding crewing to assure that vessels are manned at least by people living in the Canadian fishing community."

He believed the manning situation on the Scarab would change "when the vessels have a home plant in Canada." The company had to fish tropical waters to get economical tuna catches.

other types of fish and fish waste that may become available. It is my hope that fishermen in Fortune and Hermitage bays and elsewhere on the southwest coast will become interested in building or buying suitable boats to prosecute the herring fishery to serve the plant which will be able to process 800 tons of fish meal every day," said Mr. Smallwood.

He said B.C. Packers had brought one seiner to Fortune Bay in 1964 and four more last year. He said the government "has offered them certain inducements" but the plant at Harbor Breton "will cost the government any money to build or operate."

DEVELOP NEW SPREAD
GUELPH, Ont. (CP)—A new low-fat dairy spread, with half the amount of fats found in butter and margarine but seven times as much protein, has been developed by the dairy science department of the Ontario Agricultural College at the University of Guelph. A spokesman for the department said the new spread won't melt as quickly as refrigerated temperatures and recurrent domestic spreads but retain its quality as long as will remain soft even at re-butter.

Gerda Escaped Bite For Taxes

OTTAWA (CP)—Withholding tax wasn't deducted from CBC payments to Gerda Munsinger because her services weren't performed in Canada, Revenue Minister Benson told a laughing Commons.

He said in reply to H. W. Herridge (NDP — Kootenay West) that the law on payment of withholding tax "only applies to services rendered in Canada."

Mrs. Munsinger, subject of a royal commission inquiry under Mr. Justice Wishart Spence of the Supreme Court of Canada, received \$5,000 from the CBC for appearing on a television interview in Munich, West Germany.

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Fish Meal, Oil Plant Planned in Newfoundland

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—A new fish meal and fish oil plant will be built at Harbor Breton, Nfld., employing 12-14 vessels and costing more than \$1,000,000. Premier Smallwood announced.

The plant is being constructed for B.C. Packers and about half the herring seiners to work out of the plant will be sent here from the West Coast, Mr. Smallwood said.

"Other boats will be brought in from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec," he said in a prepared statement. The plant was to be the "biggest and best in Canada" and the firm was seriously considering another for Stephenville, on the west coast of the province.

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