

## French, English Groups Give Racial Grievances

### 'English Mentality' Charged At Ottawa

MONTREAL (CP) — Grievances against the "English mentality" of the federal government and armed forces came before the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism today.

At the same time, spokesmen for English-speaking residents of rural Quebec were complaining they are being driven out by "French elements" led by "aggressive" Catholic priests.

The Quebec Chamber of Notaries says in its brief being submitted today that many federal laws are enforced unjustly because legislators and officials ignore or reject Quebec's civil law system and French-Canadian practices.

The Ex-Cadet Club of Le College Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean says the college is more English than French despite its name. French-speaking cadets were handicapped in their training.

The Federation of Quebec Protestant Colonization and Settlement Societies says it deplores "the aggressive opposition of Roman Catholic clergy" to its members.

"The directors of our federation urge a relaxation in the efforts of French elements to drive the English from the many small communities in the Eastern Townships, which they (the English) have occupied for almost two centuries."

CHANGE ROAD SIGNS  
The brief charges that businesses owned by English-speaking people in the Eastern Townships are being "dispossessed" by French-Canadians, that English geographical names are being dropped and road signs posted in French only.

"For instance, why change Katavale to Ste. Catherine de Katavale?"

The Protestant group also complains that only half a dozen of the province's 2,000 agricultural representatives (agronomes) are English-speaking.

The Chamber of Notaries, a branch of the Quebec legal profession concentrating on office work such as contracts, wills and business transactions, says it has yet to be recognized by the federal government.

Specialists in civil law and French legal traditions were needed in the justice department and other federal agencies to eliminate clashes between English common law and French civil code principles.

The chamber advocates official recognition of French in all Canadian courts of law, and French-language schools across the country. Bilingualism is also favored for the Ottawa-Hull capital region, the federal civil service, and the diplomatic corps.

ASK NEW COURT  
A new court, half appointed by Ottawa and half by the provinces, is urged to settle constitutional cases. A court with a majority of Quebec judges

(trained in civil law should be the court of last instance in Quebec civil cases.)

The notaries say it is unthinkable that future prime ministers, cabinet ministers and senior civil servants could not express themselves in both official languages.

Immigration policy should not be designed to "drown" French-Canadians in an English-speaking mass.

The brief from 250 graduates of Le College Militaire says French should be the working language at military bases in Quebec and that more French-speaking units should be formed.

The college in St. Johns should offer the full four-year university course in both French and English. At present, St. Johns cadets take their final year in English at Royal Military College, Kingston.

SAYS RECRUITMENT HIT  
The ex-cadet club says relatively few French-Canadians choose a military career because of the lack of French in the services.

The Canadian Hungarian Federation calls for equal recognition of French and English in schools, adding that "the teaching of the French language and literature was obligatory in Hungarian schools at a generally earlier age than is usual in Canada."

The federation says Hungarian immigrants don't aspire to the privileges of a nationality, but would oppose any constitutional amendment that would deprive them of their civil and human rights in Quebec.

The Canadian-Italian Business and Professional Men's Association calls for recognition of French and English across Canada and for a new federal department to promote the cultures of minority ethnic groups.

The Unitarian Churches of Montreal say the school systems should be divided along language rather than religious lines.

WANT TWO CULTURES  
La Federation des Colleges Classiques, representing 93 private high schools and colleges, says most of its member institutions are confident biculturalism can be made to work on a national level.

It recommends that parallel systems of French and English tax-supported schools be set up in all provinces to protect minority rights.

The group comes out against federal grants to provinces for education and cultural purposes, saying this is a provincial field. Provinces should get increased tax powers to assume their responsibilities.

The Quebec Social Workers Association (Corporation des Travailleurs Sociaux Professionnels) says economic and social inequality between the two major language groups is at the root of political conflict.

### Special Education Director Asked In Brief To Cabinet

A request for the immediate appointment of a director of guidance and special education services in Island schools was made to the executive council of this province yesterday by a representative of Island education organizations.

Presented by Dr. John Ma-

loney, the brief stated a number of reasons for the request. The following are a few points: The necessity of educating all pupils requires a corps of specially trained personnel within the school system who can assess and recommend reasonable management for children represent-

ing a wide variety of problems ranging from physical handicap, such as deafness, to emotional and behavioral problems, to mental retardation with its intellectual handicap, to specific disabilities to cope with the task of learning to read and to the handicap related to socio-economic - cultural deprivation.

These personnel must be skilled in those techniques which will stimulate and integrate the efforts of parents, teacher, and child to the end that the average or normal child finds his best educational placement.

Special classes and programs must be provided for those children who cannot learn in the usual class setting by they retarded, disturbed, or brilliant.

Special personnel must be capable of assisting the child who has difficulty in choosing the educational road which best suits his aptitudes.

CONCERN EVIDENT  
The evident concern of teachers of this province in having such assistance is demonstrated by the fact that the guidance services now offered by the Mental Health Clinic are overwhelmed by a shortage of staff.

The brief stated that every one of the 25,000 children in Island schools need individual guidance which ranges from straight academic guidance, to guidance in study habits, to guidance in vocational opportunities, to guidance in scholarship assistance.

The importance of the classroom teacher in providing guidance of this type must not be minimized; however, in this role the classroom teacher requires the help of specially trained guidance personnel.

Rapid development of vocational educational services in past years has created unprecedented needs for professional guidance services. This has resulted in

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### Sabotage Hint Heard In Cruise Ship Fire

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Firefighting aboard the blazing Yarmouth Castle was delayed when a hose was found sliced off near a valve, a U.S. Coast Guard board of inquiry was told Tuesday.

"I suppose it was cut off with a knife," testified Staff Capt. Panigiotis Menegatos, second in command of the cruise ship which sank off the Bahamas Nov. 13 with a loss of 89 lives including two Canadians. "It was a clean cut."

Menegatos' testimony was the first firm hint of possible sabotage aboard the Yarmouth Castle, although it was learned last week that the Coast Guard was investigating the possibility of arson.

Questioned closely by Rear Admiral Louis M. Thayer, commander of the Seventh Coast Guard district and head of the inquiry board, the staff captain added:

"The hose was coiled. We pulled it out. I saw it was unusable so went to another one on the starboard side. These two hoses were the only ones I saw. "By that time the fire practically blocked the way aft."

WAS NEWCOMER  
Testifying through an interpreter in his native Greek, the 36-year-old Menegatos said he had been on the Yarmouth Castle only 13 days when the disaster occurred.

Although he testified his job was to direct rescue operations, Menegatos said he had never participated in a lifeboat drill but had been shown how it was done by the ship's captain.

Menegatos said he was awakened by the fire alarm in the officers' quarters and ran to his

station just behind the bridge to take charge of the emergency crew.

But, he testified, none of the emergency squad was there and he was unable to reach the bridge to get orders from the captain, Byron Voutsinas.

"The bridge was full of smoke," Menegatos testified, adding:

"I went down a ladder to the next deck, the promenade deck, and found four or five members of the emergency squad breaking windows to get the passengers out of cabins." He then ordered a hose broken out.

HOSE CUT  
"We found that the hose there had been cut right below the faucet — it was a completely clean cut about five or six inches from the faucet."

It was learned last week that at least two federal agencies were investigating a 36-year-old surviving passenger of the Yarmouth Castle who had in the past been questioned about two fires on his family's business property. The man has not been identified at the hearing.

### Pirates' Ghosts Haunting Island

OAK ISLAND, N.S. (CP)—If the ghosts of 17th century pirates still haunt this small island off Nova Scotia's south shore, they are doing a pesky good job of guarding the legendary loot said to be buried there.

Robert R. Dunfield, a Los Angeles petroleum geologist and engineer, said Tuesday a cracked engine block or blown gasket in a diesel generator is the latest problem encountered in his mechanical attack on the 170-year mystery that has foiled numerous treasure-seeking expeditions.

The generator, a 550-volt machine procured in Montreal, is still working, he said, but the engine will have to be "torn down" and repairs made from parts flown in from Montreal.

Production resumed earlier in the day when a water pump in the island's fabled Money Pit was put back in working order. It sprang a leak Monday, forcing another delay in the search that had taken a 48-hour respite while teeth on the buckets of a 70-ton digging machine were sharpened.

CHIEFS WOOD  
Teeth had to be welded to a point to enable the Digging Clam to gnaw through layers of old spruce and oak hampering the operation at the 152-foot

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### ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY DINNER HELD

Lieutenant-Governor W. J. MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald appeared amused as Premier W. R. Shaw modelled his kilt for them at the annual St. Andrew's Society dinner at the local Legion home last night.

The custom of the annual dinner was started in 1773 by Capt. John MacDonald and has continued since. The head table guests, piped in by Bruce MacLaren, included: Mrs. Joan Walker, Rev. Donald Campbell, Mrs. Ruth Bar-

low, Hon. Chief Dougald MacKinnon, Mrs. W. J. MacDonald, Premier Shaw, Lieut. Gov. MacDonald, Philip Barlow, Mrs. W. R. Shaw, Chief James Walker, Mrs. Dougald MacKinnon, Dr. George Dewar and Mrs. Donald Campbell.

### New Invitation To Join OAS Would Be Pondered, PM Says

KINGSTON, Jamaica (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson said here Tuesday that Canada would seriously consider an official invitation to join the Organization of American States (OAS).

The Canadian prime minister, who had two days of talks here with government leaders, told a press conference Canada's position is similar to that of Jamaica and Trinidad-Tobago, which also

do not belong to the OAS. He said the three countries, which sent observers to the two-week hemisphere conference that ended Tuesday in Rio de Janeiro, would keep in close touch so that they might act in unison on OAS membership.

The prime minister and Mrs. Pearson have been in Kingston since Sunday. The official visit to Jamaica and one to Trinidad-Tobago that will follow are the first by a Canadian head of government since the islands became independent.

On wider issues, Pearson told his press conference it was his opinion economic sanctions imposed on Rhodesia — up to now would not work, but that he preferred total sanctions, off-in-

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### Dief Suggests Conference To End Viet Nam Conflict

HALIFAX (CP) — Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said Tuesday Canada should ask United Nations Secretary-General U Thant to call a conference aimed at ending war in Viet Nam.

He also expressed misgivings over U.S. Defence Secretary McNamara's announced intention to step up bombings in Viet Nam. He said there was a feeling in Southeast Asia that "it's becoming as dangerous to be an ally as an enemy."

At a press conference at Halifax International Airport, Mr. Diefenbaker said he was "very concerned" the United States state department only recently admitted it had received peace feelers from North Viet Nam last April.

Mr. Diefenbaker was in the airport on his way to Sydney, where he was to speak Tuesday night to the St. Andrew's Day meeting of the Cape Breton Highland Society.

State department spokesmen have said U.S. authorities rejected the North Vietnamese approach because they did not feel Hanoi was prepared to negotiate in good faith.

Asked about a recent suggestion made in London, Eng., by Ontario Premier John Roberts that political parties should work together in the Commons, the opposition leader first declined comment saying "any announcement I make, I make it in Canada."

"Whatever it's worth... the failure to reveal this will cause concern in the minds of all those who stand together for freedom," Mr. Diefenbaker said.

But he later said the opposition has a responsibility to "place before Parliament its viewpoints," and he said this would be done.

### Centennial Canoe Pageant Faces Financial Troubles

By GERALD McNEIL  
HALIFAX (CP)—The centennial voyageur canoe pageant has developed a financial leak.

The Canadian centennial commission said Tuesday it will have to pull out of the program if the provinces and private enterprise don't start putting up money by Dec. 31.

The 3,500-mile pageant, a series of sprints, portages and endurance races from the Rockies to Montreal, has run into difficulty from the outset.

"We'll have no financial water to paddle in if the provinces don't start to contribute," a centennial spokesman said.

The announcement came near the close of the national centennial conference after talks

between federal and provincial officials. "Among all our programs, it is the most exciting," said Commissioner John Fisher in an interview. "It involves the most romantic period in Canada's history."

"Without the voyageurs, Confederation would only have come many decades later."

He indicated that the centennial commission itself may sponsor voyageur canoe runs from Montreal to New York and on Quebec's St. Maurice River.

They had already been announced as trial runs for 1966 partly designed to draw attention to the centennial.

The announcement was one of the few sour notes of the conference. Provincial delegates gave solid support to the youth travel program, calling for more funds in this one, and there were only minor adjustments to others being developed by the commission.

**ONLY 21 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS**



**TOURNAMENT OF ROSES QUEEN**  
Carole Cota, 18-year-old sophomore at Pasadena, Calif. City College, Tuesday was chosen as Queen of the annual Tournament of Roses. She is 5 feet, 6½ inches tall, and has brown hair and green eyes.

### De Gaulle Makes Appeal For Vote Of Confidence

PARIS (AP)—With a side-swipe at "a stupid war" in Asia, President de Gaulle Tuesday night asked Frenchmen to give him a vote of confidence in Sunday's election.

The president said France shuns subordination to any of its allies—an apparent reference to the United States and NATO.

De Gaulle, 75, made a frankly political speech to the nation, soliciting votes. He did not deign to name his five opponents, but said: "The only point on which they bring their passions together is for my departure."

Election of any of them "would without fail mark the return to the odious state" in which the nation suffered under former regimes, he said in arguing that he alone can unite the nation and lead it independently toward progress and peace.

It was de Gaulle's formal entry into the political arena, aside from his original announcement that he would seek another seven-year term. When the campaign started he planned to forego opportunities to speak on the national television network. Polls indicating that his opponents were making points led him to schedule Tuesday night's address.

### Hunt Begins For 3 Boys

GLACE BAY, N.S. (CP) — More than 300 men were searching a wooded area near here Tuesday night for three missing boys.

Police said the area near Donkin, about six miles from here, was dangerous because it was known to contain several "book-logs" or illegal coal mines.

The boys, brothers Jim MacSweeney, 9, and John MacSweeney, 6, and Shelly Hillis, 10, all of Donkin, failed to return after they went into the woods to set rabbit snares.

Many of the searchers were off-duty coalminers.

### 3 Death Sentences Are Commuted To Life

OTTAWA (CP) — Death sentences have been commuted to life imprisonment for Matthew Kerry Smith, 25, Joseph Philias Oscar Letourneau, 67, and Leopold Dion, 45, the cabinet announced Tuesday.

All three had been convicted of capital murder.

Smith shot and killed 55-year-old John Blanc July 24, 1964. The man chased Smith after a holdup at a Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce branch in the Toronto suburb of North York.

He was convicted at Toronto last May 19 and two appeals to the Ontario Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada, were subsequently dismissed.

He had been scheduled to be executed Dec. 8. Letourneau was convicted of killing Charles E. Baillargeon of Montmagny near Quebec City, Aug. 15, 1961, by placing a homemade bomb in Mr. Baillargeon's jeep to get revenge over a land transaction.

He was convicted at Quebec and subsequent appeals to the Quebec Court of Appeal and the

Supreme Court of Canada were turned down. He had been scheduled to be hanged Dec. 10.

Dion killed 13-year-old Pierre Marquis near Quebec City May 26, 1963, during the course of a sexual attack. Three other youngsters were killed by Dion in the same vicinity and in similar circumstances during the month before the Marquis killing.

He was convicted at Quebec City Dec. 13 and appeals to the Quebec courts and the Supreme Court of Canada were denied. He had been sentenced to die Dec. 3.

The announcement noted that regulations deny parole for a person whose death sentence has been commuted "without the express direction of the governor-in-council."

The last hanging in Canada took place Dec. 11, 1962 in Toronto when Ronald Turpin and Arthur Lucas were executed.

The latest commutations bring the total to 29 since that time. Several other death sentences were reversed by appeal courts.

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