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HEAR A SEAL LAUGH

Fisheries Minister Robichaud rubs the belly of a four-day-old seal and joins the pup in a laugh. The minister Monday was watching the opening of the hunt in the Gulf of St. Lawrence where 50,000 are expected to be slaughtered in two days.

Whitecoat Pups Slaughter Observed By Robichaud

By HARRY CALNEK
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Fisheries Minister Robichaud cuddled a baby seal and watched one being slaughtered Monday as the annual hunt opened on Gulf of St. Lawrence ice.

The minister was among fisheries officials and humane society representatives watching as hundreds of men swarmed over the ice clubbing and skinning the whitecoat pups.

The hunt is limited to 50,000 pups and the swilers — the same given the hunters — were expected to reach the quota by sundown today or at the latest, Wednesday noon.

Fisheries patrol planes estimated that 800,000 seals were on the ice 30 miles south of the Magdalen Islands Sunday. Nine ships were anchored in their midst waiting for the Monday season opening.

A few of the ships put men over the side Sunday at midnight, taking advantage of a bright moon and ideal weather. In addition, to the ships, a score of aircraft from the Magdalen and Prince Edward Island were ferrying hunters and skins back and forth.

Two Nfld. Sealing Ships Report Omens Are Good

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—If stowaways and last-minute crew recruits are good luck omens, seal hunters believe, the two Newfoundland ships in this year's hunt may be in for some luck.

The Algerine, veteran of many springs at the sealing front, left St. John's Saturday for the ice floes north of Newfoundland. The 700-ton Bowring Brothers Limited vessel was "rely out of the harbor when its crew discovered stowaway Harry Cadwell. The Algerine carries a crew of about 60.

Last Tuesday the Chesley A. Crosbie was about to leave when Capt. Clarence Dyke discovered he was one man below his crew complement. Thomas Keating, planes and helicopters.

Tories Charge Britain Made Prisoner Of U.S.

LONDON (AP)—The Conservative party's defence spokesman charged Monday night the Labor government has made Britain a prisoner of the United States by deciding to buy U.S. warplanes and scrapping plans for a new aircraft carrier.

"The government have bound themselves hand and foot to the Americans in this whole matter of armament of our forces," Enoch Powell told the House of Commons. His Conservative colleagues cheered and Labor benches exploded with protests.

The charge came in a debate on defence, which looks back to Labor's white paper on defence last month and forward to the national election March 31.

Conservative leaders have indicated they will face party policy away from the U.S. and toward the European Common Market last week a leading Tory accused Labor of tying British policy to Washington with "chains of gold"—a reference to massive loans in support of the pound.

Defence Minister Denis Healey virtually ignored Powell's charges of American military dominance. He concentrated on defending his own policy of trimming defence to an annual budget ceiling of £2,000,000,000 (\$6,000,000,000) a year by 1977. He said previous Conservative governments had let military budgets get out of control.

Powell said the Conservatives if elected would cancel Labor's decision to pull out of the big British-Middle-East base at Aden, and he came out for an independent and possibly worldwide role for British forces.

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QUESTIONED KILLERS
Mr. Robichaud, bundled in parka and bright yellow toque, mingled with a group of blood-spattered swilers, questioning them closely on their killing methods. He hefted a hardwood club, about two feet long, used to kill the pups.

One of the swilers demonstrated the killing and skinning. The minister borrowed a gaff and poked the carcass.

"I don't think there's any doubt that the little thing was dead when it was skinned," he said.

He agreed with the swiler that it would be difficult to skin alive a squirming seal.

Tom Hughes of Toronto, general manager of the Ontario Humane Society, agreed that the swiler had probably done a good job of killing the pup "he wouldn't want to do a bad job with the minister there."

Mr. Hughes went out on the ice with weapons of his own; a pistol used in slaughter houses

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NO COMMENT ON RESIGNATION RUMORS

Justice Minister Cardin had no comment for reporters concerning rumors that he may resign as a cabinet minister. He was seen at Ottawa Monday following him from the cabinet room is former justice minister Guy Favreau (LEFT BACKGROUND), who now is Privy Council president in the Commons later Social Credit Leader Thompson said government ministers had put forward a good case against holding an inquiry in the Spencer spy case but the prime minister had chosen to "capitulate completely" to the opposition. He had placed three cabinet members in an untenable position, particularly Mr. Cardin, (CP Wirephoto).

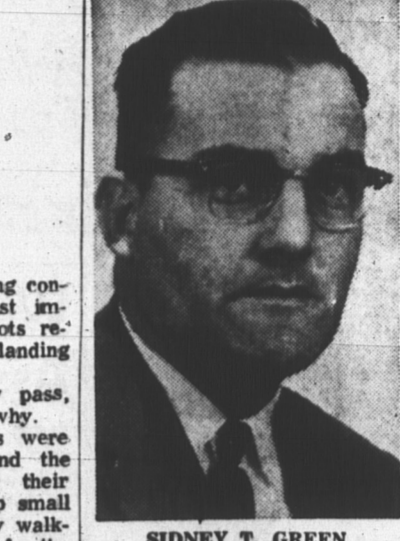
PM Announces Probe Of Canadian Security

Killing Of Seals On Gulf Ice Inspected From Small Aircraft

By JACK McANDREW
It was a magnificent day, an exhilarating day.
Above us in a cloudless blue sky the early spring sun sent down its warming rays, rays that hit the deep blue of the ocean with a sparkle that bounced back to squint your eyes against the shine.
And where it wasn't blue there were grey and snowy white pans of ice floating gently on a smooth sea, returning the sun's glare in even more intense fashion.
At 1,100 feet in our light airplane it was indeed a superb day for living.
But down below the snow white of the ice was turning to ugly crimson.
Down there it was a day for death, as thousands of white coated infant seals were efficiently despatched, skinned where they toppled, and loaded aboard ships and planes that would start their journey to the most exclusive fur salons of the country and the backs of the most stylish ladies of the land.

FIRST HAND LOOK
It was yesterday, the first day of the 1966 seal hunting season, and with Bill Rix at the controls of his Cessna 182, we had diverted from a return business trip to Sydney to have a first hand look at the progress of this initial day of the annual seal hunt.

Both ships and aircraft were very obviously racing against each other to get their share of the quota, but there wasn't much doubt that conditions vastly favored the shipboard hunters.
The mild weather of the past few days has made landing conditions on the ice almost impossible, and several pilots refused to attempt an ice landing during the first day.
Bill Rix made a low pass, and it was easy to see why.
Many of the ice floes were covered with water, and the hunters trudging about their messy business kicked up small showers of spray as they walked the floes in search of the baby seals.
HALF-DOZEN SHIPS
At least a half a dozen ships including the Theta, the Theron, and the North Star VI (all out of Halifax and all veterans of the hunt); the huge Chesley A. Crosbie (out of St. John's and reported to have a hundred killers aboard); and even a small red painted wooden hulled vessel (and that's a risky business in ice); were all in on the kill.
Parties of killers from the vessels were at their bloody task out on the ice, their obvious success stamped in the piles of skins with their fluttering marker flags that dotted the ice. Aboard the vessels huge piles of skins were easily visible, blood-stained mounds that mean a handsome profit for the ship operators.
On one huge floe a half a dozen planes had landed along with a couple of helicopters. They seemed to be standing by. Continued on Page 3 col. 3



SIDNEY T. GREEN

Directors Appointed

OTTAWA (CP)—Five new directors have been appointed to three-year terms on the Bank of Canada board of directors, Finance Minister Sharp announced Monday.
The appointments were effective March 1.
The new directors: Francis J. Ryan, 39, St. John's, Nfld., lawyer and director of several Newfoundland firms including Bennett Brewing Co.
Sidney T. Green, 41, Charlottetown, owner of a wholesale grocery business and chairman of the Charlottetown Water Commission.
Jacques Thascheron, 41, Quebec City, notary and professor at Laval University.
Paul-Henri Lavoye, 47, Montreal, secretary-general of the Union Catholique des Cultivateurs, the main farm organization in Quebec, since 1963.
Sol Kanev, 56, Winnipeg, president of Soo Line Mills Ltd. of Winnipeg and Milling Products Ltd. of Chatham, Ont., and a lawyer.
Mr. Kanev is president of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and a former vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.
The board of directors has 12 members, two from Quebec and Ontario and one from each of the other provinces. They usually meet eight times a year to advise Bank Governor Louis Rasminsky.
They receive fees of \$150 for each meeting they attend, plus \$50 for every additional day after the first day of a meeting, plus expenses.
The five vacancies were created by the retirement one year ago of Herve Baribeau of Quebec City and the retirements Feb. 28 of four other directors, N. H. DBois, Charlottetown; W. S. Perlin, St. John's, Nfld.; J. R. Oumel, Montreal; and Daniel Sprague, Winnipeg.

Announcement Seen Surprise To House

OTTAWA (CP)—The government plans to set up a judicial inquiry into security procedures, Prime Minister Pearson announced Monday in the Commons.
He said it would have two main purposes. The first would be to determine whether security provisions are adequate in the light of present-day conditions and the second to see whether they sufficiently protect the rights of individuals.
An announcement of details of the inquiry would be made without delay.
Mr. Pearson said he feels sure the investigation will establish that the RCMP's security operations have been carried out properly.
In leading up to his surprise announcement during a debate on justice department spending estimates, Mr. Pearson said it is 20 years since a royal commission into the famous Russian spy case of 1945 laid the groundwork for Canadian security measures.
It could well be that measures adopted that long ago might be inadequate or inappropriate today. Some changes had already been made as the result of periodic reviews during the years.

PROBLEM EXISTS
There is reason still for fears about subversive activities within our country," Mr. Pearson continued. Unfortunately, there was a real security problem in existence.
However, it was also important to have an outside authority examine the procedures from time to time to ensure they remained appropriate.
Mr. Pearson said the government has been considering the matter for many weeks, particularly as it affects private rights. He emphasized that the inquiry would look at security in general and not the George Victor Spencer spy case in particular.
"The government feels strongly that its actions in the Spencer case were correct and that he was treated fairly," Mr. Pearson said.
But the public had to be reassured that there was a proper balance between the security of a nation and the protection of individual rights.

TRANSFER RCMP
He said legislation is to be introduced shortly transferring responsibility for the RCMP, which handles security matters, from the justice minister to the solicitor-general, now Larry Pennell.
This meant that one minister would be able to devote close attention to all matters involving espionage or subversive activity.
There was also the question of section 50 in the Civil Service Act under which a civil servant may be fired without the right of appeal. There would be an opportunity to amend this section when the Civil Service Act is under study at this session to add collective bargaining rights to it.
Mr. Pearson said the section in question had been retained

when the act was amended in 1962. He did not mention that the amendment was handled by the former Conservative government but said it had been approved by a unanimous vote of the Commons at that time.
Mr. Pearson suggested representatives of the parties in the Commons meet to try to reach agreement on terms of reference for the inquiry.
The commissioner is to report whether in his opinion Continued on Page 3 col. 4

Large Barn Levelled At Margate
KENSINGTON — A fire of unknown origin destroyed a 90-foot barn belonging to Andrew Johnson of Margate, three miles east of here late yesterday afternoon.
The fire, officially reported to have started in the loft of the building, was first noticed by passing motorist Lorne Adams, also of Margate, at approximately 4 o'clock. The alarm was turned in immediately.
A large number of cattle as well as two ponies were removed from the building, which was only burning in the upper section at the time. The flames, although battled by both the Kensington and RCMP fire departments, burnt the building to the ground. Also contained in the building and not saved was a large amount of baled hay and silage.
Although the firemen were unsuccessful in their bid to save this building, they saved other outbuildings situated close by by continuous wetting down of the walls. They were still on the scene at 10 o'clock last night, keeping close watch for any further breaks. Among the buildings saved were a machine shed and a cattle barn.
Mr. Johnson a prominent cattle farmer and potato grower, is reported to have stated he had no idea how the fire originated.
Mr. Johnson's farm is located only 1/2 mile west of the Clair Mayhew farm where two barns and 28 cattle as well as three race horses were lost nine days previous.
It was reported that there was some insurance on the building but it was not determined how much.

Nelson Column Is Blown Up
DUBLIN (AP)—One of Dublin's most famous monuments, the Nelson Column, in the heart of the city, was blown up early today.

Ont. Justice Named To Probe Spy Case
OTTAWA (CP)—Mr. Justice Dalton Wells, of the Ontario Court of Appeals has been appointed a one-man commission to inquire into the George Victor Spencer spy case, Prime Minister Pearson announced Monday.
The prime minister told the Commons that the federal cabinet passed an order-in-council earlier in the day authorizing the commissioner to investigate matters outlined in a telegram to the government signed by Spencer and his lawyer.
The telegram was quoted in the order-in-council. It referred to Spencer's complaints about the way he was dismissed from his postal clerk job, losing pension and insurance benefits.
Mr. Pearson noted Spencer was quoted in the telegram as saying he had no complaints about the RCMP's handling of his case.
It would be up to Mr. Justice Wells to investigate "as he deems necessary" into the aspects of Spencer's dismissal.
The judge also would have power to hold hearings in camera and adopt such provisions as deemed necessary to protect the security service of Canada.
TWO WERE EXPELLED
This apparently ruled out any direct investigation of the security aspects of the Spencer case, which first broke last May in a government announcement that two members of the Soviet Embassy had been expelled from Canada for spying and two Canadians had been involved.
Spencer later identified himself as the Canadian involved who had not reported to the RCMP about approaches by the Russians.

WITNESS DESCRIBES CRASH

Whirlwind Rips Wings From British Jet Air liner

TOKYO (AP)—A witness told investigators Monday that two whirlwinds appeared to rip the wings from a British airliner before it crashed on the lower slopes of Mount Fuji Saturday killing all 124 persons aboard.
Yoshiharu Tachibara, 40, a control officer at the Fuji motor-control speedway, said he was watching the famous cone-shaped mountain Saturday through binoculars and saw five columns of whirlwinds.
He said BOAC Boeing 707 seemed to fly between two of the twisters and he saw its wings shear off. It plunged, trailing smoke and many fragments. He reported he had often seen small whirlwinds around Fuji but never such violent ones.
Japanese and British investigators have speculated that violent air turbulence over Fuji caused the crash.
In London, Aviation Minister Fred Mulley told the House of Commons preliminary information suggested structural failure caused the accident. This could fit in with the turbulent air theory.

A BOAC spokesman said nothing has been uncovered to indicate sabotage.
BODIES REMOVED
Bodies of those aboard the Boeing 707, including that of a Toronto engineer, Theodore Vaskewich, 53, were removed by truck from the Buddhist temples in Gotemba city, six miles below the crash site, to the U.S. Army mortuary at Tachikawa Air Force Base near Tokyo.
There they were placed besides the bodies of victims of the Canadian Pacific Airlines DC-8, which crashed on landing at Tokyo Airport Friday night. That accident killed 64 of 72 persons aboard. Eighteen Canadians were among those killed.
Both Canadian and British officials arrived here to investigate the crashes.
A disaster investigation headquarters set up at Gotemba police station began sifting the accounts of some 40 persons who claimed to be eyewitnesses to the BOAC crash 60 miles from Tokyo.
Perhaps never before had a major commercial airline crash been observed by so many people. It had been a spotless sky and sunny day. Television stations showed a film sequence of the crash taken by a movie crew which happened to be in the Fuji area at the time.
The series of air disasters were taken up in the diet (parliament) Feb. 4, a Boeing 727 jet of All-Nippon Airways crashed in Tokyo Bay killing all 133 Japanese aboard. This was the worst civilian air disaster involving a single plane.
A Socialist deputy suggested that Japan take the lead in calling an international conference to make a new study of air safety.

France Sends NATO Note
PARIS (Reuters)—President de Gaulle sent to U.S. President Johnson Monday a message believed to deal with France's demands for a review of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, sources close to the French foreign ministry reported.
Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville handed the message to U.S. Ambassador Charles E. Mohlen after discussing with him de Gaulle's demand that American military bases in France should ultimately be French-controlled.
This is part of de Gaulle's plan to withdraw France from the NATO military command in Europe.

Stock Market In N.Y. Reels Under Heavy Selling Wave
NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market reeled Monday under its worst loss since the assassination of president John F. Kennedy.
The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials plunged 14.58 points to 917.76, steepest fall since Nov. 22, 1963, when it dropped 21.16. The Associated Press 60-stock average sank 5.0 to 344.3, its sharpest loss since the assassination.
It was a continuation of a slump that began after the Dow Jones industrial average at-

tain an all-time peak of 995.15 on Feb. 9.
Brokers have cited investors' worry over Viet Nam, tight money and the possibilities of higher taxes and price controls as underlying factors for the extended sell-off.
There were no new developments Monday to explain the extent of the decline.
Blue chips and glamor stocks which had been in the vanguard of the climb to a new high early last month were badly battered Monday.