

NDP Leader Lectures On Procedure

All members of the House of Commons ought to be concerned with the public image of Parliament, he said. "We are making a ludicrous spectacle of Parliament."

Since Parliament resumed Sept. 30, it had spent at least half its time in a "parliamentary wrangle" between the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives, despite compelling and urgent business.

Mr. Douglas suggested in his lecture to the Commons that the Canadian people are not concerned about "how we got into this mess; they are concerned about how to get out of it."

The Liberals had obstructed the Conservative government last year and today there was a program of obstruction by the Conservative opposition.

It was vital, Mr. Douglas said, to move quickly on the proposed overhaul of existing rules so that Parliament could operate in a modern fashion in the most pressing obligations.

He spoke as the Commons approved a government motion to add five hours to the present weekly sitting schedule of 25½ hours.

By voice vote, all parties except the Conservatives approved a revised Commons schedule which will add 1½ hours every Thursday, starting immediately, and 3½ hours on Friday nights.

A Conservative amendment spreading the hourly increase across the week to avoid Friday night sittings was defeated.

Additionally, an hour each Wednesday will be devoted to government bills instead of private members' business.

Commissioner Arrives Oct. 30

OTTAWA (CP) — Britain's newly-appointed high commissioner to Canada, Sir Henry Lincolt, and Lady Lincolt will arrive in Montreal Oct. 30 aboard the Empress of Canada, the British high commission has reported.

They will travel to Ottawa the following day.

The 55-year-old high commissioner and his wife will be accompanied by their two children, John, 13, and Harriet, 9.

Sir Henry succeeds Viscount Amory, who has filled the post since 1961.



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Postmaster-General Accused Of Misleading The Commons

OTTAWA (CP)—Postmaster-General Denis has been accused in the Commons of misleading the House with a denial of the existence of a document listing defeated Liberal candidates as "consultants."

Eric Winkler, chief opposition whip, levelled the charge at the opening of Thursday's sitting.

He added that Mr. Denis also misled State Secretary Pickersgill on the subject with the result that Mr. Pickersgill denied the existence of such a document.

Mr. Winkler, MP for Grey-Bruce, proposed a motion to have the document tabled in the Commons. He was speaking on a question of privilege.

Speaker Alan Macnaughtan, at the suggestion of former speaker Marcel Lambert (PC—Edmonton West) reserved decision on both Mr. Winkler's charge and on whether Mr. Winkler's motion was in order.

Mr. Winkler identified the document by reading a description of the instructions on which it stated that letters addressed to those named in the list were to be submitted for Mr. Denis's signature.

The instructions added that where the name was underlined, the person was to be addressed by either his first or last name. Where the name was not underlined, the salutation of letters to him were to be "Dear Mr."

The existence of the document came into question Wednesday when David Orlikow (NDP—Winnipeg North) moved that the government be required to supply "a list of consultants prepared in the office of the postmaster-general for the guidance of cabinet ministers and copies of all correspondence between ministers of the Crown and the consultants in each riding."

Mr. Denis said at that time

U.S. Labor Splits On SIU Issue

By HAROLD MORRISON

WASHINGTON (CP)—Organized U.S. labor has split on the question of supporting the Seafarers International Union of Canada as one union chief demanded an immediate investigation of charges that the SIU is dictatorial and corrupt.

Joseph Curran, president of the 45,000-member National Maritime Union, wrote George Meany, president of the 12,500,000-member American Federation of Labor, Congress of Industrial Organizations, demanding the investigation by the federation's ethical practices committee.

Bernard Raskin, Curran's research director, said the letter, sent from New York, also made clear that the NMU will not support any boycott of Canadian ships if the Canadian government imposes a trusteeship over the Canadian SIU headed by Harold C. Banks.

The AFL-CIO declined to comment on Curran's move, although an NMU official located here said he doubted that Meany would be anything about the Curran demand.

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Biculturalism Commission Meets Nov. 7

OTTAWA (CP) — The royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism will hold a preliminary hearing here Nov. 7 to clear up misconceptions about its terms of reference and to hear views on how its inquiry should be carried out.

The announcement was made by Andre Laurendeau and Davidson Dutton, co-chairmen of the 10-member commission.

Mr. Laurendeau said people are asking many questions about the scope and purpose of the commission and its mandate. He received 110 letters from groups and individuals, all asking various questions.

"Many English-Canadianians have the feeling that the commission wants every man and woman in the country to speak French," remarked Mr. Laurendeau, editor of Montreal Le Devoir.

"Curiously enough, French-Canadianians have the opposite idea—that they will be obliged to learn English."

He said the purpose of the Nov. 7 hearing will be to "clarify what we are supposed to do" and to impress on the public that the commission's terms of reference have nothing to do with compulsory bilingualism.

All interested organizations and individuals will be welcome to present views orally on the scope and organization of the inquiry, provided they submit them in advance.

A full-scale series of public hearings across Canada probably will begin in February, Mr. Laurendeau said.

Blames Yanks For Plotting

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

SARASOTA (CP) — Ngo Dinh Nhu, powerful and controversial brother of South Viet Nam's president, said he has Buddhistists under interrogation have identified U.S. Central Intelligence Agency agents and other Americans as those who constantly prodded them to attempt to overthrow the government.

Nhu said CIA agents "may have received orders to do it against their will."

"Perhaps because they didn't like the orders they didn't carry them out very successfully," Nhu added with a smile.