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RANGER VIII DUE SATURDAY

## Spacecraft Is Seeking Landing Field On Moon

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — Spacecraft Ranger VIII streaked toward the moon Wednesday to snap more than 4,000 pictures of a dusty, crater-pitted plain which American astronauts may explore within five years.

## RCMP Inspector Was Overruled In Bribery Probe

OTTAWA (C) — RCMP Inspector Jean-Paul Drapeau testified Wednesday he was overruled by Deputy Commissioner J. R. Lemieux Sept. 20 when he suggested he broaden his investigation into allegations of attempted bribery and coercion by federal ministerial aides.



HEADS CAUCUS

Bryce Mackaskey, Liberal MP for Montreal Verdun, was named chairman of the party's caucus Wednesday to replace Guy Rouleau, who resigned several days ago for health reasons.

## Russia Rattles Grim Weapons As Red Army Marks Birthday

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union claimed Wednesday it can hit any point on earth with an explosion equal to 100,000,000 tons of TNT.

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## Truckers Lose Exemption Bid

OTTAWA (CP) — Labor Minister MacEachen said Wednesday that hours of work in the trucking industry are excessive and should be reduced in the interests of public safety and the welfare of truck drivers.

## Miner's Family Dies When Fire Guts Home

GLACE BAY, N.S. (CP) — Coal miner William Wilson was left alone in the world Wednesday after fire destroyed his two-story home here killing his wife and their four children.

# Pension Qualifying Age Will Be Lowered To 65

## Albania Refuses To Budge On Bid

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — Despite renewed pleas from the president of the General Assembly and other United Nations diplomats, Albania refused Wednesday to budge from its intention to force a U.S. - Soviet showdown over assembly voting rights.

Halim Budo, the Albanian delegate, surprised the assembly Tuesday with a demand it end the no-vote truce in effect since Dec. 1.

## SPCA Invited To Seal Hunt

MONTREAL (CP) — The Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, has been invited by the federal government to send a representative at government expense to the east coast sealing grounds this spring.

## Five Queried And Released In Bandit Hunt

FREDERICTON (CP) — Police Chief Bryce Neely of Fredericton said Wednesday five persons were questioned following Monday's \$7,500 holdup of the Bridge Street branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce here. All five were released.

## Dief Slams Monarchy Abolitionists

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Diefenbaker Wednesday night attacked the government for not repudiating recent suggestions by some young Liberal groups that the monarchy be abolished.

## Legislature To Open At 3 This Afternoon

Lieutenant-Governor W. J. MacDonald will open the third session of the 50th General Assembly of Prince Edward Island this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## Mammoth Arctic Icefield Enters Grand Banks Area

ARGENTIA, Nfld. (CP) — A mammoth icefield, reaching from its birthplace in the Greenland and Labrador Sea, has pushed as far as the Grand Banks and could become a hazard to shipping.



FAMED FLIER BELIEVED KILLED

Joan Merriam Smith, noted woman flier who flew around the world last year, is believed to have died in the burning wreckage of a light plane that crashed in the San Gabriel Mountains, about 30 miles east of Los Angeles Wednesday.

## Separatist President Denies Plot Knowledge

MONTREAL (CP) — Pierre Bourgois, president of the separatist Rassemblement national pour l'Indépendance Nationale, said Wednesday the RIN had "absolutely no knowledge or interest" regarding an alleged conspiracy by one of its members to blow up three major United States monuments.

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