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## Liberals Fail For Second Time To Get Industrial Corp Data

When the bill to increase the borrowing power of the Industrial Corporation came before the Legislative Assembly yesterday for third and final reading, Opposition Leader Alex Campbell moved an amendment that the bill be sent back to committee until the opposition and the public knew more of the financial activities of the Corporation.

The motion was defeated, with Robert Campbell (L-1st Kings) voting with the government, and the bill passed and the borrowing power of the Corporation has been increased from \$5 million to \$10 million.

Mr. Campbell told the government that the opposition was not trying to block this money from the corporation but they wanted the bill to go back to committee to give the government the opportunity to gather the information requested on the financial activities of the corporation and present it in the House.

## Minimum Wage \$1.25 Suggested By Liberal

A minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour for labor in the province was called for in the Legislature last night by Robert Campbell (L-1st Prince).

He said the \$1.10 per hour wage forecast in the Speech from the Throne is too low. "If should be \$1.25," he said, "and every man should be getting it."

Other suggestions by Mr. Campbell were that a prison farm system should be established in the province; the province should have a director of fisheries training; fees for fishing boats hauled on the marine slip at Alberton should be reduced; a cold storage plant and a filling plant should be established

## Campbell Supports Proposal For New West Prince Industry

Opposition support of government plans to establish industry in Prince County was given in the Legislature yesterday by Opposition Leader Alex Campbell.

Mr. Campbell suggested that his party knows of plans by the government to aid the economy of Prince County and said that since industrial establishment may require federal government help "we will be happy to cooperate."

Premier Walter R. Shaw said this is the kind of spirit he likes to see as "we should work together for a common objective."

## Missing Yank H-Bomb Found 5 Miles At Sea

PALOMARES BEACH, Spain (AP)—The U.S. midjet submarine Alvin has found the long-sought hydrogen bomb that was lost two months ago in a crash of two U.S. planes over Spain, official U.S. sources said Thursday night.

They reported it was spotted with its parachute still attached 2,500 feet under the surface of the Mediterranean Sea, five miles offshore.

The weapon was reported intact, indicating no lethal leakage in the waters of this holiday resort.

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# Liberal Ministers, MPs Split On Bilingualism



## Row Sparked By Minor Bill

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons adjourned debate indefinitely on a minor government bill Thursday after Liberal ministers and MPs split over the bilingualism issue.

Government House Leader McNeil moved that the debate on a bill to incorporate the Ottawa Terminal Railway Co. be adjourned until amendments could be drafted by the government.

Conservative House Leader Michael Starr said sarcastically that his party was prepared to support Mr. McNeil's motion "if assured the cabinet has solidarity."

The issue flared over a motion by Alexis Caron (L-Hull) that at least two French-speaking directors should be included on the Ottawa Terminal Railway Co., subject of a bill that had been expected to pass quickly.

After almost two hours debate Michael Starr, Conservative House leader, proposed that "because of the great division in the government" the Liberals hold a caucus and debate be suspended until the fight was settled.

The St. Patrick's Day atmosphere helped a bit as the Commons at 6 p.m. quickly accepted a proposal by Stanley Knowles (NDP-Winnipeg North Centre) that it would be a good day for a two-hour dinner adjournment. Under new House rules, there is normally no dinner break.

During the question period Terry Nugent (PC-Edmonton-Strathcona) had remarked that it would be "most appropriate" if the Commons were peaceful and orderly on St. Patrick's Day.

The debate started quietly with few members in the House. But they started to trickle in after Ralph B. Cowan (L-York-Number) said the wishes of the transport committee which considered the bill in the last Parliament had been ignored.

"We voted 7 to 6 that at least two members of the board of directors should be French-speaking," Mr. Caron was heard prodding Mr. Caron into action.

"Get up on your feet," he said, not realizing that his remarks could be heard over the Commons sound system.

Mr. Caron quickly rose to support the Toronto Liberal, moving an amendment to the bill that would require the board of directors of the company to have "at least two French-speaking members."

James Byrne, parliamentary secretary to Transport Minister Pickersgill who had introduced the bill in the Commons, expressed dismay at the turn of events.

Mr. Byrne moved that the House, which had gone into committee of the whole, rise and report progress. He wanted further discussion of the question postponed until Transport Minister Pickersgill was present.

Mr. Caron said he didn't care how the minister felt. He wanted his amendment dealt with right away.

Other members agreed. In an informal vote of 38 to 30, they voted to continue the discussion. About half the Liberal members in the House, many of them French-speaking, voted against the government motion to postpone further discussion.

Works Minister McNeil, the government House leader, said such a language provision would set a precedent for legislation. His view was echoed in stronger terms by Mr. Knowles: "I think it would be very serious if we were to write into one statute that appointments are to be made on the basis of which language group one comes from or which racial group one belongs to."

"This is putting us attempt to achieve co-operation between two groups in the country on a numerical and legislative base."

Immigration Minister Marchand, who voted to have consideration of the bill postponed, said he thought more careful consideration was needed.

"We are dealing with a motion that has far-reaching implications."

"The moment you put a section of this kind in a statute you imply that the group involved must be protected because it cannot protect itself."

EXPRESSED SURPRISE  
Colin Cameron (NDP-Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands) said this was an attempt to appease the French-Canadian minority by tossing it some minor posts through legislation. He was surprised to find so many French-speaking MPs holding "so low an opinion of the dignity" of their ancestry.

## Seal Hunting Is Defended

OTTAWA (CP) — Fisheries Minister Robichaud said Thursday he rejects the view that seal hunting operations in the Gulf of St. Lawrence this spring were "utterly cruel and barbarous."

## ST. DUNSTAN'S PLAYERS OPEN FESTIVAL

The St. Dunstan's Players presented "Electra" last night at the Confederation Centre in the opening night of the Regional Festival of the Dominion Drama Festival. Beth McGowan (LEFT) who portrays Clytemnestra and Judy MacKenzie (RIGHT) Electra receive last minute instructions from production manager Leonard Currie backstage. They are only two of the cast of 17 who are competing for the right to represent some six of the Dominion Drama Festivals to be held in Victoria, B.C., some time in April. Rev. Adrian Arsenault is director. (See story on page 3.)

## Housing Authority Bill Debated In Legislature

A bill promoted by Hon. Henry Wedge, minister of Health, to create a Prince Edward Island Housing Authority to provide family housing for low income families, to undertake housing projects and to maintain and operate public housing projects was presented in the Legislature yesterday afternoon.

## Planes Fail To Locate Sinking Ship

HALIFAX (CP)—Two search planes failed Thursday night to spot the Halifax sealing vessel Eric A. Neilson, earlier reported leaking in the Magdalen Islands area of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The vessel carries a crew of 24.

## Birthday Marked By Lisa Parker

TORONTO (CP) — Lisa Parker, formerly of Georgetown P.E.I., celebrated her first tenuously-balanced year of life with release from the Hospital for Sick Children, Thursday, her heartbeat rate governed by an electrical stimulator.

## Recording Reveals Drama During Gemini 8 Troubles

By HOWARD BENEDICT  
CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — The Gemini 8 astronauts were riding a violently tumbling spacecraft during a hair-raising 30 minutes in space Wednesday, tape recorded conversations with the astronauts disclosed Thursday.

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The mission control centre in Houston, Tex., evaluated the situation quickly and told Armstrong and his space partner, David Scott, to prepare for an emergency re-entry.

The trouble occurred seven hours into the flight, at about 6:30 p.m. EST Wednesday. They splashed to a landing in the western Pacific 500 miles east of Okinawa at 01:23 p.m.

They were picked up by the destroyer Leonard F. Mason early this morning and were due to dock at Nahag Okinawa, at 6 p.m. They will fly today to Cape Kennedy.

Until officials have a chance to talk with the astronauts, they said they would not be able to determine precisely what went wrong.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration okayed the tapes at a press conference Thursday after refusing to allow reporters to hear them Wednesday night. At that time, officials said reporters might misinterpret the astronauts' words and the tone of their voices.

When the trouble began, the spacecraft was over China and out of communication range with ground stations. The ground got its first indication of the problem 15 minutes later when Gemini 8 passed over the tracking ship in the western Pacific.

Armstrong required about 30 minutes to separate from the Agena and bring the spinning spacecraft under control.



LIFE TERM  
Harry Hubach, was sentenced Wednesday to life imprisonment in the death of a security guard in an explosion at Edmonton last year. (CP Wirephoto)