

WHERE LUNA 9 LANDED

Diagram shows approximate area where Luna 9 landed on the moon, according to an announcement Thursday by Tass, the Soviet agency. Tass said the landing was in the area west of the crater Reiner. (AP Wirephoto Diagram)

Soft Landing On Moon Made By Soviet Probe

DECISION NOT UNANIMOUS

Island Potato Growers Okay Seed Restrictions

By NEIL MATHESON
Island potato producers voted yesterday in favor of the regulation that will not permit planting of tablestock potatoes as seed this year on areas of one-quarter acre or more. But the decision was far from unanimous.

Discussions prior to the vote—carried almost three to one—was as stormy as has been heard in a meeting of farmers for some years. It was the largest meeting of farmers, incidentally, since the early spring meeting of potato producers in Birch Court back in 1964.

The meeting centre in Birch Court was packed, with many standing through the meeting, even though several dozen chairs were taken in from a nearby auditorium.

The controversy developed between those who insist that only by planting certified seed, or Foundation—this is a higher grade—can the present disease threat to the industry be averted. The deference was to ring rot, which gained alarming headway last year after being kept in control for almost a score of years.

The other side upheld their idea just as stoutly, as they contended that it doesn't make

dreds of acres laid bare by death-dealing sprays in the last two years.

By JAMES NELSON
OTTAWA (CP)—The agriculture department announced Thursday it is tightening its controls on barberry in order to protect wheat, oats and other cereal crops from rust diseases.

Hitherto it had been thought that only the common green barberry was a hazard because it harbors a plant parasite. Spores from the barberry infection can be carried by the wind to destroy grain crops.

But scientists of the plant protection division of the federal agriculture department now say even some decorative red barberry varieties can harbor the rust disease.

Commercial nurseries have been ordered to destroy stocks of three varieties—Sheridan red, Humber red and cardinal. They are crosses between the common barberry and a Japanese variety.

Evergreen varieties of barberry are not suspect they grow in few parts of Canada.

For many years there has been a ban on movement of barberry plants across the borders of Ontario and Quebec. This now has been extended to all interprovincial shipments.

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Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
THURSDAY, Feb. 3, 1966

The Commons began a debate on spending estimates, starting off with the department of external affairs.

External Affairs Minister Martin announced that a trade embargo against Rhodesia is being made 100 per cent.

Wallace Nesbitt (PC—Oxford) said a special session of Parliament should have been called before economic sanctions were imposed on Rhodesia.

Andrew Brewin (NDP—Toronto Greenway) challenged the government to say what disagreement it has with U.S. policy on Viet Nam.

Finance Minister Sharp announced Canada is selling \$100,000,000 worth of gold to reduce its reserves.

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FRIDAY, Feb. 4
The Commons meets at 1 a.m. EST to continue a debate on spending estimates. The Senate is adjourned until Monday night.

Private Talks On Viet Nam Begin At UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—After two days of public debate on Viet Nam, UN diplomats Thursday began a round of intensive private talks which the United States regards as part of a new peace offensive.

The public debate may be resumed later, but informed quarters said President Johnson's primary objective in bringing the Viet Nam problem before the UN Security Council was to help stimulate further peace moves. The informants said this has been achieved.

There are indications the U.S. may be content to keep the UN negotiations on a private basis—at least for now.

Missile Sites Built In Lull

SAIGON (AP)—North Viet Nam built new missile sites and strengthened its conventional air defenses during the 37-day bombing moratorium, informed sources said Thursday.

The North Vietnamese used the lull to grade the new sites even while reconstructing torn bridges, repairing cratered roads and pouring truckload after truckload of supplies toward Communist units in South Viet Nam.

The U.S. Air Force has pictures taken by high-flying Phantom reconnaissance planes to prove it.

NOT YET ARMED

The new sites are not armed yet, the sources said. But they are so constructed that surface-to-air missiles such as the Russian sent to Hanoi last year could be planted on them overnight.

There are about 60 of them in all, each chosen for level terrain and proximity to something important.

Russians Take Lead In Man Landing Race

By FRED COLEMAN
MOSCOW (AP)—A Soviet space station made history's first soft landing on the moon Thursday. Scientists in Britain said the unmanned capsule, Luna IX, sent pictures back to earth from the moon's surface.

A Tass announcement said the landing was made at 9:45:30 p.m. Thursday, Moscow time (1:45:30 p.m. EST), after the ship, launched Jan. 31, had hurtled through space for more than three days. Tass is the official Soviet news agency.

Sir Bernard Lovell, director of the radiotelescopic observatory at Jodrell Bank, England, said the feat "puts the Russians ahead in the space race."

The first United States attempt at a soft landing, a key step in putting a man on the moon, is not expected before May.

A soft landing means bringing an instrument package down on the surface slowly enough so that there is no crash and destruction.

Lovell said the information Luna IX was radioing back to the Russians makes a manned landing on the moon a possibility within this decade.

APPLAUDS LANDING
From Washington, President Johnson sent a personal message to the Soviet Union on the achievement, saying "all mankind applauds" the landing.

Four previous Soviet attempts at a soft landing had failed. Jodrell Observatory scientists said Luna IX sent facsimile pictures back to earth from the moon's surface. This aspect was not immediately announced in Moscow.

The brief Tass announcement

on the landing—the first official word on the progress of the flight since it was launched Monday—gave only spotty details.

Nothing was said about the size, shape, construction or weight of the scientific instrument package.

The soft landing was the greatest Soviet space success since March 18, 1965, when cosmonaut Alexei Leonov became the first man to walk in space.

PERFECT TIMING
The success means that for the first time the retro-rockets were timed perfectly to ease the ship down. Parachutes cannot be used in the thin lunar atmosphere so rockets firing against the direction of flight have to brake the speed.

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The Tass flash said: "Luna IX has accomplished a soft landing on the moon's surface."

A later announcement, distributed by Tass but apparently written in the space research section of the Soviet Academy of science said:

"Today, on Feb. 3, 1966, at 9:45 p.m. Moscow time (1:45 p.m. EST), the automatic station Luna IX, launched Jan. 31 has made a soft landing on the surface of the moon in the area of the Ocean of Storms to the west of the craters Reiner and Maria."

"Radio contact with the station on the surface of the moon is reliable. Transmissions are on 168.530 megacycles. The instruments on board the station are functioning normally."

"The next communications session will be from 12:15 a.m. Moscow time Feb. 4 (4:15 p.m. EST, Feb. 3)."

Smallpox Epidemics Reported From India

NEW DELHI (AP)—Smallpox outbreaks reached epidemic level in three districts of India Thursday.

Health authorities gave new impetus to the country's mass vaccination campaign.

Officials reported epidemics in the Buldana and Bhandara districts of Madhya Pradesh, a state some 500 miles south of New Delhi and in the community of Ghazabad, only a few miles east of the capital.

New Delhi itself reported 54 cases of smallpox in January, 21 fatal. Both the number of cases and the percentage of deaths might be indirectly the result of India's drought and food shortages.

MASS GATHERINGS
He said there had not been time to examine the health reports carefully, but added that people are leaving rural areas and congregating in cities looking for relief and work. This movement could help spread smallpox.

The fact stamias is low from reduced food rations could contribute to the severity of the illness when it strikes.

The spokesman also said several million persons congregated at Allahabad, some 400 miles east of New Delhi, late in January, for a major religious bathing festival known as the Kumbh Mela.

Mass gatherings such as this contribute to epidemics, he added.

New Delhi health officials said 11 of the city's cases were among persons just back from Uttar Pradesh.

Sweaters Theft Case Being Heard

MONTREAL (CP)—Thirty-three University of Montreal students crowded into court Thursday for the beginning of their preliminary hearing on charges of possession of 44 hockey sweaters belonging to Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League.

Judge John O'Meara heard only one witness before the hearing was adjourned until Feb. 22.

Russian Nuclear Proposals Hailed At Arms Meeting

By RONALD FARQUHAR
GENEVA (Reuters)—Canadian, British and United States delegates to the 17-nation disarmament conference here Thursday welcomed Russia's proposal for a guarantee that countries without nuclear arms on their territory not be subject to nuclear attack.

The proposal was submitted to the meeting Wednesday in the form of a message from Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin.

It said Russia is willing to include in a treaty to ban the spread of nuclear weapons an article prohibiting the use of such weapons against non-nuclear parties to the pact, who did not have nuclear arms on their territory.

Britain's disarmament minister, Lord Chalfont, and U.S. Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada said the Soviet message was encouraging and would be studied sympathetically.

Lord Chalfont said a careful examination of the U.S. and Soviet drafts of a treaty to ban the spread of nuclear weapons showed the area of common interest is wider than the area of conflict.

He said such a treaty is the conference's most pressing need. As far as Britain was concerned, "We have no plans no projects, no intentions that need stand in the way of an effective agreement."

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DANGER OF FLOODING

Four Ships Reported Caught In Heavy River Ice And Fog

MONTREAL (CP)—Four ships, one Russian, one Finnish and two Canadian, all bound for

Montreal, were reported caught Thursday in heavy ice and dense fog at Sorel, 50 miles downstream from Montreal.

Hedy Lamarr Fired From Movie Role

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Hedy Lamarr has been fired from her first starring role since 1951, the film's producer said Thursday.

A spokesman for the St. Lawrence River channel section of the department of transport said four ice-breakers, which have been working on ice jams in Lake St. Peter, a widening of the St. Lawrence below Sorel, were hove to at Sorel because of dense fog in the region.

"It looks as if they may be unable to work for at least 24 hours," he said. "The river is iced over to depths of between eight and five feet between Sorel and Montreal. The ice-breakers were starting to work their way up through this when the fog caught them."

Ice Conditions Reported Good

HALIFAX (CP)—A recent mild spell in the Atlantic provinces is melting ice in the northern Gulf of St. Lawrence and winter shipping conditions are generally better than last year, according to the ice forecast office here.

Director William Markham said Thursday above-seasonable temperatures and northeast winds have kept drift ice packed into the southwestern gulf, preventing heavy flocks from moving down the Labrador coast.

Most of the gulf was open water with only new ice, one to six inches thick, lining the northern shores. And there is "actual melting" in the northern gulf, Mr. Markham said.

Montreal Area Police Charged Indifferent

VANCOUVER (CP)—Police Chief Ralph Booth said Thursday that Montreal police are condoning organized crime through indifference.

He said Vancouver police have uncovered a nationwide stolen car ring with its roots in Montreal. Police there had been given the names of three suspects, but had shown interest only in return of the cars, the chief stated.

"I don't know who sets the policy in Quebec, but they have no intention of returning the

three accused in this case unless those persons are caught in the province of Quebec."

"This is entirely wrong. This is not protecting the public. We can't allow gangs of hoodlums from the East to come here and sell stolen cars."

Detectives here described the racket as a theft-by-order scheme in which late model cars are taken from the Montreal area, equipped with new serial numbers stolen from other vehicles and then sold throughout Canada.

Four convertibles, including a sports car owned by Montreal Alouette football star Bob Minihane, have been recovered in Vancouver.

Sgt. Jack Thomas of the Vancouver stolen car detail said warrants had been sworn for the arrest of the three suspects, but Montreal police said they would not execute the warrants unless the men were caught in Quebec.

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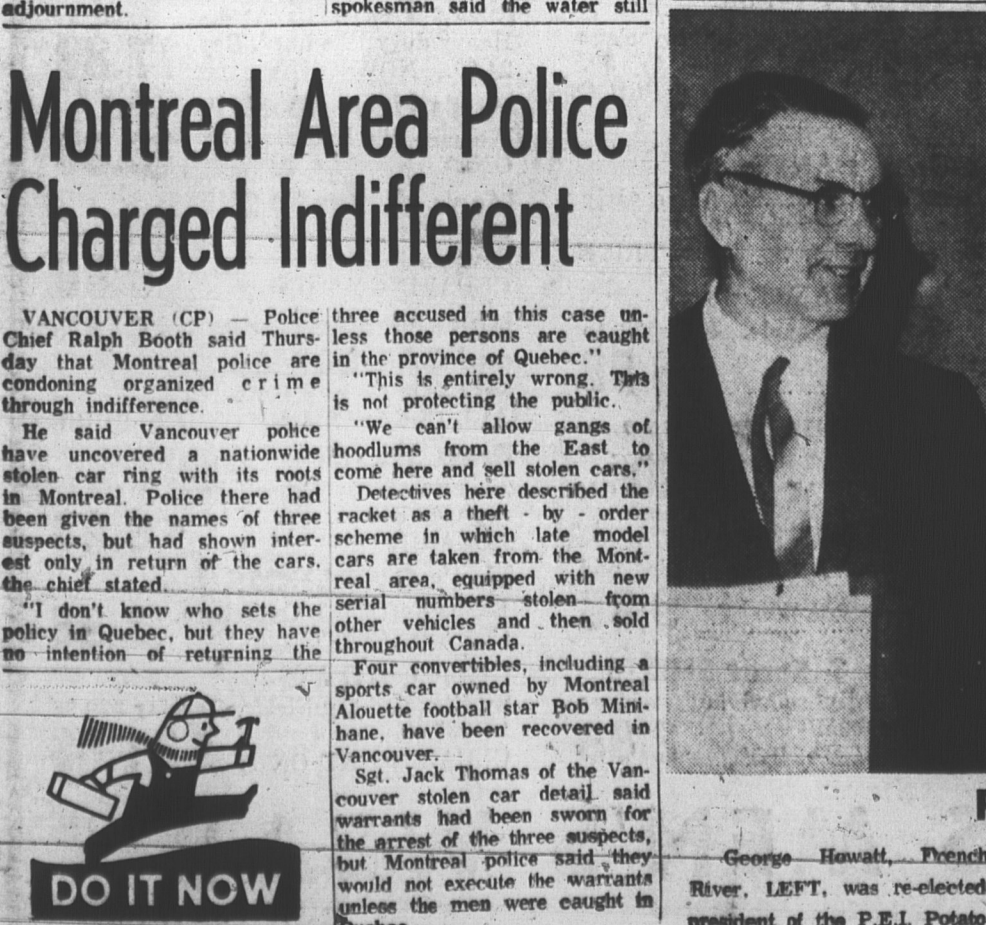
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POTATO PRODUCERS ELECT OFFICERS

George Howatt, French River, LEFT, was re-elected president of the P.E.I. Potato

Producers' Association at the annual meeting held here Thursday. Others, LEFT TO

RIGHT, are Ian MacArthur, Peter's; a director and Malcolm Bradshaw, Searstown, retiring vice-president; Donald Anderson, St.

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