



### OOKPIK GOES TO ENGLAND

U.K. Prime Minister Harold Wilson (RIGHT) and Mrs. Wilson (CENTRE) accept miniature editions of Canada's unofficial good-will ambassador Ookpik, the Arctic owl, just before the couple boarded their aircraft to return to England Sunday. Prime Minister Pearson (LEFT) looks on as Mr. Wilson admires a giant version of the owl. Lionel Chevrier, Canadian high commissioner to the U.K., and Mrs. Pearson can be seen in the background. The miniature owls were gifts of the Fort Chimo Eskimo Co-operative Association, who make the Ookpiks from seal skins. Mr. Wilson spent Sunday in conference with Mr. Pearson. (CP Wirephotos)

## Four Children Lose Lives In Toronto Dwelling Fire

TORONTO (CP) — Fire claimed the lives of three of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilkins' four children at their suburban East York home Saturday and the fourth died in hospital Sunday. A grieving Mrs. Wilkins said Sunday: "I read about it in the family but I didn't think it would ever happen to me." She referred to another fire in which Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sonier, their three children, and Mr. Sonier's brother, Stanley, died in their Toronto home last Tuesday. On Saturday, Mrs. Wilkins' children, John, 4; Mark, 3; and Penny, 10 months; died in the blaze at their home. Her son Matthew, 2, died in East General Hospital Sunday.

## British PM Has Hope For Peace In Viet Nam

By DAVE McINTOSH  
OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Wilson said Sunday he hopes that "before long" there can be some joint action by Britain and Russia on getting negotiations started on Viet Nam. However, he told a press conference after four hours of talks with Prime Minister Pearson, the key to negotiations lies in Communist North Viet Nam. Mr. Wilson said his "sensitive antennae" have detected a "slight whisper, a marginal change" in Hanoi attitude on peace talks. But he is not aware, he said, of any clear evidence that Hanoi is willing to negotiate. On the Rhodesian question, Mr. Wilson said serious economic difficulties already are developing in Rhodesia because of sanctions. But it was impossible to form a view on the exact time when the economic dislocation in Rhodesia would turn itself into a return to constitutional government. Mr. Wilson arrived at noon Sunday for a six-hour visit. He is en route home after talks in Washington with President Johnson and an address to the United Nations in New York. He left at 6:08 p.m. Informed sources said Mr. Pearson would like Mr. Wilson to call an extraordinary meeting of Commonwealth prime ministers to deal with the Rhodesian problem. However, aides to Mr. Wilson said such a move "now appears unlikely. The British prime minister said his government is "willing to consider" going to a Commonwealth prime ministers' conference proposed by Nigeria to be held in Lagos, Nigeria, Jan. 10. But informants said it now does not appear that this conference will take place.

## Swearing-In Ceremonies Held For Federal Cabinet

By JAMES NELSON  
OTTAWA (CP) — The first phase of Prime Minister Pearson's new cabinet shuffle was completed Saturday with the swearing-in of four new ministers and new oaths of office taken by four others. The next step will be re-assignment of cabinet portfolio responsibilities by order-in-council and the addition of Robert H. Winters as trade minister early in the New Year. Then Parliament will be asked at the session opening Jan. 18 to revise cabinet portfolio legislation. Prime Minister Pearson was in a light-hearted mood when he presented his new ministers to Governor-General Vanier and attended the swearing-in ceremony Saturday at Government House. He started out to walk alone across Sussex Street and up the long driveway to Rideau Hall, jauntily swinging a cane, but was picked up along the way by Trade Minister Sharp who drove his own car to Government House and was sworn in as finance minister. The new ministers installed were: J. J. (Joe) Greese, 45, MP-

# De Gaulle's Re-Election Assured In New Vote

## United Nations Decision Due On Financing Of Peace Force

By BORIS MISKEW  
UNITED NATIONS (CP)—The United Nations must rule today on a Canadian proposal designed to put the UN Emergency Force — which includes nearly 950 Canadians — in the Middle East on a more stable financial footing. The current session of the 20th General Assembly is scheduled to wind up Tuesday and the 117-nation organization has yet to give Secretary-General U Thant authorization to continue in operation the first UN peacekeeping force, set up nine years ago as a result of the Suez crisis. Introducing the Canadian draft resolution — co-sponsored by Brazil, Denmark, Liberia, The Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines and Sweden — in the assembly's budgetary committee late Saturday, Canadian delegate Stuart Hemley said: "It is a compromise and as such it is not completely to the taste of any of us, but it is our hope that most delegations will be able to support it as the best answer that can be obtained under the difficult circumstances." RUSSIA AGAINST IT The Soviet Union said shortly after the draft was introduced that it could not support the resolution because the entire question of international peace and security can only be decided in the 11-nation Security Council and not in a committee of the assembly. The United States and France are expected to abstain and Britain may vote in favor of the draft. Canada and the co-sponsors hope that despite lack of big-power support enough member countries will throw their weight in favor of the proposal to put it over. The Canadian draft would have the developed nations contribute a total of \$14,200,000 toward the operation of the Emergency Force in 1965, with the underdeveloped nations paying \$800,000 for a total of \$15,000,000. The remaining \$3,911,000 of the 1965 budget would come from the \$21,000,000 in voluntary contributions already made.



### DIES SUDDENLY

Gen. Kondendera Subayya Thimayya, Indian commander of the UN Peace Force in Cyprus, died of heart failure at his Nicosia home early Saturday, a UN spokesman announced. He was 60. His body is being sent to India for burial. (AP Wirephoto).

## New Surge Of Fighting In Viet Nam

SAIGON (AP)—A new surge of ground action raged in Christmas Week in South Viet Nam Sunday. On three fronts, U.S. marines and army forces clashed with sizable numbers of enemy troops and reported killing nearly 200 of them. Just 30 miles east of Saigon, army troops, pursuing several battalions of Viet Cong guerrillas, occupied the camp of an enemy company after pounding the area with 1,600 rounds of artillery shells. Marines renewed contact with enemy troops in Death Valley south of Da Nang, 300 miles northeast of here. Members of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division (airmobile) went into action against a Viet Cong battalion 265 miles northeast of Saigon. U.S. officials reported American casualties as light. "Once more bad weather curtailed U.S. air raids on North Viet Nam," U.S. officials reported. U.S. Air Force planes flew only visual missions there, they said. Action in the field contrasted to relative quiet in this South Vietnamese capital where U.S. officials feared Viet Cong agents planned terrorist attacks against today's fifth anniversary of the founding of the Viet Cong movement.

## ASTRONAUTS WELCOMED

By JIM STROTHMAN  
CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) Slapping one another and bubbling with mutual congratulations, the U.S. Gemini 6 and 7 astronauts playfully reunited here Sunday, then spent 45 minutes reliving their pioneering adventures. Gemini 6 astronaut Walter Schirra and Thomas Stafford were not on hand to greet their Gemini 7 counterparts, Frank Borman and James A. Lovell, when the record-setting space travellers landed at "Skid strip," Cape Kennedy's runway. Instead, Schirra was lurking in a doorway at astronaut crew headquarters on neighboring Merritt Island. As Borman and Lovell walked down the hall, Schirra bounded out and began swinging his arms wildly, as if the Gemini 7 astronauts needed landing instructions. "There was a lot of hand-shaking and mutual congratulations," said astronaut Donald Slayton, director of the Gemini 7 crew.

## Poor Weather Disrupts Colorful Cape Ceremony

Cancelled Wager  
One of the first things the four astronauts did was call off their well publicized bet over which crew would land closest to the primary recovery ship, the aircraft carrier Wasp. Slayton said Schirra insisted that an accelerometer, an instrument used in landing, was off slightly and was to blame for Schirra bringing Gemini 6 down slightly farther away from his target than Borman. Weather disrupted what was supposed to be a colorful ceremony for the astronauts on the runway. Their welcome was abbreviated by an on-again, off-again rain. Florida Governor Haydon Burns, who planned to be on hand to give the astronauts an official seal of state could not fly to the cape because of the weather, officials said. Gemini 6 rendezvoused in space with Gemini 7 last week, coming as close as six feet to the Borman-Lovell spaceship. Borman and Lovell — along with 11 officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and medical experts — arrived at 1:48 p.m., each copilot separate eight-passenger navy aircraft which flew (Continued on page 3, col. 4)

## GEMINI 7 ESTABLISHES 11 RECORDS IN SPACE

- HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Gemini 7, with a strong assist from Gemini 6, established 11 records for manned space flight. Here are the new marks resulting from the twin Gemini missions:
1. Longest manned space flight—330 hours, 35 minutes, by U.S. Air Force Lt.-Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James Lovell of Gemini 7, exceeding the mark of 180 hours, 55 minutes by Gemini 5 astronauts L. Gordon Cooper Jr. and Charles Conrad Aug. 21-29.
  2. First rendezvous of two manned manoeuvrable spacecraft—As Gemini 7 and Gemini 6 flew 20 hours, 22 minutes, within 62 miles of each other, including a minimum distance of six to 16 feet. Russia twice had two spacecraft within four miles of each other but the ships apparently were not manoeuvrable and are not believed to have flown in formation.
  3. Total man hours in space for one country—1,352 hours, 42 minutes by the United States, compared with 507 hours, 16 minutes for Russia.
  4. Individuals with most space-flight time — Borman and Lovell with 330 hours, 35 minutes, exceeding the 225 hours, 15 minutes, held by Cooper for his Mercury 9 and Gemini 5 flights.
  5. Longest multi-manned spaceflight—Gemini 7, surpassing the 190 hours, 56 minutes by Gemini 5.
  6. Most orbits for a manned space flight—206 by Gemini 7, exceeding 120 by Gemini 5.
  7. Most miles travelled on a manned space flight—5,129,400 by Gemini 7, surpassing the 3,338,200 by Gemini 5.
  8. Most manned flights—United States 11, Russia 8.
  9. Most men sent into space —16 by the United States (13 astronauts, with three of them making two flights), Russia 11.
  10. Most manned flights in one year by one country—5 by the United States, exceeding old record of 3 Mercury flights by U.S. in 1962.
  11. Most men sent into space in one year by one country—10 by the United States in 1965, exceeding 3 by U.S. in 1962 and 3 by Russia in 1964.

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## Victory Margin Is Comfortable

By PETER BUCKLEY  
PARIS (CP)—Charles de Gaulle was re-elected to the French presidency for a second seven-year term Sunday with a comfortable but not overpowering majority. With 23,076,966 of the estimated 24,500,000 votes counted in the second ballot for the presidency, the 75-year-old general had approximately 55 per cent of the valid votes, compared with 45 per cent for his left-wing rival, Francois Mitterrand. The latest count gave de Gaulle 12,610,049 votes and Mitterrand 10,466,916. Again the French voters flocked to the polls. The final figures were expected to show that the number who voted approached the nearly 85 per cent of those eligible who cast ballots two weeks ago in the first vote for the presidency. There was no immediate comment from de Gaulle, at his country home in Colombey-les-Deux-Églises, in the east. LOOKED DRAWN Mitterrand, a 48-year-old lawyer who held several cabinet posts in the old fourth republic, looked drawn when he met reporters in Paris after conceding victory, one hour and 30 minutes after the polls closed. He refused to congratulate de Gaulle on the grounds he does not regard the result as being in the best interests of France. He vowed to start right away in preparing for the 1967 parliamentary elections, to make them the "decisive encounter" that will save the republic from the adventures into which a diminished Gaullism will plunge it. Mitterrand had entered the campaign Sept. 9 on his own but he quickly attracted official support from both Socialists and Communists. When he finished a strong second on the first ballot, Dec. 5, he campaigned as the "candidate of all republicans," and succeeded in getting support from about half of those who had voted for other opposition candidates in the first round. The easy victory restored at least some of the stature de Gaulle's political prestige. GETS BREATHING SPELL The victory gives de Gaulle

## Only Shuffle, Dief's View

NEW YORK (CP) — Progressive Conservative Leader John Diefenbaker said Saturday the many changes announced Friday in Prime Minister Pearson's cabinet "were not of any significance, except for one or two additions." The opposition leader declined to discuss names during a radio-telephone interview with a reporter of The Canadian Press. Diefenbaker and his wife are aboard the cruise ship Empress of Canada, en route to New York after a Caribbean voyage. "It was more of a shuffle than anything else," he said of the shakeup in the cabinet. The former prime minister said he might comment after the Empress of Canada docks in New York Wednesday.

## Language Riots Erupt In Belgium

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Fifty persons were injured Sunday when language riots erupted in the Belgian region of Fournons, on the Dutch border. Police had to break up clashes between Flemish nationalists and French-speaking Walloons, the Belgian news agency reported.

## First Zambia Oil-Lift Aircraft Narrowly Misses Disaster

LUSAKA (AP) — The first British airlift plane bringing oil to Zambia to beat Rhodesian blockade arrived here Sunday and tore 12-inch-deep furrow in the airport tarmac as it taxied to an unloading bay. The plane, an RAF Britannia loaded with 2,370 gallons of diesel fuel, leaned over dangerously as its wheels bit through the tar surface into the muddy ground beneath for a distance of 10 feet. An inquiry by RAF officers showed the plane had followed a white guiding line instead of a yellow line and had it tarmac only an eighth of an inch thick. The drama was watched by President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and Britain's Commonwealth relations minister of state, Cledwyn Hughes, on hand to welcome the first airlift plane. While RAF men quickly unloaded the 54 drums of fuel to ease the strain on the aircraft, others dug around the wheel to enable the Britannia to be jacked up and pulled clear. But fears that Zambia's two major airfields, at Lusaka and at Ndola in the copperbelt 200 miles to the north, would crack up under the strain of a sustained airlift were discounted by the RAF force commander, Ian McDougal. RUNWAYS OK "There is no danger of a general collapse of the runways under the stress of aircraft landing," he said. "The runways are specially stressed to take the extra weight." Another senior RAF officer said: "This accident is just a bit of a boob." Oil is on the way to Zambia on other routes also, by road, rail and lake. Heavy trucks are still moving south from Tanzania's southernmost railroad at Mikumi with fuel brought down from Mombasa by rail and other supplies are being transferred to vessels on Lake Tanganyika to join up with Zambia trucks on the southern border of Tanzania.



GEMINI 6 and Gemini 7 astronauts who had their rendezvous in space, meet again in crew quarters at Cape Kennedy, Fla., Sunday after they returned here from the recovery carrier in the Atlantic. FROM LEFT: Walter Schirra and Thomas Stafford who rode Gemini 6, get together with Frank Borman and James Lovell, of Gemini 7. At RIGHT is fellow astronaut Donald Slayton. (AP Wirephoto)

## Expanding Storm Lashes At Nfld.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—An expanding winter storm battered Newfoundland Sunday, with northern and western sections of the province feeling the effects of heavy snow and strong winds. Close to 10 inches of snow fell over eastern and southeastern parts of the province during the night. By mid-afternoon many sections of highway in the eastern sections were still blocked but the precipitation had changed to a mixture of snow and rain or drizzle. A 150-mile section of the Trans-Canada Highway from Whitbourne north to Gambe was reported blocked. Central and western sections began to feel the effects by late morning with St. Anthony on the northern peninsula reporting heavy snow and northerly winds of 45 miles an hour with gusts to 70 miles an hour. Snow was heavy in the Corner Brook and Port aux Basques area. Air traffic in and out of Gander was disrupted. Ships east and south of the island province were reporting gales of 60 knots and high seas. Two hunters lost overnight in woods south of here made their way to safety Sunday.

ONLY 5 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS