

French-Speaking Group Hold High Posts In CNR

MONTREAL (CP) — Donald Gordon, president of Canadian National Railways, said Thursday that French-speaking officials occupy senior ranks in administrative, technical and professional positions in the company. He said the facts are on record before the parliamentary committee which examines CNR affairs.

In his prepared statement, Mr. Gordon said the proportion of French-speaking personnel in the upper, middle and senior management ranks in the CNR is 15 per cent, or about 13 per cent.

He said the figure was established without counting "those other than French origin who are bilingual."

Mr. Gordon's statement was made following some demonstrations in Quebec protesting against remarks attributed to him when he appeared before the Commons railway committee Nov. 29.

FORCAST REVERSE TREND
He was reported then as saying French-Canadians have not reached the CNR's upper echelons because of a shortage of qualified applicants and as forecasting the trend would be reversed in the next few years. He was quoted as saying that "as long as I'm president, there is going to be an appointment of a man because he is a French-Canadian."

His statement Thursday said: "Recent comment in the press, radio and television appears to be creating an impression in the mind of the public that does a great injustice to the French-speaking officers and employees of Canadian National Railways. There is no implication whatsoever that French-speaking Canadians do not hold senior positions and that our people are not competent. I wish to say explicitly that any such statements and insinuations are wrong."

The statement said a list of positions had been supplied on request to the parliamentary committee and included those of general counsel, regional general manager, area manager, manager of industrial development, manager of real estate, manager of public relations, operations manager, area controller, senior operational research analyst, chief mechanical engineer, general passenger manager, superintendent

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Senator, Judge Fail To Comply With Law

OTTAWA (CP) — NDP Whip Stanley Knowles said in the Commons that two former Progressive Conservative MPs defeated in the last election—now a senator and the other a judge—have not complied with the Canada Elections Act requirement that they report their election expenses.

Mr. Knowles named them — Senator Clement O'Leary, former MP for Antigonish - Guysborough, and New Brunswick County Court Judge William Craighan, former MP for Westmoreland.

He said that defeated candidates should have to comply with the law just as do elected members of the Commons.

He asked Prime Minister Diefenbaker whether he shouldn't have looked into this matter before making the two appointments. Mr. Diefenbaker replied that he has no responsibility to insure that candidates comply with the law.

QUESTIONS MINISTER
Later, J. W. Pickersgill (L-Bonavista - Twillingate) asked the prime minister whether he

Strauss Quits Cabinet Post

MUNICH (Reuters) — Franz-Josef Strauss, West Germany's controversial defence minister, has announced he will not take a post in a new West German federal cabinet.

Political observers here said the 47-year-old Strauss' resignation was the result of pressure from the coalition cabinet and colleagues in Chancellor Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union.

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AGRICULTURE

- We will promote wider use of Soil Testing Service.
- We will promote a wider dissemination of information made available by federal research.
- We will promote the increased use of lime, either by a larger subsidy, or by assistance from the station to the field.
- We will provide for more efficient management of all government departments concerned with the growing and selling of farm products.
- We will encourage farm co-operative activities so that farm families will get their fair share of Island prosperity.
- We will encourage business on the Island to process our farm products for the benefit of the farmers.
- We will continue to promote the development of the Tobacco Industry, giving special consideration to our Island farmers.
- We will establish a complete new Marketing Advisory Service in the Department of Agriculture to give daily assistance to farmers and fishermen in the selling of their products.

FISHERIES

- We will provide a substantial increase in the fisheries budget to assure the implementation of a comprehensive fisheries program.
- We will establish plate freezer units at various fishing plants throughout the province to enable freezing of fisheries products that can be sold to advantage under this method of processing.
- We will extend central holding facilities for frozen fisheries products.
- We will provide a new policy of financial assistance to fishermen for the purchase of boats, gear, etc., and we will give fishermen representation on the Loan Board.
- We will establish a standing committee on fisheries to keep abreast of the problems concerning the development of the fishery industry in Prince Edward Island.

MATTERS OF GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- We will make an immediate and complete investigation into the finances of the province in order to ascertain and reveal the true conditions thereof.
- We will provide equal justice to all by prompt and impartial enforcement of all laws.
- The principle of calling public tenders for highway contracts, public works and government purchases will be reestablished and advertised in the press.
- Civil Service vacancies that arise will be advertised in the public press.
- A proper accounting of all receipts and expenditures for the current year will be made and submitted to the next following session of the Legislature so that all persons in the province may be kept adequately informed as to the conduct of public affairs.
- We will, through the Department of Municipal Affairs, arrange for full co-operation between the government and the towns and villages of the province.

TRANSPORTATION

- We will continue to urge upon the federal government the necessity for a new ice-breaking car ferry between Borden and Tormentine. We will impress upon the federal authorities the necessity for a ferry at West Point.
- An all-weather road will be provided from each end of the province to Borden.
- We will arrange a fair deal for our Island truckmen.

ELECTORAL REFORM

- A Liberal government will give immediate consideration to the report of the Royal Commission on Electoral Reform and follow up the same with legislative action adopting as a fundamental principle that the present regional representation remain undisturbed and additional seats be allocated to more populous areas.
- We will lower the voting age to eighteen years.
- We will see that Indians are given the right to vote.

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