



BURNS' ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED

Performers of last night's annual Robert Burns concert are seen before curtain time at the Confederation Centre Theatre. The concert, which celebrated the 200th anniversary of the birth of Burns, was directed by Dave Hall. Master of ceremonies was John L. Evans. FROM THE LEFT are June Harper, Mrs. Douglas McKenny, Mr. Hall and Barbara Jean Taylor. The program ranged from selections by the colorful Lads and Lassies Pipe Band to songs by the Sons of (Mac) Erin. Mrs. McKenny is seen holding a doll used on stage in "a highland lullaby". (See story on page 3).

E. Prince Lobstermen's Request Is Rejected By Federal Minister

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
OTTAWA — The federal government has turned down a request from the East Prince Fishermen's Association for special financial assistance to lobster fishermen. P.E.I. Fisheries Minister Leo Rossier headed up a delegation which met with federal Fisheries Minister Hebard Robichaud for an hour and a half Tuesday. Accompanying the delegation was Prince County MP David MacDonald.

Mr. Rossier said that fishermen who had between five and 15 stamps in their unemployment insurance books could qualify for the special \$350 assistance announced by the federal government some time ago. Anyone having over 15 stamps could not qualify but would receive only the normal unemployment insurance benefits.

GROUP HARD HIT
Fishermen in this area of the island were hard hit this past season and many realized practically nothing from the lobster fishery," Mr. Rossier said. "It cost them more in gas to take their boats out to the traps than they received in the lobsters they caught. The \$350 assistance is all right as far as it goes but it does not compensate the lobster fishermen for the heavy investment they have."

He said the delegation asked for a special allowance of \$2 per trap up to a maximum of 250 traps and a minimum of 75 traps. Those who did not qualify for the \$350 assistance would get a maximum of \$500 under the plan, he said.

IS DISAPPOINTED
"Mr. Robichaud turned us down as he said any such policy had to be brought in on a national basis and could not be made regional. He said the \$350 assistance had been decided on the basis of long term average catches and if the government had felt more should be paid they would have raised this amount initially," Mr. Rossier said.

"I am very disappointed with the minister's refusal to even consider our request," Mr. Rossier said the reason for the poor lobster catch was that the federal government is 10 years late in policing the lobster fishery and regulating limits and licensing.

Members of the delegation were U. Poirier, D. Poirier, L.R. Gallant and Urban LeBlanc of the extension department of St. Dunstan's University.

Italian Motorist Drives Car Up Steps Of Famous Basilica

VATICAN CITY (AP) — An Italian motorist drove his automobile up the steps of St. Peter's Basilica Tuesday and crashed against the entrance of the world's largest church.

The car, a modern two-door sedan, started falling to pieces from the jarring impact as it crashed violently up the staircase.

But it cleared the 13 broad and shallow stone steps leading to St. Peter's portico and managed to leap the last seven steps to the portico before a marble column stopped its progress.

The distance up the seven steps leading to the portico is 15 feet. From the top of that staircase to the column that stopped the car, it is 30 feet.

Vatican police pulled the driver, Giovanni Pomponi, 37, out of the car and dragged him stumbling and shouting to a Swiss guard station at the side of the Basilica.

He was turned over to Italian police, who took him to hospital for treatment and mental examination. His face was cut and bleeding from the battering he suffered inside the car trying to drive into the Basilica.

There was no immediate word on the reason for Pomponi's drive.

Ont. Aims Move At Stock Frauds

TORONTO (CP) — Legislation to wipe out stock market frauds, to protect Ontario consumers and to secure businessmen's credit transactions was announced Tuesday in the speech from the throne at the opening of the Ontario legislature.

The speech, read by Lieutenant-Governor Earl Rowe, gave only the outlines of a massive number of legislation proposals that should keep the fourth session of the 27th provincial parliament operating until early summer.

Besides increased government involvement in the province's day-to-day financial affairs, the administration of Premier Roberts also announced a crop insurance program, a legal aid plan and a new Crown Development Corporation.

But the government steered clear of indicating what the bite will be on the taxpayer for the new provincial services. That will come in the budget speech expected in about two weeks.

Attorney-General Arthur Wishart, whose department is to be divided into two separate ministries, will introduce legislation to force the full disclosure of the financial and trading affairs of companies selling stock to the public.

Gov't Wins Second Test In Slim 8-Vote Margin

Causeway Jobs Reply Leaves MP Doubtful

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN
OTTAWA — Prince MP David MacDonald said he plans to continue an investigation into the employment of Prince Edward Island workers on the first phase of the causeway project.

Damaged Vessel Back In Service

CORNER BROOK (CP) — The CNR coastal vessel Burgeo arrived here from North Sydney, N.S., Monday on her first trip since last September.

The Burgeo was damaged in a severe storm Sept. 17 when buffeted at her terminal at Seal Head near here. Some \$100,000 repairs were required.

Bodies Hunt Postponed Until Spring

CHAMONIX, France (Reuters) — Alpine rescue squads Tuesday night called off until spring their search for the bodies of 117 passengers and crew of an Air India jetliner that crashed on Mont Blanc Monday.

The decision, announced by police, represented a major setback in the search for an explanation of the plane's mysterious crash into the mountain when it should have been flying high and safe into Geneva, Switzerland, 45 miles away.

Bad weather defeated the attempt to resume the search for clues and the remains of those who died. The mountain, peppered with the wreckage of the jet, was hidden Tuesday in a swirling grey mist.

Annulments Alarm Pope

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul expressed concern Tuesday for the "alarming increase" in marriage annulments among Roman Catholics. He said it was a sign of the restlessness of modern life, among other things.

The Pope addressed judges of the Sacred Rota, the ecclesiastical tribunal handling matrimonial cases, in an audience at the Apostolic Palace.

The Pope was replying to an address by the American-born dean of the Sacred Rota, Msgr. Francis J. Brennan.

The tribunal, first established in the 13th century, is best known as a court of appeal from diocesan courts in matrimonial cases. The tribunal is the only church body empowered to declare a Roman Catholic marriage annulled.

The pontiff said that the increase of marriage annulments among Roman Catholics is a danger which might threaten the firmness, vitality and happiness of the institution of the family.

Brainwashing, Hedging Charges Made In London

By JOSEPH MACSWEN
LONDON (CP) — Charges of brainwashing and hedging were exchanged in the Commons Tuesday when Prime Minister Wilson outlined terms for a Rhodesia settlement "without rancor or recrimination."

Wilson envisaged an interim government of Rhodesians of all races under Governor Sir Humphrey Gibbs in the event of a return to constitutional rule in the central African colony where Premier Ian Smith's white-minority regime broke from Britain Nov. 11.

Wilson's statement was the first major item after Parliament returned from its Christmas recess during which an emergency Commonwealth prime ministers' conference on Rhodesia was held in Lagos, Nigeria. That conference, Jan. 11 and 12, looked hopefully toward a solution of the Rhodesian affair "within weeks rather than months."

MUST TALK TO ALL
Opposition Leader Edward Heath said Tuesday the government must be prepared to talk to anyone, including Smith or members of his government, provided they are ready to return to constitutional rule.

"To ask otherwise is to ask for unconditional surrender which only increases bitterness and damage in Rhodesia," said Heath. "I therefore, ask you to stop hedging on this point."

Heath also asked Wilson to indicate there is no question of a period of direct rule from Westminster over Rhodesia and Wilson said none was intended.

Denying any hedging, Wilson said Sir Humphrey Gibbs is authorized to receive proposals from Smith or anyone else but there is no question of allowing Smith and his regime to negotiate a settlement.

Tory Sir Godfrey Nicholson, who recently visited Rhodesia, said, "If you don't negotiate with the Smith regime now, there is no one with whom you can negotiate in the foreseeable future."

Wilson is condemning Rhodesia and perhaps other parts of Africa to a "most ghastly tragedy," Nicholson said.



NAMED FOR GEMINI 10

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Air Force Maj. Michael Collins, LEFT, and Navy Commander John W. Young have been named for a two or three-day Gemini 10 flight. They will help perfect the space rendezvous technique. Young who went on the Gemini 3 flight last year, will be the command pilot in Gemini 10, while Collins, a rookie, will take a space stroll. Gemini officials hope to wind up the 12-flight program by the end of the year. (AP Wirephoto)

Chinese H-Bomb Ready By 1970

WASHINGTON (AP) — A specialist on China said Tuesday that by 1970, or sooner, Peking will have developed a hydrogen bomb and a limited capability to deliver nuclear warheads by medium-range missiles.

Prof. Ralph L. Powell, chairman of the Far Eastern studies at American University here, said that by 1975, China may have made its first deployment of intercontinental missiles capable of striking the United States.

"This is a grim prospect," he told a congressional foreign affairs subcommittee.

The Chinese have a military concept of overextending the United States by forcing it to spend more money, send more troops and suffer more casualties in Viet Nam, he added.

"They have a thesis of protracted war, based on their belief revolutionaries have more patience than their enemies in the capitalist world."

Threats Against Robichaud, Family Reported In House

FREDERICTON (CP) — Attorney-General W. W. Meldrum told the New Brunswick legislature Tuesday that threats have been made against Premier Robichaud and his family.

Mr. Meldrum said a single or isolated incident of such nature would not "perhaps cause undue alarm." When, however, such threats are repeated over periods of weeks by telephone and letters, it was absolutely essential that appropriate measures be taken.

The RCMP had been advised of the situation and were taking precautionary and "other" measures that "are indicated by the circumstances."

The legislature resumed Tuesday after a two-week recess.

CAME FROM CAPITAL
The attorney-general said the threatening telephone calls had originated in Fredericton and the majority of threatening letters had been postmarked in the New Brunswick capital.

"Such things should not happen in New Brunswick and must not be permitted to continue," he said.

Mr. Meldrum said these threats have arisen, to some extent at least, because a few personal opponents of the premier have been prepared to "and in fact have, by prejudice and racism" incited violence.

Premier Robichaud has been the target of criticism by opponents of his Liberal government's program of municipal reform. However, Mr. Meldrum did not indicate directly in his address to the legislature whether the threats were connected with the program.

Opposition Leader C. B. Sherwood agreed a serious situation existed on the basis of the threats and the attorney-general was right in the steps he had taken.

The legislature's law amendments committee report on the government's proposed Assessment Act, considered the cornerstone to the municipal reform program, was introduced after Mr. Meldrum's and Mr. Sherwood's comments.

SC Support Liberals Despite Sharp Blasts

OTTAWA (CP) — The Liberal government squeaked through its second big voting test in the House, MPs cannot abstain from voting.

There are opportunities for other motions during the throne speech, which still has four days to run. It was reported the Conservatives were planning to introduce another one criticizing the government on the question of honesty and integrity in government before the debate runs out.

The vote climaxed a busy day of debate on the speech from the throne that set out the government's legislation plans for the new Parliament.

External Affairs Minister Martin told the Commons Canada is prepared to take part in any United Nations peacekeeping effort in Viet Nam if called on to do so.

Mr. Martin said he hopes UN Secretary-General U Thant will (Continued on page 3, col. 5)

the government it would have lost 131 to 128. If they are in the House, MPs cannot abstain from voting.

The five Social Credit MPs again supported the government. Frank Howard (NDP-Sheena) joined them this time as a Conservative motion calling for immediate action for an increase in the old age pension to \$100 a month from \$75 was defeated 134 to 126.

There were 128 Liberals listed for the vote.

All 97 Conservatives were present. Joining them were 19 New Democrats, nine Creditists and one independent Conservative, Maurice Allard (Sherbrooke).

Independent MP J.-A. Monrain (Trois-Rivieres), who voted with the government on an NDP motion last week for \$100 pensions at age 65, was absent from the Commons.

Tories Plan Another Vote

OTTAWA (CP) — The Conservatives plan another non-confidence motion for the minority Liberal government today, informants say.

It is expected to be on the question of honesty and integrity in government.

"If it comes off, it will be the second put forward by the Conservatives since the 27th Parliament opened Jan. 18.

The party's first non-confidence motion censured the government for not promising to raise the old age pension to \$100 a month from \$75. It was defeated Tuesday night 134 to 126.

Conservative Leader Diefenbaker promised a challenge to the Liberal government on the question of honesty and integrity the day after the Nov. 9 election.

Throughout the campaign, he tried to link the government with organized crime.

The motion on this issue was apparently shelved in subsequent weeks in favor of one on old age pensions.

Quebec Throne Speech Loaded With Promises

QUEBEC (CP) — The Quebec government Tuesday opened what is generally expected to be a pre-election session with a speech from the Throne heavily-laden with promises of something better for practically everyone.

Improvements in the fields of agriculture, education, labor social welfare, housing, research and health were promised in the speech, read at the opening of the sixth session of the 27th legislature by Lieutenant-Governor Paul Comtois.

Amid the pomp and ceremony, traditional at the opening of new sessions, the lieutenant-governor read from the speech a declaration of Quebec's determination to seek respect for its rights under the constitution.

"The current year will be one of great importance in the federal-provincial field," said the speech. "Several conferences of prime ministers and of ministers, are to be expected. The tax structure committee, from the nature of its work, will indicate the part which Quebec can and must play in Canada."

The committee is made up of federal and provincial representatives who are trying to reach agreement on a redistribution of tax sources.

PLEDGE FAMILY AID
In the field of social welfare, the government promised a "comprehensive" policy directed toward prevention of poverty and rehabilitation. These measures "will attack the causes as well as the effects of social dependence. They will acknowledge the right of citizens of slender means to the satisfaction of their essential needs and will be centered on the family, to aid it in its task and particularly in meeting increasing responsibilities."

Legislation will be introduced to establish a medical assistance plan for persons and families receiving aid from the state.

A joint committee of the legislative assembly and the legislative council, Quebec's upper house, will be established to study a medicare program for Quebec.

The Needy Mothers Assistance Act is to be amended to increase the allowance per child and the maximum permissible income.

The speech hinted at an increase in the allowances paid children between 16 and 18 who remain in school.

TRAIN TECHNICIANS
"Technical and professional training, a cornerstone of Quebec's economic structure, will undergo accelerated development in the next few months," said the speech. "The government will also give unprecedented stimulus to adult education."

The government "will encourage measures to supply our industry with qualified workmen and also to take the necessary steps to offset the consequences of automation, especially through the reclassification of workers."

A section of the speech dealt specifically with the problems of farmers. The government announced plans to pay the farmers for crop damage caused last year by unseasonable weather. A crop insurance program also is to be established.

Legislation will be changed to permit farmers to get larger long-term loans. The government will also submit other measures, designed to accelerate the consolidation of family farms, by enlargement or improvement of social, cultivation and breeding.

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U.S. SUPER SPY PLANE CRASHES

A 2,000-mile-an-hour SR-71 super spy plane crashed Tuesday about 70 miles east of Vegas, New Mexico. The test pilots are reported to have parachuted but their fate is unknown. The ship, at various stages of development known as the A-11 and the YF-12A, is shown here in flight. (AP Wirephoto)