



Montreal Mayor Levels Blame For Riot At League President Clarence Campbell

(By R. W. Wheatley, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
MONTREAL, (CP)—Police moved Friday to forestall any possibility of a second hockey mob demonstration while a riot-shocked city heard accusations of responsibility from high levels.

Chief of detectives Georges Allain said he has called a stand-to-alert for every member of his 250-man detective force to be duty for tonight's New York-Montreal National Hockey League game.

Mayor Jean Drapeau, in a statement issued through his office, levelled blame at NHL president Clarence Campbell for Thursday night's riotous outbreak that drove 15,000 persons from the Montreal Forum into thousands more outside where crazed hoodlums ran wild.

The mayor said Campbell's presence at the game could be interpreted as a "real challenge" to fans enraged over the suspension of Maurice Richard of Montreal Canadiens.

Campbell replied with a sharply worded statement in which he said he was "strange and sorry" for the "unfortunate" incident which occurred at the Forum, where shattered windows graphically told the story of the demonstration that broke up the Detroit-Montreal game.

Earlier Campbell squashed reports of his resignation with the blunt statement: "I have no intention of resigning."

At the Forum, where shattered windows graphically told the story of the demonstration that broke up the Detroit-Montreal game, managing director Frank Selke said the Saturday game will be played but no standing-room tickets will be sold.

"Order will be maintained," said Selke. "It is our responsibility inside the Forum and the city's outside."

Meanwhile, Richard—simply "The Rocket" to thousands of Montreal fans—volunteered to talk to the people of Montreal via radio and television.

Unheralded and on his own responsibility, the Montreal hockey idol went to Selke's office in the Forum to make known his wish.

The C.B.C. scheduled his talk at 1 p. m. EST over the Trans-Canada Radio network and on its Eastern TV hookup.

Selke said Richard feels he should take the blame given that he is the one who set off the riot and would also seek a warrant "if he ever sets his foot in the Forum again."

Pierre DesMarais, chairman of the city's executive committee, said the pro-Richard sentiment against Campbell was "strongly expressed" but that there was no need for an investigation of the city.

Groups of curious persons gathered about the Forum throughout Friday to see the mob-wracked damage. Several people were on hand to see the riot but the slightest indication of disorder.

The Canadiens hockey team worked out on the Forum ice Friday but it was a rather spiritless affair.

Damage to automobiles, overturned automobiles varied but detective-captain Cecil Rowe, in charge of the police department's western division—in which the Forum and damaged area is located—gave an estimate of \$100,000.

Selke declined to estimate damage to the Forum, indicating it was too early to assess it properly. Mayor Drapeau's statement said it was evident that Campbell's decision in the Richard case—penalty for the riotous hockey season—was "extremely unpopular."

"One could easily foresee that a demonstration would be staged by a number of persons who were to attend the game."

Sports Forum DEPLORABLE MOB OUTBREAKS

Sir.—After the rash of rough-houses recently taking place in Eastern Canadian rinks, managers and proprietors of skating rinks must beware lest mob rule prevail. The general decorum seems to be going fast that way. It looks as if the management thinks their obligations end with the filling of the rink with patrons.

They overlook the fact that they are "masters of the house" and that it is their duty to see that law and order is observed by the patrons. The price of an admission ticket does not give a patron license to create a nuisance.

It should not be a heavy chore to insure good order at a hockey match or any large gathering. Plainclothes men could spot the mischief-makers, place them under "house arrest" (solo) for the duration of the game, or if the provocation was sufficient, hand them over to the "law."

Creating a disturbance at a public gathering is an offence under the Criminal Code. One or two instances would be the spectator "caveat," and would surely have a salutary effect.

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It will be hard to get an Island team together for next year who will want to play before Montreal hockey fans. The news of the treatment of the Islanders will be broadcast over Canada. The time might be propitious to call home our good players from abroad, form an Island league and pick an all-star team to try for the Maritime championship next season.

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Freezer Break Delays Junior Curling Bonsel

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP)—Ammonia fumes from a broken pipe in the freezing plant at the curling rink here drove curlers and spectators outdoors mid-way through the second round of the Maritime junior bonsel Friday. Repairs are completed and play will resume today with the teams taking up where they left off Friday.

After seven ends Charlottetown leads Moncton Beavers 8-5 and Montague, P.E.I. leads Lunenburg N.S. 8-4. After six ends Newcastle N.B. leads Amherst 6-1. All matches are 12 ends.

In the first round matches the defending champion Moncton Beavers were edged 9-8 by the castle; Amherst eked out a 12-10 victory over Lunenburg, and Charlottetown defeated Montague 11-6. The round-robin bonsel concludes tonight.

Teams Tie Last Night But Saints Win Series By One

As most everyone knows, the junior Saints and Welshmen were extremely well matched in foot-ball for the last two years and the battle was a close one. Now after the duration of the game, or if the provocation was sufficient, hand them over to the "law."

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Cabin Cruiser On Race Track

BOWIE, Md. (AP)—There may be a christening at Bowie race course next Friday—one involving a boat, not a horse.

The boat—a cabin cruiser—has been the "biggest mystery of the meeting" according to publicist Bob Hurley.

It was discovered wobbling gently at anchor in an infield lake opened last March 9 for its 33-day spring season.

The track management swears that nobody connected with Bowie knows how it got there. The nearest body of water, a branch of the Patuxent river, is a good mile from the infield.

The water is about eight inches deep around the land-locked vessel, which obviously is several hundred dollars worth of somebody's property.

Pierce says if the owner does not come forward, there will be a formal christening Friday.

HUNTERS' CORNER

Between March 9th and 17th Montreal was the Mecca for a host of wildlife and conservation officials from every Province in Canada and every State in the U.S. Mexico was also represented.

The Federal Provincial Wildlife Conference was held in the Windsor Hotel on the tenth and eleventh. The North American Wildlife Conference opened in the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel on Monday the fourteen and lasted 3 days.

The North American Wildlife Conference was an impressive affair. (Continued on page 7)

Centennial Bonsel Opens At Local Rink Monday At 9

Upwards of 50 rinks will take to the ice at the Charlottetown Curling Club next week in the big, week-long Centennial Bonsel sponsored by the Prince Edward Island Curling Association in honor of this city. Representatives from clubs in St. Stephen, Fredericton, Saint John, Schenectady, New York, Sackville, Campbellton, Newcastle, Moncton, Amherst, Dartmouth, Sydney, Montague, Alberton Summerside and Charlottetown itself will make up the majority of the entries to start play in the first section of the bonsel on Monday morning at 9 a.m.

Sixteen teams will enter competition in the first round of the main section of the 'spiel which will end on Monday evening. It is hoped that the 22 piece Black Watch Pipe Band from Halifax will be on hand to pipe the curlers around the ice surface, which has been specially decorated for the occasion, at 7 p.m. The main section of the 'spiel will continue until Thursday evening when the finals will be played at 9 p.m. followed by the presentation of trophies and prizes and declaration of the winner of the Bonsel.

On Friday and Saturday play will swing to three mixed events with approximately 40 rinks from the mainland and within the Province taking part. After the Saturday play the final prizes and trophies will be presented and the 'Spiel brought to a close.

The Black Watch Band will also be on hand Tuesday to lead the curlers parade from the Charlottetown Hotel at 3 p.m. in the afternoon. Adding a bit of local color to the parade will be eight Charlottetown girls dressed in bright Scottish costume.

FLYERS SHOW THEIR WARES

MONCTON (CP)—Ottawa RCAF Flyers showed some of their wares Friday in preparation for Saturday night's opener of their eastern Canada Allan Cup semi-final series with Moncton Hawks.

The Ottawa district champions had a good workout under the critical eyes of the Moncton team, and later the tables were turned when the Hawks drilled while the visitors watched.

Hawks have had a layoff since Tuesday, when they took the Maritime title with a fourth straight win over New Glasgow Rangers.

DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Islanders will be proud to learn that another native son has been selected to drive the horses of one of the outstanding race stables in the Eastern United States, that of Smithgall and King of Williamsport, Pa. These gentlemen have been connected with harness horse racing for years, are highly thought of and their colors are popular wherever their horses compete. In securing the services of Don MacNeill they have certainly made no mistake. He is a son of Frank A. MacNeill and Mrs. MacNeill of Summerside, who are ardent race fans, and Mr. MacNeill as a sideline handles harness horse requisites such as harness, boots, coolers, etc. and his enterprise is a great convenience for race horse owners here and in the nearby Maritimes. Don has had a wonderful record the past two seasons. In 1953 he was leading driver in the Maritimes for those having less than 200 starts, with the excellent average of .492. In 1954 he was 42 times first, 36 times second and 18 times third. Last year he drove the fastest 3-year-old Maritime bred pacer, Bruce's Sister, to a record of 2:13 1/2 and he had also splendid results with the pacer Robert Bruce 2:09 1/2, winning six races with him in hot company. These are just samples of his exploits. His driver's average in 1954 showed him in fourth place for those making less than 200 starts. He had 41 firsts, 27 seconds and 14 thirds for a percentage of .446.

The stable of Smithgall and King is located at the Bloomsburg, Pa. Fair grounds. This is a very good half-mile track and the (Continued on page 7)

Provincial Ice Meet Held At Local Rink Last Night

For the second consecutive year the Montague High School have walked away with the majority of honors in the Provincial Inter-scholastic Ice Meet as they unofficially racked up over twice as many points as their nearest competitors in the 1955 meet held at the Charlottetown Forum before a large crowd last evening. The teams from Montague collected 56 points, on a 5-3-1 basis, taking first place in eight of the 24 events, three seconds and a pair of thirds. The points for the relays were doubled over the regular.

Queen Charlotte; 3. Murray Harbor. Boys relay—1. Queen Square; 2. Souris; 3. Kensington. O.L.O. Official Patron, Hon. T. W. L. Prowse; referee, W.A. Gaudet; starter, George Walters; times, Bill Bevans; judges at finish, Dr. L. W. Shaw, K. A. Parker, Jack Anear and Roy MacGillivray; pack rat judges, Walter Lawlor, Jack Kane, Earl Nicholson, Millar MacPherson and Crilly Lea; clerk of course, Art Perry; scorers, Gordon M. Rice and Scott MacPherson; meet director, Bill Reid.

Legend—M-Montague; O-L-O-Leary; CR-Central Royalty; B-Borden; PS-Prince Street; QS-Queen Square; S-Souris; SS-Summerside; P-Parkdale; SM-Saint Mary's Academy; K-Kensington; Mal-Malpeque; A-Alberton; QC-Queen Charlotte; MH-Murray Harbor; WR-West Royalty; PWC-Model School; CB-Central Bedouque.

The big events of the meet were the quarter mile, half mile and mile races. The boys quarter was the closest of the four with Jim McIntosh of Souris edging Jack Kane of Queen Square in the final laps. Elaine Poole won the girls quarter mile. Jack Kane came back strong in the boys half mile to beat out Jim McIntosh, who trailed closely all the way. Leo Devar of Central Bedouque took the mile race in fine style after chasing Queen Square's Roy MacGonnell for most of the race.

Following are the results: Girls 7 years and under—1. Shelia Caruthers, O.L.; 2. Carol Ann Cheverie, CR; 3. Theresa Driscoll, SS. Boys 7 years and under—1. Garry MacCarron, M; 2. Thane Burke, PS; 3. Paul MacWilliams, SE.

Girls 8 years—1. Sandra Johnson, P; 2. Jean Kenny, CR; 3. Joan Poirier, SS. Boys 8 years—1. Larry Anear, M; 2. Leslie MacKay, P; 3. Garry Cudmore, PS.

Boys 9 years—1. Jim McIntosh, S; 2. Jack Kane, QS; 3. Douglas Curry, A. Girls 9 years—1. Katherine Kemp, PWC; 2. Charlotte Vey, O.L.; 3. Carol Billard, MH.

Boys 9 years—1. Clinton Nicholson, M; 2. James Richards, MH; 3. George MacMillan, PS. Girls 10 years—1. Georgie Caruthers, O.L.; 2. Dorothy Anear, M; 3. Carol Ann Adams, O.L.

Boys 10 years—1. Gordon Full, PS; 2. Blair Wilkie, A; 3. Alban Ballem M. Girls 10 years—1. Elaine Poole, M; 2. Brenda Coles, CR and Pauline Finnan, O.L.

Boys 11 years—1. Jack Kane, QS; 2. Jim McIntosh, S; 3. James Smallman, O.L. Girls 11 years—1. Velma White, MH; 2. Sandra Bell, M; 3. Patricia Sonier, SM.

Boys 11 years—1. Paul McGonnell, QS; 2. Hansen Filliker, O.L.; 3. Fred Jardine, CR. Girls 12 years—1. Joan Boyles, QC; 2. Betty Richards, SS; 3. Elaine Waters, P.

Boys 12 years—1. Fred Gauthier, PS; 2. Jo Jo Gallant, SS; 3. Robert Caruthers, O.L. Boys midget, Leo Devar, CR; 2. Roy McGonnell, QS; 3. Robert Gallant, B.

Minor Hockey Semi-Finals At Summerside

—Semi-final play-offs between paperweights, pee-wee and bantam teams were run off at Raceway Stadium in Summerside last night, the program starting shortly after six o'clock and ending after eleven.

In one paperweight minor game the Lions defeated the Y's Kids 5-4. Elmer Gallant scored three goals for the Lions and Dave Matheson two. Richard Perry scored two for the Y's Kids.

In a second minor paperweight game, Rotary beat Legion 10-0. Alan Gaudet led the scorers with four.

In one paperweight (major) game, Flicker Taxi beat TV's 3-0. Leigh Hudson scored two of the goals.

In the other paperweight (major) game, Rogers and Aggett beat White Star Laundry 2-0. Don Beer and Wayne Matheson each got a goal.

Curran & Briggs defeated Smallman in a pee-wee (minor) contest, 10-0. Charles MacLean scored four, and Cliff Arsenault three. In the other pee-wee (minor) game, Reliabes beat Canadian Tire 8-1. Wilfred Gaudet sniped six counters.

In a pee-wee (major) contest, Dairy Kings beat Holmans 3-0. Jimmie Hogan scoring all the tallies for the winners.

In the same division Jute Bags edged Y's Kids 4-3. John Arsenault and Winston McCormack of the Jute Bags and Donnie Schurman of the Y's Kids each scored two goals.

In the first bantam game, Holmans defeated Lions 2-0. Denzil Carr and Wendell Enman got the goals.

Legion defeated Mercurys 5-4. Gerald Ranahan scored all five goals for the winners.

Ted Williams Too Busy To Return To Ball

MIAMI (AP)—Ted Williams, retired Boston Red Sox outfielder, told The Associated Press through an intermediary Friday that he cannot think of returning to baseball right now.

Williams, who retired at the end of last season but is being asked to return by the club, would not answer the telephone by his own admission. The Boston player was a frequent caller to the press.

"Honestly, I don't know what I will do," the friend quoted Williams as saying when asked if he intended to join Red Sox this spring.

Williams had come to Miami from his fishing camp to confer with attorneys. His wife is seeking separate maintenance and the two have been unable to agree on a financial settlement. It is believed Williams was referring to the money hassle when he said "other things."

Previously Williams had indicated that he would not return to baseball without reaching an agreement with his wife. Red Sox have sent him a contract, reported to be for \$100,000, for the coming season. The season opens April 12.

Local Rotary Rink Results

Following were the results yesterday at the Rotary rink: Paperweights: WKS Redwings 1, QSS Bruins 0. Redwings goal B. Taylor assisted by Dan Robertson.

Bantams: WKS-PSS Dodgers 2, QCHS Braves 2. Dodgers goals by Fred Gauthier, Braves by D. Reid and K. Stewart.

Officials: D. Arsenault, W. Gregory, F. Gauthier, R. Arsenault and W. Adams.

Island Title Game Tonight At Coliseum

This evening at 8.30 p.m. at the Coliseum, Juvenile Abbies are at home to Charlie Hogan's high-flying Warriors of Summerside in the final game of a home-and-home series for the Island juvenile title and the right to go on into the Maritime playdowns. Abbies came out of Summerside leading by a slim margin of 3-2 so anything can be expected when these two teams meet in the finale tonight.

Juvenile hockey is a fast game and any fans who take the trouble to be on hand tonight will see two well-matched teams put on an outstanding game with the Island title as the prize.

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School Hockey At Crapaud

In school hockey at Crapaud rink last night, Albany Village and North Tryon battled to a 2-2 all draw in the first game of the finals for the Crapaud-Victoria Board of Trade trophy. The final game is scheduled for Monday night and the trophy will be presented by the president of the board of trade.

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ROCKET RICHARD PLEADS TO HAB FANS ON OWN BEHALF

MONTREAL (CP)—Maurice (Rocket) Richard Friday night asked over television and radio help the boys to win from Rangers and Detroit.

"I will take my punishment and come back next year to help the club and the younger players to win the cup."

Canadiens meet New York Rangers here tonight and close out the regular season in Detroit Sunday night against the Red Wings.

The Rocket said he will take his punishment and be back next year.

His appeal was made in both French and English. He said: "Because I always try so hard to win and had my trouble at Boston I was suspended."

"At playoff time it hurts not to be in the game with my team. However, I want to do what is good for the people of Montreal and my team."

"So that no further harm will be done I would like to ask everybody to help me."

CHAMPIONSHIP HOCKEY THE COLISEUM TONIGHT

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