



### GEORGETOWN GIRL DOING NICELY

Little Lisa Parker of Georgetown, P.E.I., a patient in the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, is recovering successfully after surgeons fitted her with her second electrical heart stimulator. (CP Wirephoto)

## Rhodesian Government Rejects Commutation Of Death Penalty

SALISBURY (AP)—The Rhodesian government Friday night charged that Britain was trying to "embroider Her Majesty the Queen in politics" in connection with the death sentence passed on a Negro named Lazarus. The Queen, at the suggestion of the Commonwealth relations office, issued an order Thursday commuting Lazarus' sentence. He had been convicted of trying to set fire to two Negro homes near Umtali and was tried under the "hanging clause" of Rhodesia's Law and Order (Maintenance) Act. The death sentence is mandatory under this act. The Queen's order was passed along to Sir Humphrey Gibbs, who is no longer recognized by the Rhodesian government as the British governor of Rhodesia. He in turn forwarded it to the government. The Queen Friday night reprieved a second Rhodesian Negro under death sentence for attempting to set fire to a building. The sentence of Simon Runyowa was commuted to life imprisonment, the Commonwealth relations office announced in London. Runyowa also was sentenced under the Law and Order Act. Lazarus was convicted and sentenced in December, 1964, when Rhodesia was still a self-governing colony of Britain. With two other Negroes, Mafiyasi and Taruwona, he was charged with attempting to set fire to the homes and cutting a telephone wire June 16, 1964. In a statement introduced by police at the trial, the three defendants said they set fire to the home of a teacher because he gave hospitality to the police. They later denied making the statement they had signed. In commuting Lazarus' sentence to life imprisonment on the advice of Commonwealth Secretary Arthur Bottomley, the British government acted without adequate information, a Rhodesian government statement said. The Rhodesian executive council has a written report of the case with full information about Lazarus and his family, but this is not available to Bottomley, the statement said. The British government

### Labor Peace Comes To B.C. Oil Industry

VANCOUVER (CP)—Labor peace came to British Columbia's troubled oil industry Friday with the signing of a contract by British American Oil Co. and striking employees of its marketing division here. The contract promised at least two year's peace in the industry, in turmoil since last summer. The signing came almost three months after the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union (OCA) signed contracts with the other major refineries in B.C.

## U.S. Aid Is Sought In Missing Students

HALIFAX (CP)—Police officials across from the Houlton entry point said they had seen the two—both 21 and both from Hong Kong—return to Canada but had no official record of the date. Father Hennessey said the two had told U.S. officials they planned to visit relatives in Albany, N.Y., but said university officials knew of no relatives the students had in the U.S. city. The two left their rooming houses here in a Volkswagen Christmas Day after saying they planned to visit friends at St. Dunstan's University in Charlottetown. They left behind most of their clothes and were believed to have carried little money with them. Father Hennessey said a bank account had not been touched since they left. A police spokesman here said one of the students also had left his passport behind. But the U.S. immigration official in Portland said neither would have been allowed to enter the county without passports. Canadian immigration officials

# Pearson Gov't Survives First Vote Of Session

## Trucking Tieup In Ontario Closes Automobile Plant

TORONTO (CP)—The giant squeeze of a truckers' strike began to close in on industry in Ontario early today with one automobile plant scheduled to shut down and another expressing uneasiness. Many other firms dependent on trucks for supplies and parts prepared to deal with a situation in which they would have to close down or arrange for other means of supply. American Motors (Canada) Ltd. was the first industrial company to be caught in the squeeze as it prepared to close its plant operations at Brampton, Ont. Meanwhile, at Hamilton, President Gordon E. Grundy of Studebaker of Canada Ltd. said he feared slowdowns and possible shutdowns at his 700-man plant. Jack Nickell, public relations

## Causeway Delay Fears Expressed

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN OTTAWA—Fears that the government plans a deliberate slowdown on the construction of the Prince Edward Island causeway were expressed in the Commons Friday by Hon. J. Angus MacLean, MP for Queens. Mr. MacLean questioned Public Works Minister George McIlraith and referred to a portion of the throne speech which said the government intended to stretch out its expenditure on public construction in area of heavy pressure on the construction industry. "The minister assure this house that this policy will not apply to the construction of the Prince Edward Island causeway and that the project will not be stretched out for that or any other reason," Mr. MacLean asked. Mr. McIlraith said he did not know to what extent he should elaborate on the throne speech during the question hour. He said he had difficulty in hearing part of Mr. MacLean's question and would take it as notice and provide an answer on Monday. There has been some suggestion that the contractor now working on the New Brunswick approach may have received word out to proceed too quickly with the work. The government announced postponement of a number of major capital works projects last fall because of the pressure on the construction industry in some sectors which tended to drive prices higher.

## Lab Report On Pit Cement Is Blow To Treasure Hunter

OAK ISLAND, N.S. (CP)—Treasure seeker Robert Dunfield said Friday he was disappointed to learn that a substance he sent to the United States for analysis turned out to be 90 per cent gypsum, but he said it could be a good sign in his efforts to uncover legendary pirate loot. Mr. Dunfield, advised Friday by the University of Southern California in Los Angeles that the material was not cement, said in an interview "I'm discouraged about it—but it may not be all bad news." He said the gypsum was discovered by drilling to a depth of 140 feet below the surface of this tiny Mahone Bay island. Shafts to that depth and deeper in the same area were free of gypsum and he said his drills may have struck an isolated piece of the material buried there by man. However, he said this was a strictly theory. Meanwhile, his drills Friday bored through a so-called "flood tunnel" which treasure hunters claim was built to flood the "money pit" with sea water. Mr. Dunfield said his next move will be to plug the tunnel so that water will be unable to reach the main pit which he hopes to start digging again soon. He said he may buy a used digging machine because it would be cheaper than renting one for \$30,000 a month. Work done by machines earlier was a waste because the pit filled in when his crew refused to work during Christmas.



### PREMIER SPEAKS TO ROADBUILDERS

The Prince Edward Island Roadbuilders Association last night held a dinner at the Charlottetown Hotel following their annual meeting earlier in the day. Seen here LEFT TO RIGHT are: Barry Dawson, elected president; Mrs. Dawson; Premier Walter Shaw, guest speaker; Mrs. Perry, and her husband, Roger Perry, Island Construction, past president of the association. Hon. Philip Matheson, highways minister, was also scheduled to speak.

## HEADS PROBE

Ivan C. Rand, retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, has been named to head an inquiry into the conduct of Ontario Supreme Court Justice Leo Landreville while mayor of Sudbury. The inquiry was ordered Wednesday by Justice Minister Cardin. At lunchtime four armed men entered a branch of the Royal Bank of Canada in suburban Ville d'Anjou. The staff was at lunch except for the manager and one teller. The manager was ordered to open the cash wickets. He produced a bunch of keys, but when the bandits tried them they wouldn't work. One of the men hit the manager on the mouth with his pistol and then the four panicked and fled to a waiting taxi. As the taxi sped off, a Ville d'Anjou police ambulance gave chase with both officers shooting. The bandits returned the fire, wounding Constable Andre Masse. Four other police cars arrived at about the same time. In the shooting that which followed one of the bandits was injured and captured before the others escaped into the oil refinery. Another was captured inside and the other two fled into the mile of scrubland.

## Copter Traps 2 Wanted Men

MONTREAL (CP)—A helicopter and a QPP machine-gunner took off with the pilot. It took only a few minutes to track the men down. They surrendered quietly to the officer in the hovering helicopter who held them at gunpoint. The men—and two others—had been chased through the streets of east-end Montreal in a running gun-battle following an unsuccessful bank robbery attempt. Police borrowed radio station GFCF's helicopter when the two fled into woods on Montreal Island. The doors were taken off the

## Hong Kong Veterans Report Due

OTTAWA (CP)—Veterans Affairs Minister Teillet told the Commons Friday he expects to table a report on Hong Kong veterans in about 10 days. Mr. Teillet, answering a question by David Gross (L-Victoria), said he received the final report Thursday from Dr. H. J. Richardson of the Canadian Pension Commission. There now are about 1,000 Canadian veterans who were taken prisoner at Hong Kong during the Second World War.

## Social Credit Bloc Supports Liberals

OTTAWA (CP)—The minority Liberal government survived its first vote test of the new session Friday, getting support from Social Credit MPs to vote down a New Democrat motion 126 to 117. The test came on an NDP motion stating the government should have specified in the throne speech that it planned to raise old age pensions. Eighty-nine Conservatives supported 20 New Democrats and were joined by eight Creditistes in voting for the NDP motion. The 120 Liberals in the House drew support from Social Credit Leader Thompson and his four party members and one independent MP—J. A. Monro (Trois-Rivieres). The New Democrat motion called for the current \$75-a-month old age pension now paid everyone at age 69 to be raised to \$100 a month and paid at 65.

### PLEGGED PARTY

Creditiste Leader Caouette earlier in the day had pledged his party to vote for both the NDP and Conservative motions and the vote was watched with interest even though Mr. Thompson had said his members would wind up voting with the government. That assured the 131 Liberal MPs a working floor majority. There are 97 Conservatives, 21 New Democrats, nine Creditistes, five Social Credit MPs and two independents in the 265-seat House. In pledging his party to vote for the NDP and Conservative pension motions, Mr. Caouette had a suggestion for the prime minister: "He only has to make this experiment and try to live on it for six months." It was impossible to live or even eat on \$75 a month, Mr. Caouette said. Mr. Thompson set out his party's objection to voting against the government on the pension question. Social Credit supported the content of the motions but they really "have nothing to do with pensions. They are nothing more nor less than an attempt to defeat the government."

### VOLE AGAIN TUESDAY

It was in the form of a rider to a Conservative motion scheduled for a vote in the Commons Tuesday. That motion calls for a pension of \$100 a month at age 69. The nine-vote margin indicates another close call is in prospect for the government when the Conservative motion reaches a vote. Before the vote came, Prime Minister Pearson indicated he would regard a defeat as non-confidence in his government, opening the way toward another general election. Mr. Thompson drew a chorus of boos from Conservative MPs as he rose to lead his party into the government fold for this vote. Earlier in the debate, he said

### STAFF AT LUNCH

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## Yank Death Said Suicide In Russia

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet government reported Newcomb Mott, an American serving a Soviet prison sentence, committed suicide by cutting his throat, the U.S. embassy said today. Mott, a 27-year-old book company representative from Sheffield, Mass., was en route from Murnansk to a prison where he was to have served out his 18-month sentence, the Soviet foreign ministry said. The embassy has received orders from Washington to insist on "a full investigation of the circumstances of Mott's death and to report as soon as possible."

## Man Freezes 100 Yards From Safety

FORT SMITH, N.W.T. (CP)—An Edmonton man froze to death just 100 yards from shelter after he and a companion walked seven miles Thursday in 50-below-zero weather when their truck stalled in snow. M.A. Hendriks, a construction worker, and Leon Peterson headed for Bell Rock after abandoning their truck 32 miles from Fort Smith. Sketchy reports indicated the men were 100 yards from the only occupied house in the community when Hendriks collapsed and died. Peterson was in serious condition in Fort Smith Hospital. Fort Smith is 500 miles north-east of Edmonton. His death was reported to have occurred Thursday night. Mott was convicted in November of illegally crossing the border from Norway into the Soviet Union while traveling as a tourist last September. Under Soviet law he would have been eligible for parole June 4, when half his sentence would have been completed. The United States had called Mott's sentence extreme and harsh. The state department said "the court decision is inconsistent with past Soviet practices in cases of this kind." Mott himself had said: "I consider the sentence unjust."

## Political Crisis Flares In Italy

ROME (AP)—Aldo Moro resigned unexpectedly as premier of Italy Friday, barely 12 hours after snipers in his own Christian Democrat party defeated him in Parliament. As is the custom in Italian political crises, President Giuseppe Saragat reserved decision and asked Moro to stay on as caretaker premier. Saragat will start consultations today to canvass opinion on who to designate as premier. They will continue for several days. The downfall of the Moro coalition government came 24 days after Amintore Fanfani quit as Italy's foreign minister and, in a speech to his fellow Christian Democrats, demanded a full-fledged government reshuffle. Such a reshuffle could bring Fanfani back to the premiership. He has been premier four times. HAD SECRET BALLOT The latest political crisis exploded in Parliament just before midnight Thursday night. A Moro administration bill to establish state nursery schools was voted down, 250 to 231, in a secret ballot. It was evident that members of Moro's own party had voted against him. This was especially obvious since only the night before Moro had made a preliminary voice vote on the same bill a matter of confidence. With the deputies forced to stand up and be counted, Moro won 317 to 232. But under the cloak of secrecy some of his own party colleagues turned their backs on him.

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