

### GREEN LIGHT GIVEN ON PROJECT

## Tenders For Memorial Building Scheduled To Be Called Today

A call to contractors from coast to coast to submit tenders for construction of the \$5,000,000 Confederation Memorial Building in Charlottetown will be issued today. Frank MacKinnon, president of the Builders of Confederation Memorial Citizens Foundation, announced yesterday.

All the green lights are on, he said, "and we are going to call them in tomorrow. There are no more loose ends to be tied up."

**READY TO PROCEED**

MacKinnon appeared before the Executive Council Thursday to advise the government that the Foundation is now ready to proceed with the project and that existing buildings on the site could properly be removed and the site cleared.

A department of public works official said yesterday that the St. Eleanor's firm of Curran and Briggs Limited will be demolishing the former public library at the corner of Queen and Grafton Streets and that tenders have been called for the removal of the Cabot Building, on the site of the memorial.

**TENDERS CLOSE JAN. 21**

Dr. MacKinnon said that tenders for the memorial building close on Jan. 21. "During the week of the tendering," he said, "there will be a meeting, probably in Montreal, of the Foundation and at that time the successful firm will be awarded the contract. Construction will begin in the latter part of January and if all goes well, the building will be ready by May of 1964."

Pointing out that the business arrangements connected with such a large scale project involving national participation are usually completed and unprecedented, Dr. MacKinnon said the "Foundation has had to make sure that everything was in order before calling for tenders."

The preliminary work has now been completed which involved securing in writing the funds sufficient for the project and the legal matters and technical details associated with the preparation of tender. Large sketches of the interior of the building are being prepared and that they will be placed on display soon in a local store window for all citizens to see.

### Fish Menu Featured At Dinner

**CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN**  
**OTTAWA** - Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean played host this week at a luncheon held here.

The fisheries committee of the House of Commons was entertained at the last kitchening of the department of fisheries in the Sir Charles Tupper building. About 25 MPs attended.

In a short address, to the committee members, Mr. MacLean outlined what the department is doing to develop new ways of cooking and preparing fish dishes. He said it was all part of the department's program to encourage Canadians to eat more fish.

Needless to say, the luncheon consisted of fish.

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**MONTREAL (CP)** - Two policemen—one using his day off to fill in for a fellow officer—were shot and killed Friday in the gruesome climax to a bank holdup in suburban St. Laurent.

At least four bandits, one dressed as Santa Claus—carried off the holdup at a branch of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce on Cote de Liesse Road. They escaped with an estimated \$100,000.

The two policemen sped to the bank in response to a burglar alarm as they drove up to the front door where they were met by a stream of bullets from the bandits. One—the lookout man—carried an automatic rifle.

One of the officers, wounded, fell from the car. He managed to fire a few shots, and was shot again. He died there. The second policeman died on the way to hospital.

There were many versions of the holdup and shooting. Police said earlier reports that two other policemen had been wounded were erroneous.

**CUT IN FALL**

They said the second pair of officers began on the bandits' getaway car east across a muddy, snow-filled in escaping. The two policemen ran into the field, stumbled and fell and suffered superficial cuts.

Quebec Provincial Police and Montreal city police joined in the search for the bandits. Provincial police set up road blocks and took up stations at all bridges leading from the west.

Early Friday night 10 members of the Montreal Criminal Investigation Bureau were off duty when they were called to an undisclosed destination. They said their mission was in connection with the holdup. The CIB men wore bullet-proof vests and carried machine guns. They were later ridding underwear and hangouts and police were also stationed at rail, air and bus terminals.

The dead policemen: Claude Marineau, 40; married; three children; 15 years in the St. Laurent area. Brabant, 31; married; two children; eight years on the force.

Marineau had given up his day off to fill in for another policeman who wanted to spend the day with his family.

Civic funerals will be held next Tuesday.

Police said there was a possibility a fifth bandit may have been the St. Laurent driver of the getaway car.

They said also that one of the bandits was wearing a blood-soaked hood which was seen in the snow on the field through which the holdup car sped wildly.

The police broadcast a request to all doctors and hospitals to be on the lookout for anyone asking for treatment for bullet wounds.

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## Mariner Reports On Venus Probe

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - Mariner II gave man his first scientific check on another planet as it whizzed by Venus Friday afternoon, the U.S. space agency said.

Project directors at Goldstone, Calif., reported shortly after the space craft went past Venus, at 4:01 p.m. AST, that "we have definitely received data from both radioimeters."

These are the devices that were turned on by a radio command beamed 36,000 miles from earth to start scanning the planet when they came within range of it at 2:55 p.m. AST.

They took temperature measurements of the surface and covered and recorded radio emanations from the planet until Mariner reached a point 100 miles farther where they no longer could focus on Venus.

before the radioed data can be analyzed and evaluated.

The success of the momentous space experiment was signalled at the opening of a press conference when an official of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration told reporters: "We are currently scanning and gathering data from the planet."

As the first reporter from Mariner reached earth, NASA Administrator James Webb said more would be added to man's knowledge of Venus in the next few hours than had been collected before.

For several anxious hours early in the day scientists were unsure whether the two radioimeters—the chief scanning instruments aboard Mariner—were operating. Twice they failed to switch on in response to built-in command signals. But at 9:35 a.m. AST they answered a command beamed from the California desert.

### Parliament At A Glance

**BY THE CANADIAN PRESS**  
**FRIDAY, Dec. 14, 1962**

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Canada hopes to introduce a resolution in the UN before long to condemn Russian imperialism.

Justice Minister Fleming denied giving any instructions to the RCMP for investigations into political activity at universities.

Bernard Dumont (SC-Bellechasse) urged that the government send out a \$5 Christmas bonus to low-income families.

**MONDAY, Dec. 17**

The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. to continue its debate on an interim money supply bill. The Senate meets at 4 p.m.

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