

## DAMAGED FREIGHTER IS SAFE

The fire-ravaged freighter American Importer berths at St. John's, Nfld., with tug assistance Thursday after a fire 150 miles off the coast Wednesday. A subsequent cargo shift smashed a hole in her bulkhead six inches wide and three feet long, forcing pumps into action. (CP Wirephoto)

## Electoral Maps Dispute Shaping In Commons

By RONALD LEBEL  
OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons soon will engage in a long debate on the electoral maps of all provinces except Newfoundland, unless the government can make a last-minute deal with the opposition.

Redistribution laws passed in 1964 and other factors require the Commons to open within the next two or three weeks a debate on all objections filed by MPs to the proposed maps, which would reshape nearly every riding in Canada.

Three more petitions for debates were filed Thursday by worried MPs, bringing the total to 18. The petitions object to proposed changes in the federal ridings of nine provinces and force the House to hear all the complaining MPs.

The seven members from Newfoundland, all Liberals, are not expected to object to the new map for that province.

They include Transport Minister Pickersgill, who drafted the 1964 redistribution bill and hailed it as an historic step to remove redistribution from the politicians' hands and give the job to judges and other independent commissioners.

But some political observers

are not so sure redistribution has been taken out of the arena of party politics.

**MEMBERS DISTURBED**  
Some members in all five parties are angry about the way their ridings were carved up by the 10 redistribution commissions. Most objections boil down to one theme: "My riding is fine the way it is now."

Redistribution must be carried out after every decennial census to equalize the population of the constituencies as much as possible, in line with the principle of "one man, one vote."

The deadline for filing objections expires today.

The law requires the Commons to discuss the objections within 15 days. But from these on the issues become cloudy.

Earlier petitions covered all ridings in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, most in Saskatchewan and Alberta, about 30 in Ontario and five in Quebec.

There are disputes over the Commons' power to change the commission reports and whether the redistribution debate must be completed within 15 days.

**BEGINS TALKS**  
Government House Leader McIlraith has opened talks with opposition House leaders to seek agreement on a procedure that would consume a minimum of Parliament's time.

But so many MPs have signed petitions objecting to the redistribution reports that a drawn-out debate will be needed to permit all of them to air their grievances.

The objections submitted Thursday covered all Manitoba ridings, the Halifax area ridings in Nova Scotia and the Queen Charlotte Islands in British Columbia.

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**DEPENDS ON VIET CONG**  
The total depends on when North Viet Nam and the Viet Cong insurgents in the south realize they cannot win and want to bargain, Taylor said.

Spokesmen for President Johnson have said the committee debate encourages the Viet Cong to continue to resist and Taylor stuck to this line before the committee in one sharp exchange with Senator Wayne Morse (Dem. Ore.).

Morse said the United States cannot expect help from additional allies beyond Australia, South Korea and New Zealand unless they are "impelled by a strong sense of duty."

Americans "are not and can't be gendarmes of the world, and we will have to use awfully good judgment on which challenges to meet elsewhere."

Taylor, a former chief of the general staff and architect of policy in Viet Nam, said there might be a limit of two or three such engagements that the United States would face in countering Communist national wars of liberation.

If the present toll inflicted on the Viet Cong continues for the rest of the year, he predicted, the resources of the Viet Cong and the north will be badly eroded. He said the Saigon regime and U.S. forces are causing about 17,000 casualties monthly now, with the help of intensive air attacks on the guerrillas.

Chairman J. W. Fulbright (Dem. Ark.) said Taylor's responses on the future size of American manpower were "very unsatisfactory." The committee had been told it might eventually total 60,000. Taylor said he simply doesn't know what will be sent on a month to month basis.

# Queens MP Forecasts Later Transport Probe

## General Discounts Viet Nam War Provoking Conflict With China

By ARCH MacKENZIE  
WASHINGTON (CP) — The prospect of current American military action in Viet Nam provoking a war with China was discounted Thursday by Gen. Maxwell Taylor, in a marathon sitting of the Senate foreign relations committee.

There is always a possibility of that but it is a "relatively small possibility," the former ambassador to South Viet Nam said during his six hours and 20 minutes of testimony, which he said was given as a private citizen.

He is still a special presidential adviser and he was sometimes sharply engaged Thursday by Senators opposed to the increasing scale of American intervention in Viet Nam. Other committee members backed him.

Today, State Secretary Dean Rusk was scheduled to speak for the policy that has committed 205,000 American men to Viet Nam to date, with more to come.

Taylor, calling for a progressive increase in bombing of additional military targets in North Viet Nam, declined to say how many more men he thinks will be sent. He said he doesn't know, but the committee has been informed that eventually 600,000 might be dispatched.

His former cabinet minister, Mr. MacNaught.

John Mullally, the other Liberal MP in the last parliament, who lost to Melvin McQuaid, was earlier named as a special assistant to Public Works Minister George Melraith.

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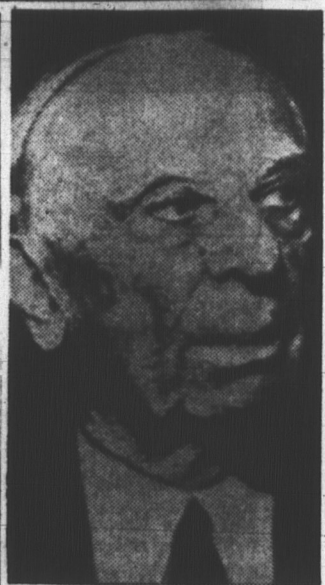
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## Former GM President Dies At 90

NEW YORK (AP)—Alfred P. Sloan Jr., former president and chairman of General Motors Corp., died Thursday. He was 90.

At his death Sloan was honorary chairman of GM, the world's largest manufacturing enterprise. He had headed the company as president and then chairman from 1923 to 1950.

Sloan often was referred to as an administrative genius and frequently was credited with planning and directing the company during the years of enormous growth.

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## Three Mentioned For Senate Post

**CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN**  
OTTAWA — Three prominent Prince Edward Island Liberals are being mentioned here for the vacancy in the senate which Prime Minister Pearson is expected to fill any day, possibly today. There are 15 vacancies in the upper chamber and Mr. Pearson has indicated that he will be making an announcement on new appointments soon.

The P.E.I. vacancy is the result of the resignation of Senator Thomas Grant who resigned on Aug. 19, 1965.

Most prominently mentioned is the name of former Liberal Mines Minister J. Watson MacNaught, who lost his seat to David MacDonald in the November election. But Mr. MacNaught comes from Prince County and is a Protestant, whereas the vacancy would traditionally go to a Kings County resident and a Roman Catholic, Mr. MacNaught has continued to live in Ottawa since his defeat, lending weight to speculation that a government appointment of some sort might be in the offing.

Other names mentioned are those of Thomas Kiekham, who represented Kings in Ottawa in 1949 and 1953 and ran unsuccessfully and lost, and Eugene Cullen, a former agriculture minister in the Matheson provincial government. Mr. Cullen hails from Queens County.

If strict geographical and religious affiliations are followed, Mr. Kiekham would appear to have the edge but there are some observers here who believe the Prime Minister will depart from tradition and elevate

acquisition of three Oberon-class submarines. A year-long refit of the aircraft carrier Bonaventure is scheduled to begin in April.

A \$4,000,000 start will be made on the \$142,000,000 program to obtain four new destroyers, on which construction will start in the summer of 1967.

Another \$2,650,000 will be spent on a \$39,900,000 program for two more operational support ships. Expenditures on a new naval research ship will amount to \$2,000,000.

Some \$9,000,000 will be spent for sonobuoys; devices used to detect submarines.

In all, the navy will receive some \$91,000,000 for weapons, equipment and buildings in 1966-67. This will be nearly \$20,000,000 more than in the current fiscal year ending March 31.

The biggest single weapons program at the moment is the CF-5 fighter-bomber for the RCAF.

But the immediate No. 2 weapons program as far as expenditures are concerned is the Sea King helicopter for the navy. An estimated \$17,500,000 will be spent on the program in 1966-67.

**TRACKER MODERNIZED**  
Modernization of the navy's Tracker submarine-hunting planes will cost \$8,400,000 during the year.

Some \$7,300,000 will be spent on the conversion of seven Resigouche-class destroyers and another \$8,000,000 will go for the

**New Satellite Put In Orbit**  
HAMMAGUIR, Algeria (Reuters)—France claimed a firm place in the space club Thursday by hoisting into orbit a gold-plated satellite 20 inches in diameter equipped to take scientific soundings.

The satellite, named the Diamant, was launched atop a three-stage French Diamant rocket from the Hammaguir base in the Algerian Sahara.

"We've had 100-per-cent success," said a French official. Thursday's was the first successful launching of an all-French satellite on a scientific mission.

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## Department Estimates Passed By Commons

OTTAWA (CP) — After a seven-day debate, the Commons Thursday night approved the transport department's 1966-67 spending estimates of \$345,000,000.

**ASKS QUESTION**  
"I ask the minister, how in heaven's name are you going to find the average sailor with anywhere upwards of \$1,000 in his pocket to put up security to a customs officer if he lodges a complaint that the ship is undermanned?"

Mr. Howard said the act "allows ship owners to employ children on boats with wages in the range of \$50 a month" under an apprenticeship clause.

The government promised a study of a traffic control system for the lower Seaway last November. "But not a word has been said" about this since, Mr. Howard added.

Mr. Pickersgill said his department is experimenting with a "traffic information and control system" on the seaway. It also was "encouraging bridge-to-bridge communication."

Mr. Pickersgill said mandating of ships is "not held to have been a contributing factor" in recent seaway collisions. Serious attention was being paid to the loss of life and accidents during the last navigation season but it wasn't practical to employ "speed cops" like those on a highway.

**WEATHER CONTRIBUTES**  
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## Japan, U.S. Seen At Odds

WASHINGTON (CP)—Serious differences between Japan and the United States, particularly over Viet Nam, were reported by a House of Representatives study group Thursday.

The report said the Japanese press is largely opposed to U.S. policy in Viet Nam, even though the Japanese government officially supports it.

"A general feeling of pacifism still exists among the Japanese people and many fear that the war will escalate into a general conflagration endangering Japan," the group reported.

The study mission found a general lack of awareness among the Japanese of U.S. objectives in Viet Nam.

**FARMER WINS**  
Alex Mitchell, a 54-year-old Liberal making his first try at public office, retained the rural seat of Benoufford in the Saskatchewan Liberal government in a provincial bye-election Wednesday. Mr. Mitchell edged CCF candidate Ray Dahlman 2,413 votes to 2,276 votes. The seat was left vacant by the death of Sam Asbell, who won it from Mr. Dahlman in the 1964 general provincial election. (CP Wirephoto)

## 48 Reported Killed In Moscow Air Crash

MOSCOW (Reuters) — The world's biggest airliner—a Soviet TU-114—crashed on take-off from an icy Moscow airport runway Thursday and unconfirmed reports said 48 persons were killed.

The four-engine turbo-prop crashed as it headed out on a long proving flight to Brazzaville, capital of the former French Congo.

The casualty figure was given privately by Soviet officials, but could not be checked.

About 70 persons were aboard the plane, which can seat up to 230 in its cavernous, 177-foot fuselage.

The crash was confirmed by the Soviet news agency Tass which called it a catastrophe, but gave no details. It said an investigation was being held.

Western airline sources said it appeared the crash was due to engine failure or an explosion.

**OFFICIAL INJURED**  
A high official of the Soviet Aeroflot Airline, Gen. Vyacheslav Bashkurov, was injured in the crash. Bashkurov was taken to the Kremlin hospital, just outside the capital, with severe burns.

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## 8500 BC VILLAGE FOUND

Dr. Philip Smith, a University of Toronto anthropology professor, announced Thursday he has discovered the remains of an early neolithic village dating from about 8500 BC under a mound in southern Kurdistan. The university said the village is antedated only by one other neolithic site, at Shanidar in Iraq. Dr. Smith was also associated with the Shanidar discovery nine years ago. The mound is six yards high and 40 in diameter, and has been known by local tribes as Ganj-Dareh—"The Mound of the Treasure Valley." (CP Wirephoto)

## Unprecedented Feats Planned For Spacemen

WASHINGTON (AP)—A U.S. space agency said Thursday night astronauts Neil Armstrong and David Scott will start their Gemini 8 orbital flight no earlier than March 15.

They will attempt to rendezvous with an Agena D target vehicle 5 1/2 hours after liftoff and will try to link up with it physically to accomplish history's first docking in space.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said.

Other unprecedented feats on the planned three-day mission include a space walk for about 1 1/2 orbits around the world by Scott, who is scheduled to spend two hours and 15 minutes outside the Gemini spacecraft. In the first daylight part of the space walk, Scott will remain on a 25-foot umbilical tether, similar to that used by astronaut Edward White, with oxygen supplied from the spacecraft.

During the night side of the orbit, Scott will put on a backpack, stored in the spacecraft, and will have a 75-foot tether that Scott will attach to the 25-foot umbilical rope.