

Historic Action Taken By Ecumenical Council

RC Church Committed To Religious Liberty

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican Ecumenical Council voted overwhelming approval Tuesday of an historic declaration committing the Roman Catholic church to religious liberty for all men.

Never before in the history of the Roman Catholic church have its leaders taken such a step toward bettering its relations with all men everywhere—with other Christians, with non-Christians and even with non-believers.

The vote in St. Peter's Basilica gave initial approval by a nine-to-one margin to a religious liberty document that had encountered bitter opposition from conservative circles in the church.

The council action was hailed as a major victory of progressive prelates and was greeted by non-Catholic observers at the council as a major step forward in the Christian unity movement.

Observers applauded nearly 100 observers from Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox churches who attend the daily council meetings applauded along with most of the Catholic bishops when the vote result was announced.

"This is perhaps the greatest day in the Ecumenical Council so far," said Dr. Dana McLean Greeley of Boston, Mass., president of the Unitarian Universalist Association of North America.

"It is a credit to the Roman Catholic church that it promotes this idea of religious liberty while still claiming itself as the only true church."

A last-ditch effort by opposing cardinals and bishops from Italy, Spain and some Latin American countries to block the document went down in defeat. The council voted 1,997 to 224 to accept the text "as the basis for a definitive declaration."

A final vote, with approval taken for granted now, will come after textual revisions suggested by council fathers. By council rules, however, nothing substantive in the text can be changed.

Experts who put the declaration together said they thought it would take them two to three weeks to get a revised text, based on comments expressed in the council or in writing, back to the full council for votes of total acceptance in its final form.

Fears of new steps by conservatives to block the initial vote had grown Monday when a vote was not then forthcoming. Reliable sources said that, at a meeting of Pope Paul Monday night with the directing bodies of the council, the pontiff overruled a recommendation that voting be put off until a revised version could be written.

The sources said the pope was satisfied that all sides of the issue had been aired enough in debating since the council's fourth and final session opened a week ago.

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A spokesman at Dalhousie University's physics department said the quake registered for about 15 minutes and was "a little bigger than normal."

The spokesman said Dalhousie instruments provide immediate information as to the distance of the quake from Halifax but direction is not computed. The Dalhousie seismographic chart is sent to Ottawa.

The university spokesman said instruments record earthquakes which occur sporadically "in the mid-Atlantic range," and concurred with the Weston observatory's opinion that today's was the strongest one in that area in several years.

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DRAMATIC CHANGE

Threat Of War Is Seen Eased

By THOMAS A. REEDY
NEW DELHI (AP) — The threat of war between India and China appeared to have eased dramatically early today, hours before Peking's deadline to New Delhi to dismantle military outposts in the Himalayas.

Peking Radio announced that Indian troops had crossed into Chinese-held Tibet and hauled down the posts the Chinese had demanded be pulled back by 2:30 p.m. EDT (3:30 p.m. ADT).

An Indian spokesman reported earlier that Indian and Chinese troops skirmished twice in the last 24 hours in the disputed mountain region and that

Indian forces retreated in each case rather than provoke the Chinese.

The dual announcements were seen as a possible prelude to a declaration by Peking that it considered its demands on India fulfilled. The Chinese had threatened India with "grave consequences" if the demands were not met.

EASE CRISIS

The Peking and New Delhi announcements came in the midst of worldwide diplomatic efforts to prevent the fighting between India and Pakistan over (Continued on page 3 Col. 3)

20th General Assembly Dominated By Conflict

By BORIS MISKEW
UNITED NATIONS (CP) — The Indian-Pakistani conflict dominated the opening Tuesday of the 20th General Assembly of the United Nations as plans were being made for a possible

emergency session of the Security Council. External Affairs Minister Martin of Canada told a press conference the Security Council was expected to meet "some time late tonight" (Tuesday) following the arrival of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the Pakistani foreign minister. UN sources said Pakistan requested the meeting.

The session would deal with the dispute between India and Pakistan over Kashmir and the Security Council's demand that the two countries order a cease-fire by today and withdraw their troops to positions held before Aug. 5.

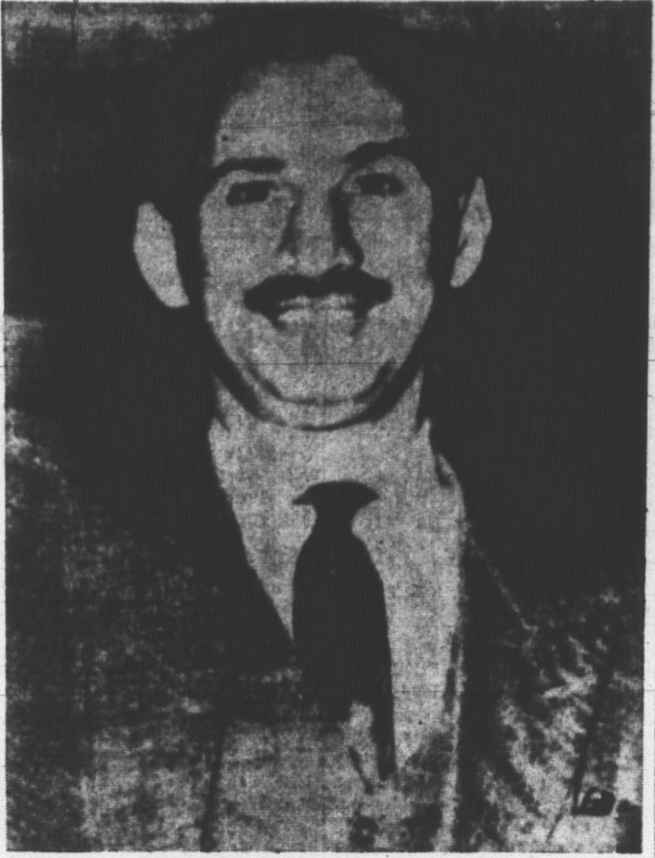
The council passed its cease-fire resolution early Monday and gave the two countries 48 hours to stop fighting. Prime Minister Shastri was quoted as saying in New Delhi that India would call a cease-fire provided she was assured Pakistan would do the same and the Pakistani foreign minister will likely give his position after meeting with the Security Council.

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PAKISTANI LEADER
Air Marshal Nur Khan is commander-in-chief of the Pakistan air force, which Western observers are inclined to believe has performed beyond all expectations against India. The entire Air Force's combat planes were built and supplied by the U.S. under its military assistance program.

Georges Lemay Flees Fla. Jail

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Georges Lemay, a dapper Canadian wanted for questioning in connection with a Montreal bank burglary, apparently escaped from the seventh floor of the country jail Monday night, sliding down a rope, police said.

"He is not in his cell," said Police Lieut. Charles Evans. "There is a rope leading from the seventh floor."

"We are 95-per-cent sure that he escaped," Evans said. "But we won't know for sure until we check every prisoner and we have more than 500."

Lemay has been in jail awaiting a decision on his appeal against a U.S. immigration department ruling that he be deported to Canada. He was arrested May 6 aboard his yacht in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Lisa Lemieux Lemay, his wife, also was ordered deported July 26.

CAUGHT VIA EARLY BIRD
Lemay's arrest followed the showing of his picture on an international television via the Early Bird satellite.

Canadian police want him in connection with a 1961 robbery in which between \$500,000 and \$4,000,000 was taken from a

Storm Hits N.B. Area

MEDFORD, N.B. (CP) — A freak rain and hail storm packing gale force winds struck this small Victoria County community Tuesday, damaging and destroying homes, uprooting trees and cutting communications.

One person was reported injured in the storm which left a path of destruction 300 feet wide from California Settlement on the Maine-New Brunswick border to Medford, about 10 miles to the east.

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FANFANI BECOMES UN ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT
Italian Foreign Minister Amintore Fanfani takes over the gavel as new president of the United Nations General Assembly. He is seen here with Secretary General U Thant and Undersecretary of the U.N. C.V. Narasim of India in a group photo.

JURY DELIBERATES 3 HOURS

Rivard And Three Pals Convicted In Dope Case

By JOHN LEBLANC
LAREDO, Tex. (CP) — Lucien Rivard was convicted on two narcotics charges and three fellow-Canadian co-defendants on single charges at the end of their seven-day trial Tuesday in federal district court here.

Each of the charges carries a minimum five years and a maximum 20 in penitentiary. Judge Ben C. Connally said after court adjourned the men will be sentenced about 30 or 40 days from now, after he receives probation officers' reports on their records, obtained from Canadian authorities.

The sentencing might be either here or at Houston, headquarters of the southern Texas federal judicial district.

Rivard was found guilty of conspiring to smuggle heroin into the United States and of "causing" the smuggling of a particular shipment of 76 pounds seized at this Mexican-border point in 1963.

After deliberating three hours and five minutes, the all-male jury from Webb county on the Rio Grande registered single convictions against Charles Emile Groleau, alleged by the U.S. government to have been Rivard's right-hand man, and Julien Gagnon, alleged dope courier.

Shortly before returning to the final verdict, the jury came back briefly to the courtroom

and asked whether it could recommend leniency for one defendant. The defendant was not named, but there was speculation it was the white-haired Groleau, whose connection with actual dope handling had appeared from the evidence to be somewhat of a fringe nature.

SIGHT VIEWS
Judge Connally told the jury that it had no responsibility for fixing sentences but after it delivered its verdict he invited its members into his chamber privately to get their views as individuals.

He then adjourned court until 10 a.m. CST 1 p.m. ADT today. The defendants, on trial here since Sept. 13, received the verdict in poker-faced silence.

As he was escorted from the room, the craggy-faced Rivard's features creased in a faint smile as he looked at his auburn haired wife Marie, who had been sitting in the front row of the spectator benches since the trial opened.

He moved his lips in a couple of words that looked like "au revoir."

Marie's eyes filled with tears but she smiled faintly. Before giving the cause to the jury which had been hearing evidence since Sept. 13, Judge Connally spoke for 1 1/2 hours in summation. He outlined the law and recapitulated the evidence of 25 witnesses. He told the

jurors they should disregard the fact none of the four defendants took the witness stand.

Lawyers for Rivard—central figure in Canada's influence-dispersing scandal touching federal politicians—and for Joseph Raymond Jones, an alleged courier, made their final pleas to the jury earlier Tuesday. They argued that the U.S. government was leaning too heavily on the testimony of admitted liars and criminals to get convictions.

Similar contentions were put forward Monday on behalf of Charles Emile Groleau, who the prosecution claims was Rivard's right-hand man in directing a Canada-U.S.-Mexico-Europe network of dope distribution, and Julien Gagnon, a second alleged border-runner.

Assistant Prosecutor William Jackson admitted Tuesday key witness of good character are hard to find in narcotics cases.

CALLS FOR CONVICTION
"They never have been and never will be the most credible type of people one finds in a community," he said, and he called for convictions—all around including that of the 50-year-old Rivard, former Montreal resort owner, on two counts. The other Canadians faced only one charge.

Pearson Has Spirited Start In Liberal Party's Campaign

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Pearson formally opened the Liberal election campaign Tuesday with a plea for a mandate to push through the medical care program and a promise of more federal aid to education.

In a hard-hitting speech that included swipes at the Conservatives, he also pledged to concentrate on election issues rather than the Opposition party's complaints.

Mr. Pearson told a luncheon crowd of 400 at a Liberal campaign conference he did not intend to spend much time dealing with the Tories, their fears and their hopes, their failures and their fantasies, and indeed their sneers and slanders and scuttletbutt.

The Liberal leader said he will be more concerned in the Nov. 8 election campaign with the issues, problems and opportunities facing Canada, and the policies to deal with them.

He was interrupted 20 times by applause, laughter or both by party candidates or hopefuls and campaign leaders gathered here from across the country.

OUTLINE PLANS
It was a spirited start to the Liberal campaign. The conference was billed as the formal

kickoff. The luncheon preceded closed afternoon sessions at which party leaders outlined campaign plans and strategy to the delegates.

Mr. Pearson's speech stressed what he called the need for majority government. He said the Liberal objective is to have a full medical care program in operation on the 100th anniversary of Confederation, July 1, 1967.

The federal government is to hold discussions this week with the provinces on the federal proposal for such a program. It was broadly proposed earlier at the July federal-provincial conference.

"We need a mandate to realign and scuttletbutt."

Increased aid to education has appeared in earlier Liberal programs of the 60s. Some, such as the student loan fund, have been implemented.

One that has not been introduced is a proposal for 10,000 scholarships a year—each worth \$1,000—to help students pay their way through university.

Mr. Pearson has said repeatedly aid to education would be reviewed after the Bladen report on financing of higher education is complete. It is to be made public shortly. (Continued on page 5 Col. 4)

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