

WANTS CHARGES SUBSTANTIATED

Douglas Harkness, former Conservative defence minister, called in the Commons Thursday for Justice Minister Cardin to substantiate his charges against members of the Diefenbaker cabinet or submit his resignation. Mr. Harkness talks to reporters following Commons session in which the opposition forced a roll call concerning Mr. Harkness' motion. Mr. Cardin told a press conference two members of the Diefenbaker government had been involved with a one-time Communist woman spy. (CP Wirephoto)

WORLD SPOTLIGHT

Observers Report Indonesians Gripped By National Madness

The Associated Press world spotlight this week gives an outline of the power struggle in Indonesia, tells of the civilians caught up in the fighting in South Viet Nam and reports on the controversy surrounding the marriage plans of Holland's crown princess.

By WILLIAM L. RYAN, AP special correspondent.

For five months, a story to stagger Western imaginations has been unfolding in Indonesia, a country of 105,000,000 whose fate ultimately could be at least as important to the West as that of Viet Nam.

Responsible people who recently left there say Indonesia is gripped by a sort of national madness and seems on the edge of a major explosion.

These sources report a tense struggle for power—backstage. Civil war remains a possibility. There are tanks in Jakarta's streets. Soldiers with stun-guns guard each government minister's house. All streets leading to President Sukarno's palace are blocked and he travels by helicopter. The nights are punctuated by gunfire.

Behind Sukarno's persistent apologies for them, the Communists, though severely hurt, are reported gathering forces for a new attempt to assert domination over the archipelago which skirts Southeast Asia and straddles vitally important world waterways.

But Sukarno's dictatorship is in jeopardy and a showdown is building. A year ago, say the informants, nobody would say a word publicly against him. Now hunger stalks the homes of wage earners. Many complain they have no hopes for anything better until Sukarno is gone.

EXPOSE DEEP INTRIGUE

While military trials unveil a picture of deep intrigue involving Chinese and Indonesian Communists, Sukarno is being opposed by an anti-Communist student underground which charges that arms are being distributed to pro-Communists.

Sukarno has said that a blood-bath after the unsuccessful Communist coup attempt last October took 87,000 lives. Some reports say this figure is an understatement. One source says many other tens of thousands of suspects have been detained.

Inflation seems beyond hope of control. Last June, a 20-pound sack of rice, the national staple,

On Sept. 30, a Communist courier from the youth organization told Njono D-Day was next day.

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Tax Conselling At Night Turns Out To Be Big Hit

By MARILYN ARGUE

OTTAWA (CP)—The income tax collector at times is like the fat kid at school.

He tries to make friends by making little jokes of offering to help with homework, but all he gets is hollow laughter and suspicion.

"It makes you cry, almost," an official of the national revenue department's taxation division said here.

But some of the officials of this tax-collecting department are starting to smile through their tears at the success of an experimental service begun in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa, and soon to be extended to Brampton and Quebec City.

Taxpayers in these centres can call up their tax office on certain nights and pour out their hearts to a sympathetic expert.

"It's part of a long-range plan to take away the hesitation and fear that people have," an official said. "We want people to come to us with their problems."

Folks have been dropping into the tax office during day business hours for years, but it's hard for office workers to lick the lineup in their lunch hour and not everyone has access to a phone.

So the department decided to extend the counselling service to the evenings.

"We schedule the night services for the early part of the week—Monday to Wednesday—because it's usually during the weekend that the taxpayer has started to do his return."

The program has been a smash hit. In Calgary, where it ran for three hours on three nights last week, office staff had to be increased to 10 from three to cope with all the questions.

In Vancouver, 720 taxpayers rang up the first night. Ot-

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SAIGON (AP)—Bright flames spread quickly through the thatched roof. The American soldier pitched his torch onto a part of the building not yet in flames and backed off.

It was a Viet Cong house, they said. As part of the war it was destroyed, along with neighboring homes. Whatever the sentiments of the villagers, the Viet Cong had used their hamlet to stage ambushes and attacks on government troops.

A daily estimate is made of Viet Cong killed and captured. Statistics are kept on the number of American and Allied troops killed, wounded or missing in action. No one can guess with precision the number of Vietnamese civilians slain or wounded or the number of homes destroyed since the fighting began in earnest some five years ago.

Guesses run to well over 100,000 civilian dead. The number of civilian war refugees in this country of 13,000,000 far exceeds the dead.

Probably no modern war can compare with this in terms of proportional civilian misery.

The Vietnamese peasants caught in the middle of forces which, for the most part, he can not understand. But all the fighting basically is for his allegiance.

The government, U.S., and their allies on one side, and the Communists on the other, recognize that the Viet Nam war is not a matter of seizing hills or bridges, but an assault on the mind. Terror, persuasion, propaganda and violence may figure in this assault.

Communist doctors, Aitid told his politburo that the doctors felt Sukarno was so ill that either death or paralysis was near.

Aitid suspected that army officers, thinking likewise, planned a coup to get rid of the Communists. The army would be first to know of Sukarno's death. But Aitid relied on "progressive" officers willing to collaborate with the PKI. He moved up the takeover timetable, originally set for 1970.

The politburo held 45 meetings in 45 days. Aitid outlined plans for taking power, saying he expected help from the air force and navy, opposition from the army.

The Sept. 30 movement was organized under Aitid's command, to be supported by units armed by the PKI from Communist-dominated organizations of youth, peasants and industrial workers.

Njono, secretary-general of the labor federation and a politburo member since 1946, testified later at his trial that he promised 5,000 well-trained, hard-core Communists for the takeover. Njono subsequently was sentenced to death.

The politburo agreed in August that the time was ripe and, said Njono, "also decided to report matters to President Sukarno." Evidently this meant reporting the party's conviction that the army was planning a coup.

A politburo member named Sudisman was placed in charge of financing operations. Njono testified he did not know where the money came from, but whenever he wanted it, Sudisman always supplied it.

As testimony explained it, the idea was to set up a government in which the PKI would have the decisive voice; with Sukarno remaining as a figurehead until his death.

Secret instructions went out.

ARMED FORCES SPLIT

The armed forces themselves seem divided on support for Sukarno, who has sacked his long-time friend, Gen. Abdul Haris Nasution, as defence minister.

Communist ranks, once estimated at 3,000,000, have been slashed by five months of army mop-up which left tens of thousands of Communists, including many top leaders, either dead or in custody. But they are trying for a comeback.

Official reports of military court trials, quoting Communist defendants, give the public an eerie picture of what went on before and after the Communist coup. From what was quoted publicly from official versions of the proceedings, the public got this story piece by piece:

Dipa N. Aitid, chairman of the Communist (PKI) central committee, travelled abroad last year with Sukarno. In Cairo, Aitid made contact with French Communists, and in Peking with Romanian Communists.

When he returned to Jakarta last summer, Aitid was accompanied by a team of Chinese

New Subway Questioned

TORONTO (CP) — Was Toronto's new \$206,000,000 subway laid out as a big mistake?

Board of control has debated whether a U-shaped line would have meant better development of downtown Toronto than the straight 10-mile east-west route.

Mayor Philip Givens said the straight line won because the Toronto Transit Commission in 1958 convinced the Metropolitan Toronto council an interchange bringing trains southward down University Avenue would work properly.

The Y-shaped interchange gave some trouble when the new subway opened Feb. 25.

VISIT SET FOR JUNE

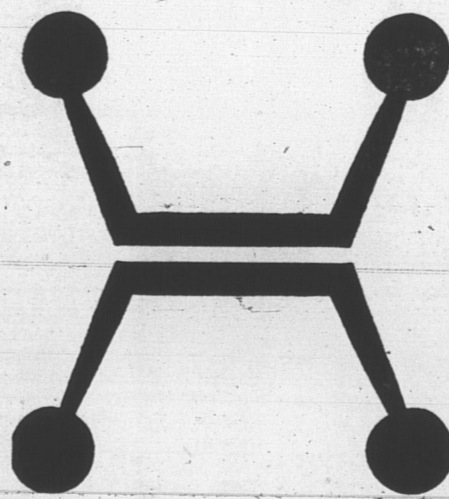
PARIS (AP) — President de Gaulle's official visit to the Soviet Union will begin June 29, informed sources said Wednesday. The itinerary for the trip, to last about 12 days, has not been definitely arranged.

N. Viet Nam Quarantine Proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois has proposed that the United States quarantine North Viet Nam supply ports to help bring Hanoi to the negotiations table.

Addressing a Veterans of Foreign Wars banquet, Dirksen said also there could be nothing worse than inviting into a coalition government the very same savage terrorists ... our young men are fighting and dying to keep out."

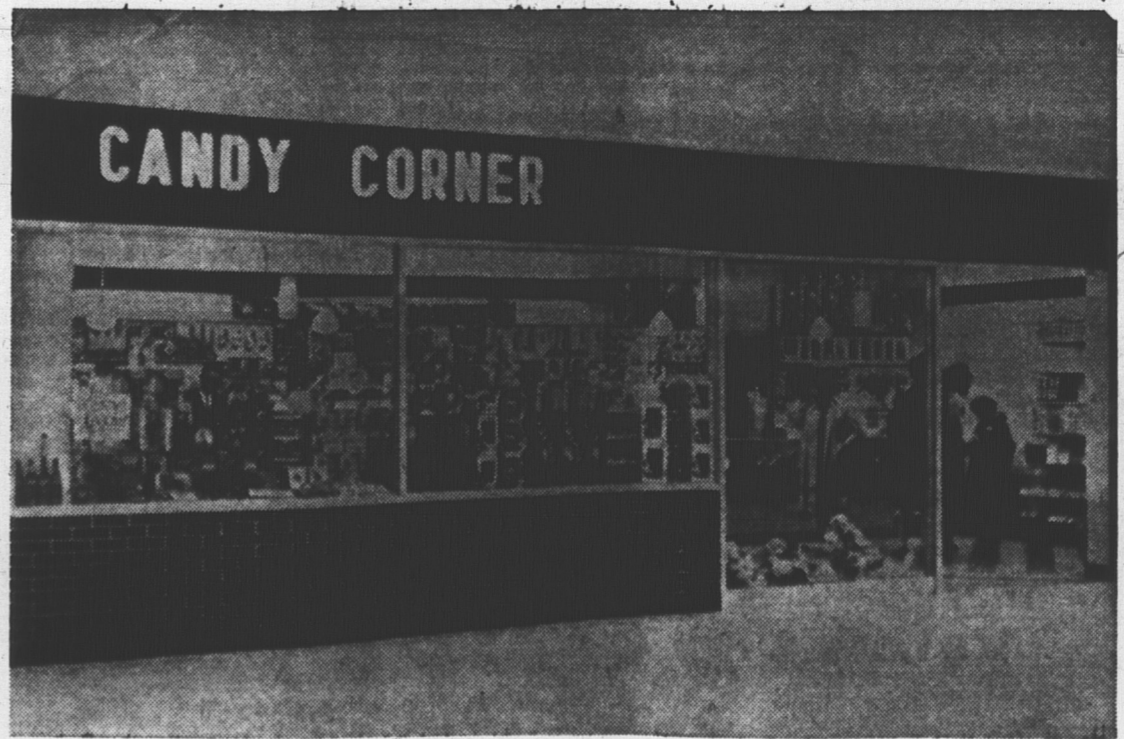
Senator Robert E. Kennedy (Dem. N.Y.) has said it appears inevitable to him that the Viet Cong will be represented in a post-war government.



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House Briefs

OTTAWA (CP) — Summer work employees are appointed from civil service commission eligible lists and no records exist to show whether they have close relatives working for the same department, four cabinet ministers told Alexis Caron (L-Hull) in separate returns filed in the Commons.

OTTAWA (CP) — Imposition of mandatory safety provisions on vehicles made in Canada might raise constitutional problems, Industry Minister Drury said in the Commons in reply to a question from Heward Graf (L-PC—Brome-Missisquoi).

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government received \$1,385,837 from pari-mutuel betting at Canadian race tracks in 1965, Agriculture Minister Green said in answer to questions from Robert C. Coates (PC—Cumberland). Of this \$849,599 came from thoroughbred racing.

OTTAWA (CP) — About \$2,500,000 is expected to be spent advertising Canada's centennial celebrations by the centennial commission and government travel bureau, State Secretary Judy LaMarch said in a written reply to a question by R. G. L. Fairweather (PC—Royal).