

## AUTO EXECUTIVES' VIEW

### Public Unwilling For More Safety in Cars

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—More safety features are not incorporated in new cars because the public is not willing to pay for them, two auto executives said Friday.

George A. Lacy, chief engineer of Chrysler Corporation, and W. A. Woodcock of General Motors, spoke at a road safety workshop sponsored by the Ontario transport department.

"We have to convince a large portion of the public that this is what they need and want," Mr. Lacy said.

"Even an air conditioner could contribute to the safety of the car, but who is going to insist that a consumer must purchase one at a cost of \$400?" Mr. Woodcock said.

Mr. Woodcock said some government legislation on automobile safety could be beneficial "but we would like our fair share of the buying dollar and legislation could have serious economic effects."

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Mr. Lacy said car manufacturers are working to devise a better restraint system so passengers will not be thrown about violently when cars are involved in accidents.

He said the harness-type safety belt is better than the lap belt, "but it is receiving such a low level of acceptance from the public that few take it when it is offered as optional equipment."

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## Tashkent Declaration Sparks Dispute, Fears

NEW DELHI (AP)—Discontent over the India-Pakistan Tashkent peace declaration surfaced in both countries Friday.

The agreement set off a cabinet dispute in India and threw open the race for prime minister Rehabilitation Minister Mahavir Tyagi resigned, saying he objected to interim prime minister Gulzari Lal Nanda's pledge to honor the declaration before a new government is formed.

In Pakistan, President Mohammed Ayub Khan went on national radio in an attempt to quiet Pakistani fears after demonstrations against the agreement were reported in the West Pakistan capital of Lahore and elsewhere.

Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, en route home from Tashkent, sent a message to Ayub saying he is sure the people of Pakistan like the pact.

The agreement, worked out at Kosygin's urging and signed Monday by Ayub and India's late prime minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri, pledged the governments of both countries to work for peace in South Asia.

But the Tashkent meeting ended with Pakistan still demanding that the Kashmiri people be allowed to decide future control of their Himalayan state in a plebiscite and with India insisting Kashmir is a part of India and not a subject for negotiation.

The next day Shastri died of a heart attack in the Soviet central Asian city. Indian Home Minister Gulzari Lal Nanda took over as interim prime minister and immediately announced India would honor the declaration.

Tyagi's resignation also opened the doors to supporters of four political figures, who entered unofficial challenges to Nanda to become permanent prime minister.

The ruling Congress party Wednesday elects its parliamentary leader, who is automatically asked to head the government.

Political manoeuvring indicates Nanda, a leading contender, would have to fight to win.

The four other potential candidates are: Defence Minister Y. B. Chavan, Information Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi, right-wing leader Morarji Desai and Congress party President K. Kamaraj.

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# Jungles In S. Viet Nam Feel Hush As War Halts



## Contact Is Lost With Guerrillas

SAIGON (AP)—Hush fell over the jungles of South Viet Nam Friday, broken only by the occasional crackle of a Viet Cong guerrilla sniper's rifle or the boom of a guerrilla mortar.

It was as though the Viet Cong had begun early the lunar new year cease-fire proclaimed for next week.

For the first time since a massive drive against the Viet Cong's 15-square-mile jungle triangle kicked off a week ago, U.S. and Australian troops 25 miles northwest of here reported not a significant contact or a single guerrilla killed.

Another indication of Viet Cong inactivity came far to the north. Three big South Vietnamese army convoys passed safely from Qui Nhon, 200 miles northeast of here, along a guerrilla-infested road to Pleiku, 100 miles farther north. It was the first successful heavy transportation along the road since last August.

PLANES COLLIDE  
Saigon awaited the arrival of U.S. Air Force plane flying support for South Korean ground patrols pulled out of a strike and rammed a C-123 flare ship. Both planes crashed, killing the pilot of the plane and the six aboard the flare ship.

U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk and presidential envoy W. Averell Harriman from Bangkok, Thailand, today for talks with U.S. and South Vietnamese officials.

A U.S. embassy spokesman declined to give details of the visit but indicated it was connected with President Johnson's peace offensive.

Rusk and Harriman are scheduled to leave Sunday.

calls for American withdrawal from South Viet Nam.

The Soviet emissary won an important political concession from the Hanoi Communists—they agreed to send a delegation to the 23rd National Congress of the Soviet Communist party, due to start in Moscow March 29.

Shlepin arrived Friday night at Irkutsk, Siberia, on his way home.

He stopped over in Peking on his way in and from Hanoi and on both occasions was given a cool reception by Chinese officials.

## CAPE BRETON MINE CLOSES—NO MORE COAL

This is the Bankhead of Number 16 colliery of the Dominion Coal Company at New Waterford, three miles from New Waterford, N.S., which was closed Friday because the mine has run out of coal.

In the foreground are coal boxes used in the mine. The colliery was opened in 1938 and a pioneer in mine mechanization. It employed 400 men in most of whom will be transferred to nearby Number 18 Colliery. (CP Wirephoto)

## \$620,945 High School Loan Approved For City At Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—The school board of the city of Charlottetown will receive a loan estimated at \$620,945 for the erection of a new high school. It will be repayable over 20 years.

The town of Summerside will receive a loan estimated at \$5,075 repayable over five years for installation of fencing.

Both loans will bear interest at 5 3/8 per cent per annum. For projects completed by March 31, 1966, Charlottetown and Summerside will benefit from a forgiveness of 25 per cent of the loan amounts.

The loans bring to 16 the number approved in Prince Edward Island and their amount to \$2,294,716. This exhausts the full amount of the funds allocated to P.E.I. for loans under the program so no further loans can now be approved to municipalities in the Island.

## BRITISH TORY SUGGESTS COMMONWEALTH ENDING

CAMBORNE, England (AP)—A Conservative member of Parliament said Friday night many Britons believe the time has come to break up the Commonwealth.

Enoch Powell, who ordinarily speaks for the Opposition party on defence matters, told a political rally, "I believe that the great majority of people in this country see no reality or substance in the proposition that they belong to a Commonwealth" of 22 independent countries.

The Commonwealth, Powell said, has "built up an area of unreality and hypocrisy in our politics which cannot be either safe or healthy." He noted many Commonwealth countries are opposed to each other even to the extent of

breaking off diplomatic relations or going to war, as over Rhodesia and Kashmir.

"An antipathy towards Britain is a marked feature of the visible public behaviour of some of these countries, at the United Nations and elsewhere . . . none of them appears to recognize any common interest with Britain where it would override or conflict with its own," Powell said.

Powell created a furor with a speech at the Tory party's annual convention in October, in which he suggested Britain should begin withdrawing its troops from Africa and Asia and let countries there come to terms with China. He was later disavowed by party leader Edward Heath.

## RESIGNS

James J. Greene, leader of the Progressive Conservative opposition in the Newfoundland legislature, Friday night announced his resignation and said Dr. Noel Murphy, PC member for Humber East, will succeed him. He gave pressure of personal and business matters as reason for the resignation.

## Social Credit Said Interested In Keeping Government in Power

By KEN CLARK  
OTTAWA (CP)—The five-man Social Credit group in the Commons is more interested in sustaining the minority Liberal government than deposing it, informants say.

Generally, the party plan is to vote against motions that would dissolve Parliament. The aim would be to co-operate rather than obstruct to help complete business of the House.

The 27th Parliament opens Tuesday with the Liberals holding 131 seats in the 265-member Commons, just short of a floor majority.

Social Credit MPs held a caucus Friday.

One in-party view says the electorate, by returning a minority government in the Nov. 8 election and leaving all parties in the same relative positions,

was satisfied with the structure at least of the last Parliament.

NOT IMPRESSED  
But the electorate was not overly impressed with the leadership, policy or record of any party and this led to another minority situation.

In this situation, the Social Credit group, headed by Robert Thompson, will press to get their policies instituted. The view is that even in the minority situation, it cannot insist that the government play ball.

There is no indication the nine member Creditist group from Quebec will rejoin their old Social Credit counterparts. Some Social Credit overtures, however, have been made.

The two have a common belief in the need for monetary reform. But other factors which led to the 1963 breakdown of part of the Quebec wing may not have disappeared. One was said to be a personality conflict

between the fiery Creditist leader, Real Caouette, and Mr. Thompson.

Not all Social Credit members from Quebec took the separate path in 1963, but the Social Credit party finally broke down into two geographical groups.

ALL FROM WEST  
The current Social Credit group are all Westerners, three from British Columbia and two, including Mr. Thompson, from Alberta.

One Social Credit view is that Parliament will settle down quickly and the prospects are for a full term for the government, not another early election.

The Social Credit position combined with an NDP plan to give the government a chance to bring in "worthwhile" legislation tend to work against the success of any non-confidence motion.

## Kidnap Tipster Killed In Blast

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—One of two gunmen slain Thursday night in an attempt to kidnap Leonard K. Firestone was an informant who tipped police about the scheme, authorities said Friday.

George Scalla, 28, went to Los Angeles police in fear that his confederate would kill him after the kidnaping, said Capt. John E. Hankins, head of Beverly Hills detectives.

When the shooting started, he was supposed to drop to the floor, out of the line of fire, but for some reason didn't.

Scalla and William Calvin Bailey, 44, entered the fire-maker-philanthropist's home with raised pistols and were killed by the shotgun of staked-out police.

Police said Bailey served time in Canada for a Vancouver robbery with violence and also in Humble, Tex., for burglary, theft and robbery.

FIRESTONE LEFT HOUSE  
Firestone, 58, left the house several days ago at the suggestion of police.

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## Quebec's Justice Minister Pushes Canadian Interpol

QUEBEC (CP)—Justice Minister Claude Wagner of Quebec said Friday his department is prepared to co-operate with municipal and provincial police forces toward setting up a Canadian Interpol.

"We can create an Interpol without the participation of the RCMP but it would be better if the RCMP could take part," he said.

In Montreal, the Star quotes an unnamed delegate to last week's federal-provincial conference on crime as saying provincial and municipal police forces across Canada are organizing to form a Canadian Interpol.

On a statement Thursday by three federal cabinet ministers taking him to task for statements he made about the conference, Mr. Wagner said he sticks by the statements.

He added: "I don't add that the federal reaction is limited to defending the RCMP? The federal ministers said nothing of the criticism—just as harsh that I levelled against the politicians."

The justice minister said Quebec has already established the nucleus of an Interpol—a bureau to co-ordinate information on organized crime from coast to coast—with the creation a few months ago of a co-ordinating committee of police forces in the province.

This committee has established close relations with Ontario," he said.

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## KLANSMEN REMAIN SILENT

Charles Marcus Edwards, RIGHT, and James Ford Seale, LEFT, identified by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as members of the Mississippi Ku Klux Klan, were questioned in Washington, Friday about the slayings of two Negroes and a white Klansman who fell out with his fellow-Kluxers. Neither Edwards or Seale would answer questions from Donald Appell, chief investigator for the Committee. (AP Wirephoto)