

# Nationality is a barrier

BATH, Me. (AP) — The city manager said Wednesday that a Canadian elected city assessor here, Herbert C. Bates of Fredericton, is still interested in working here, even though his foreign nationality excludes him from holding municipal office.

He said he contacted Bates, 47, a deputy assessor for Fredericton after a city council meeting Monday night. Bates was elected assessor of this ship building city last August with an \$3,200 annual salary and a \$40 monthly car allowance.

Ernest H. Johnson, Maine state assessor, told Ring in a letter that state law prohibits individuals without U.S. citizenship from holding a municipal office.

Johnson suggested, however, that Bates be named "ap-

# Says post accepted

SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP) — Raymond Langlois, federal member of Parliament for Montserrat, said Wednesday in an interview he has accepted the post of party whip with the Retirement des Creditistes. He said his nomination will

praiser" or "clerk to the assessor," with someone else actually holding the title of assessor.

Mr. Langlois said he will replace Gilles Gregoire who was recently elected president of the provincial separatist Ralliement Nationale party.

OFFICIALS HUIA, RIGHT VATICAN CITY (AP) — Loss of a vote by the Vatican on Wednesday China's new anti-religious laws is offending the most important human right, to believe in God and freely honor Him in His temples. The Vatican newspaper said that with "the purge of the intelligentsia, Red China wants the pitiless suppression of science, freedom."



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# Winnipegger studies ballet in Moscow

MOSCOW (CP) — William Martin, Viscount, is investing \$8,000 to \$10,000 and a year of his life to learn how to jump better.

In slightly over-simplified terms, that's the current story of the Canadian ballet dancer, one of the three male leads of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and the only native Winnipegger in the trio.

Martin-Viscount, who was Bill Martin before a theatre-

duced name change—came here in January on leave of absence to train at Moscow's world-famous Bolshoi Theatre. Mostly, he wanted to perfect his jumping.

"They excel in jumping," says the classically-handsome dancer. "Already, this part of my dancing has improved a great deal. The instructors spend 75 per cent of their time teaching you how to jump. It's like practising high-jumping for five hours a day."

As for less spectacular aspects of the dance, Martin-Viscount, 24, has found that his Canadian experience is highly respected at the proud, tradition-clad Bolshoi. His teacher, Alexei Yermolayev, was "very pleased" with the young Canadian's standards.

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"He told me he didn't realize that dancers were so well trained in Canada," said Bill, who is five-foot-seven and weighs 139 pounds, in a relaxed moment following a gruelling day of practice at the Bolshoi.

His dance partner is a Cuban girl named Menia Martinez, whom he describes as a "real pro" and who has made a number of guest appearances with the Bolshoi troupe.

Menia is light and attractive, as a ballerina should be. She has been studying in Russia for five years—including four years at the Kirov, in Leningrad—and will probably return to Cuba as the country's prima ballerina.

Bill's own leave of absence from the Royal Winnipeg has not been exactly a luxurious experience. After long efforts, he finally arranged with the Soviet ministry of culture—through the Canadian embassy here—to join the Bolshoi as an "apprentice" member for one year.

He didn't expect to have to pay fees. "Nobody pays, and there are many foreigners here like me. But they are mostly from the socialist countries."

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However, while in Ottawa on his way to Moscow he learned that he would have to pay for his training and was immediately assailed by doubts as to whether he should go through with it.

"Financially, I couldn't afford it."

Since he had received pledges amounting to \$5,000 from different organizations and individuals in Canada to help with his expenses, he decided to go ahead.

He estimates that the year, if he is able to complete it, will cost between \$8,000 and \$10,000. It's that low only because he haggled the Russians down to \$4,500 for instructions, from an original figure of 7,000. His contributed funds ran out in June and he's been living and training on his own savings since.

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The shares were previously owned by Maclean - Hunter Ltd.

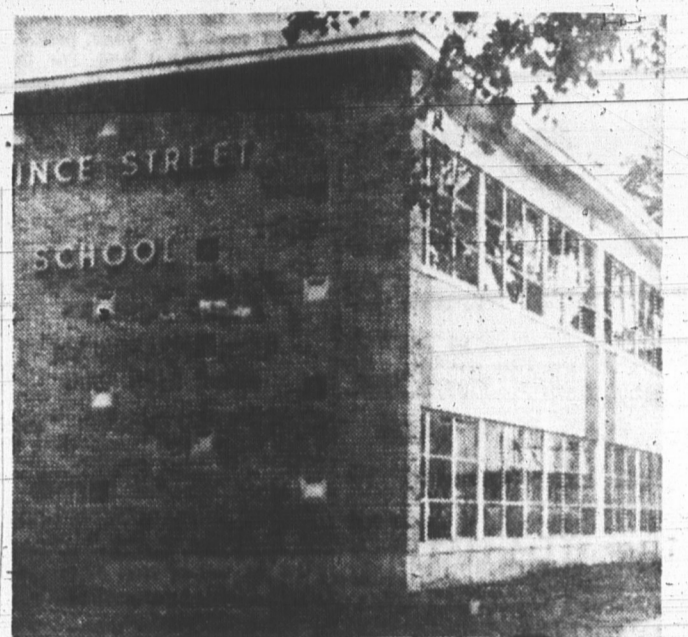
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Mr. MacDonald, president of the company, said the move meant "the company for all practical purposes has been more or less repatriated to Nova Scotia."

Mr. Caldwell was the founder of CTV.

# Workers give aid

TORONTO (CP) — Four Toronto office workers have joined a project to aid starving families in India initiated by two professors at St. Thomas University, Fredericton.

The project, called Save-a-Family Plan and begun by professors A. J. Kandathil and Leo Ferrari, now aids about 1,200 families with monthly donations of \$5.

Social workers, civic leaders and priests in India send the names of starving families to the two professors and they handle the mailing of the funds with the help of other staff members at St. Thomas. Students and local volunteer workers also help.

Dolores Chateauvert, Marjorie Forcier, Lisa Zorzini and Mary Ferrari, all of Toronto, say they have found the flow of communication between themselves and the family they are helping both interesting and educational.

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