



GINA HAS TAX TROUBLES, TOO

Taxpayers wrangling with their tax returns before the deadline can sympathize with Italian actress Gina Lollabrigida who's displaying one of her rings and necklace while leaving Los Angeles for Geneva Tuesday. The jewels were among those attached for non-payment California income taxes dating back to 1959 when she made a movie in Hollywood. Miss Lollabrigida arranged to transfer \$14,200 from a Swiss bank to settle the obligation and get her "weary back. (AP Wirephoto)

Commonwealth Official Opposes More Formal Political Links

By ROD CURRIE
LONDON (CP) — Richard Hornby, a former undersecretary for Commonwealth relations, says it would be "unwise" at this stage for the Commonwealth to establish more formal political links.

He also says that the proposed Commonwealth secretariat should be limited in its powers to a sort of administrative role at least for the time being.

Hornby, 42, gives his views in the Changing Commonwealth, latest in a series of pamphlets published by the Conservative political centre, which emphasized that they represent individual opinions and not necessarily party policy.

If political links are made stronger, he writes, there is a danger that demands would grow for formulation of a united Commonwealth policy.

"This in turn would lead to clashes between Commonwealth policies and policies of the regional alliances to which individual members belong.

"In such circumstances the Commonwealth would nearly always come off second best."

LIMIT SECRETARIAT

Instead of the Commonwealth should "persist in the habit of consultation." As for the secretariat, now under discussion, Hornby says the wise decision would be "to develop a joint secretariat which would take part in the planning of conferences and dissemination of information, but go no further than that for the present."

Hornby says few institutions

have suffered so much from the language of snake-belt as has the Commonwealth and it is time "to be ride of illusions" and get down to the task of making it into "an instrument of efficient, mutual assistance."

One of the "illusions" still widely believed, Hornby says, was the assumption of "an identity of views and of interests between Britain and the old white dominions" — Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

There was a time when it was assumed industrial Britain would be fed by an agricultural Commonwealth, who in turn would buy British manufactured goods. But the pattern changed and the old dominions were compelled to pay increasing attention to dealings with the United States.

RELATIONS CHANGED

Because of the growing number of non-British immigrants to Australia, increased American commercial interest in Canada and the "militant separatism of Quebec, is illustrated by the icy greeting accorded the Queen," it has been obvious for some time that "relations between Britain and the old Commonwealth could no longer be taken for granted."

To Britain it "may sometimes seem that many Canadians are too busy trying to balance their

own half-American canoe to see the Commonwealth as anything more than ballast."

On the other hand, it may seem to the old dominions that

S. Viet Nam Forces Council Seen Likely To Be Purged

By RENNIE AIRTH
SAIGON (Reuters)—A purge of South Viet Nam's powerful armed forces council appeared likely following the removal of two key military figures from their commands over strong American objections.

Air Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky, air force commander and one of the most influential figures of the council, announced Saturday that certain "bad" elements in the council were to be eliminated.

He did not name officers who might be removed from the council but observers believed they might include Admiral Chung Tan Cang and Brig-Gen. Pham Van Dong, who have been replaced in their military commands.

A government spokesman meanwhile said the two officers will be assigned to new duties. Their replacement is part of a normal reshuffle of military commands, he claimed.

Authoritative sources, however, affirmed that both officers were charged with corruption and that their removal had been decided at weekend meetings of the armed force council.

U.S. CRAFT ARRIVE

On the military scene in Da Nang, 90 miles south of the North Viet Nam border, large crowds gathered to watch a landing of American amphibious craft, defence reinforcements for the American strategic air base in Da Nang. In the last few days, U.S. Marine landings have been taking place. The newly-arrived men, who will eventually total 3,000, will strengthen the anti-Communist defences of Da Nang and provide protection for other nearby strategic centres. About a month ago the first group of 3,500 American troops arrived in Da Nang.

South of Da Nang, in the mountainous region of central South Viet Nam, the Communist Viet Cong guerrillas were reported to have killed or wounded 300 South Vietnamese government troops since March 26.

Meanwhile, a U.S. spokesman said two armed U.S. helicopters shot up a concentration of Viet Cong guerrillas in Binh Dinh province, some 290 miles northeast of Saigon, killing an estimated 20.

A U.S. spokesman here disclosed that one of the U.S. Navy Phantom jet fighters involved in an engagement with Communist MIG fighters 35 miles southwest of Hainan Island Friday failed to return to its aircraft carrier and was missing.

PRODIGIOUS PROGENY

The opossum, America's only pouched animal, is the fastest-breeding mammal known, with a gestation period of 13 days.

"ADOPT" CHILDREN

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) Canadians have offered to adopt another 20 underprivileged Malaysian children, to enable them to continue their studies. Announcing this Friday, the executive secretary of the Malaysian Council for Child Welfare, S. Jayasural, said the offers were made under the Canadian "Save the Children" Fund. Under the program, the sponsors of a child provide it with the equivalent of about £13 (\$39) a year, and with clothing blankets and medical attention.

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