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WELCOME TO CENTENNIAL YEAR

This little chap is all set to welcome Canada's Centennial year in style. He is Travis Wakelin, four month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Wakelin of Charlottetown, and is looking forward to his first New Year's celebration.

Eight Charged With Brutality After Investigation Of Fire

MONTREAL (CP) — Six provincial policemen and two insurance investigators are to appear in criminal court Jan. 3 on preliminary charges that they tortured Louis Sicotte, a Montreal-area businessman, to extract information.

Four more provincial policemen, two investigators and a constable of the Quebec City force have been served with summonses to appear at the hearings next week.

The eight charged Friday all posted cash bail and were released.

They are: Sgt. Paul-Emile Picard, 36, and Constable Marcel Ste. Marie, 36, \$2,000 bail; Constables Maurice Mousseau, 29, Rejean Routhillier, 25, Gilbert Rochon, 26, and Claude Baron, 24, \$1,000; Pierre Ricard, 34, and Gilles Gasse, 42, investigators employed by the Fire Underwriters Investigation Bureau, \$1,000.

Also named in the charges as having conspired with the eight, but not charged themselves, were Insp. Herve Patenaude, chief inspector of the QPP, and Jean-Paul Dessureau, who commands the QPP's Montreal region.

ALL SUSPENDED
J. Adrien Robert, director of the QPP, said Friday that all of his men charged or summoned in the case are under suspension until court proceedings end.

The seven served with summonses are: Constables Claude Aube, Jean Chalin, Germain Vezeau and Claude St. Onge; investigators Albert Martin and Charles Marcoux; and Constable Vincent Ouellette of the Quebec City police.

The charges allege that the eight men took part in "illegally wounding, mutilating and disfiguring Louis Sicotte by hitting him with fists and feet and attempting to strangle him, and by crushing cigars and cigarette butts on his body, and also by pulling out his moustache hair by hair."

Conviction under Section 218, Paragraph A of the Criminal Code carries a maximum penalty of 14 years imprisonment.

The mistreatment is alleged to have taken place late in 1965 at QPP headquarters in Montreal and Quebec City, while police were questioning the businessman about arson cases.

SUED FOR \$250,000
The charges were laid after Mr. Sicotte filed a \$250,000 civil suit alleging police brutality.

The action named the Quebec Justice department and its former minister, Claude Wagner, 12 provincial policemen, the underwriters investigation bureau and two men identified as its investigators.

Judge Irene Lagarde, who presided at a special closed hearing to determine whether criminal charges should be laid as a result of the allegations, said "shocking things were revealed" at the hearing.

Each of the accused posted bail. Filing of the civil action gave rise to a number of requests for an investigation by the province. Quebec's provincial bar association asked the Justice department Dec. 21 for a full royal commission investigation of "the activities of the police."

J. Maxime Lavigne, Hill police director and president of the Quebec Association of Police and Fire Chiefs, said Friday the association may ask for an inquiry into all aspects of the administration of justice in the province.

One of the constables charged, Gilbert Rochon, is president of the recently formed Quebec Provincial Police Association. The constable was replaced temporarily as president Dec. 20 by Gilles Auclair of Quebec, first vice-president of the group.

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Freighter Removes Five From Threatened Yawl

Best Wishes For New Year Are Extended By Premier

"May I first extend to all the people of our province my sincere best wishes that the New Year will bring to each and everyone an abundance of good health, happiness and prosperity," Premier Alex B. Campbell said yesterday in a New Year's message.

"It is the hope and wish of your Government that this Centennial Year will be observed by all Islanders with fitting celebrations to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the confederation of our country. We believe that the observance of this event will recall to our minds the rich heritage of our history, the progress we have made in our nation and the noble contribution which Canada and Canadians have made to the peace in the world and betterment of all mankind."

"We observe at this time an end as well as a beginning — one year passes into history and another begins. It is, therefore, a time in both our personal and public lives when we can reflect on the past and envisage the future."

"Prince Edward Islanders, like all Canadians, can look back on 1966 with thankfulness. Our Province was spared from any great calamity or natural disaster. Our farmers and fishermen reaped good harvests from the land and sea, and our people were able to enjoy a good life without fear of want. We all join in offering our gratitude to a bountiful Providence for the many blessings that He has bestowed on us."

"We look forward to the New Year with optimism and high hope. It is a time to rededicate ourselves, our hopes and aspirations, our faith and our abilities to the task begun by our founding fathers a century ago and furthered by generations of Canadians since that time. Let us not shrink from the challenge which summons us to make our contribution to our community, our province and our country so that we and those who come after us will be able to live in a land of peace, and opportunity."

"Today, no country in the world is more united than we are. We are a greatly blessed land, though we often do not seem to realize it, as we complain about our difficulties and seem to doubt our destiny."

"This is our greatest problem: not to become captives of the past when the present moves so quickly into the future. So we must find new solutions, adapt ourselves to new conditions, look ahead, think ahead."

The prime minister stated that the nation is young and flexible enough to develop a national purpose devoted to all that is noble and excellent in the human spirit.

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Others Stay Aboard To Await Tow Craft

NEW YORK (AP)—A British freighter lowered a small boat into howling winds and mountainous seas and plucked three women and two men from the stricken yawl Petrel Friday.

Five other men volunteered to stay aboard the 70-foot yawl until this morning when a U.S. Coast Guard cutter arrives to take the vessel in tow, the coast guard said.

The freighter Cotswold radioed that all 10 Petrel passengers were in satisfactory condition and that it would stand by through the night.

The cutter Vigilant out of Provincetown, Mass., was expected about dawn, but it was sent to aid another distressed ship and the coast guard's seagoing tug Tammun was sent to the yawl. The fishermen left from Staten Island, New York City.

The second distressed ship, the Georgia, a 475-foot Liberian freighter, was 120 miles east of the Petrel and was being pounded by the same storm.

Stripped of her rigging and sails, the Petrel has been at the mercy of the sea since Thursday night. Her auxiliary engine, pumps and radio are dead. Her crew had to use buckets to toss over the key water as the wind whipped it in.

Two U.S. Coast Guard planes circled overhead. One plane dropped a sixth self-contained gasoline-powered pump into the water near the Petrel, but as the other five it was carried away by the wind.

Lieut. Bill Donnell, 28, of Newport, R.I., pilot of a twin-engine Albatross that reached the scene at daybreak Friday, said he thinks those aboard the yawl "are real sailors."

It was pretty windy out there, but they're riding it out well," he said. "They don't seem too anxious. As a matter of fact, they're pretty calm and collected, I'd say."

The yawl was reported about 300 miles southeast of New York and drifting eastward at six knots.

The West German freighter Hille Oldendorf also was en route to aid the yawl, but she was slowed by the heavy seas, running from 15 to 18 knots. Winds were 20 to 35 knots.

For a time the Liberian motor vessel Delphina steamed toward the Petrel from 50 miles away, but the coast guard released her.

The Petrel, a Coast Guard Academy training ship until last March, was on a holiday cruise from Stamford, Conn., to Bermuda when she sailed into the storm late Thursday. She managed to get off a distress signal before the radio went dead.

Shipper of the yawl is Gordon Van Ness, 26, of Yonkers, N.Y., a third-year medical student at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. His father, Hans Van Ness, also of Yonkers, bought the ship from the coast guard for \$25,000. Aboard with Van Ness are five fellow students, his sister, Heidi, 17, her girl-friend, and a couple from Bermuda, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Conway. Conway is the ship's navigator.

No Trace Found Of Missing Boy

STEPHENVILLE, Nfld. (CP) — A day-long search of thick woods 40 miles west of here in a strong wind and rainstorm Friday failed to yield any trace of a 17-year-old boy missing since Christmas Day.

Volunteer searchers led by RCMP and a tracking dog reported no luck by dusk in the hunt for Patrick Kerfoot, whose 15-year-old cousin, Bernard Kerfoot, was found dead Thursday in the same area.

SAIGON (AP) — A two-day New Year's truce in the Vietnam war began today and U.S. headquarters claimed there was a Viet Cong attack 10 minutes after the ceasefire officially started at 7 a.m. (8 p.m. EST Friday).

A headquarters spokesman said a patrol of the U.S. 1st Division, 30 miles north of Saigon, came under automatic-weapon fire.

U.S., Australian and Saigon government military units took up defensive positions as the 48-hour truce period got under way, during the waning hours of the bloodiest year of the Vietnam war.

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Rev. Henry E. Duguay of nearby Rogersville said the fire broke out about 3:00 a.m.

Mr. Boucher, a public works department employee, received a telephone call around 3:00 a.m. to go to work. Father Duguay said he was told by Ginette.

Steve Unanawich, 33, clasps his hands in prayer as his five-year-old son, James, looks on from interior of ambulance taking them to a hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y. Friday following fire in a gypsy tea room that swept through a three-story brick building. Five members of Unanawich's family perished in the blaze. (AP Wirephoto)

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