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# Islanders Fear Leadership Grabbed by U.S. as U.S. Fear Leadership Grabbed by U.S.

**By JAMES NELSON**  
OTTAWA (CP) — Official spokesmen for Opposition Leader Diefenbaker and Conservative party headquarters are not nearly as worried about their chief's ability to win a confidence vote from his party next month as they are about the size of the dissident group and the end result of its activity.

The party's 1,500 delegate annual meeting opens Feb. 4, after two days of committee and executive meetings, and despite efforts to head it off it still seems apparent there will be a clash on the floor of the meeting over the leadership.

The party is split four ways, if a meeting of the 21-member resolutions committee last weekend in Montreal can be taken as representative of the party as a whole.

There appears to be a majority which wants Mr. Diefenbaker to continue as leader and declare support in an open ballot and a minority which wants Mr. Diefenbaker to go. There is a minority which wants Mr. Diefenbaker to go and Mr. Diefenbaker to do so by voting against him in a secret ballot.

And then there is a scattering of men who stand for Mr. Diefenbaker but for a secret ballot and against Mr. Diefenbaker and willing to stand up and declare it publicly.

**Lady Balloonist Sought Off Calif.**

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — Planes and ships conducted a massive sea and land search Sunday for a woman balloonist who vanished Saturday during an eight-hour race from San Diego to Catalina Island to the mainland.

No trace has been found of Mrs. Barbara Keith, 52, of Hartford, Conn. grandmother of 10 or her on-ship-shaped, orange and white, hot-air balloon.

Six helicopters, 14 planes and five coast vessels combed a 96-mile area from San Clemente south to San Clemente and boats ranged 17 miles out to sea, and aircraft swept 10 miles inland.

Coast guard cutters and planes had searched through the night with lights and flares for Mrs. Keith.

A veteran of numerous balloon ascensions and parachute jumps, Mrs. Keith, the only woman among nine contestants who drifted across the choppy Catalina Channel in the race to Newport Beach, 30 miles east.

Two participants — Capt. Robert Robertson, 37, and stunt pilot Frank Tallman, 50 — were in one balloon.

They and five others had to be rescued — all of them at sea except one who crashed in a cactus patch on a rugged hillside of Catalina Island and was rescued by firmers. He was Don Piccard, 38, of Sioux Falls, S.D.

The only one to finish the race was declared the winner. It was Ed Yost, who set his balloon down in the surf at San Clemente as hundreds of spectators lined the shore. He made the crossing in two hours and 40 minutes.

**Beaverbrook's Nephew Dies**

SPSWICK, Aiken, (CP-AP) — Sir William Aiklen, 65, Canadian-born Conservative Member of Parliament for the Bury St. Edmunds constituency in Suffolk since 1956, died in his sleep at his Ipswich home early Sunday.

Sir William, born in Antigonish, N.S., and educated at Upper Canada College and the University of Toronto, was a nephew of publisher Lord Beaverbrook. He was manager of the London Express News and Future Services.

Sir William was severely injured during the Second World War in a plane crash while serving with the RAF as a reconnaissance and fighter pilot.

Survivors include his wife, the daughter of Lord Ruxley, and a daughter and son.

**JAMES PENDERGAST WINS 'ISLANDER' AWARD**

James T. ("Big Jim") Pendergast, formerly of Kensington, now living in Charlotteville, has been named "Islander of the Year" for 1963 and fifth winner of the annual award sponsored by The Evening Patriot. It was announced last night.

A panel of three judges reached the decision following consideration of many nominations. Received scores of letters of nomination. The award will be presented to Mr. Pendergast by Lieutenant-Governor W.J. MacDonald as a highlight of the Rotary meeting of Feb. 3. In the above photo, Mr. Pendergast and his wife held through one of a series of scrapbooks which 1963's Islander has collected over the years. (See page 3)

**104 Killed In Fomosa Earthquake**

TAIPEI, Fomosa (AP) — A pall of black grief hung today over the southern Fomosa cities of Tainan and Chiayi after an earthquake killed 104, injured 542, and left thousands of homeless walking the littered streets of stunned silence.

Crying children and barking dogs punctuated the mournful quiet as soldiers and volunteers searched for more victims in the rubble of hundreds of homes destroyed by the initial 6.2-second jolt Saturday night.

Rescue crews and relief agencies were alerted to the disaster and got an early start searching the rubble and providing food and shelter for the estimated 20,000 homeless survivors.

Tainan, Chiayi and surrounding areas of the 1,738 homes that collapsed and 2,671 badly damaged, most were in Tainan city of 250,000 and the former capital of this island nation.

Fires apparently started by overturned charcoal stoves destroyed 154 homes at nearby Chiayi.

There were no reported injuries among foreigners.

**French Action in Washington Talks**

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**Kansmen in Restaurant Touch Off Racial Incident**

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Ten white Ku Klux Klansmen entered a segregated restaurant where Negroes picked outside, touching off a brawling melee and the worst racial incident in Atlanta in months.

Twenty-four persons were arrested in the restaurant Saturday night, and 49 more were arrested a few hours later outside the city jail where they had gone to protest the earlier arrests.

Police for all 73 were scheduled for municipal court on Feb. 23.

Elsewhere in the south a white youth was convicted of second degree manslaughter in the shooting of a Negro boy at Birmingham, Ala., and about 20 crosses were burned in Baton Rouge, La., in what one source said was a revival of Ku Klux Klan activity.

At Birmingham, Larry Joe Sims, 21, was convicted Saturday of second degree manslaughter in the Sept. 15 shooting of a 15-year-old Negro, Virgil Ware. The jury fixed Sims' sentence at seven months in the county jail.

In Baton Rouge, an anonymous caller told The Morning Advocate the burning crosses resembled the reactivation of the Klan in that area. The caller said 100 crosses would be burned.

Crosses were burned in a dozen or more Louisiana cities

**Tax Setup Revision Imposed By Chamber**

By STEWART MACLEOD

OTTAWA (CP) — Contending that the Canadian tax system has been worked out of balance in recent years, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Saturday told the Royal Commission on Taxation how the structure should be rebuilt in the interests of the economy.

With Mr. Diefenbaker's demonstrated abilities as a parliamentary and political fighter, and the absence of any single challenger for his office, Mr. Diefenbaker's friends and supporters are sure he will win the confidence vote handsomely, no matter how it is held. He has said himself the method of voting is up to the annual meeting to decide.

But what worries the party leadership, as represented by the party headquarters and Mr. Diefenbaker's office group, is the size of the dissident group. They don't believe it to be more than 20 per cent at the outside, and it may be as small as 10 per cent.

The question worrying the party is how strong a vote against Mr. Diefenbaker can be mustered. Mr. Diefenbaker carries only 80 per cent of the annual meeting with him, can this be counted as more than a moral victory, they ask.

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It is understood Mr. Pearson may invite President Johnson to Gaule to meet in Canada, probably in Ottawa, after Johnson's return from his forthcoming visit to Mexico.

Efforts were made before Mr. Pearson went to Paris to discuss the matter with Johnson at the Mexican visit. But Johnson refused to leave the U.S. at that time.

However, Mr. Pearson may give Johnson reason to request Johnson to leave the U.S. at that time.

Mr. Pearson indicated to a press conference in Paris that he had had two discussions Wednesday and Thursday with de Gaulle and Johnson, and that he had had a discussion with the French president that he had had with Johnson.

While the U.S. and Russia have been experiencing a thaw in relations, the French-Russian efforts to improve East-West relations.

**Five Persons Die In Blaze**

BARRIE, Ont. (CP) — Five persons were killed Saturday night when a fire swept through a downtown business-apartment building.

The dead were identified as Douglas, 7, Susan, 5, Timmy, 10, and a 12-year-old boy, and Mrs. and Mrs. Keith Duff, and Leo Slead, 42, of R.R. 3 Cookstown, a taxi driver here.

Two other Duff children, Michael, 10, and Danny, 9, escaped through the fire.

The children were reported to have been staying the night in an apartment occupied by Kenneth Guest. Their parents were away at the time.

Mr. Slead, who had been visiting friends in an adjacent apartment, was babysitting the children.

The fire, believed to have sprung from Hoffa's nine-foot apartment store, spread to the apartments above.

The fire was being investigated by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Department.

**Thomas Crump Dies At 92**

WANCHEVER, C.P. — Thomas Hunter Crump, 92, father of the Canadian Pacific Railway's chairman and president, N.R. Crump, died Saturday.

Mr. Crump retired in 1934 as superintendent of CPR's Kettle Valley division following 44 years in rail service.

**Troops Alerted As N. Rhodesia Goes To Polls**

LUSAKA, Northern Rhodesia (Reuters) — Northern Rhodesia's army of 2,000 troops has been alerted to the polls night on the eve of general elections which will bring self-government to this copper-rich country.

The vast British protectorate was not considered likely the army would be called out except to carry ballot boxes across rain-swollen rivers.

The government said it hoped the elections would be held on Sunday, will be as free of incident as the last one in October, 1962.

More than 100 constituencies in Northern Rhodesia has been granted internal self-rule, effective from a new government is formed.

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**Sensations Expected In Hoffa Court Case**

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Sensations are expected in the trial of James R. Hoffa, who was charged with the bargaining table, where he was managed by his attorney, contract with the U.S. truckers last week, back to the courtroom.

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**Two Killed In Plunge Into River**

BATHURST, N.B. (CP) — Two bathers were killed Saturday when a small boat overturned in the Saint John River.

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By BEN WARD

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