



ARTIST HAS CRITICAL AIR
Artist A.Y. Jackson, 65-year-old member of Canada's famed Group of Seven, had a look Wednesday at Vancouver's new art gallery. He said some of his paintings were "too bad, then added: "It looks like it was fun" (CP Wirephoto)

Federal Labor Minister Charged With Supporting Shipping Group

OTTAWA (CP) — The New Democratic Party said Wednesday that Labor Minister Nicholson was "too close" to the Quebec ports strike.

His statement of Monday was sounded like a press release from the Shipping Federation of Canada, New Democrat Leader Douglas said at Commons debate focused on the strike.

Both he and Conservative Leader Diefenbaker demanded a full statement from Mr. Nicholson.

Mr. Douglas questioned Mr. Nicholson's assertion Monday that fantastic wage increases were offered the striking longshoremen, engaged in a contract dispute with the federation.

He asked whether figures the labor minister offered longshoremen last weekend were a basis for negotiation, or were they firm. Was the shipping federation "committed to them?"

QUESTIONS STATEMENT
He also questioned Mr. Nicholson's statement that such casual workers as students and taxi drivers would be the ones laid off in a 15-per-cent labor cutback.

Calling this a basic issue, Mr. Douglas said the 15 per cent comprises veteran longshoremen only able to work part time and questioned whether the shipping federation is trying to get rid of aging workers so it won't have to pay pensions.

Vehicle for the sharp-edged (Continued on page 3, col. 6)

Balky Computer Delays Gemini 9

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — A balky black box prevented the flight of the Gemini 9 astronauts Wednesday, forcing them to wait until Friday for a chance to catch a target in the skies.

The astronauts, Thomas P. Stafford and Eugene A. Cernan, greeted their third postponement with dejection.

The target itself still may be wearing the shroud that protected it at launch—and if it is, may thwart docking attempts when Gemini 9 finally takes off in pursuit.

The failure blocked the vital guidance signals being sent to the spacecraft computer in the last minutes of the countdown.

The latest delay forced flight experts to take a hard look at the flight plan, possibly rescheduling some events in the three-day space mission.

The flight was postponed for two days because the Gemini's space target—a makeshift flying barrel—won't be in position to be caught during prime time today. And it takes two days to check the Titan II rocket anyway.

"I just can't believe it. I just can't believe it," Cernan, 32, said when the guidance control trouble halted the countdown three minutes from blast-off. His 2½-hour space walk is to be the highlight of the reduced flight plan.

All Stafford could say was "aw shucks" just what he was quoted as saying when a Gemini 9 mission was postponed May 17 after its intended space target failed to go into orbit and was lost at sea.

ORBIT ACHIEVED
The new space target—an 11-foot, cut-down version Cernan calls "a dead bird" because it lacks engine power—went into orbit as scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday, riding a perfectly performing Atlas rocket spacecraft.

It is orbiting the earth in a nearly perfect circle about 185 miles high. But because the earth turns beneath the orbit of the target ship, flight officials must wait until a favorable time to match the intended orbit of the Gemini from Cape Kennedy to the constant orbit of the target.

Four Liberal Senators Announce Retirement

OTTAWA (CP) — Four senators over the age of 75 have retired, bringing the number of independents in the Senate to 11, announced Wednesday.

The retiring senators, all Liberals, are Mrs. Marina Jodoin, 76, of Montreal; William H. Taylor, 76, Brantford; Thomas Alexander Crerar, 79, Winnipeg; and Clarence Veniot, 80, Bathurst, N.B.

The retirements brought to 12 the number of aged senators who have left on an \$8,000 annual allowance since the Senate retirement act became law a year ago.

A total of 27 senators who were 75 and over when the act came into force had until Wednesday to choose their retirement and serving out their terms.

Those appointed in the last year and all future senators will be required to retire at 75, before being appointed to the Senate in 1965.

The 11 vacant seats are distributed among seven provinces: Quebec has three vacancies, Ontario and Newfoundland two apiece, and Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba, one each.

Senate standings now are Liberals 57, Conservatives 31, Independents two and Independent Liberal one. There are 102 seats.

Senator Jodoin is a former vice-president of the Federation of Liberal Women of Canada and was active for many years in welfare and social organizations. She entered the Senate in 1957.

Senator Crerar, who turns 90 next June 17, was the oldest member of the Senate when he entered the Borden Union government as agriculture minister in 1917, became leader of the old Progressive party and later served for 11 years in Liberal cabinets. He entered the Senate in 1945.

Senator Taylor sat in the Commons for 19 consecutive years and served as Liberal whip during the Second World War before being appointed to the Senate in 1945.

Senator Veniot is a retired surgeon and was MP for Gloucester from 1936 to 1945, when he was named to the Senate. His father, Pierre J. Veniot, was a Liberal premier of New Brunswick and postmaster-general of Canada.

Threat To Civil Liberty Seen By Diefenbaker

Moon Pictures From Surveyor 1 Expected To Be Received Today

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Surveyor 1 and its camera coasted Wednesday night to a successful soft landing on the moon, with its electronic brain radiating "All is well."

If all continues well, the 2,200-pound spacecraft was to brake its 6,000-mile-an-hour speed with retrorockets and settle gently in the dry Sea of Storms at 2:17 a.m. EDT today.

Scientists at Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is guiding the quarter-million-mile flight, say a successful touchdown would be a major advance in the race to land men on the moon.

Russia's Luna IX used retrorockets to slow its descent prior to sending the first pictures from the lunar surface Feb. 3—but it was designed to withstand a fall from several hundred feet, a distance that would have killed a man.

WILL TAKE PICTURES
Surveyor 1 was designed to settle on three shock-absorbing legs at about eight m.p.h. and begin taking pictures comparable to if not better than those of Luna IX.

The first was expected to be visible on earth television screens about 30 minutes after Surveyor touched down. Major U.S. networks were prepared to televise live from the laboratory.

The picture would show one of the spacecraft's circular feet and tell how well it survived the landing. Some detail of the terrain near the foot was expected to be disclosed.

Some 30 minutes later, the camera was to begin swiveling around to another foot and look up to the horizon and back down at the surface.

ROUTINE SET
Thirty minutes before touchdown, some 2,000 miles out, small gas jets were to twist Surveyor around to point its feet at the landing site.

Three minutes before touchdown three small retrorockets were to ignite and keep the craft stable during the firing of a large downward-firing rocket. The main rocket's 40-second burn was to brake the speed to 250 m.p.h. from about 6,000 m.p.h.

The smaller rockets then would power the craft the remaining seven miles to the surface, cutting off at height of 14 feet after slowing the speed to 3½ m.p.h.

After dropping to the surface, Surveyor was to send 20 minutes of technical information about its condition, then transmit its first picture.



MODERATOR
Rev. G. Deane Johnston, minister of Brantford's Central Presbyterian Church, Wednesday was elected by acclamation to the office of moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The general assembly is being held at Toronto this year. (CP Wirephoto)

Americans Use New Weapons

SAIGON (AP) — United States Navy air offensive against North Viet Nam.

Both the air force and the navy disclosed Wednesday fresh devices to suppress Communist flak, which pilots have described as "so thick you could walk on it."

The air force told guardedly of "a new type of ordnance" which its fighter-bombers used for their heaviest strike at a single target in the war. This was a raid on the Yen Bai supply and rail center, 80 miles northwest of Hanoi.

A spokesman declined to describe the weapon, but said the delivery was precise and the results were devastating.

He said 25 anti-aircraft emplacements were silenced. The raiders were credited with destroying 72 warehouses and damaging 44 of 120 buildings.

THREE PLANES LOST
Anti-aircraft fire, however, downed three U.S. jets, boosting to 251 the number of planes lost over North Viet Nam since the start of the air campaign Feb. 7, 1965. The pilot of one was rescued.

The U.S. Navy's new weapon is a vastly improved model of the Bullpup air-to-ground missile. Carrier-based pilots report a high rate of success from a radar guidance system that enables them to steer the winged explosive carriers all the way down.

The old Bullpups, which cruised at nearly twice the speed of sound, were highly regarded. Reliability was reported to be in excess of 90 per cent. The pilot used a hand switch to transmit radio command signals. The range was seven to 10 miles.

Strike By QPP May Be Averted

QUEBEC (CP) — Five lawyers were closeted Wednesday night thrashing out details of an agreement which it is hoped will prevent today's scheduled strike by Quebec's 2,300 provincial policemen.

A spokesman said there remained only one major point to be settled.

The lawyers, three representing the 1,800-member Quebec Provincial Police and the other two acting for the government, have met behind closed doors since Wednesday night.

The negotiators have declined official comment on progress of the talks, aimed at averting the province-wide strike scheduled for noon today.

VOTED LAST FRIDAY
The association voted last Friday in favor of a strike because of a government refusal to recognize it as a bargaining agent.

Winnipeg Man To Head CBPP

VICTORIA (CP) — Cedric Eason of Winnipeg has been re-elected as president of the association of Canadian Better Business Bureaus.

Moncton Man Electrocutted

MONCTON (CP) — Joseph Roy Williams, 30, of Moncton died Wednesday when he was electrocuted while working on a plaster mixing machine. An inquest has been ruled unnecessary.

Buddhists In Saigon Protest Compromise Deal With Ky

By ANDREW BOROWICZ
SAIGON (AP) — Premier Nguyen Cao Ky's military government and his Buddhist critics agreed Wednesday on a formula to give civilians a voice in guidance of South Viet Nam toward the general election Sept. 11. Buddhist crowds protested the compromise.

The agreement capped a day of rowdiness in which students sacked and burned the U.S. consulate in Hue and a screaming mob of youths burned a paper effigy of President Johnson in Saigon to emphasize their opposition to American support of Ky's regime.

Twenty monks and nuns doused themselves with gasoline in the muddy compound of the Buddhist Institute and threatened to commit suicide by fire, as five Buddhists had done in the last five days. But other monks intervened and a loud speaker of the main pagoda called for an end to such self-sacrifice.

TO ADD CIVILIANS
Highlights of the compromise formula:

—Ten civilians are to be added to the existing 10-man military directorate, with June 5 as the target date. The civilians will be named by "mass organizations, religions and political parties." A commune failed to spell out exactly how.

—The enlarged directorate is to elect a chairman June 6. The chairman of the existing directorate is Lt. Gen. Nguyen Van Thieu, the Roman Catholic chief of state.

—The enlarged directorate will name a "people's and armed forces council" to assist the present war cabinet in the interim before the election of a constituent assembly Sept. 11.

Church Meeting Begins Today

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP) — Advance organizers arrived here Wednesday night to complete arrangements for the 42nd annual meeting of the Maritime conference of the United Church of Canada opening today.

The conference, to be attended by delegates from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Bermuda will end Monday.

Storm Flares On RCMP File

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Diefenbaker demanded to know Wednesday when and how an RCMP file on Arthur Vachon got into the hands of the Quebec government.

He also served notice in the Commons that he will move adjournment of the regular debate today to discuss the issue. He said it affects civil liberties of Canadians.

Prime Minister Pearson, replying to Mr. Diefenbaker, said there has been no change in a policy by which RCMP files are available only to authorized officials of the federal government.

But, he added, there is a necessary exchange of information between law enforcement agencies.

The storm brewed up over statements by Quebec Premier Lesage about Mr. Vachon, president of the Quebec Provincial Police Association.

Mr. Lesage is reported to have said Mr. Vachon, dismissed from the QPP as a security risk and the RCMP was a file on him which had been turned over to Quebec Justice Minister Claude Wagner.

Mr. Diefenbaker said RCMP files shouldn't be used in a provincial election campaign to destroy an individual. Quebec votes Sunday in a provincial election.

Speaker Lucien Lamoureux ruled a series of Conservative questions on the issue out of order.

Drug Price Probe Due

OTTAWA (CP) — A special Commons investigation of drug prices will go ahead next week, a year to the day after the federal government formally made the commitment to hold such an inquiry.

Health Minister MacEachen is tentatively scheduled as the first witness.

Later witnesses will include Revenue Minister Benson, the Canadian Pharmacists Association, the Canadian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, the Canadian Medical Association and a number of individuals and private price inquiry has been kicking around Parliament for several years. It temporarily was set aside for a special investigation in 1964 of drug safety and of the hazards of food contamination from insecticides and pesticides.

Both Sides Hold Talks In Quebec Ports Strike

MONTREAL (CP) — Both sides in the longshoremen's strike at three Quebec ports were holding "discussions in Montreal Wednesday in a renewed effort to end the walkout that began 3½ weeks ago.

"We're just discussing," said federal mediator Judge Rene Lippe when asked whether a meeting attended by labor and management as well as by himself was tantamount to full-scale negotiations.

The judge would not make any further statements about the nature or progress of the talks.

Meantime, the Montreal waterfront, hit by violence Tuesday, appeared generally peaceful as an estimated 400 policemen kept close watch.

In Montreal municipal court, seven men pleaded not guilty to charges of trespassing on property owned by the National Harbors Board and of disturbing the peace.

FOLLOWED VIOLENCE
The charges resulted from Tuesday disturbances in which gangs of men damaged trucks and officers and hurled shouts and some stones at police.

Trial of the men was set for June 8. Bail ranged between \$50 and \$400.

Also attending the settlement talks Wednesday was George Haythorne, the federal deputy minister of labor.

Peaceful Voting Reported As Dominicans Go To Polls

SANTO DOMINGO (AP) — Dominicans by the thousands turned out at voting booths Wednesday to settle peacefully the issue they were trying to resolve through violence a year ago—restoration of democratic rule, of which Dominicans have had only seven months in the last 36 years.

With women in "surprisingly large numbers, voters lined up early to elect a new president, president, Congress and mayors.

The Unified Security Command-armed forces and national police said there had been no reports of disturbances. For a violence-prone republic that was in the grip of a civil war a year ago, this was "the most unbelievable," an official of the Organization of American States noted.

A definite result is not expected until sometime today unless a landslide develops.

Bosch won the 1962 election with 58 per cent of the total votes cast. The military ousted him in September, 1963, after he had been in power seven months. The revolution was launched in April, 1965, in an effort to restore him to power.

Parent-Teacher Officers Named

FREDERICTON (CP) — C. V. Madder of Winnipeg was elected Wednesday president of the Canadian Home and School and Parent-Teacher Federation at the group's annual meeting here. He succeeds A. J. Sands of Shelburne, N.S.

Elected regional vice-presidents were M. F. Hagan, Charlottetown; Robert E. Hector, Beausfield, Que.; and Dr. E. D. Gillespie, Saskatoon, Sask.

Seamen's Strike Aimed At British Oil Supplies

LONDON (CP) — A judicial inquiry opens formal sessions today into the British seamen's strike, which took an ominous turn Wednesday by hitting for the first time this island country's oil supplies.

The 53,000-ton Esso Spain was declared black at Southampton Friday by the National Seamen's Union, acting for the first time against big ships with foreign, non-union crews.

The union also moved—although apparently not with such direct effect—against the 49,645-ton Esso Austria, which left Milford Haven, Wales, Tuesday, when union officials were on the way to her berth. Both ships flew the Panamanian flag. The Esso Spain has Italian officers and Spanish crew members, the union said.

The union charged the Esso Co. with deliberately shifting British-crew tankers to foreign ports and bringing foreign-crew vessels here to break the strike, called for better pay and working conditions. The practice has been the topic of newspaper articles.

THREATENED OIL COMPANIES
A spokesman threatened further action if oil companies continued diverting British flag tankers away from British ports, where they would be immobilized as soon as they docked.

British crews still at sea were becoming annoyed and might walk off at foreign ports. Union Chief William Hogarth said the dispute was fast becoming a crisis and unless action was taken soon the union might ask other workers in Britain and elsewhere to back the strike.

The judicial inquiry, with Lord Pearson as chairman, held an informal meeting Tuesday and since has studied submissions by the union and the shipping federation.

MANY DIVORCES SAID PLANNED

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — A clergyman said Wednesday that a "staggering number" of United Church ministers are contemplating divorce.

Rev. H. W. Vaughan, secretary of the church's board of colleges and schools, said at the London conference of the United Church that "you would be amazed" at the number of ministers considering divorce. He gave no figures.

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