

**Rockade  
Haits  
Divorces**

By JOHN E. BIRD  
OTTAWA (CP) — Parliamentary machinery for granting divorces to Quebec and Newfoundland petitioners has ground to a halt.  
The New Democratic Party's divorce blockade in the Commons has proved so effective that the Senate divorce committee has heard no petitions this session and plans none until the deadlock is broken.  
Senator Arthur Roebuck (Ontario), committee chairman, said in an interview Wednesday that the blockade is a "terrible outrage."

Residents of Quebec and Newfoundland who do not oppose divorce on religious grounds are being deprived of a right guaranteed to them at the time of Confederation," he said.

Parliament grants divorces to petitioners from Quebec and Newfoundland because the two provinces do not have divorce courts. The Senate divorce committee hears the evidence and, on approved petitions, the Senate passes bills which are sent to the Commons for approval.

**PREVENT APPROVAL**  
The NDP blockade becomes effective when the bills reach the Commons. Procedural roadblocks and protracted accusation of individual bills are used by NDP members to prevent Commons approval of any of the bills, which may be debated only one hour a week.

Senator Roebuck said that as a result of the blockade there is a backlog of 494 divorce petitions approved by the Senate during the last two sessions of the previous Parliament. In addition, a total of more than 500 new divorce actions have been filed with the Senate but have not been heard by the committee.

Petitioners were required to pay \$20 when they filed an application for divorce. By the time a divorce was approved by the Senate, a petitioner had spent upwards of \$1,000.

Senator Roebuck said the committee decided not to hear more cases "because it's not fair to put people through this sort of thing."

**ACTION PLANNED**  
Meanwhile, indications are growing that the new Liberal government plans action to get the parliamentary divorce mill going again.

Some senators are hopeful that a government promise of action to meet NDP objections to the Commons having to handle divorce cases will be given soon by Prime Minister Pearson.

The NDP wants parliamentary divorces handled by the Exchequer Court of Canada or appointment of a royal commission to study the question. Another suggestion is that the Senate be empowered by an act to grant divorces by way of a resolution, taking them out of the Commons.

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**New Trial Is Granted In Rape Case**

QUEBEC (CP)—Roger Tremblay, 40, Silery businessman convicted of raping a 17-year-old girl, has been granted a new trial. It was disclosed Wednesday.

Five judges of the Quebec Court of Appeal said the trial that led to Tremblay's conviction Dec. 19 and sentence to eight years in prison was not fair.

Tremblay recently was released on \$25,000 property bail, pending decision on the appeal. The judges said it was "unhappy" that a change of venue had not been granted by the trial judge.

Mr. Justice George Montigny noted it must have been difficult "to find 12 jurors who did not have preconceived ideas about the case."

Mr. Justice George Owen said he felt Tremblay had not had a fair trial "principally" because of the way the Crown had handled the case.

Mr. Justice Montigny said the Crown prosecutor had been evasive in making Tremblay "odious" in the eyes of the jury.

The trial judge had erred in telling the jury there was no need for corroboration of testimony "on the fact of sexual relations, nor on the absence of consent of the accused."

The alleged rape took place last year when Tremblay picked up the girl, who was hitchhiking to work, and took her to his home.

**PRIEST FINED**  
HAMILTON, Ont. (CP) — A Roman Catholic priest from Kitchener, Ont., was fined \$100 Tuesday for impaired driving and prohibited from driving for three months. The Rev. Jerome Arnold, 53, pleaded guilty to the charge in county magistrate's court before Magistrate Albert Marck. Constable G. N. Hartmier testified a motorist had stopped him June 11 to report a car "all over the highway." Constable Hartmier said the motorist told him the car had come in near collision with a truck. A second charge of careless driving was withdrawn by the crown.

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