

## DISREGARD CRITICISM

# Commission To Continue Opinion Survey Of MPs

OTTAWA (CP) — The royal commission on bilingualism and multiculturalism said Tuesday it will continue its opinion survey of members of Parliament, despite strong criticism of the questionnaire by Prime Minister Pearson and Conservative MPs.

A statement issued by commission co-chairmen Andre Laurendeau and Davidson Dunton said the same questionnaire will be used in voluntary, confidential interviews with MPs as long as a "high response rate" continues.

Without referring to Mr. Pearson by name, the statement denied his contention in the Commons Monday that some of the questions being put to MPs are "irrelevant and highly inappropriate."

"A questionnaire is a research tool," the co-chairmen said. "It should be assessed in its entirety and not by isolating any of the component parts."

The statement said 67 MPs have agreed to be interviewed since the survey began about two months ago, while eight had refused.

"The commission has been charged with carrying out an inquiry, and that in fact is precisely what it is trying to do. Surely in all good sense it should not be hampered or

blocked as it endeavors to fulfill the purpose for which it was established, nor be called on



### VISIT PLANNED

Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri of India, will pay a two-day official visit to Canada at the end of May, it was announced Tuesday. After talks with Prime Minister Pearson, he will go on to the United States for talks with President Johnson. (CP Wirephoto)

continually to justify the methods which after careful consideration it deems suitable.

**PRECEDENT SEEN**  
"We believe this would be a dangerous precedent from which the work of this and other royal commissions could suffer."

Mr. Pearson told the House Monday he did not want to interfere with the inquiry, but he would not reply personally to some of the questions drafted by the commission's research department.

"I would think after reviewing what was said this morning in the House of Commons, the royal commission might wish to have another look at this questionnaire," the prime minister said.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker and several of his followers complained previously that the commission was "snooping" in party politics with questions that had nothing to do with its terms of reference.

## Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

TUESDAY, April 13, 1965  
The Commons ended the throne speech debate and began a 12-day Easter recess. It resumes April 26.

A final confidence vote on acceptance of the throne speech was won by the minority Liberal government on a voice vote.

Social Credit Leader Thompson complained the CBC is spending money without the approval of Parliament.

Agriculture Minister Hays said the Conservatives lacked the imagination or guts to bring in solid farm policies.

Robert Coates (PC-Cambridge) called for a royal commission to study the infiltration of organized crime in the federal government.

Andrew Brewin (NDP-Toronto Greenwood) said the proposed formula for amending the constitution is too rigid to ever be used.

**S' side Plane Spots Missing Nfld. Sealers**  
HALIFAX (CP) — A helicopter from the federal icebreaker Labrador plucked three Newfoundland seal hunters from an ice floe in the strait of Belle Isle late Tuesday night.

The RCMP rescue Centre here said the men, missing since Saturday, were in good condition.

An Argus aircraft out of Summerside, P.E.I., lead the Labrador to the floe after the pilot had earlier spotted the men. The icebreaker was about 16 miles away at the time.

The men are Gerald Plozman, 35, Abigail Plozman, 31, and Wilson Dyer, all of River of Ponds, on the northern peninsula. The Plozmans were hunting from a 16-foot boat Saturday when it became jammed in ice.

Dyer attempted to cross ice floes to them from another boat.

# Big Communist Drive Forecast In Viet Nam



## Henry Cabot Lodge Will Seek Support

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials said Tuesday the Communists may be preparing for a big push in central or northern South Viet Nam, where thousands of U.S. troops are stationed.

And in a separate development, President Johnson assigned Henry Cabot Lodge to fly to a half-dozen Asian countries to bolster support for U.S. Viet Nam policy.

Lodge will leave this week for the talks with leaders in Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Formosa, Japan and South Korea, the White House announced.

The former Republican vice-presidential nominee and ambassador to Saigon has been advising Johnson on the Vietnamese question.

The prospect of a major Communist offensive and a lack of Communist interest in peace talks were reported at a semi-annual foreign policy briefing at the state department given to some 600 reporters and broadcasters.

## North Viet Nam Targets Pounded By 80 Aircraft

SAIGON (AP) — A force of 80 U.S. and South Vietnamese Air Force planes pounded North Viet Nam Tuesday, wrecking a bridge and hitting radar stations with rockets and napalm.

A U.S. spokesman said all planes returned safely. A North Vietnamese dispatch broadcast by Peking radio said three U.S. planes were shot down by ground fire and many others were damaged.

As the raids thundered on within 130 miles of Hanoi, the North Vietnamese capital, the U.S. embassy disclosed that a U.S. aid official was shot and killed by the Communist Viet Cong guerrillas Jan. 12.

Joseph W. Grainger, 39, a U.S. economic assistance representative in South Viet Nam's Phu Yen province, captured in an ambush Aug. 8, was shot after he escaped from the Viet Cong and for seven days wandered through a swamp. The U.S. mission called it a "brutal murder."

In Tuesday's raids on North Viet Nam, aimed at cutting supplies of men and material to the Viet Cong in South Viet Nam, seven South Vietnamese bombers dropped 50 tons of bombs on the bridge at Thanh Yen, about 70 miles north of the South Vietnamese border.

For 15 minutes, the planes subjected the two targets to an ordeal of rocket and napalm-flaming jellied gasoline-attack with what was called "moderate success." No enemy planes were sighted, and anti-aircraft fire was reported light to moderate.

One other U.S. aid mission employee is being held by the Viet Cong. He is Gustav G. Hertz of Leesburg, Va., chief of the U.S. aid public administration division.

He was captured near Saigon Feb. 2 while riding a motor scooter to nearby Thu Duc. The Viet Cong have threatened to execute Hertz if a Viet Cong terrorist who helped to blow up the U.S. Embassy here is executed.

## Commons Begins Easter Recess

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons completed debate of the government's throne speech Tuesday night and adjourned for a 12-day Easter recess.

The motion to approve the throne speech was passed on a voice vote on the sixth day of debate.

The debate usually lasts eight days.

During the debate the opposition tested the government with four non-confidence motions.

MPs are to return April 26 when Finance Minister Gordon

## Merchants Ass'n Head Dies In Ont.

TORONTO (CP) — David A. Gilbert, 50, general manager of the Retail Merchants Association, died in hospital here Monday after a short illness.

Mr. Gilbert was a native of Kenora, Ont., and spent 15 years in business in Winnipeg.

He was chairman of the Value Stabilization Council of Canada and president of the Equitable Income Tax Foundation.

He became general manager of the merchants association, a national body, in 1954.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Mr. Gilbert was known by a large number of retail merchants in this province where he had addressed a number of meetings.

## Compulsory Breath Tests Urged By Bar Association

By RONALD LEBEL  
OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Bar Association is urging the federal government to amend the Criminal Code to make breath tests compulsory for drivers suspected of being intoxicated.

The lawyers' group announced Tuesday it has asked for new laws that would make it an automatic misdemeanor for anyone to drive with an alcohol content of .08 per cent or more in their blood.

Persons who refused to submit to a breath test without cause would also commit an offence.

Convictions under the proposed Criminal Code provisions would be punishable by fines of up to \$500, or up to three months in jail or suspension of driving privileges for up to three years. No minimum penalties would be specified in the law, leaving more discretion to magistrates.

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## Outer Space Listening Post Is Suggested

OTTAWA (CP) — A minister in the former Conservative government suggested in the Commons Tuesday that the present Liberal government acquire facilities to listen to messages from outer space.

Angus MacLean (PC-Queens) asked Mines Minister Benidickson whether the Dominion Observatory had facilities to evaluate radio signals from outer space, such as reported Monday by Russian scientists.

Mr. Benidickson said so far as he knew, the observatory is not capable of assessing the signals.

Mr. MacLean then suggested the government "provide such capability to the observatory, since the government apparently doesn't listen to intelligent beings elsewhere."

## 9 Inches Snow Falls In Maine

PORTLAND, Me. (AP) — A spring storm brought up to nine inches of snow to parts of Maine Tuesday.

The U.S. weather bureau reported depths from one inch at Augusta to nine at Greenville up to 7 a.m. Sleet as well as snow was reported in most areas. But in the southern part of the state the storm brought mostly rain.

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## Train In Nfld. Stuck In Drifts

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A westbound passenger express train was delayed about 12 hours in the Gaff Topsails Mountains in central Newfoundland Monday night when it became stuck in snowdrifts.

CNR operations manager E. J. Healy said a wheel came off a car on a freight train late Monday causing a minor derailment. While the passenger unit was waiting for the track to be cleared, snow drifted in and the train was unable to move.

A work train from St. John's reached the stranded unit early Tuesday and had it moving before noon.

The delay was expected to make trains up to five hours late for the next 24 hours.

## Weather Hampers Search For Plane

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard said Tuesday a search for a private airplane overdue at Gander, Nfld., on a flight Monday from Kennedy Airport in New York.

The plane was believed to have only one person aboard, a pilot listed as "Robinson" but not otherwise identified.

The plane, described as a twin-engine Piper Apache, was being ferried to Africa via Gander. It left Kennedy Airport at 1 p.m. and was last reported over Boston.

The search was being conducted by a coast guard cutter and planes from Argentina, Nfld., Halifax, and Salem, Mass.

Bad weather and poor visibility hampered the search, the coast guard said.

The coast guard said the Triangle Grain Corp. of Newark, N.J., was listed as owner of the plane.

## Finns Agree To Build Nfld. Mill

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Premier Smallwood told the Newfoundland legislature Tuesday the Finnish firm of United Paper Mills has agreed to build a \$50,000,000 pulp and paper mill for the Newfoundland Pulp and Chemical Company.

The announcement follows the premier's meeting last week with United officials in Helsinki.

The mill will be financed by Newfoundland Pulp aided by a government-backed \$15,000,000 bond issue. The premier said the Finnish company will not invest in the mill.

He said United will supervise construction of the mill they design and will arrange for the sale of the output, estimated at about 500 tons a day initially.

And, United has an option to buy the mill after an undisclosed time.

The premier said construction begins this year with production in 1966. United will also study opportunities to market the mill's production in Canada.

## Russians Repudiate Space Signals Story

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet scientists repudiated Tuesday a Tass report they uncovered evidence of intelligent beings in space trying to communicate with other planets.

They called distorted a report Monday night by the Soviet news agency they had received radio signals from a "super-civilization" deep in space.

The report touched off sceptical reactions from scientists around the world.

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GAS WELL BLOWS IN AND BLAZES

This is the scene of a burning gas well near Cool, Texas, which blew in and caught fire Sunday night. Famed oil well-fighter Red Adair of Houston is scheduled to start fire fighting today in an effort to extinguish the flames. Walt Sisco, of the Dallas Morning News made this photograph. (AP Wirephoto)

## Queen's Berlin Visit Sparks Wide Anxiety

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN  
LONDON (CP) — A rumbling controversy over the Queen's scheduled visit to West Berlin reached the floor of the House of Commons Tuesday.

Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Tory leader spoke of "wide anxiety" about the visit in the monarch and Prince Philip to West Berlin, focal point of a renewed war of nerves between the Soviet Union and the Western powers.

Prime Minister Wilson replied the Labor government would not hesitate to modify its advice to the Queen if there was any danger that the visit would be in any way inappropriate.

The controversy recalls the worrisome visit by the Queen and Philip to Canada last year and, even more vividly, their trip to rebellion-torn Sudan in February.

John Rankin, a Labor member for Glasgow, raised the issue Tuesday when he noted Berlin is within Communist East German territory and Soviet jet planes staged spectacular demonstrations along the air corridors to the city last week.

Wilson said that, while the previous Tory government advised the queen to visit West Germany, he took full responsibility for the subsequent advice that she go to West Berlin.

Wilson said that the late president Kennedy and other leaders had regarded a visit to West Berlin as a normal part of a visit by a head of state to West Germany.

## Cleanup Squads Seeking Victims

CHICAGO (AP) — Volunteers contigued digging Tuesday into twisted rubble for additional victims of more than a dozen separate tornadoes that raked a six-state U.S. midwest area Sunday with devastating effect.

The count of dead climbed to 249 as cleanup crews dug into smashed homes, businesses and farm buildings, mainly in Indiana and Ohio, where the twisters took their heaviest tolls.

There were no official figures on the number of persons hurt in the Palm Sunday onslaught but Red Cross officials estimated at least 5,000 suffered injuries to some extent. The dollar loss was placed at more than \$25,000,000.

The death toll in Indiana, where an undetermined number of persons was reported missing, stood at 141. Ohio reported

54 dead, Michigan 44, Illinois seven and Wisconsin three. Only Iowa escaped the twisters' without a fatality.

Cleanup operations were stepped up in most of the affected areas as utility workers restored electric power and telephone communications, cut off by the deadly tornadoes.

Ohio officials estimated that damage in 22 northern counties from the Indiana border in Cleveland suburbs would total at least \$50,000,000.

In northern Indiana, officials of Elkhart County, where at least 65 of the state's 141 victims died, said they expected to find additional bodies as the search continues.

The Indiana insurance institute estimated the loss in buildings and personal property at \$150,000,000.

Michigan placed its loss at more than \$50,000,000.