



**ASTRONAUTS GET CLEAR VIEW OF EARTH**

Cmdr. James A. Lovell, Jr., on a brilliantly clear day during his 14-day journey around the world in the Gemini 7 spacecraft, made this picture of the earth showing rugged terrain near the sea. The picture was released Tuesday at the Manned Space Center near Houston, Tex. NASA officials

identified the picture as that of Wadi Hadramaut, Aden, via AP Wirephoto

**Harmon Field Decision Is Months Away**

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal officials said it will be months before the government can decide how to put to use Harmon Field, the big American base in Newfoundland scheduled to be abandoned by the U.S. Air Force in December, 1966.

They declined comment on the statement by Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland that Harmon may become a big RCAF base.

They said several government departments are studying uses for the base that would provide civilian employment. These studies would be continuing for some time before the government could reach a decision.

External Affairs Minister Martin, then acting prime minister, said about two weeks ago that the government would consider steps to be taken in co-operation with Newfoundland to meet the problems involved in the closing of the base by the U.S.

**East Kootenay Daily Suspends**

KIMBERLEY (CP)—The East Kootenay Chronicle has announced temporary suspension of publication of the daily effective Dec. 24 until the business climate improves.

Manager Philip Stannard said all stock and equipment would be retained at the newspaper's plant here but there would be a reduction in staff.

"We shall vigorously extend the commercial printing department," Mr. Stannard said. "When there is a demand, not just a desire, for a daily newspaper in the area, we will be ready to roll again."

The Chronicle began daily publication in September 1964, serving the east Kootenay area. Prior to publishing as a daily it was known as the Kimberley News, a weekly.

Mr. Stannard said the possibility of reverting to weekly status early in January is being "seriously investigated" but plans are still indefinite.

**Dept. Store Sales Higher**

OTTAWA (CP)—November department store sales were 6.6 per cent higher this year than in the 1964, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has reported.

It said increases were registered in all provinces and regions.

They were The Atlantic provinces 6.6 per cent; Quebec 13.6 per cent; Ontario 11.8 per cent; Manitoba 12.2 per cent; Saskatchewan 11.3 per cent; Alberta 11.2 per cent; and British Columbia 13 per cent.

**CNR Car Orders Go To Ont., Que.**

MONTREAL (CP)—The CNR has ordered a total of 400 flat cars from companies with plants in Quebec and Ontario, it was announced here.

The railway said the orders will cost \$5,000,000.

One order for 200 flat cars went to International Equipment Co. Ltd. of Montreal. The cars are to be built in the company's plant at Napanee, Ont. The other 200 cars will be built by Marine Industries Ltd. of Sorel, Que.

**CO-OPERATE ON WEAPONS**  
Canada and Norway are co-operating in the manufacture of U.S.-designed anti-tank rockets for NATO troops.

**French-Language News Agency Called Unnecessary, Unfeasible**

OTTAWA (CP)—A.F. Mercier, honorary president of The Canadian Press, said here that an independent French language news agency is unnecessary and unfeasible.

Appearing for the national news-gathering co-operative before the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism, Mr. Mercier said member newspapers are satisfied with the service provided in both English and French.

Persons in Quebec who had proposed the creation of a French-language news service were well intentioned but they were not aware of the great increase in costs that would be involved.

Mr. Mercier, vice-president and general manager of Quebec Le Soleil and l'Evenement, was replying to questions by commissioner Paul Lacoste.

Mr. Lacoste commented that many briefs to the commission had referred to a lack of communication and perception between Canada's two cultures. Why wasn't there a heavier flow of news across the country?

Mr. Mercier said The Canadian Press carries a high volume of Canadian news around the clock to most daily newspapers and broadcasting stations in Canada, but newspapers and stations served only a local or regional market and selected news items accordingly.

Canada lacked national newspapers like the New York Times, The Times of London and others published in Paris and Tokyo. National newspapers would not be economical in Canada without government subsidies and all newspapers opposed such subsidies on principle.

Mr. Mercier said subsidies or grants from the federal or provincial governments would rob a news agency or newspapers of their independence to report the news objectively. This had been the experience in France in the past.

He said the service in French of The Canadian Press is being strengthened in line with recommendations made earlier this year by a special committee of French-speaking news editors.

All copy filed from the Quebec bureau now was written in French and translated in Montreal for English-language newspapers. Meetings and speeches of national importance were

first reported in the original language, whether French or English.

**ADDS SERVICE**  
A second service in French correspondent would be posted in Ottawa in the near future. The complete North American service of Agence France Presse now was available to the service in French.

Gilles Purcell, CP general manager, said CP has a staff of 396 of whom 54 are French-Canadians. There were 42 bilingual reporters and editors out of 50 at the Montreal and Quebec bureaus and about 25 bilingual editorial staffers else.

Commissioner Frank Scott said "crackpot" briefs to the commission have been a small minority but have received more publicity than serious submissions.

Mr. Purcell replied that CP reported all briefs to the commission, always trying to keep them in perspective, but CP had no control over the selection of stories and headlines by member newspapers.

**ASKED PERCENTAGE**  
Commissioner Jaroslav B. Rudnycky asked what percentage of objectivity CP had

**Atlantic Flight Corridors Due To Be Cut To 90 Miles**

MONTREAL (CP)—An International Civil Aviation Organization source said here that as of Jan. 13 flight corridors across the north Atlantic will be reduced in width to 90 from 120 miles.

This, theoretically, allows for navigation error of 45 miles in

achieved in its coverage of the royal commission.

"One hundred per cent," Mr. Purcell replied amid laughter. He added that if the commissioners had any complaints he would be glad to discuss them. No complaints were mentioned.

Other CP representatives were William Stewart, chief of the Montreal bureau, and Bertrand Thibault, chief of Service in French.

Mr. Thibault said two-thirds of the copy on CP's French wire, which links 10 newspapers in Ontario and Quebec, is written by French-language CP and AFP reporters.

The balance was translated in Montreal from English despatches from CP, The Associated Press and Reuters news agency.

which would indicate flight danger, as a preliminary to a formal protest.  
The ICAO source said the pilots' attitude towards the new regulations is "consistent."  
When the standard was agreed on at a special ICAO north Atlantic council meeting last February, objections by the pilots resulted in its introduction being postponed pending further studies.

**DAUGHTER SLAIN**  
LITTLEHAMPTON, England (AP)—A 22-year-old gardener was charged Tuesday with killing his seven-week-old daughter after telling police she had been kidnapped. Leonard Maylin was arrested shortly after the baby was found dead.

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