



VETERAN OF TWO WARS

Lt Saunders, 84, of Toronto Royal Canadian Legion in Mon-watches proceedings of the 21st annual convention of the

Saunders has never missed a national convention in the 41-year history of the legion. (CP Wirephoto)

Slain Girl's Last Words Read From Tape Recording

CHESTER, England (Reuters)—The courtroom went silent for five minutes Wednesday as an all-male jury read transcripts of a tape recording containing the last known words of a 10-year-old murder victim.

"I have got to get home before 8 o'clock," the schoolgirl was then quoted publicly as saying. "I will get killed if I don't honest to God."

Questions Asked On Ferry Rates

OTTAWA — A series of eight questions dealing with the fare structure on the New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island ferries has been placed on the Common's order paper by David MacDonald, MP for Prince.

Macquarrie Sits Out Vote On NDP Motion

OTTAWA — Queens' MP Heath Macquarrie was the only one of four Prince Edward Island MPs who did not cast a vote on a New Democratic amendment on the government's budget Tuesday night.

DRASTIC ACTION THREATENED

CBC President Agrees To Meet TV Producers

HALIFAX (CP)—CBC President J. Alphonse Ouimet said Wednesday night he would attempt to meet personally next week with television producers in Toronto to discuss the firing of Patrick Watson and Laurier LaPierre, co-hosts of the CBC program This Hour Has Seven Days.

Mr. Ouimet, here for a CBC board of directors meeting, said in a telegram to the Toronto Producers' Association that he would arrange for an earlier meeting between the producers and CBC officials other than himself if the producers so wished.

Mr. Ouimet said the board is studying the producers' objections. The telegram, addressed to Tom Koch, president of the producers' group was a reply to a telegram sent by the producers to Mr. Ouimet Tuesday threatening "drastic action" if negotiations on the two dismissals were not re-opened.

The producers had said the action could include withdrawal of services if talks weren't arranged. RELEASED TEXT Mr. Ouimet's telegram read: "The board of directors acknowledges receipt of your association's telegram of April 19 dealing with the situation in

general and Seven Days in particular. The board is actively considering the whole question and is studying your objections. The board also confirms the desirability of my meeting with you as previously arranged at the earliest possible date. Will try to arrange for meeting next week. In the meantime, if you so wish, can arrange preliminary meeting tomorrow with other officials. You will be contacted separately on this."

A CBC spokesman said delivery of the telegram to Mr. Koch had been confirmed. The spokesman said arrangements also had been made for Reeves Haggan, supervisor of public affairs for the corporation, to meet with the board here Friday.



EARMARKED?

Laurier LaPierre, co-host of CBC-TV's This Hour Has Seven Days, said Wednesday that William Hogg, CBC director of news and public affairs, has been earmarked for "elimination" by the corporation. (CP Wirephoto)

Lobstermen Get 1-Hour Break In Starting Time This Year

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — Lobster fishermen will be able to get a one hour earlier start in setting their gear at the opening of the lobster fishing season this year, Fisheries Minister H.J. Robitcaud announced here Wednesday.

The change applies to districts 7A, 7B, 7C and 8 in the Maritime Provinces. In the three No. 7 districts, the opening hour will be 8 a.m. Daylight Saving Time, April 30.

In district 8 it will be 8:00 a.m. Daylight Time on August 9. The last day for lobster fishing in the number 7 districts is June 30. District 8 closes after October 10.

For P.E.I. fishermen the major district is 7B which includes the entire north shore of P.E.I. and the eastern and southern shores of Kings and Queens Counties in P.E.I. The Northumberland Strait shore of Prince County is included in district 8. Daylight-Saving Time starts in most of Canada on Sunday, April 24.

Dallenbach Gets Job For 1 Year

Rudi Dallenbach has been engaged to work in this province for a one-year period beginning Aug. 1 under an agreement between this province and the ARDA people, Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae announced last night. The federal and island government are sharing 50-50 in paying Mr. Dallenbach's salary and expenses, it was explained.

Mr. Dallenbach, a native of Switzerland, came here from Bromo County, Ontario to work as a rural development officer for ARDA. His present contract runs out the end of June and Mr. Ballanbach is taking one month of specialized training in the United States before starting the new position here. The minister warmly praised Mr. Dallenbach. "He's done an excellent job here," Mr. MacRae said.

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Hog Conference Is Scheduled

AMHERST (CP)—Hog quality improvement and grading standards will be discussed at the Maritime hog conference here next Wednesday.

The conference is sponsored by Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island departments of agriculture in cooperation with hog producers.

Plant Unaffected By Mine Closing

SYDNEY (CP)—A spokesman for the Dosco steel works here said Wednesday that closure of the Wabana iron ore mines in Newfoundland will have no effect on Dosco steel plant here.

Dosco announced Tuesday the iron ore mines on Bell Island will be closed by June 30.

U.S. Jets Cut Traffic

SAIGON (AP)—Bridge-busting U.S. jets, hurtling past chattering missiles, have just about halted all main highway traffic in the North Vietnamese industrial heart and between Hanoi and Haiphong, American authorities said Wednesday. A spokesman said one span of the railway bridge and two spans of the highway bridge were destroyed in this third straight day of attacks on Red river delta targets.

43 Killed Aboard Train

GAUHATI, India (Reuters)—Forty-three persons were killed and 127 injured when a blast rocked a passenger train Wednesday night at Lumding railway junction, 100 miles southeast of this city in northeastern India.

Legion Fees Increased

MONTREAL (CP)—Delegates to the Royal Canadian Legion's national convention Wednesday voted to increase by 50 cents the fees its members pay to its dominion command, bringing the fees to \$2.40.

The increase becomes effective Jan. 1, 1967. The proposal brought one of the few lengthy and heated debates in a convention that began Sunday.

Another committee recommendation changing representation on the national executive and broadening it by four members was adopted. It gives the four commands in Western Canada, a total of eight representatives compared with five previously, and eastern commands a total of 10 representatives compared with nine.

ELECTION TO BLAME

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Governor-General's Visit Is Cancelled

The expected May visit of Governor-General Georges P. Vanier and Madame Vanier will not take place as planned, it was announced last night by Lieutenant-Governor W.J. MacDonald.

However, the visit will take place at a later date, Lieutenant-Governor MacDonald said following a telephone call from Ottawa.

DeGaulle's NATO Policy Backed In Assembly Vote

PARIS (Reuters)—The French government easily defeated Wednesday night a left-wing opposition motion on President de Gaulle's plan to take France out of NATO's integrated military system. The motion, debated in the National Assembly, had no chance of success. There are less than 200 opposition members in the 482-seat assembly — including 41 Communists who said Tuesday they would not vote for the motion. They approve de Gaulle's attitude toward NATO. The government's margin in the vote was 345. The motion got only 137 votes from the assembly. It needed 242, an absolute majority, for adoption.

Vote Scheduled Today On PC Amendment

OTTAWA (CP)—The government was accused in the Commons Wednesday of waging a "wrecked" attack on inflation. The unhappy consumer is being victimized by government measures when it's the producer who needs attention, Erik Nielsen (PC — Yukon) argued during the budget debate.

Robert Thompson, Social Credit leader, went further, saying "the case for inflation has not been made."

Mr. Nielsen, speaking during the third day of the six-day debate, said the costs of production in Canada are up because the costs of everything to the working man are higher and he has been forced to ask for more pay to make ends meet.

SAD DEAL WAS MADE The Yukon MP caustically charged that former finance minister Walter Gordon had made a pre-election fiscal deal with the United States last summer.

He had promised to accept U.S. guidelines restricting investment of U.S. corporations in Canada and had created a spurious election-time promise by increasing the money supply.

The supply had been increased 12 per cent in 1965 after an increase of six per cent in 1964. Mr. Nielsen said. The country now was paying the costs.

Finance Minister Sharp's budget speech had revealed timid, unrealistic, uninspired steps "curbing the symptoms and ignoring the disease."

REDIRECTION IS NEEDED Mr. Thompson said Mr. Sharp had put a break on the economy when he should have taken the steering wheel to redirect Canadian capital into development of Canadian resources.

Borrowing in the U.S. by Canadian business during January and February had been 11 times higher than for the same months of 1965, while personal savings of Canadians had increased \$600,000,000 in the same period.

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Fisherman Sentenced To Death

YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—Robert Randall Comeau, 21, was found guilty Wednesday of the capital murder of Thais Marie Haskins, 16, and sentenced to be hanged July 20.

The stocky Digby fisherman showed no emotion when the jury gave its verdict. They had deliberated two hours and seven minutes.

Before passing the death sentence Mr. Justice F.W. Bissett asked Comeau if he had anything to say. "Just that it was not a fair trial, your honor," said Comeau. The all-male jury recommended mercy. Comeau's mother was led from courtroom, sobbing "oh, no, Oh, Randy."

Mr. Justice Bissett had told the jury there was "very great doubt that what the accused did that night was planned and deliberate."

Defence lawyer P.R. Woolaver said he would appeal the verdict. Comeau was charged last summer after the nude, stabbed body of the Halifax schoolgirl was found in a clump of bushes off a town street. The girl was last seen July 28 when she left a youth centre dance to walk alone to the home of an uncle where she was spending a vacation. Her body was found the next day. In a statement to RCMP after his arrest Comeau said he had stabbed the girl twice. He said he "did not want to rape her — I just wanted to kill her."



TROPHY PRESENTED TO SQUADRON

Lt-Col. E.G. MacLeod, MC, officer commanding P.E.I. Regiment, presented Cpl. James

McCluskey of "A" Squadron with the Col Fuller trophy for the most efficient squadron

at the annual get-together for RHQ, HQ and "A" Squadron of the P.E.I. Regiment last

night at the Baslica Recreation Centre. Looking on is Major J.E. Ready, officer commanding "A" Squadron.