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FOUR FIRSTS AT HALIFAX FESTIVAL

Last week's grand student at Kensington Regional High School, Gordon Murray, finished first in four piano competitions at the Halifax music festival with the highest mark being 91. Only 16 years of age, Gordon, a son of Rev. and Mrs. L.M. Murray of Kensington, has won numerous awards in the Island Music Festival prior to this year. His instructor for the past seven years has been Gabriel Chaisson of Summerside and Gordon has also been teaching piano to young students in Kensington for the past three years. He has also been United Church organist since he was 11. Asked if there was any problem keeping his son interested in piano, Mr. Murray answered "the interest was always there. The first step he (Gordon) took was to the piano so there was no problem there". Mr. Chaisson (right) explains a passage to Gordon (centre) while Mr. Murray (right) looks on.

## NINE PROVINCES, ONE STATE

# Lesage Describes Himself Centre Left Politician

MONTREAL (CP) — Premier Jean Lesage Sunday described himself as a politician of the "centre left" who has tried to take the best from both sides. Mr. Lesage told the Quebec Student Liberal Federation he believes the "centre left" represents the most dynamic element of Quebec society. He said politics is "truly the art of the possible" and problems must be approached with realism. "Some feel such a point of view only engenders passiveness and conformity but I don't," he said. "It is the policy we have followed since 1960 and God knows how many reforms have resulted. "Reactionary groups reproach us today for going too quickly, while at the same time, others

find us not moving rapidly enough," the premier continued. But a politician's acts were always seen from a political point of view. "If he is on the right, the left criticizes him; if he is on the left, the right attacks. If he is in the centre, both right and left, by a common and curious accord, want his political damnation." Mr. Lesage said he is at "centre left." "But don't believe this exempts me from attacks from the two extremes, though I try, being as realistic as possible, to draw the best elements from both the right and the left." Text of his address was

made available to the press before delivery. STATE OF QUEBEC MONTREAL (CP) — Provincial Secretary Bona Arseneault says separation could force Quebec to "follow the path of Castro." He told the opening session of the Quebec Student Liberal Federation Friday night that an independent nation of French-speaking Canadians, if "fantastic" enough, could arouse 200,000,000 English-speaking North Americans against it. "Then our little separatists would have no choice but to follow the path of Castro. Rather than deal with the Russians, I would prefer to deal with people that we know." Mr. Arseneault said he was confident that, with the evolution of co-operative federalism, Canada would emerge with "nine provinces and a state." The state-Quebec would have "the greatest autonomy possible within Confederation."

# Copter Aids In Hunt For Wolf In England

LONDON (CP) — An RAF helicopter was called in Sunday to help track down a Canadian timber wolf loping at large over England's green and pleasant land. The wolf, one of a pack of 20, escaped Friday from Whipsnade, the country annex of the London zoo in the rolling Bedfordshire hills, about 35 miles north of this city. Armed police, zoo keepers and officials of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals fanned out over a wide area of woodlands and pastures with orders to shoot to kill. The wolf was spotted several

times Saturday — most people thought it was just a large Alsatian dog—and seemed to be moving eastwards into Hertfordshire. It was there on Saturday night that two unarmed police officers came face to face with the wolf in a lane. They were within 10 yards of the beast but it ran off in the darkness. The wolf, reared in captivity, escaped while it was being transferred from one pen to another in the big 500-acre zoo. Since it had never been at large before, the wolf was not believed to be dangerous — although the residents of the area were told to take no chances.

GET MOST BENEFITS "We will obtain all that is reasonable in terms of economic control, taxes, and constitutional changes and all that is needed for the future prestige of Quebec." The Quebec cabinet minister said he sees evidence "in all directions" of good will on the part of other governments in Canada toward Quebec's aspirations. He paid particular tribute to Prime Minister Pearson and Premier John Roberts of Ontario and pointed to adoption of the new Canadian flag as a real contribution to national unity. Mr. Arseneault said the former Diefenbaker government was "directly responsible for separatism." The present federal opposition leader "never understood French-Canadians and he never will."

# Immigration Dept. Shift Seen Big Move In Shuffle

By MICHAEL GILLAN OTTAWA (CP) — The shift of Jack Nicholson to immigration minister is considered the most important of the cabinet changes announced Friday and a move by Prime Minister Pearson to rescue the controversial department from opposition criticism. A succession of ministers in both Conservative and Liberal administrations have found the handling of this portfolio a political hot-potato difficult to hold onto for long. The job has two main problems: Improving the administration and quality of staff, and fending off opposition MPs during the Commons question period. Rene Tremblay, who was shifted out of immigration to the post office department Friday, has a good academic reputation but was considered to lack the necessary administrative experience. Although able to speak English, he relied on his own French language when answering questions and, by waiting for the simultaneous translation,

often appeared uncertain when answering English-speaking members. WILL BRING CHANGES In Mr. Nicholson, 63, Mr. Pearson has an administrator of proven experience who is counted on to run a tidy operation and bring about needed changes. He may find the House of Commons his greatest task. Many of his predecessors have found that when deciding on emotion-charged immigration cases with headline potential almost any decision, whether right or wrong, can land them in trouble. Mr. Nicholson entered politics at the behest of the late C. D. Howe, a personal friend with whom he worked during the Second World War in the department of munitions and supply. Mr. Nicholson had been complaining about the calibre of Canadian politics and Mr. Howe, then retired, dared him to stop complaining and do something about it. He ran in Vancouver Centre successfully in 1962 and was elected in 1963.

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the most significant and ominous aspects of Communist guerrilla attacks on U.S. forces in South Viet Nam last week was the military professionalism of those operations, officials here say. Officers returning from the scene and others studying reports obviously were impressed with the co-ordination and execution of the attacks at Pleiku and Qui Nhon, and with the evidence of careful planning and preparation. They suggested that the attacks probably were mounted by hard-core regulars. It is estimated that the Viet Cong have about 20,000 to 35,000 men in this category. More than half of them are trained North Vietnamese soldiers who have infiltrated into South Viet Nam. Some Americans may still think of the Red guerrillas as barefoot peasants launching random terrorism with makeshift weapons. U.S. military experts look at them in a different light.

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# Canada's Maple Leaf Flag To Replace Ensign Today

By THE CANADIAN PRESS The new maple leaf flag will replace the Red Ensign as Canada's national flag in ceremonies across the nation Monday. The new flag, was proclaimed at Buckingham Palace Jan. 28. In Ottawa, the maple leaf flag will go up atop the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill at the stroke of noon accompanied by a 21-gun salute.

Union Jack was never supplanted by the ensign. Premier Joseph Smallwood has ordered that as of Monday all provincial government buildings will have two flagpoles—one for the new flag and the other for the Union Jack. At Monday's ceremony they will be raised simultaneously. The Prince Edward Island ceremonies will be held at the

Charlottetown Armories in the morning. The New Brunswick ceremony at Fredericton will see addresses by both Premier Robichaud and Opposition Leader C. B. Sherwood following a 21-gun salute. The Nova Scotia ceremonies will be in the Providence House with Canadian Clubs taking part. In Quebec the new flag has been flying unofficially for several weeks. Premier Jean Lesage plans a public ceremony at the main entrance of the legislature. Lieutenant-Governor Paul Comtois will review a guard of honor. Maurice Roy and Anglican Bishop Russell Brown will attend. In Ontario, school boards have been asked to raise the maple leaf flag Feb. 15. Premier Roberts, saying "the Canadian people can and should join ranks in support of our new national standard," plans a ceremony at the legislative buildings to coincide with the Ottawa flag-raising. He said later the new flag will be flown over government office buildings throughout the province.

## N.C. Ralston Dies At 76

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP) — Norman C. Ralston, brother of Canada's wartime defence minister J.L. Ralston, died in hospital here Saturday. He was 76. Mr. Ralston, a native of Amherst, N.S., was a retired prominent Saint John businessman and a past president of the New Brunswick Underwriters Association. He was active in civic and sports affairs here for more than 35 years. He once played with Amherst Ramblers hockey and baseball clubs, was a flying-quarter with the Dalhousie English rugby team and toured Scotland with a team of Canadian curlers in 1959. J.L. Ralston served in a number of administrations under Prime Minister W.L. Mackenzie King. He died May 23, 1948. Survivors include his wife, the daughter, Mrs. Hugh M. Tait of Woodstock, N.B., three sons, Burnett of New York, Ronald of Reno, Nevada and Douglas of Ottawa. Twelve grandchildren also survive.



IS HONORED

Rev. T.H.B. Somers, M.A., STM, minister of the Kirk of St. James will receive an honorary doctorate degree in divinity April 27 in Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto. It was announced at yesterday's service at the Kirk that the Senate of Knox College in the University of Toronto had resolved at its meeting in Toronto last Tuesday to honor Mr. Somers with the degree. Mr. Somers, now in the 24th year of his pastorate at St. James, last May celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination.

# Europeans Fear War Very Near

PARIS (AP) — There is a steadily growing conviction in Western Europe that the explosive Viet Nam crisis must be moved from the battlefield to the conference table. This attitude, reflected officially and in the press, arises from genuine fear that a hot-cold war may be just around the corner.

While there has been no general criticism of recent United States reprisal bombings in North Viet Nam—except from left-wing and Communist groups—war-wise Europeans are frightened. They want a conference before anything worse happens. They feel that China, Russia and the Western powers should come to terms.

Their fears of general conflict have put many on the side of President Charles de Gaulle of France. He has said all along that the only solution to the Viet Nam situation is negotiation, leading toward neutrality. De Gaulle wants a return to Geneva, where a Viet Nam truce was signed in 1954, and late last week announced that France would be willing to participate in such talks. Communist China was represented at Geneva in 1954 and obviously would have to be a participant again.

## Clergymen Ask Pearson Action

TORONTO (CP) — Fifteen Toronto religious leaders telegraphed Prime Minister Pearson Sunday and urged him to bring pressure on the United States to get out of Viet Nam. "The massive bombing of North Viet Nam by the United States confronts mankind with the great peril of nuclear war," says the telegram.

## Police In Island And N.B. Seek Bogus Cheque Passer

All Island police forces are alerted and working in close cooperation with police of New Brunswick in a search for a "Nancy J. Porter" — he has a long string of aliases — for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued. The official charge is "uttering forged cheques" and Charlottetown and Summerside business houses are the poorer by approximately \$1,000 following her activities here last Friday. Working the old "sympathy line", a forger generally uses

# Rouleau Quit Earlier As Aide To Pearson

OTTAWA (CP) — Guy Rouleau, a central figure in the Lucien Rivard affair, resigned Sunday as chairman of the Liberal parliamentary caucus saying he has been ordered by his doctor to take a complete rest. In a letter to Prime Minister Pearson released after a five-hour caucus meeting, Mr. Rouleau said he had been ordered some time ago to take a complete rest but had been unable to do so. "Needless to say, the events of these past weeks have done nothing to restore my health and my doctor now insists that I go away for several weeks," the letter said.

## RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

A spokesman said Mr. Pearson was trying to rid himself of the cold by being in good form on Monday's inauguration of the new maple leaf flag. Mr. Walker said the caucus heard reports from MPs about constituents' opinions of the government. "He said many members felt the government had accomplished a good deal during its 18 months in office but it had not looked as good doing it." "There was no demand for an election and no criticism that the prime minister lacked forcefulness in dealing with recent allegations of bribery and coercion against ministerial aides." A spokesman said Mr. Pearson had accepted Mr. Rouleau's resignation "with reluctance" and said a new chairman would probably be elected at the next caucus Wednesday. The Commons resumes sittings Tuesday. Mr. Rouleau resigned Nov. 24 as parliamentary secretary to the prime minister, the day after Conservative MP Eric Nielsen broke the Rivard affair to the Commons. Mr. Rouleau told the Commons he had made representations to obtain bail for Rivard, a narcotics smuggling suspect wanted in the United States. A 41-year-old lawyer and MP for Montreal Doreville, he testified at length at the Dorion judicial inquiry earlier this month about his involvement in persistent efforts to free Rivard on bail last summer. Chief Justice Frederic Dorian, of the Quebec Superior Court, is inquiring into allegations Raymond Denis, former executive assistant to then-immigration minister Tremblay, offered a \$20,000 bribe to Montreal lawyer Pierre Lamontagne, and Mr. Rouleau and some ministerial assistants applied political pressure on Mr. Lamontagne in an attempt to win bail for Rivard. Mr. Walker, who sat as acting chairman Sunday, told reports that Mr. Rouleau's reason for resigning was "no set-up."

## Missing Pair Believed Safe

FREDERICTON (CP) — RCMP here said early today an RCAF aircraft spotted the two occupants of a single-engine aircraft missing on a flight in central New Brunswick shortly after midnight. A spokesman said the occupants, Mr. Justice David M. Dickson of the Quebec bench division of the New Brunswick Supreme Court and Dr. Roy H. E. Bradley, both of Fredericton, were believed to have escaped injury. A search plane said the men were waving flashlights from the ground. The plane, a Tiger Moth piloted by Dr. Bradley, was reported overdue on a 120-mile flight from Fredericton to Montserrat Lake. The men were spotted about two miles south, southeast of McGivney Junction, between Fredericton and Newcastle. A ground search party was en route to the scene.

## BOTHERED BY COLD

A spokesman that has bothered Mr. Pearson for some time kept him away from the caucus meeting, an aide said. He stayed home Friday evening from the National Press Club.

# Fresh Flowers Cover Grave Of Sir Winston

By LEONARD KIRSCHEN BLADON, England (AP) — A carpet of fresh flowers, their mingled scents piercing the cold winter air, covered Sir Winston Churchill's grave during the weekend — just as they have every day since he was buried in St. Martin's churchyard two weeks ago last Saturday. One bunch came from a former Dutch resistance fighter and his wife. The card gave no names. It simply said:

"A small token of our tremendous admiration and sorrow at your departure. From a couple whom your voice inspired." A bouquet of delicate light-blue flowers was flown from a garden in Greater London, the card on its white-wrapped stems walls prove that customers used to tie up the berries outside. New tourist buses from all over England park in the backyard. The pub has been in Leslie Baldwin's family for 55 years. "Father and granddad and he died before him have pulled stink here," she said. Pulling a pint is filling a glass from a beer tap. "But we had never brewed a cup of tea. Now we also make tea for tourists who come by bus and don't want anything else. We can't turn them down. There is nowhere else to go and it's good for trade."