

# Acclaim Canadian Tenor In World Operatic Circles

By KEN METHERAL  
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LONDON (CP)—The rich, tenor voice of Jon Vickers, who started singing in the choir of the Baptist church at Prince Albert, Sask., is being widely acclaimed in European operatic circles.

Leading British music critics such as Peter Heyworth of the Observer and Ernest Newman of the Sunday Times describe the Canadian as "outstanding" and as a "singer with a future."

Jacques Bourgeois, France's leading music critic and a recognized authority on opera, says that after the famous Italian tenor Mario Del Monaco, Vickers "is the only true heroic tenor who has been produced on the international scene in recent years."

**GOOD ACTOR TOO**  
It is not only Vickers' voice that marks him out for greatness. Equally, if not more important, he can act.

Jon—he was christened Jonathan—Vickers is a friendly, serious man with a ready smile. He talks rapidly and fluently, his speech liberally sprinkled with an almost flamboyant mixture of colorful adjectives that give an insight into a keenly developed sense of the dramatic.

He is modest about his sudden rise to celebrity status. He turned to a singing career almost by accident and then almost gave it up when success was just five weeks away.

Born 30 years ago at Prince Albert,

bert—now famous as the hometown of Canada's new prime minister, John Diefenbaker—Jon was the leading boy soprano in the Baptist church choir from the age of six. His father, George Vickers, was principal of the town high school and church organist.

**INTERESTED IN SPORTS**  
"I didn't have any ambition to become a professional singer. I was much more interested in baseball and hockey. Anyway, what I really wanted to be was a doctor. The student 'bulge' at universities at the end of the Second World War paid to that."

Instead, he went to Flin Flon, Man., and later Port Arthur, Ont., as a chain store (Woolworth's) executive. At both cities, he joined the church choir—"the best training, a young singer can get"—and was active in amateur operatic groups. Finally, in 1949, he gave serious consideration to a singing career and went to Toronto to study under George Lambert.

Within two years he had won a national radio competition held to encourage Canadian artists, but international recognition evaded him. By 1955, he was "married,

broke and ready to write himself off as a career."

Then came five action-packed weeks that Vickers and his attractive wife, Henrietta, will never forget. "Everything happened like a bomb," David L. Webster, general administrator of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, asked him to join the London company and offers posted in to sing at several United States centres, including Ann Arbor, Mich., and San Francisco.

His Covent Garden debut as the king in Verdi's *A Masked Ball*, brought near-rave notices from British music critics and he followed with brilliant performances in Carmen and the seldom-produced *The Trojans*.

**TO SING IN SPAIN**  
This fall Vickers is scheduled to go to Seville in Spain for a performance of Carmen, then will return to Britain for another season. After that, he hopes to spend two years in Germany.

The 24 pounds on his five-foot, nine-inch frame is causing Vickers considerable worry.

"At one time nobody cared what an opera singer looked like, but times are changing. I believe singers will have to start watching their figures much the same as movie stars. In fact, I'm on a diet already."

# Suburban Montreal Election Postponed—Ballots Stolen

STE. GENEVIEVE, Que. (CP)—Municipal elections in this Montreal suburb were postponed indefinitely Monday after all ballots were stolen at gunpoint from the home of Roland Gratton, the town's secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Gratton was reported to be under a doctor's care suffering from nervous shock.

Mayor Armand Lacombe said thieves broke into Mr. Gratton's home, assaulted him and then made off with all the ballots.

Mayor Lacombe said Sunday night he received three phone calls. The voice at the end of the line was so incoherent on the first two calls that he thought someone was playing a joke and he hung up. On the third call he was able to make out the name "Gratton" and he decided to go to the secretary-treasurer's house to investigate.

Accompanied by provincial police—St. Genevieve has no police force of its own—Mr. Lacombe said he found Mr. Gratton in an extreme state of shock and shouting: "They held me up; they stole all the ballots."

When electors appeared Monday morning to cast their ballots Mr. Lacombe told them what had happened and said the Quebec municipal commission will have to fix a new date for an election.

Mayor Lacombe's action brought a storm of protests from candidates who opposed the mayor and his supporters in the town council.

One opposition candidate, George Pigeon, who is police inspector in nearby town of Mount Royal, said the robbery story was a "prefabricated lie."

"As far as I'm concerned, Mayor Lacombe is a dictator who is afraid of an honest election," he said. "The ballots certainly weren't stolen by us. We wanted the election."

Mr. Gratton was questioned by two doctors—his own physician and one called in by the opposition group—in the presence of two lawyers and two "neutral" persons.

"He told the doctors that a man came into his house at 10 p.m. the night before Sunday, said 'I'm Red,' filled a glass with liquid and forced him to drink it at gunpoint," said Mr. Pigeon.

"The next thing he knew the ballots were gone."

John Gilmour, another opposition candidate, said the postponement of the election was not the first "obstacle we've encountered in this election."

"We were forced to go to the polls with old voters' lists," he said. "The mayor told us new rolls were being made, but would not be available until later. They weren't ready by election day."

The election was to have decided St. Genevieve's choice for mayor and three councillors. One councillor, Paul Labrosse, was re-elected by acclamation.

# International Committee To Probe Planning Problems

WASHINGTON (AP)—An 80-member committee of U.S. and Canadian economic leaders has been formed to study mutual problems of the two nations, the National Planning Association announced today.

The NPA, a private organization, said at a press conference the committee's co-chairmen will be R. Douglas Stuart, former ambassador to Canada and now chairman of the board of the Quaker Oats Company, and Robert M. Fowler, president, Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

The committee, with equal members from both countries, will represent agriculture, business, labor and the professions. Stuart said the two countries are tremendously important to each other "defensively and economically" and the time has come to seek solution of common problems "on the basis of exchange of views by independent citizens of both countries, thus supplementing governmental activities."

Fowler noted there is a serious imbalance in trade between U.S. and Canada, with Canada buying more than \$1,000,000,000 more goods from the U.S. than it sells.

Another problem "causing serious difficulties," Fowler said, is the present hardness of the Canadian dollar in relation to the U.S. dollar.

The committee plans to meet twice yearly, starting this fall, once in Canada and once in the United States.

# CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAV BECKER

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 6  
♥ K 10 9 3  
♦ A 8 7 2  
♣ J 4 3

**WEST**  
♠ Q 2  
♥ Q 7 6 4 2  
♦ Q J 9 4  
♣ 9 5

**EAST**  
♠ A 7 3  
♥ J 5  
♦ K 6 5 3  
♣ A 10 6 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 10 9 8 5 4  
♥ A 8  
♦ 10  
♣ K Q 8 7

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT  
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 2 NT  
Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead—queen of diamonds.

The role of declarer bears analogy to that of the detective in a mystery story. There are clues in every bridge hand, whether they appear during the bidding or the play.

The declarer is supposed to gather all the clues, interpret them, draw the appropriate inferences, and then execute his plays on the basis of what he has learned about the defenders' cards.

An example of good detective work is given in today's hand. The bidding by South was a little on the aggressive side, but the final contract was a good one. The diamond lead was taken

In dummy and the jack of spades led. East and South played low and West won with the queen. Declarer trumped the diamond return.

The king of spades was led. East took it and returned a diamond. Declarer ruffed, drew East's trump, and led the king of clubs. East won and returned his last diamond which South trumped with his last trump.

Declarer had already lost two spades and a club and had to make the rest to make the hand. With five tricks to go, South had only four sure winners.

He led the ace and king of hearts and then cashed the jack of clubs. The four of clubs was next played from dummy. East produced the six, and South, whose last two cards were Q-8 of clubs, had to decide which to play.

With the fate of the hand resting on this one decision, the problem was to determine whether East's last card was a club or a heart.

East had dropped the jack of hearts on the second heart lead, and assuming it was on the level, East's remaining card could be either the ten of clubs or queen of hearts.

South decided it could not be the queen of hearts. East had already shown up with two aces, a king and a jack. He would presumably have opened the bidding if he had also been dealt the queen of hearts. So declarer finessed the eight of clubs.

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7:15 p.m.—CBC TV News  
7:25 p.m.—Viewer's Guide  
7:30 p.m.—Disneyland  
8:30 p.m.—Moonlight Bay  
9:00 p.m.—Kraft Theatre  
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5:00 p.m.—Swing Your Partner  
5:30 p.m.—Rin Tin Tin  
6:00 p.m.—Western Theatre  
6:30 p.m.—Early Evening TV News  
6:45 p.m.—Weather  
6:50 p.m.—Sports  
7:00 p.m.—Bunkhouse Boys  
7:30 p.m.—Disneyland  
8:30 p.m.—Moonlight Bay  
9:00 p.m.—Kraft Theatre  
10:00 p.m.—Here and There  
10:30 p.m.—Pacific 13  
11:00 p.m.—CBC TV News  
11:10 p.m.—CKCW TV News and Weather  
11:15 p.m.—Billboard  
11:20 p.m.—Lady with a Lamp

# Inflation Becoming More Serious Problem For West

By J. M. ROBERTS

Inflation is becoming an increasing problem throughout the Western community of nations.

The debate in Great Britain follows lines close to those in the United States.

Will tight money, and a voluntary lessening of labor union pressure for higher wages, be sufficient to halt the trend?

Those are the two points about which most British comments revolve.

The chronic inflation in most Latin American countries has now broken into a gallop.

France is under tensions which have not yet come to a head, but which constantly threaten her with devaluation. She has continued a good many wartime controls. Right now she is faced with two problems.

She is increasing her reliance on import quotas in an effort to stop the outflow of foreign exchange on one hand, while trying to increase exports with the other. This concern with exports in turn has its effect on domestic inflation.

France has price controls with which she seeks to prevent the automatic wage increases which accompany rising living costs there. She is even making what is for France a rather revolutionary effort to collect taxes.

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# DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Not fresh
  - Harp string
  - Shore bird
  - Type of pneumonia
  - Dwell
  - Similar
  - Digit
  - Gov.
  - Harriman
  - Exiat
  - Famous magician
  - Beast of burden
  - Compass point (abbr.)
  - Ahead
  - Girl's nickname
  - Perform
  - Lixivium
  - A spine
  - Water god
  - Sloth
  - Youth
  - Bacon strip
  - At home
  - Not many
  - Land measure
  - Heavy staffs
  - Wrath
  - Clever
  - Edible seaweed
  - Gapes
  - Let's stand (print.)
- DOWN**
- Bandage
  - Bans
  - Farewell
  - Guided
  - Before hat
  - Collarbones
  - Cavity
  - Fetish
  - Dashing river
  - Showy
  - One
  - Wiaurf
  - Engaged
  - Consumed (slang)
  - Oriental nurse
  - Asiat
  - Frail
  - Colloq.
  - Summer
  - hat
  - Apprehend
  - French river
  - Excclamation
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  - (slang)
  - Bird of prey
  - Squirrel
  - Cry of a crow
  - Sale notices
  42. Squirrel
  - 'ood

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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42. Sale notices  
43. Squirrel  
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# DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three I's, X for the two P's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**A Cryptogram Quotation**  
K O C E K M K M C E Y I Y M C P O Z P M .  
M K I Q Y S P A Q U M , S E J C G E Y T J A Y  
S E Y P C E Y A M ? — G P Q C J K A Y .

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: **LOVERS WHO LOVE TRULY DO NOT WRITE DOWN THEIR HAPPINESS — ANATOLE FRANCE**

# OUT OUR WAY BY J. R. WILLIAMS

WHAT'S THE IDEA OF RUNNIN' AT ME, 'RIM, 'RIM, 'RIM! EVERY TIME I TRY TO GET UP THERE AND SLAUGHTER THE YANKEE DOG!

YEAH, BUT HOW WOULD THE MAJOR EVER CEASE A WAGON OF THAT CLASS? OF THAT CLASS? HE CAN SHOW A HIGH GLOSS FINISH THEY HAVE TO A STRANGER.

LET'S NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE KARAT NIGMAN'S CAPACITIES — HE CAN SHOW A HIGH GLOSS FINISH THEY HAVE TO A STRANGER.

OH!—AH LOVES THIS GAME?—IS IT ANIMAL OR MINERAL—AND DO IT HAVE A TAIL?

TINY DEAR—HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF FAILWELL FATCHANCE?

FAILWELL FATCHANCE IS THE SECOND BEST KNOWN NAME IN AMERICA! HE WAS DEFEATED THREE TIMES, FOR PRESIDENT!

PRESIDENT OF WHAT?

OF THE UNITED STATES, I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF THAT!

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**GRANDMA**

MY LAND, IF YOU KIDS MUST BREAK MY WINDOWS...  
FOR GOODNESS SAKE PLEASE PICK TH' ONES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN WASHED!

**MICKY MOUSE**

OSOY! OFF TO CAMP!  
WON'T IT BE GREAT TO GET AWAY FROM CIVILIZATION... UP IN CAMP WILDERNESS?

YOU SAID IT!  
WILDERNESS WANDER SUBDIVISION  
GIANT SHOPPING CENTER BEING REJECTED HERE  
FREEWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**TILLY THE TOILER**

TILLY'S HOME SICK, HER MOTHER CAME IN TO TAKE HER PLACE!  
BUT MRS. JONES CAN'T TYPE, FILE, OR TAKE DICTATION. WHAT CAN SHE DO?  
LET HER ANSWER THE PHONE — THAT'S A SIMPLE JOB.  
YOU'RE CREEPING UP ON IT AGAIN, MRS. JONES!

**HENRY**

SCRATCH! SCRATCH!

**MUGGS & SKEETER**

SH-H! WHAT NOW, JUNIOR?  
I NEVER SAW IT FAIL! AS SOON AS WE GET SETTLED TO WATCH TV... JUNIOR DEVELOPS A PROBLEM!  
SIT STILL, PA... I'LL PUT HIM OUTSIDE!! COME ON, BOY!!  
WAIT, MA! HE DOESN'T WANT OUT!  
...HE JUST WANTS YOU TO SHARE MY LAP WITH HIM... FOR TELEVISION!!

**ETTA KEIT**

I'M THINKING—HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN DATING?—STEADY, I MEAN!  
UTTERLY YEARS!  
ABOUT TIME WE GOT ENGAGED, ISN'T IT? I'VE GOT A FEW DIMES SAVED. HOW'S ABOUT PICKING OUT A RING?  
WINGEY! YOU'RE PROPOSING!  
I AM? OKAY!—BUT IF—WELL, YOU KNOW—SOMETHING HAPPENS—  
—CAN I GET MY DEPOSIT BACK?

**SECRET AGENT X-9**

Captain Harris takes Phil to Napoleon's cabin!  
NO ANSWER! WELL, WE'LL LOOK IN!  
CORRECTION! THIS PLACE IS A WRECK!  
ALL OF NAPY'S SCULPTURES ARE BROKEN OPEN!  
LOOK AT THIS PIECE OF BROKEN PLASTER... A PLATE FOR PRINTING COUNTERS! MONEY WAS HIDDEN HERE!  
BUT WHO'S HAPLEON?

**JOE PALOOKA**

HE CANNOT HAVE A FOOL OF HIM ORDER YOU TO GET UP THERE AND SLAUGHTER THE YANKEE DOG!  
SEE ARR!  
BUT THE MADDENED ASSASSIN TURNS HIS FURY ON JES ALTRASH.  
H-H... NO... HELP! MERCY... HELP ME... SOMEONE... PLEASE!  
THAT'S THE TYPICAL END FOR ALL TYRANTS!  
KH, KH, KH... RIGGERS!

**THE LONE RANGER**

WE ARE SENDING RIFLES TO FORT MBRAD NEXT MONDAY  
MAJOR—YOU MAY BE SURE THE INDIANS KNOW IT.  
AND EQUALLY SURE THEY'LL TRY TO GET THE RIFLES.  
FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED, I'LL SEND A HEAVY GUARD WITH THE RIFLES.

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