

**Mafia Official
Said Missing**

MONTREAL (CP)—The Star says a Montreal man with underworld connections is missing with more than \$250,000 which was to be used in financing Mafia loan-shark activities. The 35-year-old man, known as Michel, former manager of a large east-end nightclub and currently the manager of a health club, has not been heard from for two weeks, The Star says.

The Star quotes two detectives as saying the Mafia is "blazing mad" about the disappearance of the loan funds.

Assistant Police Director Roland Perron was quoted by The Star as saying:

"We're not confirming the story, but neither are we denying it. . . . We've heard a lot of things about the underworld lately."

The detectives are quoted by the newspaper as saying "the man was 'cashier, collector and man Friday' for a Montreal underworld kingpin."

**\$9,746 GIVEN
FOR LEG SCAR**

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP)—Damages of \$9,746 have been awarded to a pretty blonde who says she can no longer wear a bikini because of a large scar on her right thigh.

Joanna Thomas, 33, was the award Monday in an action against Royal Columbia Hospital where an operating room accident in October, 1962, caused extensive burns to her leg.

She was undergoing a back operation when a cauterizer caused burns that left a six by 13-inch scar on her leg.

"I don't like to be seen in public in my bathing suit," Mrs. Thomas told the court. She said she no longer wears a bikini as she did before the accident and found herself handicapped in many sports activities she and her husband previously enjoyed.

A defence lawyer suggested there were perhaps other styles of swim wear that would cover the scar.

"But I'm still young," Mrs. Thomas replied.

She was awarded \$9,746 damages including compensation for time lost at work and \$1,400 special damages. Her husband was awarded \$200 special damages.

**\$30 To Needy
Defended By
Health Minister**

OTTAWA (CP)—Needy pensioners will get an extra \$30 a year under the government's guaranteed income than they would under a flat 25% increase in the old age pension, Health Minister MacEachern said here.

He said an estimated 500,000 old-age pensioners will get the full \$30 tacked onto the regular \$75 pension. Another 400,000 would receive varying amounts according to their income.

He began debate on second reading of the government's bill guaranteeing incomes of \$185 to persons receiving the old-age pension.

By restricting the supplementary pension to the needy, the government was making \$60,000,000 more available to those in need rather than lining already-fat purses, he said.

Under the Conservative and New Democratic Party proposal for an across-the-board increase of \$25 some 50 senators and about 12 members of the Commons would get increased pensions, he said. They wouldn't be eligible under the government plan.

The government's scheme also saved \$100,000,000 a year for taxpayers since this was the difference in cost between its plan and that of the opposition.

FILLS GAP TO 1975
The government plan was one that was intended to fill the gap between now and 1975 when the Canada and Quebec pension plans would begin paying off.

This was much better than imposing a permanent tax increase on Canadians. And the tax increase to meet the government plan would be much lighter than raising the pension for all.

Stanley Knowles (NDP—Winnipeg North Centre) said his party will try to get improvements in the bill, "but there is no doubt as to how we will vote on it." It would be "irresponsible on our part" to vote against the measure, even if it was incomplete.

He said the pension should be tied to the wage index as is the Canada Pension Plan. This would guarantee retired persons an income that would rise with the economy. Otherwise, if the old-age pension base stayed at \$75, the total pension package would fall behind.

WOULD FIX LABOR CODE

OTTAWA (CP)—A private bill that would set time limits on deferments under the federal labor code was introduced in the Commons Friday by Frank Howard (NDP—Skeena). Mr. Howard said the labor code has been in effect for 18 months but some industries still have deferments exempting them from the eight-hour day and the 48-hour work week. His bill is unlikely to come up for discussion before the end of the current parliamentary session.

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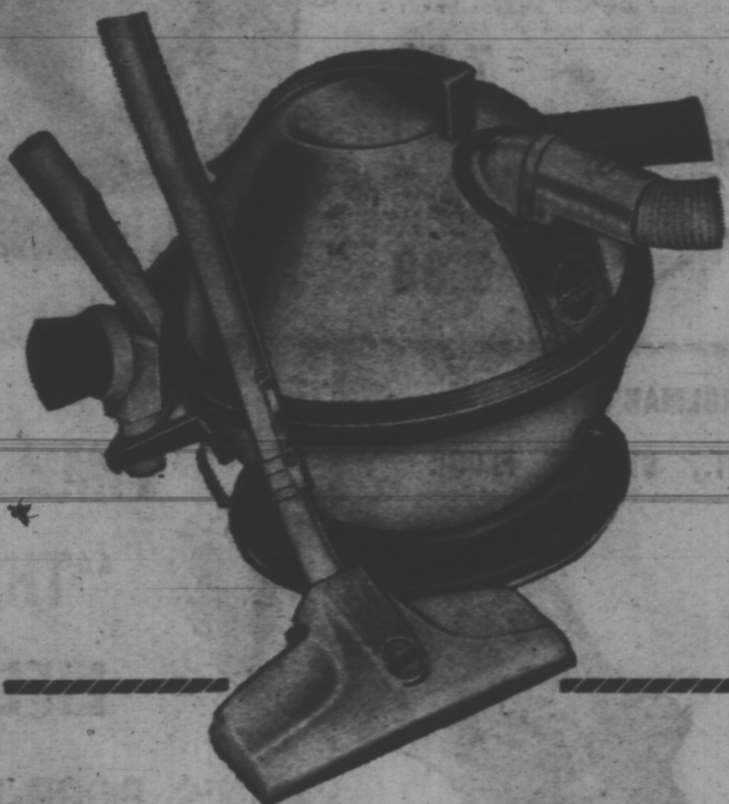
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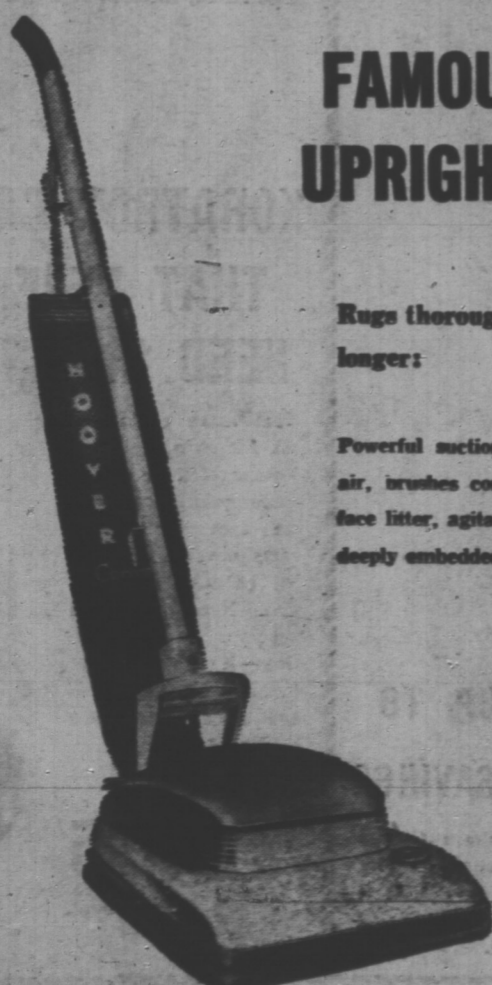
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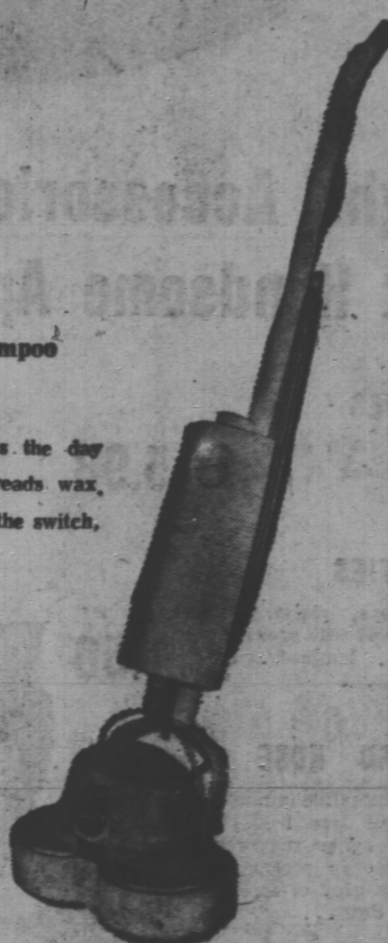
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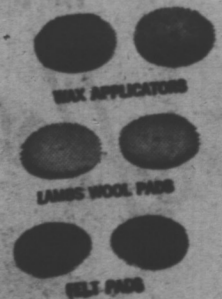


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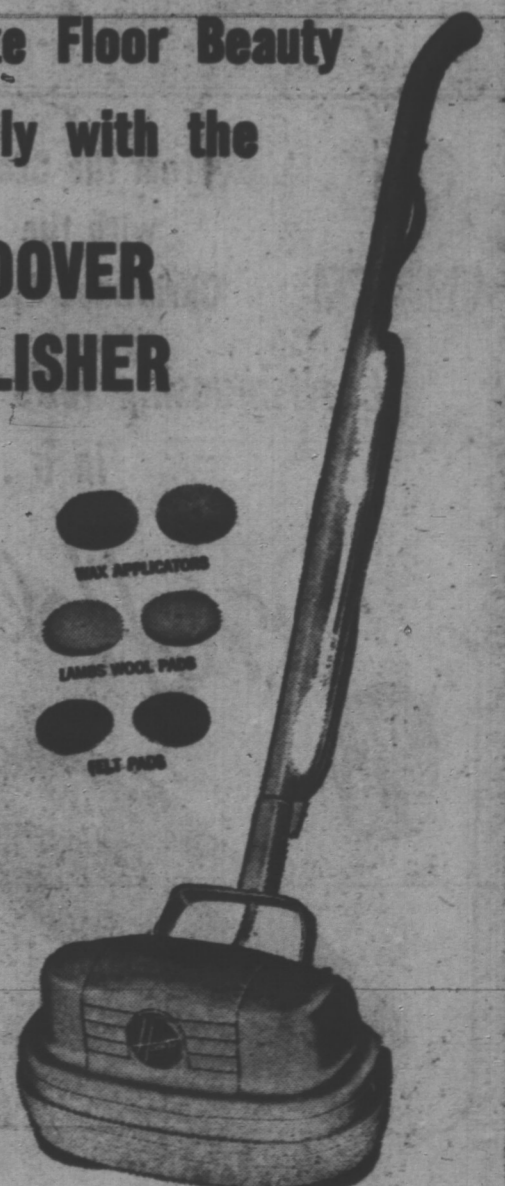


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