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YACHT DRIVEN ASHORE AT HALIFAX

The 50-foot yacht S. Carolina, valued at \$100,000, was driven on the rocks near a Halifax yacht club Tuesday. Several other boats were also driven ashore in the area.

Quick Commons Decision Is Unlikely On New Flag

OTTAWA (CP) — Hopes for speedy Commons approval of an emblem with a single red maple leaf as Canada's national flag dimmed Tuesday when Speaker Alan Macnaughton ruled to permit debate on a Conservative amendment calling for a flag plebiscite. Mr. Macnaughton rejected government arguments and decided it is "fair and equitable" to amend the Constitution at the next general election by allowing retention of the Red Ensign as the national flag, as well as the plebiscite? "Is a government backbencher..."

Father Arrested After 7 Burned

BALTIMORE (AP) — Seven brothers and sisters died Tuesday in a fire which destroyed their East Baltimore home. Police arrested the father on a warrant charging him with arson. Police said Kenneth A. Smith, 35-year-old truck driver, was booked for investigation of arson after he was arrested at a home in the house and was tried by a 15-year-old survivor that he had been pushed back into the burning house as he tried to escape. The boy got out by another exit. The mother and four other children survived. The dead were Janet, 1; Gary, 2; Kevin, 4; Annette, 6; Timothy, 7; Darlene, 8, and Vivian, 13.

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MAY SPEAK TWICE

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Victoria Park Brestwork Hit

A savage pre-winter storm, while missing most of Prince Edward Island yesterday with snow, began a furious revenge late last night, lashing the island with winds of up to 65 miles per hour, freezing temperatures and snow. Reports of damage were few. However, barricades were erected on roads to Victoria Park when the brestwork was washed out in places and waves swept over the roadway. There was no immediate estimate of the amount of damage. Elsewhere in the province damage reports were skimpy and early indications were that places escaped with little. Gilles Gregoire (Credit-Lapointe) called for a ruling to restrict Mr. McEban's remarks to the plebiscite. Mr. Macnaughton cautioned Mr. McEban, but said questions of relevancy were not easy to decide and a wrong decision might deprive a member of his right to speak. The rules said a member should be given the benefit of the doubt. Mr. McEban said he was reading letters only to illustrate there is divergence of opinion and a plebiscite is needed to settle the question.

Beck Granted Parole Dec. 11

WASHINGTON (AP) — David D. Beck, former head of the Teachers Union who went to prison on conviction of income tax frauds, was granted a parole Tuesday by the federal Board of Parole.

Quint Charged With Assault

MONTREAL (CP)—Mrs. Florio Houle, Marie of the famous Dionne quintuplets, was charged Monday in Montreal Municipal Court with common assault and was remanded to Dec. 7.

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