



### DR. GENCHEFF IS HONORED

Dr. Todor Gencheff, director of the Rehabilitation Center at the Provincial Sanatorium, is being presented a gift by J. Lincoln Dewar, RIGHT, prior to his departure from this province. Dr. Gencheff was honored for his medical contribution at the Sanatorium and through other sacrifices made to help crippled children. The presentation was made by the president, Mr. Dewar, at the annual meeting of the P.E.I. Chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Polioymyelitis and Rehabilitation. The meeting was held last evening at the Charlottetown Hotel.

### MIMINEGASH IS PREPARING

## Seaweed Process Plant Plans Limited Operation

**CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN**  
OTTAWA — The experimental seaweed processing plant at Miminegash will be in limited operation this year and will be fully operational at the beginning of the harvesting season next year. It was revealed here Wednesday by Fisheries Minister H.J. Robichaud.  
In reply to questions on the Commons' order paper by David MacDonald, MP for Prince, Mr. Robichaud said that the plant would experiment in drying, grinding, classifying and packaging Irish moss and to develop more efficient harvest methods in the hope of stimulating growth in the seaweed industry.  
A manager and assistant manager will be employed and it is anticipated four seasonal positions will be filled, one of whom should have some supervisory capacity and familiarity in operation of machinery. Others will be trained in the duties required. There was no foreseeable need for local service contracts in connection with the plant but local facilities will be utilized where needed and where feasible.  
The contract for the plant was let in October 1965 and includes a processing and storage building and a manager's residence. Only one tender was received for the processing and storage building and it was let to Schurman Construction Ltd. of Summerside for \$168,500.  
Five tenders were received for the manager's residence and the contract was let to the low bidder, Bryan and Milligan of Howland in the amount of \$17,168. High tender for the residence was Schurman Construction at \$32,200. In both cases, the contracts were arranged by the federal department of public works.  
The strike cut service to an estimated 2,000 of the 2,500 children who normally receive medical care and immunizations daily at child health stations.  
Terms of the settlement call for a raise totalling \$1,050 annually over the 2½-year life of a new contract between the city and the Professional Public Health Nurses Association.  
The nurses now receive \$6,050 a year.

### Nurses' Strike Settled in N.Y.

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor John V. Lindsay announced Wednesday night a settlement of a three-day strike of more than 450 public health nurses. He said they had agreed to return to work today.

### Strike By Police Looms In Quebec

QUEBEC (CP) — The possibility of a strike vote Friday by Quebec Provincial Police loomed Wednesday as Premier Jean Lesage said he would not reply to demands until after a Friday night deadline set by the QPP Association.

## Liberal Caucus Split Reported On 6 Per Cent Interest Ceiling

OTTAWA (CP) — The Liberal caucus split Wednesday on proposals by Finance Minister Sharp to depart from the six-per-cent interest ceiling on bank loans, it was learned reliably.  
A heated discussion broke out between Mr. Sharp's supporters and critics led by his predecessor, Walter Gordon, and former state secretary Maurice Lamontagne, sources said.  
Mr. Sharp's draft revision of the Bank Act was expected to go back before the cabinet Tuesday for further discussion.  
Government sources had said earlier that the legislation would be introduced in the Commons this week.  
Mr. Sharp was reported to have proposed that the interest ceiling be removed from bank loans of more than \$25,000.  
Smaller loans would be subject to a flexible ceiling slightly higher than six per cent.  
**ATTACK ON PROPOSALS**  
Mr. Gordon, Mr. Lamontagne and many other MPs attacked these proposals in a three-hour closed session. They argued that the changes would hit the small borrower and drive interest rates further upward.  
Mr. Sharp reportedly stood his ground, arguing that more competition is needed in the financial community and that his proposals would benefit borrowers in the long run.  
Prime Minister Pearson spoke in support of the legislation.  
Another new feature in the draft legislation is the creation of a Crown corporation that would insure deposits in "near banks" to bolster the confidence of investors.  
Trust and loan companies with federal charters would be required to buy insurance on their deposits. They would have to meet certain criteria of good management and come under the supervision of the new agency.  
Near banks with provincial charters would be invited to participate in the insurance plan, but not required to.  
**CRITICS DOMINATE**  
The critics of the legislation reportedly dominated the discussion, which was the continuation of a debate begun at the previous Liberal caucus, May 18.  
They fear the changes will be unpopular at the grass-roots level and stamp the Liberals as a "big business" party. They also fear the Commons opposition will successfully exploit the issue.  
It was learned that The Bank Act revision now is scheduled to be introduced in the House within two weeks.  
A majority of the cabinet favored the finance department draft, but secondary changes were not ruled out.  
Mr. Gordon and Mr. Lamontagne both resigned from the cabinet shortly after the Nov. 8 election, but they retain influence in the caucus, which groups the 131 Liberal MPs and 61 senators.  
The Bank Act was extended earlier this year to Dec. 1 to allow more time for the drafting of the massive revision. The act comes up for review every 10 years.

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# RCMP Control Switch Meets Tory Opposition

## U.S. Officials See Worst Over In Viet Nam's Political Crisis

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. officials say that, while dissidence persists at Hue, Premier Nguyen Cao Ky's military government is again firmly in control of South Viet Nam.  
Security forces scattered hundreds of demonstrators in Saigon Wednesday and the Buddhist hierarchy bowed to an official ban on a proposed march in the 11th week of political turbulence.  
A U.S. diplomat said that "a lot depends on how the government handles liquidation of the revolt" against military rule. He suggested a military assault, such as that which crushed the Da Nang uprising Monday, would be a mistake at Hue, a Buddhist centre 400 miles north of Saigon.  
That seemed to be Ky's idea, too. The government has announced it will try to end the opposition without bloodshed.  
Among key events of the day: About 2,000 South Vietnamese marines and paratroopers backed Saigon police in breaking up groups of rioters, many led by Buddhist monks. Officers said some of the men arrested were agitators disguised as monks.  
**GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT**  
—Moscow, Peking and Hanoi roads beamed encouragement to the anti-government factions. North Viet Nam accused Ky of "brutal suppression of labor and student groups."  
—The U.S. announced an operation against the Viet Cong, 40 miles southeast of Saigon, killed 20 enemy. U.S. planes carried on the air war on both north and south despite monsoon storms.  
—Two military leaders of the Da Nang uprising — Lt. Col. Dam Quat Yeu and Maj. Ton That Tuong — were flown to Saigon for interrogation.  
—Civil rebellion appeared abating in the north. A dispatch from Hue said only a few roadblocks remained, most unguarded, shops were open and the city seemed almost back to normal.  
In Saigon, the Buddhist newspaper Dat To published a letter from leaders of the Cao Dal and Hoa Hoa religious sects and one Roman Catholic group calling on Ky, a Buddhist, and chief of state Nguyen Van Thieu, a Catholic, to resign "for the sake of the supreme interest of the nation."

### THIS MOTORIST CATCHES COP

KITCHENER (CP) — Here's a motorist who caught the cop who caught him.  
Bernie Rutherford, spurred by the fact he'd been stopped for an April 25 safety check by the same policeman who had registered a speeding conviction against him two days before, decided to do some sleuthing on his own.  
After the safety check, he followed the police cruiser and clocked the driver doing 40 m.p.h. in a 30-mile zone and charged the police officer with speeding.  
Constable James Ewing appeared in court and was fined \$10 and costs. Rutherford, 20, paid his fine out of court.

## House Ponders Cabinet Duties

OTTAWA (CP) — The government's plan to reorganize cabinet duties leaped one hurdle Wednesday, but immediately ran into another about proposed vesting control of the RCMP in the solicitor-general.  
Three opposition lawyers attacked the plan to remove the RCMP from control of the minister of justice.  
Solicitor-General Pennell defended the proposal on grounds it is in line with current practice in Britain where the investigative and prosecution functions are separated.  
The legislation gives effect to a cabinet reorganization plan which has been working on a temporary basis since the beginning of this year.  
The bill was given second reading approval in principle without a recorded vote. When MPs began clause-by-clause study, Andrew Brewin (NDP-Toronto Greenwood) introduced an amendment to delete the transfer of the RCMP from justice to solicitor-general.  
**DOESN'T WANT CHANGE**  
Mr. Brewin, a lawyer, said the minister who deals with the only police force in federal jurisdiction should continue to be the senior law officer of the Crown — the minister of justice.  
Richard A. Bell (PC-Charlton), a former citizenship minister and an Ottawa lawyer, said the change is a major error.  
Reid Scott (NDP-Toronto Danforth), also a lawyer, said in supporting Mr. Brewin's amendment that to deal with organized crime requires a maximum of communication and coordination of law enforcement and prosecution.

## Tolls Proposal Is Criticized

OTTAWA (CP) — A torrent of protest against proposals for a 10-per-cent increase in St. Lawrence Seaway tolls and a new lockage charge at the Welland Canal was heard Wednesday at public hearings of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.  
Shipping interests, major industrial firms and western farm spokesmen urged the agency to give up the idea of making the waterway self-supporting and reduce toll collections to a level sufficient to cover operating costs only.  
They said the federal treasury should assume the annual debt payments covering Canada's share of the original \$475,000,000 cost of building the system. Last year's debt payment was \$24,700,000, with Canada's share nearly \$18,000,000.  
Under the Canada-United States agreement by which the Seaway was built, tolls were to pay off the debt and interest charges in 30 years.  
However, the traffic forecasts on which the original tolls were based proved optimistic and since its opening in 1959 the Seaway has gone deeper into the red. Last year's income was \$7,800,000 short of meeting the total debt payment.  
**DEADLINE WAS MOVED**  
Under the agreement, tolls were to have been adjusted in 1964. This deadline was moved to 1966 and the seaway agencies have proposed an increase to begin in 1967.  
Much of the criticism Wednesday was against the plan to start a lockage charge at Welland, which has been free of tolls since 1962 when the Conservative government suspended the charges imposed in 1959 when the seaway opened. Prior to that, the canal had been toll-free since 1903.

## Guyana Celebrates Freedom

GEORGETOWN (Reuters) — Excitement mounted in British Guiana Wednesday night as the clock ticked away the last minutes of 135 years of British rule.  
The tiny enclave, Britain's only colony in South America, becomes independent at midnight to the boom of guns, fireworks displays and dancing in the streets.  
In ceremonies throughout the country the Union Jack flag will be lowered on the stroke of 12.  
In its place will be hoisted the black, green, gold, white and red flag of the new country which will be called Guyana — "land of the waters."  
The Duke of Kent, Queen Elizabeth's cousin who is representing her at the celebrations, will hand the constitutional independence documents to Premier Forbes Burnham, a Negro, at the state opening of Parliament Thursday.  
Guyana will become the 23rd member country of the Commonwealth, with Queen Elizabeth as head of state.  
**HAD RACIAL CLASHES**  
The new country enters independence under the shadow of a state of emergency imposed almost two years ago following racial clashes between the country's East Indians and Negroes.

## Parliament At A Glance

By THE CANADIAN PRESS WEDNESDAY, May 25, 1966  
Credit: MP Raymond Landis (Mégantic) asked in the Commons for a federal investigation of handling of winter works funds in the Quebec community of Notre-Dame-de-la-Guadeloupe.  
He told the House that there have been seven suicides in the community in the last 18 months.  
External Affairs Minister Martin announced that Antonio Barrette, former Union Nationale premier of Quebec, is resigning from his post as ambassador to Greece because of a book he is publishing on Quebec politics.  
The government bill to change responsibilities of certain departments was given second reading approval in principle and MPs started clause-by-clause study of it.  
The opening session of a public hearing on proposed toll increases for the St. Lawrence Seaway heard requests by eastern industry, western agriculture and ship-owners that there be no increase.  
**THURSDAY, May 26**  
The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. to continue study of the re-organization bill. The Senate meets at 3 p.m.

## Bandits Get \$294,000 From Truck

LONDON (Reuters) — Five armed and masked men attacked an armored truck outside a west London bank Wednesday and made off with its £98,000 (\$294,000) load.  
It was believed to be the second-largest robbery of cash in transit in Britain. The biggest was in the 1963 great train robbery when bandits grabbed £2,600,000 (\$7,800,000) from an ambushed mail train.  
In Wednesday's robbery — latest in a series of attacks on banks and security trucks — the bandits pushed double-barrelled shotguns through the truck windows, forced the driver to open the door and made him drive them away.  
The other two truck guards were inside the bank delivering cash.  
The raiders abandoned the armored car half a mile away with the driver locked inside and went off in another vehicle with the money — bank notes in canvas bags.

## Bombshell Is Expected In New Barrette Book

By RONALD LEBEL  
OTTAWA (CP) — Former Quebec premier Antonio Barrette has resigned as Canadian ambassador to Greece to publish a book about politics in the thick of the Quebec election campaign.  
The resignation was confirmed in the Commons Wednesday by External Affairs Minister Martin.  
He said regulations prevent members of the diplomatic corps from expressing personal opinions on politics and other controversial subjects and other Union Nationale leader, the former Union Nationale leader, 67 today, resigned April 25 and Mr. Martin accepted the resignation May 5. Mr. Barrette is expected back in Canada in a few weeks.  
His memoirs, reported critical of some key figures in the Union Nationale party, were to be published today in Montreal by Editions Beauchemin.  
**REPORTS ATTACK**  
The Montreal newspaper Le Devoir reported Wednesday the book attacks Jean-Jacques Bertrand, generally considered the right-hand man of Union Nationale leader Daniel Johnson, and could set off a bombshell in the race for the June 3 election.  
In the Commons, Gordon Churchill (PC-Winnipeg South Centre) asked whether the government had relieved Mr. Barrette of his position. The former premier was named ambassador in 1961 by the Diefenbaker Conservative government.  
Mr. Martin said Mr. Barrette informed the undersecretary for external affairs, Marcel Cadieux, June 8, 1965, that he planned to write a book about his political career. He submitted his manuscript later.  
The ambassador had been informed that the book was "bound to give rise to controversy," that its publication would violate regulations and it would be incompatible with his official position.  
Mr. Barrette then submitted his resignation.  
Mr. Barrette was Quebec's labor minister from 1944 until 1960 when he succeeded the late Paul Sauve as premier and Union Nationale leader. His government was defeated in general elections in June, 1960.  
His book recounts the struggle for power that followed the deaths of Premier Maurice Duplessis and Premier Sauve.



### PRESENTATION MADE TO SUPT. MCNEIL

Supt. A.S. McNeil was last night presented a gift by the Charlottetown branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on the occasion of his retirement as officer commanding 1st Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Also presented with a gift was Mrs. McNeil. The presentations were made at the Legion Home in Charlottetown. Seen here prior to presentations (FROM LEFT) are George Reynolds of the Legion, Mr. and Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. Gladys Bent, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Charlottetown Legion. Earlier in the day Supt. McNeil turned over command of 1st Division to his successor, Supt. R.F. Harrison.

## Fire Causing Three Deaths Being Probed At Fredericton

FREDERICTON (CP) — Fire department officials Wednesday were investigating the cause of an early morning fire which raged through the interior of a two-storey home here, taking the lives of a mother and two of her children.  
Dead is Mrs. Hugh Haswell, 38, and her sons Robert, 9, and Charles, 6. Firemen said they were asphyxiated.  
A third Haswell child, three-year-old Timmie, and his grandfather, C. Hedley Forbes, 67, escaped uninjured. A neighbor found Timmie standing in a lower hall near the front door.  
Mr. Haswell, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont., and a game biologist with the fish and wildlife branch of the provincial lands and mines department, was in Moncton at the time of the outbreak. Walking through his burned-out home later, Mr. Haswell said "it's all a crazy dream."  
Firemen found Mrs. Haswell's body in an upstairs hall near the body of one of her sons. The body of the other boy was discovered in a small bedroom.  
Fire Chief Harold F. Doherty said the fire apparently started in the area of the kitchen and spread quickly up a flight of stairs to a second floor hallway.  
It was believed Mrs. Haswell carried Timmie to the lower floor and returned upstairs to rescue her other sons. Mr. Forbes, a former mayor of Fredericton and former member of the New Brunswick Legislature, re-entered the building and had to be stopped from entering again. He was owner of the house.