

"Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew"

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CLAUDIA MCPHERSON TRIUMPHANT

Canadian Girl Becomes New Channel Conqueror

By DOUG MARSHALL
POLKSTONE, England (CP) — Claudia McPherson, a 17-year-old girl from St. James, Man., emerged sobbing but triumphant from the water late Wednesday after becoming the youngest person ever to swim the English Channel.
Thoroughly exhausted, she flopped ashore two miles west of here after crossing from France to England in 17 hours and seven minutes.
The brown-haired young swimmer from St. James, a Winnipeg suburb, was cheered resoundingly by about 100 spectators, reporters and photographers who had landed at 7:27 p.m. GMT. (4:27 p.m. ADT).
A member of the crew of her boat commented grimly: "I reckon she's a ruddy hero. I wouldn't do that for £1,000,000."
Claudia, who said she lost 20 pounds during the swim, was embraced by her triumphant Mrs. May Ransom, when she emerged from the water.
Claudia swam fearlessly through two schools of clingfish and a shark. But the toughest part of her ordeal came toward the end, when she was nearly exhausted and balked her progress while she was in sight of Dover's white cliffs.

Coach George Alison, 27, of Winnipeg and the Channel Swimming Association observer, M. L. Chadwick, frequently shouted words of encouragement to the young swimmer from the pilot boat more than 40 miles because of tide.

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First This Year
The Manitoba girl—who failed in a channel attempt last summer—is the first to make the crossing this season. Although the distance as the sea gull flies is only 16 miles, the swimmer from more than 40 miles because of tide.

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Miss McPherson—shivering and exhausted—was kept waiting for half an hour on shore after arrival while authorities

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GAIN UPRIGHT HAND

Simultaneously, doctors appeared to be gaining the upper hand in their struggle to keep the unconscious Ward alive.

By using oxygen equipment, a stomach pump and other resuscitation measures, they maintained his respiration and reduced the angry purple flush of his face.

Ward was found unconscious by his friend and host, Noel Howard Jones, on a living room sofa.

Jones told reporters Ward let 12 letters—six addressed to friends—to be mailed if the jury considered him sane. The vice president said he had passed these letters were not suicide notes and said he has passed them as to a member of Ward's legal team.

Christine and Mandy were stunned by the news of the drug overdose.

Mr. Justice Marshall sent the case to the jury despite Ward's absence.

After the verdict, lawyer Jack Wheatley, representing Ward, said he would appeal.

"We shall appeal on the grounds of the guilty findings," Wheatley said.

And the prosecution disclosed that it would bring another, unexpected charge.

Ward at the next court session, opening Sept. 10.

The jury found the osteopath guilty on charges of living on earnings from prostitution during the periods when his clients were Christine Keeler, 21, and Marilyn Mansfield, 18, who were living with him.

He was found not guilty of living on prostitution earnings in charges concerning the "Vivian" case, in which the osteopath, who was charged with procuring a "Miss X" for the same purpose.

Ward faces a maximum penalty of seven years imprisonment for each of the charges on which he was convicted.

The jury announced its verdict after four hours and 20 minutes of deliberation with one 17-minute adjournment on a technical point.

The jury had wrestled with the legal complexities of a case described as one of the most-

Co-operation Expected For Economic Council

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By RONALD LEBER
OTTAWA (CP) — Privy Council President Lamontagne told the Commons Wednesday that he is convinced the provincial governments will co-operate closely with the proposed Economic Council of Canada.
He said he got this impression after holding informal discussions on the bill to set up the 28-man planning body with representatives of Quebec and several other provinces last weekend.
The discussions took place during the two-day federal-provincial conference on which he had drawn fire on grounds of invading provincial jurisdiction.
Mr. Lamontagne, who would be the minister responsible for the council, indicated that the council indicated that the premiers he spoke to did not object to the formation of the Economic Council.
He said there will be regular exchanges of information between the federal council and similar agencies in the provinces.
He spoke during clause-by-clause consideration of the Economic Council bill. The first eight of the 22 clauses in the bill were passed, but debate got down on the clause that sets out the functions of the council.

COMPLETE STUDY

Earlier, the Commons completed clause-by-clause study of a bill formalizing the tax on building materials and production machinery. The bill is expected to receive third and final readings today.

Progressive Conservative MPs shouted "on division" to indicate their opposition to the measure, which has a debate ended Wednesday.

The government made another last-minute change in the legislation. Under a new amendment passed Wednesday, after the bill was considered as contracts for the purpose of tax refunds.

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In the Economic Council debate, Louis-Joseph Pigeon (P.C.-Joliette, L'Assomption, Montcalm) asked that the provinces be given the right to appoint representatives to the council.

Mr. Lamontagne said he doubts whether the provinces would be interested in such a suggestion. Federal and provincial jurisdictions had always been clearly separate.

Social Credit Leader Robert Thompson asked the minister to comment on a report in the Toronto Globe and Mail that John Deutch, vice-principal of Queen's University and former high-ranking civil servant, would be named chairman of the council.

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