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Provincial Legislature To Open On February 26th

The Provincial Legislature will open on Tuesday February 26, according to an announcement made yesterday by Premier A.W. Matheson. It will be the second session of the 48th general Assembly of the Province. The House opened last year on February 21 and closed on March 29.

The standing in the House remains the same as last year. The Liberals have 23 seats while the Conservatives have three. The vacancy in First Queens, occasioned by the death of Hon. W.F.A. Stewart, has not been filled. Mr. R.R. Bell, Q.C. will again lead the Opposition.

Hon Forrest Phillips Minister of Welfare and Labor will be taking his seat in the Government for the first time. He was appointed to the portfolio on April 2, 1956. Since the last session of the House two Deputy Ministers were named. They are Mr. Eugene Gorman, Department of Fisheries and Brigadier W.W. Reid, Department of Welfare and Labor.

The Speaker of the House will be Hon. J.A. Gallant, member from Third Prince. Mr. Brenton St. John, First Kings will be Deputy Speaker.

Safety Regulations For School Vehicles Announced

The Minister of Education, Hon. Keir Clark, yesterday released the new safety regulations, passed at a recent meeting of the Executive Council, regarding school vehicles and operators with respect to the van service policy of the government in transporting students from one school district to another.

The policy of transporting students was instituted almost forty years ago, and continued in a general manner until 1954 when an enlarged policy was instituted which envisaged the transportation of greater numbers of Grades IX and X students from one room rural schools to larger centres.

At the present time approximately 25 van services are in operation throughout the province, providing service for approximately 470 students from all grades.

The regulations are designed to establish a better and more uniform method of transportation with primary emphasis being placed on safety.

PRECAUTIONS

Under these regulations each Board of Trustees operating a vehicle for the transportation of pupils is required to take every reasonable precaution to ensure the safety, comfort, and convenience of the students using this means of getting to school.

Each driver employed in this work must comply with the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act. He shall not have been convicted of any major violation of this act, nor shall he have been convicted of any offence against the Temperance Act whilst in charge of a vehicle, within a period of three years prior to his appointment.

If requested by the Minister, drivers must present themselves for examination to an official examiner of the Motor Vehicle Branch, Department of the Provincial Secretary.

The driver is charged with full responsibility for the safety of all pupils using his vehicle. Any misconduct on the part of any student in transit must be reported by him to the principal of the school which the student attends. At all times vehicles must be clean and sanitary and in top operating condition.

TYPE OF VEHICLES

Every vehicle placed in this service subsequent to the effective date of these regulations must conform to certain standards agreeable to the Minister. From now on these regulations permit only certain types of vehicles to be used; passenger cars, station wagons, buses, and, with permission of the Minister, panel delivery trucks.

Vehicles now in use which do not conform to the new standards must be replaced as soon as pos-

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To Spend $25,000 Advertising Maritimes In Central Canada

A $25,000. Maritime Co-operative tourist advertising campaign for 1957 will be launched shortly by Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. It was announced yesterday by Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, provincial secretary and treasurer.

This will mark the third year that the three provinces by the sea have conducted a combined advertising program designed to sell the Maritimes as a vacation area. The $25,000. Co-operative campaign is in addition to the regular advertising carried out annually by each province.

As in the two previous years, the money will be spent exclusively in Central Canada in an effort to capitalize on the awakened interest in interprovincial tourist travel, Mr. MacDonald pointed out. "It is hoped," he said, "that in the near future this Maritime co-operative promotion, which is paying good dividends, can be extended to capture new markets."

The choice of media and other details of the tri-province program is decided among the Travel directors of the provinces, Earl Clark of Nova Scotia, R.A. Tweedie of New Brunswick and George V. Fraser of Prince Edward Island.

Report Federal Gov't Still Not Decided On Strike Action

OTTAWA (CP) — Federal officials Friday were reported considering legislation to deal with the crippling strike of CPR firemen.

But informants said there has been no decision either on the type of possible legislation or whether it actually would be introduced at the new parliamentary session that opens Jan. 8.

One authority speculated that the cabinet might wait to sound out the views of its Commons supporters from across the country.

Any decision could come Monday, when the cabinet is due to resume a meeting it started Thursday on Prime Minister St. Laurent's return from a holiday in Quebec City.

There was speculation that Mr. St. Laurent might intervene personally with the disputing CPR and Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Eninemen (CLC).

NO PLAN DRAFTED

At the moment, a source said, no new formula for cracking the impasse has been drafted by federal experts since trade Minister Howe — then acting prime minister — and Labor Minister Gregg tried unsuccessfully last Saturday and Monday to effect a solution.

Meanwhile, it was learned that up until late Friday the government had made no overtures to the company or union.

However, labor Minister Gregg said his department is willing to extend any help the disputants may want.

The government also had not moved to bring its board of transport commissioners into the situation. The board has general supervision over the operation of railways, but never has been called into play in previous disputes.

One suggestion discussed at the government - union - company meetings Monday was that it might act as a binding arbitrator to settle all points at issue. The CPR agreed, but the union balked.

Developments in Ottawa Friday included:

1. John Diefenbaker, new Progressive Conservative leader, said he is withholding comment on the strike until he finds out what the government is going to do.

LIFT CUSTOMS DUTIES

2. A revenue department spokesman said customs duties will be eased on United States trucks brought into Canada temporarily to meet emergency transport problems.

3. The post office was mobilizing trucks and buses across the country — with the prospect that some chartered planes might be used — to get mail into areas where the CPR was the only rail service.

4. Officials said they are satisfied that 76,000 workers laid off by the CPR are eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Diefenbaker Reserves Views On Strike Until Gov't Acts

OTTAWA (CP) — John Diefenbaker, newly-elected leader of the Progressive Conservative party, said Friday he is reserving comment on the strike of Canadian Pacific Railway firemen until he learns what the government plans to do to end the walkout.

"I have no general comment on the strike," he told reporters on his arrival here by CNR train from his Prince Albert, Sask., home where he spent Christmas and New Year's. He was accompanied by Mrs. Diefenbaker.

Mr. Diefenbaker was asked whether he believes Parliament should be asked to take action to end the three-day strike.

He said he could not comment "until after I hear what the government is going to do. They (the government) haven't called on us to prescribe."

CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS

Mr. Diefenbaker said Progressive Conservative members of the Commons will hold a caucus Monday to discuss party policy for the new parliamentary session opening Tuesday.

"After we have had our caucus I may have something to say about our future plans," he said.

Mr. Diefenbaker said it has not yet been determined whether Hon. George Drew, whom he succeeded as party leader, will be his Commons deskmate. A lot would depend on Mr. Drew's plans to visit Italy.

He planned to meet with Mr. Drew during the weekend to discuss a number of matters, including the date he will occupy Stornoway, the official resident of the party leader.

Referring to the appointment of William Albert Boucher of Prince Albert, Sask., to the Senate, Mr. Diefenbaker said the former Liberal member of the Commons will "creditably represent northern Saskatchewan in the Senate."

He said Mr. Boucher comes from one of the oldest families in western Canada. He was "very happy to hear of the appointment."

President Of Austria Dies Unexpectedly

By LYNN HEINZERLING

VIENNA (AP)—President Theodor Koerner, probably the most beloved figure in Austria, died unexpectedly at his home Friday. He was 83.

A Socialist, Koerner was elected president in a close runoff election in 1951, succeeding President Karl Renner who also died in office. Koerner's term was to expire June 20.

He suffered a slight stroke last summer, but recovered sufficiently to return to his duties. This morning he appeared at his office and told associates he was feeling particularly well. The president went to his home in the suburb of Grinzing for lunch. Later he was visited by his doctor as usual. Suddenly he collapsed and died in the doctor's arms.

Koerner was born in Komorn, Hungary, April 24, 1873, and as a young man followed his father, Thodor Koerner Von Siegringen, into the Austrian-Hungarian army, of which he later became chief of staff.

SERVED AS OFFICER

In the First World War, Koerner served as an officer in Serbia and on the Italian front.

He was serving in parliament as the representative of Vienna in 1934 when that body was dissolved by Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss after the Socialists rebelled against the Dollfuss regime. Koerner was arrested and held 11 months for investigation.

It was his work in leading Vienna in the dark days after the Second World War that made him revered by the present generation of Viennese. As president he was largely a ceremonial figure, the actual work of government being done by the cabinet, lately under Chancellor Julius Raab.

Vienna Radio announced his death and began to play a program of serious music. Mayor Franz Jonas ordered black flags flown from all public buildings and all programs in state-owned theatres and opera houses were cancelled.

Special elections will be called to elect Koerner's successor.

Back Case Of Man Without A Country

TORONTO (CP)—The Association for Civil Liberties has adopted the cause of Christian Hanna, the man without a country who now is aboard a freighter in Vancouver harbor, an association official said Friday.

Hanna, 23, has been sailing for 15 months aboard the Norwegian freighter Gudveig. He has no know nationality and no country will allow him entry. Canadian immigration officials have indicated he will not be admitted.

Irving Himel, executive - secretary of the civil liberties group, said attempts are being made to reach Immigration Minister Pickersgill, "in an effort to help this fellow."

Good Year For Car Manufacturers

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP) — Canadian automobile manufacturers recorded their second most productive year in history in 1956.

Ward's Automotive Reports said Friday the industry produced 373,672 cars and 98,695 trucks. The 1956 total of 472,367 vehicles is surpassed only by the 1953 count of 483,795 units, which included 366,535 cars and 117,260 trucks.

Ward's said that only General Motors, Ford and Chrysler produced automobiles this week as output was programmed at 5,500 cars and 951 trucks. Studebaker and American Motors continued a three-week closedown that will end Jan. 14.

Four Senate Appointments Are Announced At Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—Four new senatorial appointments — all Liberals—were announced Friday but still left the Senate with 14 vacancies and a Progressive Conservative opposition of only five members.

In the 102-seat upper house the opposition now will face 80 Liberals, though the Senate generally regards itself as non-political.

Prime Minister St. Laurent announced the appointments without comment in a written release to the press. They were his first since he named 13 new senators July 28, 1955, and broke a Liberal precedent by including a Conservative and two independents.

The appointments:

Austin C. Taylor, 63-year-old former New Brunswick agriculture minister from Salisbury, N.B.; Henri C. Bois, 59-year-old agronomist from St. Bruno, Que.; William Boucher, 67, former Commons member for Rosthern from Prince Albert, Sask.; and Sydney J. Smith, 64, Kamloops, B.C. businessman.

Observers saw a pattern in the appointments.

Besides Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bois who are agricultural experts, Mr. Boucher and Mr. Smith also have agricultural backgrounds.

It is believed the prime minister picked the senators in the hope their agricultural knowledge would be useful in a special committee inquiry he will ask the Senate to undertake at the parliamentary session opening Tuesday.

The committee will be asked to study use and development of land in eastern Canada.

It is likely that Mr. Bois and Mr. Taylor will be asked to join the new committee.

The new Senate standing shows B.C. and Prince Edward Island the only provinces with their full complement of senators—six and four, respectively. Vacancies by provinces: Newfoundland, one; Nova Scotia, one, New Brunswick, two; Quebec, five; Ontario, two; Manitoba, one; Saskatchewan, one; Alberta, one.

Political standing in the senate: Liberal 80; Progressive Conservative, 5; Independent Liberal, 1; Independent, 2; vacant, 14; total 102.

Record Number Of Tourist Inquiries

OTTAWA (CP)—A record of almost 500,000 enquiries from prospective tourists was handled by the Canadian Travel Bureau in 1956.

A bureau official came up Friday with the final enquiry figure of 460,882, and the claim that Canada's is the busiest tourist bureau in the world. About 90 per cent of the enquiries were from the U.S.

Foreign tourist spending in Canada for 1956 is expected to be down two to three per cent from the 1955 record of $329,000,000. A total of $304,000,000 in 1955 came from U.S. tourists.

The 1956 tourist year was hampered by bad weather.

EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP FOR U. S. COOLS

West Appears Headed For More Trouble In Mid-East

Tourist Industry Announces Blanket Advertising Campaign

A new era in tourism for the Atlantic Provinces is forseen by Mr. George V. Fraser, director of the Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau who returned from Fredericton, N.B. yesterday where he discussed at length the allocation of the Federal Government's $300,000 grant for tourist developement in the Eastern Provinces. Mr. Earl Clark, tourist director for Nova Scotia and Mr. R.A. Tweedie, director for New Brunswick joined in the discussions which were attended by Mr. Rex Cooper, representative of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau.

Mr. Fraser said it was agreed to spend the entire $300,000 in advertising chiefly in the daily newspapers o fthe North Eastern States of the United States. Actually 17 States will be covered as far west as Chicago and south to Ohio and Maryland.

SATURATION CAMPAIGN

"It will be a saturation advertising campaign" said Mr. Fraser" with every major newspaper in the area carrying at least eight large advertisements between the first of April and the middle of June.

In addition to the newspaper advertising two full page colour ads will be carried in five of America's national magazines. The total newspaper coverage will have a circulation of 25 million, or if it is considered that a minimum of four people read each copy of the paper it will reach 100 million readers in the States.

The total circulation of the magazines which will handle the advertising is 15 million or about 60 million readers.

Mr. Fraser said the greater part of the advertising is being concentrated in the daily newspapers because it is felt that they are a greater medium for reaching the primary markets.

HEAVY MAIL EXPECTED

From previous experience it is estimated that this intensive advertising campaign will bring a minimum of 100,000 replies and since none of the Maritime travel bureaux are equipped to handle such a large volume of mail enquiries, these will all be directed to the Canadian Government Travel Bureau which has through the co-operatio onf Mr. Leo Dolan consented to deal with all literature from the various Atlantic Provinces.

Mr. Fraser in observing that Prince Edward Island's tourist trade has increased between 15 and 20 per cent during the past two years, predicts that the coming season will see all records surpassed. "Possibly our biggest worry will be to find acccomodation for them," he mused.

NEW SENATOR

Austin C. Taylor, 63, leader of the Liberal Party in New Brunswick, who was appointed to the Senate Friday. Decision on site and date of a convention to pick his successor is expected to be made shortly. The veteran Liberal legislator, long prominent in New Brunswick agriculture, was first elected in 1935 and served as Agriculture Minister for the next 17 years, until defeat of the Liberal Government in 1952. He then became Opposition leader in the Legislature. Mr. Taylor has been a farmer at Salisbury all his life. A Baptist and member of the Masonic Order, he graduated from the Nova Scotia Agricultural College with honors in 1914.

Eisenhower's Plan Gets Cool Reception From Arabs

CAIRO (AP)—If the first week of 1957 is an indication, the West is heading for more trouble in the Middle East in the coming 12 months.

President Nasser started on New Year's Day by signing a decree abrogating the British-Egyptian agreement of 1954. This meant that for the first time in nearly three-quarters of a century the West has no military base in the Suez Canal zone—not even on paper.

The canal zone is the East-West crossroads from which Britain once dominated the area militarily.

Loss of the base creates what Westerners call a military vacuum and marks a significant shift in the military balance of power in the whole world.

President Eisenhower will make an American bid to fill this vacuum by asking Congress today for standby authority to use troops in the Middle East, along with $400,000,000 to be used at the president's discretion as economic aid in the area.

EGYPT COOLS VISIBLY

But the Eisenhower proposals already appear to have impaired the two-months Arab - American honeymoon. Talk of authority to use American troops to oppose any armed Communist aggression has been sharply asailed in Syria, Jordan and Egypt.

As Egyptians cooled toward the United States, Western stock sank lower in other Middle Eastern states.

Syrian Prime Minister Sabri Assali presented to parliament a new cabinet which appears to be the most anti-Western in the country's history. It has at least five leftist ministers. Absent from the cabinet are two moderately pro-western parties, the Populists and constitutional Bloc, who were in the old government.

Jordan authorities have announced a new budget is being drawn up which takes into consideration that Arab states might grant Jordan enough financial aid to dispense with the annual British subsidy of about $30,000,000.

Also from the isolated desert of Yemen have come violent complaints of British attacks on Yemen's frontiers. Yemen, newly allied in a military pact with Egypt and Saudi Arabia, has called for a special session of the Arab League to discuss its crisis with the British.

B.C. Prospector At 110 Claims To Be Oldest Man In Canada

KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont. (CP)—Claiming to be the oldest man in Canada at 110 is Wilhelm A. Paezwald, prospector of Boston Creek.

A few days ago he came out of his one - room shack four miles back in the bush where he lives alone "because I have not been able to get wood for the winter."

Paezwald said he was sick all summer and hurt his arm recently so could not get wood to keep his tar-paper shack warm.

For the first time since about 1870, when he worked on the railroad, he will spend more than two successive days out of the bush.

The date and year of Paezwald's birth are not definitely known. He says he is 110 years old. Welfare officials say this is possible and pension and census records suggest that he is not less than 108.

BORN IN BUSH SHACK

Wilhelm, still a healthy man despite his arm injury, said he was born of German parents in a shack in the bush about 40 miles from Pembroke, Ont. He went to school only once. "I had to walk 13 miles, so I never went again" he said. After seeing his first steam engine when the railroad reached Pembroke — he puts the date at about 1870 — he worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway for four years.

Then he quit to go back to the bush as a prospector. He worked in the Sault St. Marie, Sudbury, Kirkland Lake and Rouyn, Que., areas before settling in Boston Creek.

Although he does not believe any of the hundreds of claims he has staked for mining companies have developed into mines, "I think I shall strike it rich one day," he said.

Has he ever been lonely in the bush?

"I have always been too busy to be lonely—or to get married either," he said.

Health Minister Visits Pakistan

CHITTAGONG, Pakistan (Reuters)—Health Minister Martin of Canada arrived in Pakistan Friday from India on his goodwill Asian tour.

"I am glad to be here on the soil of Pakistan," he said on his arrival for a 10-day stay in the country.

He will leave for Peshawar, West Pakistan, Jan. 7.

Scarlet Fever In Refugee Camp

TORONTO (CP)—Red Cross officials said Friday night an outbreak of scarlet fever at a Hungarian refugee centre here Thursday was "very mild."

Two children suspected of carrying the disease have been isolated in hospital, the officials said, an "precautionary" checks are being carried out at the centre, which is at the former Convent of the Good Shepherd.

Officials said all restrictions will be lifted by Monday, and the centre will function on a normal basis at that time.

Some 400 refugees, including 50 children, are lodged in the centre. Women and children are being kept in the building as a precaution, but the doors will be opened Monday.

"It's nothing serious," one official said.

No Pay Boost For Doctors In U. K.

LONDON (AP) — The government Friday shelved demands for a pay increase by 40,000 National Health Service doctors who threaten to boycott the socialized medicine system unless they get more money.

A ministry of health statement said the request for a 24-per-cent increase in fees "could not be afforded under present conditions." The statement was issued after a two-hour showdown meeting between Health Minister Robin Turton and a negotiating committee of the British Medical Association.

The ministry's statement said the claim would cost the country about £20,000,000 a year.

Nile River Development Said Included In Eisenhower Plan

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — A Nile River development program to reclaim vast tracts of land throughout most of North Africa President Eisenhower's plan to maintain peace in the Middle East, it was learned Friday.

Authoritative foreign aid sources said the plan envisages a series of dams, irrigation networks and power plants springing up along the Nile from its Lake Victoria and Ethiopian headwaters to the Mediterranean.

They said it is one of the major proposals being studied at the highest levels of government in connection with President Eisenhower's request, to be made to Congress Saturday, for authority to use economic and, if necessary, military force to resist Communist aggression in the Middle East.

Egypt, the Sudan, Ethiopia, the British protectorate of Uganda, and the trust territory of Tanganyika, administered by Britain, would be invited to join the proposed project in an attempt to open up the region to industry and block the Soviet Union's drive for economic and pollical hegemony there.

Co-OPERATION HOPED

Washington officials said the Nile River proposal was being drawn up in the hope that the United States could persuade Middle East nations to end their longstanding political rivalries and disputes and get on with the job of economic development.

One of the obstacles so far has been the breakdown of attempts to begin Arab-Israeli co-operation on a joint program to develop the Jordan River water resources.

Water development is considered here to be th ekey to many Middle East problems, and the United States apparently believes that the time has arrived for its prestige in the Middle East region atack on Egypt — to b used to overcome the difficulties.

No thought is being given to a new offer of United States assistance for Egypt's Aswan Dam.

The original offer was withdrawn last summer when Washington lost confidence in the ability of the Egyptian economy to bear the strain of so huge a program.

Foreign aid officials said Friday the United States intends to work on a regional basis, rather than through bilateral agreements, to carry out its over-all Middle East assistance program, which is reported to be in the region of $400,000,000.

House Committee May Study Eisenhower Plan For 2 Weeks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congressional leaders indicated Friday that President Eisenhower's plan for meeting possible Communist moves in the Middle East may get two weeks of committee study before it goes to the floor for action.

The House of Representatives foreign affairs committee announced it will begin hearings Monday on the two'old proposal which Eisenhower will outline in detail today at a special joint session of the Senate and House.

Separate hearings by the Senate foreign relations committee also are expected to get under way promptly.

Eisenhower will go before a Saturday joint session at 12:30 p.m. EST to make a personal appeal for approval of his resolution.

Officials said the resolution would:

1. Give the president advance authority to use U.S. military forces in the Middle East if he felt it necessary to block Russian intrusion.

2. Authorize the spending of $400,000,000 for economic aid to Middle East nations in the 24 months beginning next July.

REACTION CAUTIOUS

ew congressmen have voiced opposition to the proposal but many have emphasized they will expect hearings to develop all the facts.

The House hearings are expected to last one or two weeks.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland of California said the separate Senate study might extend two weeks.

Senator Mike Mansfield (Dem. Mont.) said in an interview Friday that Eisenhower should give Congress an estimate of the "costs and of the dangers" involved when he speaks.

Senator Everett Dirksen (Rep. Ill.) expressed confidence Eisenhower "will make a case" for his plan.

The president's speech will be carried by all the national television and radio networks.

State Secretary Dulles will testify on the plan when he goes before the House foreign affairs committee Monday.

A committee spokesman said the group also would like testimony from former presidents Truman and Hoover and former state secretaries Dean Acheson and Gen. George C. Marshall.

All House committee hearings scheduled so far will be public.

Ice Is Early In Belle Isle Strait

ST. JOHNS, NFLD. (CP)- Slob ice has appeared early in the Straits of Belle Isle and some of the villages of Labrador face a hungary winter

Two Canadian National Railways coastal steamers have been forced back after an attempt to buck their way through the heavy ice fields. The Springdale returned to Cornerbrook on the west coast of Newfoundland and the Northern Ranger returned to St. Anthony near the Province's North ernmost tip.

They carried badly needed supplies. Some of the more northern communities are reported short of flour and salt beef, winter staples.

A C.N.R. spokesman said it was possible an ice breaker might be used to open a channel for supply ships. Winter isolation is the annual lot of the people of the Labrador coast, but usually ships operate until later in January. Some supplies are brought in by mail planes operating out of Gander, Nfld., on post office charter.

OLD DIPLOMATS

Diplomacy as it operates today was founded by the Republic of Venice in the 16th centurf by sending envoys to distant city-states.

MARIE MacDONALD VANISHES

Police Doubt Kidnapping

VAN NUYS, Calif. (AP) — Actress Marie McDonald, a beautiful blonde with a fabulous figure and a flair for dramatic escapades vanished Friday from her luxurious home in nearby Encino. In the ensuing hours, three men reported she had phoned to say she had been kidnapped.

The gist of her remarks, as reported by the trio, was that she was being held prisoner by two men, but she didn't know where.

Police said they were proceeding as if they were working on a kidnapping. But officers declined to say definitely that the actress had been kidnapped.

Chief of detectives Thad Brown said:

"We're a little inclined to think that it is not a legitimate, bona fide kidnapping. I am speaking for myself."

The telephone calls were to a movie columnist, to a British actor, and to her agent.

The agent, Harold Plant, told police he was called at 2:55 p.m. and was told: "I'm still being held captive." He said Miss McDonald was hysterical.

Actor Michael Wilding, a frequent escort of Miss McDonald, said she telephoned him at his Beverly Hills home this afternoon and told him:

"I'm blindfolded and doped. I wish to god I knew where I was."

Wilding said he asked her whether she had called police, and she replied, "I have."

He said she rang off suddenly after saying, "They're coming back now."

Police here said they have no knowledge of a call to authorities or of a call to Wilding.

CALLED REPORTER

At 4 a.m. presumably only a few hours after Miss McDonald disappeared from her luxurious home in nearby Encino, police said she phoned a newspaper movie columnist and told him she was being held by two men who kidnapped her.

The 33-year-old blonde known as The Body was last seen in her elaborate home Thursday night, preparing for bed. Her mother, who had dropped in for a brief visit, said Marie was wearing a nightgown and had her hair in curlers and cream on her face.

Harrison Carroll, Los Angeles Herald and Express columnist, said in a copyrighted story that Miss McDonald phoned him at his home at 4 a.m.

He quoted her as saying:

"Tonight at my home these two men came in and abducted me. They drugged me. They gave me a shot of something. Apparently the servants must have gone out and left the door open. They carried me miles."

Police Lieutenant Ernie Johnston told reporters he had been informed that Miss McDonald said one of the men was a Negro and the other Mexican.

MOTHER CALLED POLICE

The police department's first word that Miss McDonald was missing came from her mother. Mrs. Tubini said she received a phone call at 12:45 a.m. from a man with "a nervous voice."

She said he told her:

"We have Marie. No harm will come to her if police are not notified."

Mrs. Tubini called police and rushed to her daughter's home. She said she found the front door ajar and lights burning in her daughter's bedroom.

Police found a note in the mail box which read: "Don't call police. She won't be hurt to get money." Lieut. Johnston disclosed that the note was partially written and partially made by letters cut from newspapers. Investigators later determined that the cut-out pieces used in the note matched newspapers found in the McDonald home.

A reporter asked Johnston if there was anything that investigators deduced from the note or the method in which it was prepared.

"No," replied the police lieutenant. "We are making no conclusions."

Police Sergeant Dan Rikalo told reporters that after Miss McDonald's mother went home, a servant knocked on the bedroom door at 11 p.m. and Miss McDonald answered that she was all right.

"Miss McDonald was wearing a green robe and black patent leather slippers, "Rikalo said. "Her black patent leather purse was missing" Three FBI agents appeared at the McDonald home Friday, although their jurisdiction is not effective for 24 hours.