

## DECISION MADE LAST NIGHT

# Wage Protest Meeting Today Set By Construction Workers

Prince Edward Island's first wage-protest meeting has been called for 1 p.m. today. Dissatisfied at increasing living costs and static wage levels, a large and militant group of construction workers meeting at the Ballis Recreation Centre last night decided to call the wage protest meeting during normal working hours. In this way they hope to bring their problem to the immediate attention of the employers in the construction field.

This is not a strike, nor is this intended to be one, it was explained by Jean Charlebois, international representative of the Labourers' International Union of North America, and Arthur Coleman, regional representative of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, had sent out invitations to all employers in the construction industry on P.E.I. to meet with them and other union representatives yesterday afternoon in Charlottetown.

Only 12 employers showed up to the meetings, and although most of these employers were apparently willing to co-operate they were unwilling to commit themselves without general approval throughout the industry.

**HIGHER MARITIME WAGES**  
Mr. Coleman told the meeting that Prince Edward Island companies, operating on their contracts in other parts of the Maritime Provinces, are paying wages considerably in excess of what they are paying to P.E.I. workers of the same type of work.

Examples he quoted were at New Glasgow and Port Hawkesbury, N.S., where agreements have just been signed giving Carpenters \$2.50 per hour, rising to \$2.75 per hour in November 1966. Other tradesmen and labourers were given comparable rates.

**LOCAL SPEAKERS**  
Claude Carroll, Federation of Labor, William Shields and Ivan McDougall of the local Carpenters' Union pointed out that the average employer on P.E.I. is decent and fair, but that the employees on the Island have little or no bargaining strength. By all

most unanimous standing vote, the workers present at last night's meeting decided to call their wage-protest meeting for today in order that there might be no further delays.

## 2,000 Quebec Teachers Strike

**MONTREAL (CP)**—Some 2,000 technical teachers employed by the Quebec government went on strike Tuesday and a government spokesman announced plans for seeking a court injunction banning the strike.

The walkout resulted from what union leaders called "impatience" with government slowness in negotiations.

## Names Selected For New Ferries

**ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)**—Two new ferries to ply between Nova Scotia and Newfoundland next year are to be named after Newfoundland delegates to the Quebec conference on confederation of 1864, Transport Minister Pickersgill says.

A letter from the minister to P. T. (Terry) Carter of St. John's, a great-grandson of Frederic Carter, says the rail-car ferry to Port aux Basques, Nfld., is to be named the Frederic Carter and an east coast ferry to Argentia, Nfld., is to be named the Ambrose Shea. The letter is dated April 7.

Sir Frederic Bowker Terrington Carter was the first Newfoundland to be knighted. He became prime minister of Newfoundland in 1874, was later appointed to the Supreme Court and eventually became chief justice.

Sir Ambrose Shea, active in Newfoundland politics for 40 years, was governor of the Bahamas from 1887 to 1895. He was nominated governor of Newfoundland in 1889 but did not accept.

## Skipper Puts Claim On Treasure

**SYDNEY, N.S. (CP)**—A Portuguese-born salvage skipper claimed Tuesday the treasure of the sunken French ship Le Chameau belongs to him and his crew.

Capt. Manuel Sequeira and his crew became the third group to claim the treasure, which three Louisbourg divers reported last week they had found under 70 feet of water off the former French fortress.

Capt. Sequeira said he and the crew of his vessel found the wreck of Le Chameau in July, 1961, and recovered three large iron cannons and two small brass cannons. He said he plans legal action to back up his claim.

Meanwhile, Sheriff James MacKillop of Cape Breton County plans to begin and item count tonight of items recovered from the wreck.

Sheriff MacKillop said Tuesday he took possession Monday of six boxes of French gold and silver coins stored in a Sydney bank. He had gone to the bank under the direction of Mr. Storr and his partners who were "most co-operative and helpful."

# Car, Education Taxes Are Increased In City

## 1966 Budget Is Presented

By LORNE YEO  
An increase in education tax as well as an increase in taxes on motor vehicles was proposed by the finance committee and approved by the members of City Council at the presentation of the annual budget in Council chambers last night.

The proposal to raise the education tax on all males employed in the City from \$25 to \$30 and all females employed in Charlottetown from \$12 to \$15 as well as a \$25 increase in Charlottetown motor vehicle taxes from \$25 to \$50 was expressed by Councillor John P. Nicholson, chairman of the finance committee, who last night presented the annual budget.

**NOTES REVENUE**  
Mr. Nicholson brought the Council's attention to some significant figures as a result of the increase in taxes.

He pointed out that by raising the education tax by \$5 on all males employed in Charlottetown an estimated revenue of \$105,720.00 would be realized for 1966, and by increasing the education tax on females by approximately \$3 the estimated revenue would be \$16,000.00. These two revenues combined in an approximate increase of \$20,720.00 over a revenue of \$101,043.00 last year.

The motor vehicle tax revenue which totalled an estimated \$108,750.00 last year is expected to increase to approximately \$201,300.00 in 1966.

The rate of \$2 on \$100, which is in addition to business tax, is born by Charlottetown business men as well as real estate owners, said Councillor Nicholson who listed a 1965 revenue of approximately \$359,600.00 for business taxes compared to an estimated revenue this year of \$363,425.10. The tax revenue for real estate last year was 1,178,067.00 compared to this year's estimated revenue of 1,212,177.60.

"There are a number of citizens who don't own property and do not carry as much a tax load as property owners," said Mr. Nicholson who added "I

believe our tax rate of \$2 is one of the lowest rates in the Maritimes.

**NOT OUT OF LINE**  
With respect to the increase in motor vehicle taxes, Councillor Nicholson said, "we are not out of line with other Maritime municipalities."

"By holding the tax rate at two per cent there will be no need for Charlottetown rentals to be raised," he added. Total expenditures for 1966 were estimated at \$2,377,027.40, while the total revenue for the year was an estimated \$2,382,420.70.

**OTHER BUSINESS**  
Other matters discussed at the meeting, presided over by Mayor Walter Cox, included reports from the various committees and the passing of five resolutions.

It was resolved by Council that Norman W. Lowther and Alfred Hennessey be appointed to the Board of Appeals from Civic Rates and Assessment.

Also decided by resolution was that the proposed new street to service the Wheatly sub-division on the east side of Goodwill Ave. be called Goodwill Court.

That a census of the inhabitants of the City be made according to Section 53A of the Act of Incorporation, was the decision of Council which also resolved that Councillor John P. Nicholson be a delegate to the annual meeting of the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities to be held in Vancouver.

The final decision of Council resolved that the Anthony Land be appointed a special constable on a month-to-month basis on the Charlottetown Police Force.

A special meeting of City Council is scheduled for this morning to give third reading to by-laws levying and specifying the rate of assessment on real estate and business occupancy and the amounts of motor vehicle taxes and educational taxes in Charlottetown as well as a by-law to establish the time of payment of civic assessments and to fix the rate of interest thereon.



TEACHERS BOARD OF GOVERNOR MEETS

## Toronto Lawyer Fined \$2,000

**MONTREAL (CP)**—A Toronto lawyer was fined \$2,000 Tuesday for contempt of Quebec Superior Court by disobeying an injunction issued during a proxy battle involving two mutual fund companies last February.

William H. Zimmerman was assessed two \$1,000 fines and court costs by Mr. Justice J. P. Charbonneau, with 15-day sentences in default of payment.

Mr. Zimmerman is a director and shareholder of Commonwealth International Leverage Fund Ltd. and Commonwealth International Corp. Ltd., both based in Prince Edward Island.

He was fined for having acted as chairman of two brief meetings of the two companies at the locked entrance to a Montreal hotel's meeting hall.

The Board of Governors of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation held meetings in Charlottetown yesterday. Seen here are, LEFT TO RIGHT, Mabel O'Brien, Morell Regional High School, recording secretary; Francis Blanchard, Sherwood School, vice-president; and J. Weeks Murphy, Summerside, president. The Board of Governors is the

policy-making body of the federation, which opens a three-day annual convention here today. The 45 teachers attending meetings were representatives of Teachers in the 10 locals of the PEITF.

# Next Action In Viet Nam Appears Up To Buddhists

By EDWIN Q. WHITE  
**SAIGON (AP)**—The next move in South Viet Nam's political struggle appears to be up to the Buddhists. There is little doubt the Buddhists are ready to make it, perhaps as a show of force.

The military government pledged Tuesday to hold elections for a civilian regime as soon as a constitution is drafted and the voting machinery set up. But the Buddhists boycotted the preparatory congress at which the offer was made.

Only 92 delegates, roughly half the number invited, showed

Knowledgeable political quarters said there is no indication the congress opened the way for any solution.

Before boycotting the congress, leaders of the unified Buddhist struggle group declared they have no confidence in promises of the military government headed by Premier Nguyen Cao Ky and Nguyen Van Thieu, chiefs of state.

## PROCEDURE TAKES TIME

The Buddhists are demanding the election of a civilian government "in a very short time." The military leaders have said they are willing to turn over power to an elected, representative government, but that working out the procedures and holding elections will take time.

Top government officials talk in terms of completing such action in six months. There is no indication the Buddhists are willing to wait that long.

## Viet Cong Hit U.S. Air Base

**SAIGON (AP)**—A Viet Cong guerrilla mortar attack killed two Americans, destroyed two South Vietnamese C-47 transport planes and set a fuel dump aflame at Saigon's Tan Son Nhut air base early today. U.S. officials announced 34 Americans and 14 South Vietnamese air force men were wounded.

In addition to the two C-47s destroyed, other aircraft—both American and South Vietnamese—were damaged.

## Notebook Provides New Mystery

**VANCOUVER (CP)**—Some of the mystery surrounding the sudden death of accused spy George Victor Spencer was cleared up Tuesday—only to give birth to fresh mystery. The latest speculation centred on a black notebook said to be filled with code.

Spencer, 61, was found dead in his home here Saturday night only four days before a judicial inquiry into his case was to have opened here.

An autopsy showed a blood alcohol content of 24 parts per 1,000, well above the 15 usually considered the level of impairment.

John Fisk, deputy city police chief, said Tuesday the police investigation so far shows Spencer's death was not due to foul play.

"The preliminary autopsy does not support anything but natural causes, but the final analysis has not been completed. We are simply investigating this as a sudden death."

# Canada's Largest Postal Union Presents Commission With Brief

By PAUL DUNN  
**OTTAWA (CP)**—In a 39-point brief brimming over with criticism of the post office department, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers Tuesday demanded remedies to avoid another crisis in the service.

The 11,000-member union made its points in a brief to the royal commission headed by Mr. Justice Andre Montpetit of the Quebec Superior Court which is investigating working conditions in the post office department.

The one-man commission, established by the government Sept. 1, 1965, after the two-week

postal strike last summer crippled mail delivery in three provinces, has visited some 40 centres across Canada from St. John's, Nfld., to Vancouver.

The commission is investigating grievances by postal workers outlined during the strike. It is expected to report this summer.

Tuesday's brief took a swipe at just about every area of working conditions in the department and included a jab at certain other civil service staff associations which it termed "company unions."

Heading the union's grievances was the exclusion of its

members from the full collective bargaining procedures of the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act (which contains strike provisions). On this point it says: "It is the union's firm conviction that unless acceptable legislation is enacted granting full bargaining rights, then the next crisis in the postal service will again be upon us."

**PRACTICES ARCHAIC**  
Personnel and equipment policies were termed "archaic, obsolescent practices"; sections of the Post Office Act gave the postmaster general "carte blanche to practice the worst kind of personnel policy imaginable"; and other statutes explained why the department "spawns so many inept and confused supervisors."

The union says "managerial patronage has insinuated itself in place of the merit principle" in promotions and calls for abolition of the present efficiency rating system.

Departmental "spying upon employees" gets a real going over.

"Spying devices in post offices must be eliminated. The observation galleries, peepholes, toilet-flush-stop devices and all other degrading gadgets are in daily use... spying upon employees using sick and casual sick leave must be discontinued immediately."

"The peep-holes and toilet devices have been used by the department to stop pilfering from the mails—a difficult type of theft to detect and prove. The toilet gadget prevents possible evidence being flushed away."



SMITH'S A HAPPY FELLOW

Prime Minister Ian Smith of Rhodesia leans against an automobile in Salisbury Tuesday and says of Great Britain's naval oil blockade: "I think it's all a bit of a joke."

A British navy frigate Monday, acting under a United Nations mandate, forced a tanker to change course and head for another port. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Salisbury).

## Fire Deaths Blamed On Faulty Wire

**PERTH, N.B. (CP)**—Faulty wiring was blamed Tuesday for starting a fire which killed five persons as it swept through a one-room home near here earlier in the day.

"We have nothing definite, but we strongly suspect electricity," Deputy Fire Chief Louis Chantler of this western New Brunswick town said. "It was a pretty poorly done job of wiring."

Killed in the fire were a mother, her three daughters and her grandchild.

Mr. Chantler said the blaze had raced through the frame building "like a flash."

Killed in the fire were Mrs. Joseph Lovely, 49, daughters Lynda Marie, 16, Sharon Ann, 13, Margaret Rose, seven, and five-year-old grandson Richard Gerald Smith.

The bodies of two of the daughters—and the grandson—were found in their beds. The third daughter and Mrs. Lovely were found on the floor.

The five were alone in the house when the fire broke out. Mr. Lovely had left for work about 10 minutes earlier.

An inquest into the fire was called for April 20.

## Director Of Travel Bureau To Attend Madrid Assembly

George V. Fraser, director of the Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau, leaves Friday for Madrid, Spain, where he will attend the first Spanish-Portuguese—American—Philippine Tourist Assembly April 18-30 as one of five official delegates representing Canada.

Mr. Fraser will be a guest of the Spanish Government at this important gathering of world tourist leaders. The agenda will cover all phases of tourist planning and promotion, financing, professional training of hotel and other tourists, international cooperation in tourist development and a study of tourist statistics.

All expenses of the Canadian delegates are being paid by the Spanish Ministry of Information and Tourism.

Mr. Fraser was chosen because of his extensive experience in tourist promotion. He has been director of the Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau for 16 years and in 1959 spent three



GEORGE V. FRASER  
months in West Africa on loan from the Government of Canada as tourist adviser to Ghana.

## TWO WERE ON LINER

# Seven Persons Lose Lives In Fierce Atlantic Storm

**GENOA, Italy (AP)**—A violent Atlantic storm caused two deaths aboard the Italian luxury liner Michelangelo, injured 11 persons and damaged the ship, the company announced here Tuesday night.

The government-run Italia Shipping Line, owner of the 44,000-ton Michelangelo, identified one of the dead as J. Steinbach, an American industrialist. The other was identified only as Werner Berndt.

The company said the storm had caused "appreciable damage" to the quarter deck of the luxury ship and she was expected to reach New York 24 hours late.

The injured were described as originally diverted to aid the

four passengers and seven crew members. The passengers were identified as Mrs. Berndt, wife of Werner Berndt; Joseph Badger, Silvia Borini and Fritz Glauner. Nationalities were not immediately known.

**ARGENTIA, Nfld. (CP)**—Five men were given up for lost Tuesday after they were swept overboard from the deck of the British freighter Chuscal, 600 miles southeast of here in a wild Atlantic storm.

A spokesman at the United States naval base here said the 44-foot Chuscal was leaving the area after losing track of debris washed overboard at the same time in high winds and heavy seas.

Her home port and destination were not known, and identities of the men were not available. A U.S. Coast Guard aircraft

Chuscal was recalled to base when it was learned the ship had given up the search Air and sea craft, including the coast guard cutter Bibb, had been diverted to the search area after earlier being sent to aid another distressed vessel.

The Liberian tanker Rokos developed a severe leak in one of her holds and was first thought to be sinking 450 miles southeast of here early Tuesday.

The 2,000-ton Rokos, with 66 men aboard, later reported the hole in her side was patched and she was continuing on to New Brunswick with a cargo of oil from Gecece. The flooding had been brought under control and the ship was out of danger.

The Rokos and the Chuscal were hit by winds of 35 to 45 miles an hour, rain, fog and high seas from a storm which covered a wide area of the Atlantic shipping lane.