

Ben Barka Kidnap Details Are Given

PARIS (Reuters) — French gangster Georges Figon, 39, a key figure in the Mehdi Ben Barka affair, told his lawyer before he died that Moroccan authorities paid 1,000,000 francs (\$275,000) for the kidnap of the Moroccan opposition leader. It was announced here.

A communique issued by the French state prosecutor said lawyer Pierre Lemarchand, a Gaullist deputy, had revealed this during evidence Tuesday to the judge investigating the scandal.

Figon's body was found in his apartment last week. Police said he killed himself as they came to arrest him.

Ben Barka has not been seen since he was kidnaped on a Paris street Oct. 29 by three men—a French counter-espionage agent and two police officials.

The communique said Figon called on Lemarchand—not as his lawyer, but as a politician—to ask protection Nov. 2. Figon told him then what he

knew of the affair, Lemarchand said in evidence before Judge Louis Zollinger.

KNEW NOTHING

The lawyer claimed he knew nothing of the kidnap plot before that date.

He said Figon told him Antoine Lopez, the counter-espionage agent who also was an official of Air France, had been preparing the operation against Ben Barka for several months. A first kidnap attempt failed in Cairo, but Oct. 29 Figon said he lured Ben Barka to the spot on the Left Bank where it took place, Lemarchand reported.

There was an indication Tuesday Morocco is trying to avoid a break with France over the affair. Each country has recalled its ambassador following Morocco's rejection of international arrest warrants against Oufkir and two high Moroccan officials.

Reda Guedra, former Moroccan foreign minister, has been in Paris four days, ostensibly on a private visit.

Chinese Are Short Of Target For Scientific Advancement

By FRANK CAREY
WASHINGTON (AP)—China's success developing the atomic bomb has helped her narrow in some areas—the West's overall superiority—in science and technology, says a report released by the National Science Foundation.

But, as of the end of 1964 at least, the Chinese still were far from their target of catching up with the world's advanced scientific level by the end of 1967, the report says. It says economic factors and a cooling of Sino-Soviet relations were among the reasons.

Also, it may be another 20 to 30 years before China builds up "a sizable scientific force" of quality scientists and engineers despite an impressive numerical growth since the establishment of the Communist regime in 1949, the document says.

The report was compiled by Dr. Chu-yuan Cheng, a specialist in surveying the Chinese Communist scene, working under a foundation grant.

The foundation says he based his investigation on examination of hundreds of newspapers, periodicals and scientific journals published on the Chinese mainland, and also on a study of

Russian and Japanese publications.

WAS DIRECTOR

Cheng, a former director of the research department, Union Research Institute, Hong Kong, made the study while on the faculty of Seton Hall University in New Jersey. He is now associated with the University of Michigan.

The 588-page report, entitled "Scientific and Engineering Manpower in Communist China, 1949-1963," deals principally with those years, but contains some observations regarding 1964.

MENTIONS WEAPONS

Referring to China's venture into the nuclear weapons field, the report continues:

"Because of the demands made in the field of atomic energy, new techniques have been developed, such as electronic computers, multi-channel communications, ranging and remote-control systems."

Immediate production was possible.

"The pragmatic motives of the Communist leaders are clearly reflected in scientific developments. However, owing to the gradual establishment of new branches, such as nuclear physics, semi-conductors, electronics, automation, and high-polymer chemistry (including plastics), the gap in the development of science and technology between Communist China and advanced western countries has gradually narrowed in some areas."

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Nfld. Reveals Visitor Goal

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Mr. Glannon told the annual meeting of the Corner Brook Junior Chamber of Commerce that if the province has 150,000 visitors this year "and they enjoy themselves and they find it worthwhile" the province need have no fear of the future of its tourist industry.

Mr. Glannon added that there should be no concern about transportation and accommodation factors which were "pretty well under control."

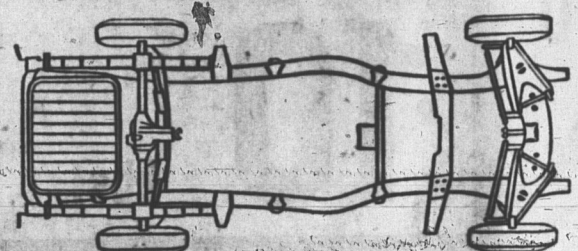
This year has been designated by the province as Come Home Year and is primarily aimed at attracting native Newfoundlanders living outside the province to return home for a visit.

36 DIE VIOLENTLY

KHARTOUM, Sudan (Reuters)—Fifty-two persons, including seven children have died in three violent incidents in the Sudan. The first occurred Monday in the northern province where a Nile boat overturned and 28 persons, including eight women and four children, were drowned. In the Blue Nile province 19 persons were killed in tribal fighting. In the third incident, the Blue Nile's former police commander, his wife and three children, were killed when his car was involved in a collision.

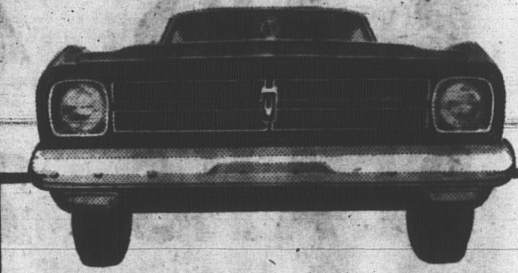
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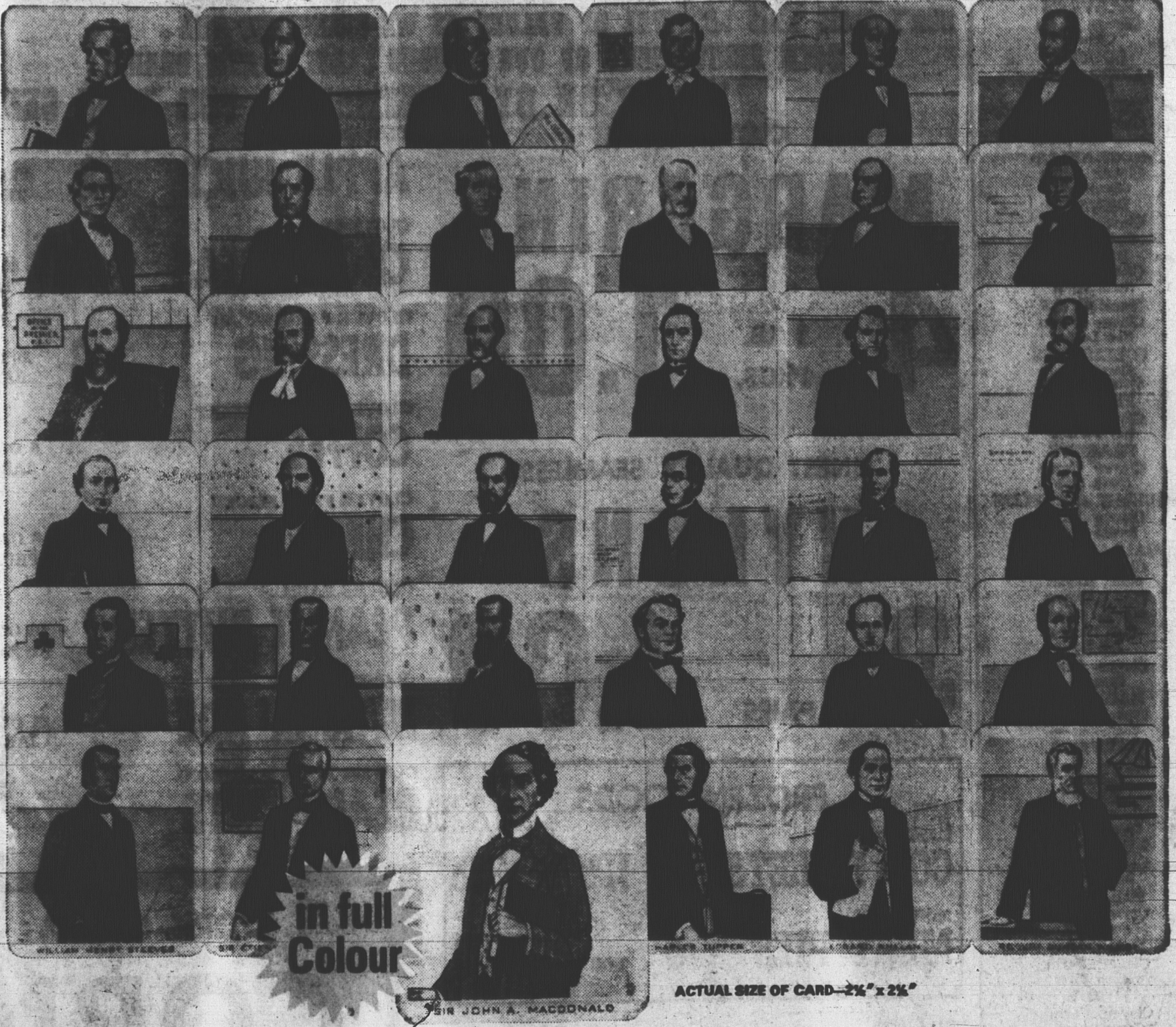
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