

Mr. Justice Landreville Considered Acting Career

By JOHN LEBLANC
 TORONTO (CP) — Leo Landreville thought of becoming an actor as a young man, but there were too many hungry actors in those depression days.

Now he's on stage front and centre in one of the great political-judicial dramas of Canadian history.

Mr. Justice Landreville of the Ontario Supreme Court, who attained wealth and prestige when he decided to turn to a combination of the law and business, now has been labelled unfit to hold judicial office.

The 56-year-old judge refuses to resign, protesting innocence of impropriety in a stock deal, and becomes the first judge since Confederation to be involved in such a removal action.

It is one of the few rebuffs in the life of Leo Landreville since he left his native Ottawa to make his way in the Northern Ontario mining city of Sudbury 30 years ago.

busiest and most lucrative practices in the north. His business acumen was such that he started a business school as a sideline in a few years.

Friends can still recall him opening class at 9 a.m., teaching for an hour and then dashing off for the opening of court. He did this for seven years.

By the time he was called to the Supreme Court in 1956—as one of the last appointees of the St. Laurent government—the shrewd and personable lawyer was a going concern in many directions.

Besides having amassed a considerable fortune—he said later his income was several times the \$18,000-a-year pay of a judge—he had held most of the major elective municipal offices in Sudbury and was a power in Liberal politics regionally.

However, in his one run for the Ontario legislature, in 1951, he was defeated. But he bounced back and was mayor when tapped for the bench.

A slim well-groomed man of less than average height, he dresses expensively but tastefully matching ensembles. He exudes affability and is a lively non-stop conversationalist. He enjoys the good life, including big cars, and one of his luxuries is a villa he has owned for several years in Mexico.

BROKE WHEN STARTED
 He was broke when he started practising law in Sudbury, but in a few years he had one of the

money in large chunks was illustrated by an instance inquiry commissioner Ivan C. Rand gave in his report on the judge tabled in Parliament Monday. He and a partner had picked up a piece of land in Sudbury for \$173,000 in 1949 and sold it for \$325,000 in 1956.

"That he is not to be taken as innocent in such dealings," Mr. Rand observed, "is demonstrated by language addressed to the Tax Appeal Board in the course of an appeal from a gift tax arising out of that sale: 'The fact that we had manoeuvred Kresge's over a barrel and squeezed the utmost price out of them is irrelevant to the issue.'"

Mr. Rand described him as "fascinated by the glitter of success and material well-being" and, on occasion, "not averse from untruths." He also labelled him a snob who wouldn't have Sudbury councillors of lower social rank out to his home when he was mayor.

FLY TO WEST
 EISENSTADT, Austria (AP) — Two Hungarian refugees hedged-hopped a light sports plane across the border Monday in an escape to neighboring Austria. They told police they had plotted to escape for more than a year.

COMMITTS HARA-KIRI
 NEW YORK (AP)—A Japanese doctor was found dead in his Bronx apartment Monday, apparently a hara-kiri victim. Police said Dr. Yoshimari Ishii, 35, of Tokyo, was found stabbed in the abdomen.



DE GAULLE IN CAMBODIA

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, right, Chief of State of Cambodia, greets French President Charles de Gaulle Tuesday at the Phnom Penh air-

port after his arrival from French Somaliland. De Gaulle immediately said "the war in Viet Nam could lead the world to its worst misfortune." Cam-

bodia and Viet Nam are next-door neighbors. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Phnom Penh)



SCOUTS ARE STRANDED

Rover scouts Yvris Garrier, 18 (LEFT) and Roy McAuley, 19, both of Edmunston, N.B., found themselves stranded in

Vancouver by the railstrike. They had been attending a Rover Scout gathering on Vancouver Island. They decided

to leave their heavy luggage and hitch-hike home. (CP Wirephoto)

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