

# Finance Minister's Job Next To Prime Minister

OTTAWA (CP)—The \$35,000-a-year post of minister of finance ranks in the public mind second only to the prime minister's job in power, prestige, and importance to the country. It's backed up by most of the best brains available to the federal government in the finance department and the Bank of Canada, and it can call on the frank and expert advice of any other government department or agency.

While it's a post to which almost any cabinet minister would aspire, it's one fraught with dangers and difficulties at every turn.

When times are good and appear destined to get even better, it's time to worry lest things get worse. When times are bad, it's time to put on the best front and work like a slave to make things better.

The new finance minister must face up to these conflicts. Retiring from office, Finance Minister Gordon looked back on more than 2½ years of accomplishment and said the expansionary period appears destined to go on through all of 1966.

But the law that what goes up must come down applies to the economy as well as to anything else. And there is a growing body of opinion here that steps must be taken now to cushion the fall when it comes.

Already the construction industry with its many ramifications throughout the economy is over-heated and shortages have developed in skilled labor.

Last week's announcement by Mr. Gordon that Canadian borrowers in New York should defer bringing U.S. funds to Canada until after Jan. 1, even in cases in which they have arranged a bond issue, is another case in point.

The action was described by one finance department official as stemming from the American balance-of-payments problem, not Canada's. But it was regarded in the financial community as likely to have two results.

The cutting-off temporarily of the flow of U.S. funds into Canada on new securities issues would seem to increase demand pressures on the Canadian market.

The temporary upset in what have long been normal capital inflows also was thought likely to have the effect of deferring some expansion plans, particularly in the important municipal and provincial government sector of the economy.

Mr. Gordon said he didn't expect the deferrals would have either the effect of pushing interest rate up or of dampening expansion.

## \$7,300 Raised In Rink Canvass

MONTAGUE — Approximately \$7,300 was obtained as a result of a canvass on Friday for the artificial ice rink.

The 10 canvassers were well received, especially by business houses of the town and although the canvass has not as yet been completed it is felt that the \$12,000 objective can be reached.

Lodges, institutes, clubs and several individuals had previously indicated they would help if and when the rink was built. These have not as yet been contacted. It is also hoped that many citizens who have not as yet been contacted will be donating substantial amounts either in cash or in pledges which will



## ONE OF THESE CAUSED BLACKOUT

Hand points to tiny relay device of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission of type which failed last Tuesday and blackened half a continent in the process. Breakdown of the relay in Hydro's

Sir Adam Beck No. 2 generating station at Queenston led to others cutting out, sending huge power surge into New York state. Surge continued

into other states and back into Ontario via Canuse power grid, severing power to most of eastern North America. (CP Wirephoto)

**FARMERS ACHIEVE MORE**  
Output per person has increased in Canadian agriculture by 5.3 per cent yearly, compared with less than three per cent in industry.



## NEW MISS CANADA

Diane Landry, 20, of Winnipeg, Manitoba won the title of Miss Canada for 1966 at the Ontario Sunday night. Miss Landry collected about \$20,000 in prizes and a world tour. (CP Wirephoto)

# Prison Looms For Hoffa But He Continues Active

By NEIL GILBRIDE  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The shadow of prison walls edge closer to James Riddle Hoffa, but the tough little boss of the Teamsters still is very much in the saddle.

He shows no signs of intending to quit the presidency of the world's biggest and richest labor union until the law actually lands him behind bars—if it does. He may not give up even then.

A lawsuit filed by some Teamster locals prevents Hoffa from using any more union funds in his own legal defence. But a dinner in Hoffa's honor Oct. 22 in New York raised about \$100,000 for legal fees. A series of similar affairs is planned and Hoffa's fight to stay out of prison goes on.

If the courts finally rule the muscular Detroitster must go to prison, persistent rumors inside the union say Hoffa will try to install a caretaker president until he is free to resumed leadership.

**PLAYS CLOSE HAND**  
The twice-convicted Hoffa is playing a quiet waiting game pending the outcome of his court appeals.

He doesn't smile as much as he used to and he is somewhat gentler with his subordinates.

Hoffa has been convicted of jury-tampering in a case that brought him an eight-year sentence and of defrauding the Teamsters' pension fund, which drew one to five years.

Some associates report Hoffa is pretty well resigned to the prospect of defeat in the court battle. Hoffa himself is not talking.

Both friends and foes inside the union generally agree on this picture of how Hoffa is bearing up as time runs out toward his final appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court:

**ALL ARE SURPRISED**  
"Everybody is amazed that he is continuing to work as hard as he is doing. He's just going right ahead as if nothing had happened.

Psychologically, you can see the tensions. It is a little more difficult for him to smile, but he's putting on a good front."

Hoffa, who still claims the support of the vast majority of the Teamsters' 1,700,000 members, is going out of his way to avoid new internal strife.

"He's trying not to rock any boats, not to antagonize anybody, to avoid dissensions and fights," one source said.

One high Teamster official said no move will be made to unseat Hoffa until his appeals are exhausted in the Supreme Court.

This could drag on for months and one Hoffa union opponent said:

"If he comes into the July, 1966, convention a free man, he may try to change the union constitution to provide for a caretaker."

What is the secret of Hoffa's hold on the rank-and-file?

## HAS HELPED WORKERS

"Almost everyone in the union, even the anti-Hoffa element, agrees the guy has done an outstanding trade-union job, both in contracts and organizing," said one Teamster source.

In addition to the basic truckers and warehousemen represented by the union, Teamsters organizers have gone after membership among many other workers.

"We'll take anything that isn't taken," one Teamster official said. He didn't need to add that the Teamsters frequently try to oust existing unions in Hoffa's reign, membership has risen by some 200,000.

Cross-country truck drivers, paid on a mileage basis, now make up to \$15,000 a year. The lowliest Teamster warehouseman seldom makes less than \$2.50 an hour and Hoffa made a major breakthrough in abolishing lower wage differentials in southern states, where most other unions find it a tough job just to get a foothold.

## CONTRACT WAS PLUM

But his biggest accomplishment was the national trucking contract, negotiated last year for more than 400,000 drivers of 14,000 firms, providing an estimated \$300,000,000 a year in added wages and fringe benefits. It set the pattern for the Teamsters' continuing efforts to forge national agreements in warehousing and other fields.

## FACED MANY CHARGES

The justice department painted a different picture of Hoffa—indictments on charges of trying to bribe senate investigators, wiretapping telephones to keep tabs on his own employees, using the mails to defraud in a Florida real estate deal involving Teamsters funds, accepting \$1,000,000 in kickbacks from a trucking firm, and beating up a Teamsters employee.

None of the charges ever stuck—until Hoffa's conviction at Chattanooga Tenn. March 4, 1964, of trying to bribe jurors who heard the kickback case at Nashville, Tenn. The kickback case ended in a mistrial.

A few months later he was convicted in a Chicago trial on fraud in multimillion-dollar manipulations of Teamsters pension funds.

The highest-paid union president at \$75,000 a year, Hoffa isn't short of pin money. But with the Teamsters' treasury closed to him for legal fees, he may soon be in serious financial trouble. The labor department reported Oct. 20 the costs of his Nashville, Chattanooga and Chicago trials alone were \$570,396, paid for out of Teamster funds.

A band of Philadelphia members want that any money spent defending all other Teamsters officials paid back by Hoffa and other Teamsters leaders. The total is estimated by one anti-Hoffa lawyer at \$3,000,000.

Hoffa's reign started in 1957 after former president Dave Beck went to prison on an income tax conviction. It has been

marked by turmoil and controversy. Hoffa's 1957 election was challenged by 15 Teamsters resulting in a court-supervised monitoring that Hoffa fought tooth and nail until he finally emerged in sole control in 1961.

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## Peek-A-Boo Suits Barred

LONDON (AP)—Officials of the Miss World Beauty Contest have put a ban on peek-a-boo bathing suits after four contestants—including Miss Dominion of Canada—showed up for rehearsal in suits officials thought showed too much.

Carol Ann Tidy, 18, of Hamilton, offered a spectacular view through the net back and sides of her swimsuit.

Miss Peru and Miss United Kingdom both had net-covered plunging necklines that went way, way down and Miss Greece used see-through net to join together the scantiest of bikinis.

Finally the organizers ruled that the peek-a-boo look would be banned from the contest and only regulation one-piece suits would be allowed.

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