

RCMP Head Angered By Magazine's Story

OTTAWA (CP)—RCMP Commissioner C. W. Harviston has replied angrily to what he calls "misleading and confusing" statements in a Maclean's magazine article about the work of the force's directorate of security and intelligence.

"That article contains so many errors, untruths and half-truths that some comment from me seems necessary," Commissioner Harviston writes in a letter to the author of the article, Sidney Katz.

The letter, released Monday by the RCMP, says Justice Minister Fleming shares the commissioner's views and that the letter was written and sent to Mr. Katz with the minister's "full approval."

The article, entitled "Inside Canada's Secret Police," appears in the April 20 issue of Maclean's along with an editorial signed by Ken Lefoll, editor of the weekly magazine.

Commissioner Harviston says the article "contains fabrications and half-truths."

"Taking issue with several statements in the magazine, the head of the federal police force notes on saying that for 20 years he has visited and questioned a 74-year-old Regina widow who is a "Christian Scientist."

ing to blow her ballast tanks to surface.

Rear-Admiral John S. McCain Jr., navy chief of information, said Monday the navy in Washington "absolutely did not know of the sounds" until Watson's testimony.

Cain said he would make no judgment why some two hours elapsed between the sinking and the first alert from Skylark to the navy submarine headquarters at New London, Conn.

Hecker testified Monday it was 10:40 a.m. last Wednesday that he dropped a series of small underwater charges as a signal to Thresher to come to the surface. His last contact with the submarine was at 9:17 a.m.

"It was 11:04 a.m. when Hecker notified submarine control headquarters at New London that he had lost contact with Thresher."

The Thresher apparently dropped in the sea to come up, but that he was not on board, that no unusual noises had been heard following Thresher's message that she was trying to blow her ballast tanks to surface.

PUBLIC FORUM

(Continued from page 4) This area is heavily zoned which also includes the freedom, apparently from sidewalk clearing. With the old exception, the new section of sidewalk on North River Road has been innocent of the touch of a shovel all winter. As long as the driveway is open, then nothing else matters. The short-sightedness of this lack of responsibility and co-operation is evident when one sees droves of children cutting across lawns.

Their only alternative is to play tag with the cars on the street with the risk of a thorough drenching the least of the dangers. How does one instill in the children any sense of discipline, or behaviour or traffic sense when they have no reference other than to make their

DRIVE AT SCHOOL In the Soviet Union where owning a car is a luxury, children are taught to drive in school.

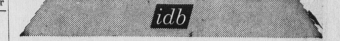
The Guardian, Charlottetown, Tues. April 16, 1963. 7

own routes? In addition to the above noted area, one can add quite a few more where a sidewalk is badly needed, notably the west side of Walkden Drive. The solutions are logical. Immediate provision, this summer, of adequate sidewalks where there is heavy pedestrian traffic, say within a half mile of all schools. By adequate, make them six feet wide so that some laggards will be guaranteed lots of exercise. A noted octogenarian of this city can testify to the efficacy of snow-shovelling as a means of keeping the heart young.

The second step is for the City Council to pass a by-law compelling all property owners or residents to make their sidewalks passable within twelve hours of the cessation of any appreciable snowfall, falling

which they will be cleared by the city with all costs added to the tax bill. This will accomplish one of two things either the stimulation of the sale of small snowblowers with benefits to trade in general or to provide jobs for the unemployed. For public institutions, such as nurses' residences, etc., why not utilize the sale of small snowblowers each winter in the Queens County Jail? Give them an appointed octogenarian of this city.

As a footnote to this letter, may I ask a question of the legal profession? If a child, or any person, is involved in an accident on the street due to an impassible sidewalk, is it a property owner vulnerable? I am, Sir, etc.



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join search for hulk of nuclear submarine Thresher. Bathyscap is expected to make first dive in about two weeks.

Sub's Garbled Messages Indicated Trouble Aboard

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP)—The ill-fated nuclear submarine Thresher, experiencing some undefined trouble far beneath the Atlantic, sent two messages—both garbled—as she fought to regain the surface, a U.S. Navy court of inquiry learned Monday.

The blast of air into her ballast tanks as she sought buoyancy drowned out a message transmitted by hydrophone, the skipper of the surface escort vessel Skylark testified.

Lt.-Cmdr. Stanley W. Hecker, 36, of Brooklyn, N.Y., testified Thresher signalled she was going down for her deep-dive tests. Then at 9:12 a.m. last Wednesday came this message: "Experiencing minor problem . . . (a pause) . . . have positive angle . . . (another pause) . . ."

Hecker said Thresher's last known position was about 3,400 yards from his ship and he was concerned that if she surfaced

Best Sources, Magazine Says

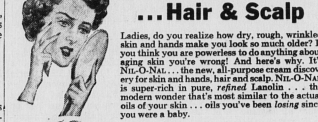
TORONTO (CP) — Maclean's magazine said Monday an article by Sidney Katz in the April 20 issue, dealing with the RCMP, directorate of security and intelligence, was based on "the most reliable sources available."

RCMP Commissioner C. W. Harviston had termed the article "misleading and confusing." Maclean's said the RCMP was invited to comment "on many of the specific examples included in the article."

"The opportunity, in many cases, was refused," the magazine said a complete discussion of security activities of the RCMP is difficult because of the traditional reticence about the specific cases which attract public interest.

"A more complete and frank discussion of RCMP security activities as well as a clear statement of government policy would do much to lessen widespread misunderstanding."

For Skin & Hands ... Hair & Scalp

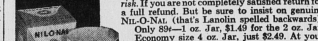


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