



**AMPHIBIOUS TRACTORS SEARCH ROUTE INLAND**

A column of amphibious tractors carrying troops of the First Battalion, 26th Marines, moves along the beach near Ham Tan, east of Saigon, after combat assault from ships of the Seventh Fleet, participating in Operation the beach from the jungle and troops and to advance on foot. (AP Wirephoto)

**West German Generals' Tiff Has Swelled Into Top Crisis**

BONN (AP) — The growing row between West German's generals and politicians swelled today into a major crisis with the announcement that the two-star commander of the country's third military region has asked to be retired. It is the third time this week that a general has asked for retirement.

A defence ministry spokesman said Maj. Gen. Guenther Pape has requested to be relieved of his command because he disagrees with a defence ministry decision allowing soldiers to join a transport workers labor union.

The four-star chief of the nation's armed forces, Gen. Heinz Trettner, asked Tuesday to step down because of the ministry's decision.

The disclosure by the defence ministry of the 58-year-old Trettner's request came a day after the ministry suspended the air force chief, Lt-Gen. Werner Panitzki, for criticizing the government and its purchase of the air force's crash-prone F-104 Starfighters.

German political observers viewed the row swirling around the two generals as a crucial clash between the military and ruling politicians, who have made great efforts to keep the 430,000-member armed forces under their control since the country was allowed to rearm in the middle '50s.

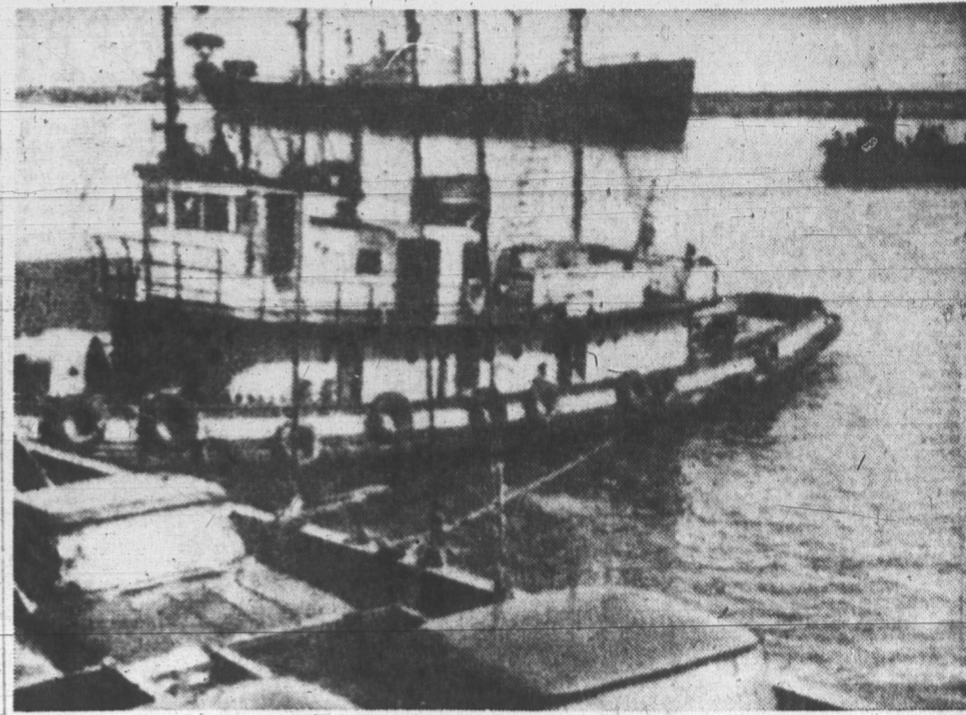
The opposition Social Democratic party and the Free Democratic party, which is the junior partner in Erhard's coalition government, have been dissatisfied with von Hassel, considering him not up to the job and an obstacle in the way of Bonn's efforts to improve relations with the Communist bloc.

A special session of the Bundestag has been scheduled to investigate Panitzki's charges.

A spokesman said Erhard would consider Trettner's case when he returns from vacation Thursday.

**WATCH FOR FIRES**

The Ontario department of lands and forests has enough fire hose to reach from Matamoras, Northern Ontario, to New York.



**REOPEN CHANNEL TO SAIGON**

A U.S. Army tug pushes against the freighter Baton Rouge Victory, blasted Tuesday by a powerful Viet Cong mine, to keep it from drifting into the traffic lane of Long Tau channel 22 miles south-east of Saigon in South Viet Nam, or from twisting and breaking in the current. The channel, one of two main shipping waterways to Saigon, was reopened Wednesday. In background another freighter heads for the capital and at right is a U.S. Navy salvage vessel. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Saigon)

**Atlantic Crossed In Tiny Sloop**

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—An Englishman who crossed the Atlantic in a tiny sloop in eight weeks landed safely on the Newfoundland east coast Wednesday night. The first thing George Boudouin did when he landed was to take a fresh-water shower to remove salt from his body.

Boudouin's sailing craft, the Penny Ballerina, tied up at Mobile, a tiny fishing village about 40 miles south of here.

The Penny Ballerina was sighted by a freighter Monday for the first time in many days. Both the Canadian Air-Sea Rescue Centre and the Royal Air Force Coastal Command had been briefed on Boudouin's crossing and planes had been ordered to report any sign of the sloop.

However, no actual search had started. Boudouin left Plymouth, Eng. July 1.

The freighter Mormacargo assisted the Penny Ballerina 130 miles off Newfoundland earlier this week. The captain of the U.S. freighter reported Boudouin was out of provisions and the sloop had some rigging damage.

**ALL CANADA**

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ment is scheduled for Monday. It will either pass legislation arising from a mediated settlement of authorize emergency measures to end a strike should mediation fail.

All the unions want wage increases. The non-ops, who now make an average of \$2.22 an hour, are seeking increases of between 55 cents and \$1.23 compared with the 45-cent an-hour recommended as an increase figure by the conciliation boards.

The railroad trainmen, who now make more than \$3 an hour, are looking for a reduction of their work hours without any pay loss.

In Montreal, officials of the CNR and the CPR said figures from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show that for the last 16 years "non-operating employees have consistently enjoyed, on an average at least, the same rate of increase as that experienced by workers in the durable goods industries."

Union spokesmen have been using the same figures to underline their contentions that non-ops are lagging behind in pay levels.

Railway officials said Wednesday that no special arrangements have yet been made for payment of wages to striking employees in case of a strike. Payment usually is made at the end of each month.

"Aug. 31 is still a week away," said one railway spokesman, "and there's a possibility that any strike would be over by then anyway. We've had to spend our time making other emergency arrangements."

In Winnipeg, officials said Canada's all-important grain exports could continue perhaps two weeks past the start of a prolonged railway strike.

A period of two weeks without rail transportation would close Pacific elevators and "have the Lakehead and Churchill scraping the bottom of the barrel," one official said.

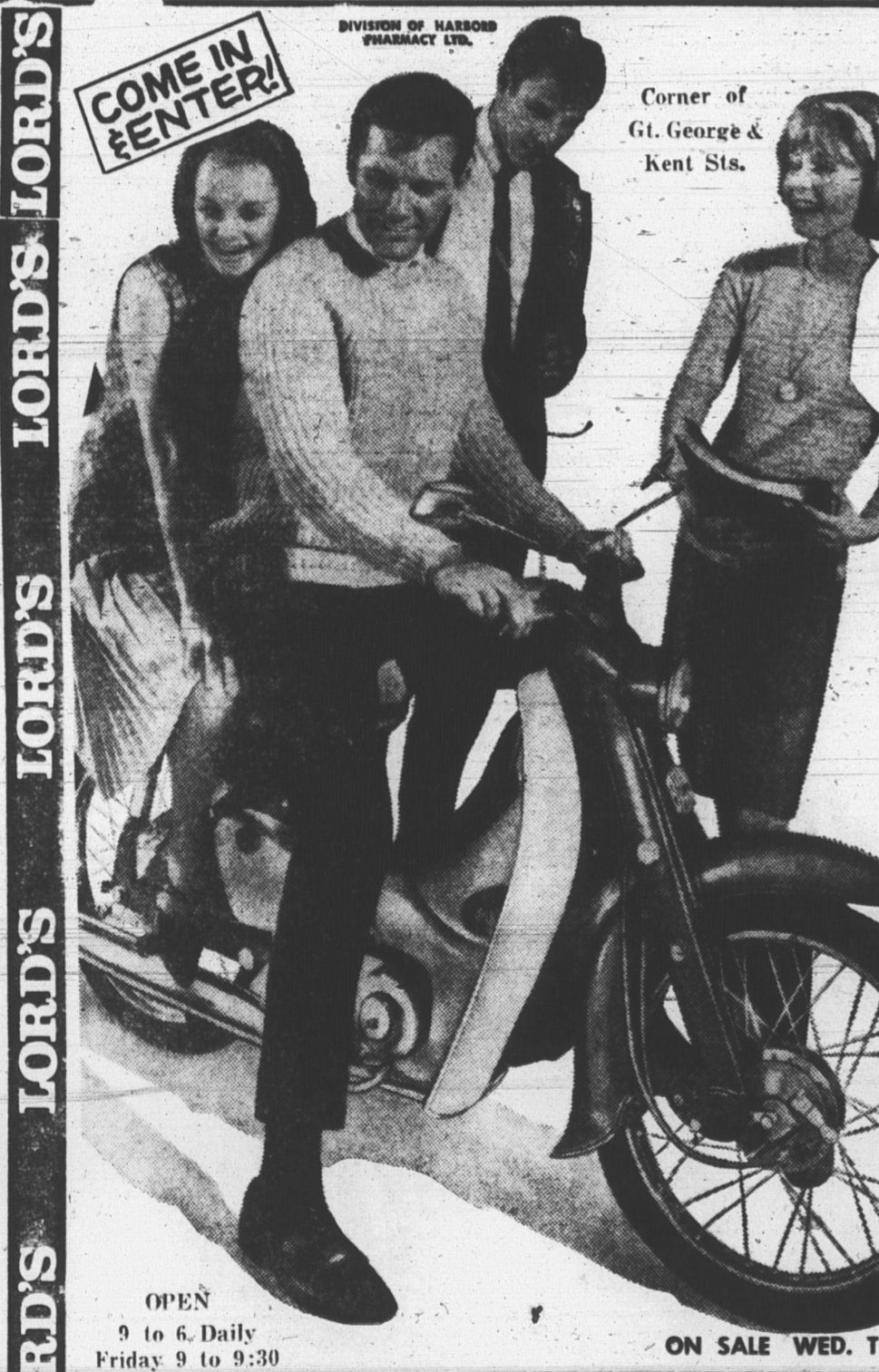
**Man Sentenced, Arrested Here**

SYDNEY (CP) — A Halifax man was sentenced to two years in penitentiary Wednesday after pleading guilty Tuesday to four charges of fraudulently obtaining money in four Cape Breton areas.

Stanley William Maxon, 26, was given a two-year term for passing worthless cheques for \$150 at Sydney River supermarket and a concurrent two-year term for obtaining sums of \$34 with bad cheques in Brook and North Sydney.

He was also given an additional concurrent six months sentence for obtaining a quantity of goods and cash through a worthless cheque at Bras D'Or in June. Maxon was arrested in Charlottetown.

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