

## 10,000 Seals Are Taken As Hunt Gets In Action

### Alberton And Tignish Swarm With Aircraft

By FRANK WEEKS  
ALBERTON—Under clear sunny skies and above 40 temperatures, ships, planes and helicopters harvested an estimated 10,000 pelts yesterday from a huge herd of seals located off North Cape in Prince Edward Island as the Gulf of St. Lawrence sealing season opened.

Exact figures were not available from the department of fisheries, which has officers on board all ships and at five drop zones in Alberton and Tignish.

At least 30 planes and helicopters were in action in West Prince in a steady shuttle service between the landing areas and the seal herd and as many more aircraft are making preparation to join the hunt today.

The Alberton Sealing Company, comprised of Wendell Clair, Fred Matthews and Mic Gallant was among the more successful aerial groups with close to 500 pelts landed at Montrose Bridge. Glen Matthews and Pilot Robert McIlwaine had 250 after a late morning start with only one plane.

Philip Kinch of Alberton South also reported an excellent day's hunt.

Other groups in Tignish, including veteran hunters from the Magdalen were reported to have landed between 2,000 and 3,000 pelts.

Seal hunting fever has descended on Alberton and Tignish in full force as about a hundred men are engaged in the hunt and hundreds of others visited the drop areas in Alberton and Tignish.

Light planes and helicopters buzzed over the area from dawn to dusk, some actively working the herd and other arriving and getting organized for an expanded hunt today. Two of the larger helicopters on the scene was a huge Sikorski chartered by the dept. of fisheries and a twin-rotor Search and Rescue copter from Greenwood, N.S.

Accommodation was at a premium, particularly in Tignish where Gaudet's and Bernard's Hotels were jammed to the doors. Many private homes took in hunters from the Magdalen and other points in the Maritimes.

Dr. Marc Arsenault, well known seal hunter, arrived yesterday with a large group of hunters from the Magdalen. Unable to obtain lodging he was reported renting trailers from Summerside last night. The Westerner Hotel had inquired from two groups containing 30 men each but were already booked out.

Two helicopters landed directly in front of the motel. A number of fishery officers engaged in patrolling the seal hunt are booked at the motel and also landed there from a copter.

A. E. S. Homans, assistant area director, dept. of fisheries, Halifax, was on the scene yesterday and is expected to return today.

The actual killing and skinning operation is not apparent to those on shore as the planes taxi in, unload their cargo of white furred pelts, gas up and quickly take off on return to the herd. Alongside 10 high piles of fat pelts on the ice are piles of flippers, considered a delicacy by many, which will be sold separately at a dollar a pair.

### Matheson Tells Students He's Quitting As Leader

Speaking before the St. Dunstan's University Liberal Club in Kelley Memorial Library last night, Opposition leader A. W. Matheson said: "Tonight is my last official appearance as Liberal leader in Prince Edward Island."

The statement apparently confirmed rumors which were rife in the Island capital yesterday and which hinted that Mr. Matheson would step down.

He said an announcement would be made today in the Legislature which will give his reasons for resigning. He hinted that the heart attack he suffered about three years ago was one factor in his decision.

He said he did not know who his successor would be.

Liberal leader since 1953, Mr. Matheson, 61, said he would like to remain in the Legislature and help the people of the Island regardless of the political situation.

Leaving the door open, however, the Liberal leader said that negotiations had to be carried on between the federal governments of Canada and the U.S.

Speaking on the university question, Mr. Matheson said he favoured a single university and that the province could not possibly support two such institutions.

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MR. MATHESON  
Liberals were returned to power to make every attempt to find out where all the money has been spent in the past six years. The figure he mentioned was \$30 million.

### Contracts Awarded In Prince

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN  
OTTAWA.—Two contracts to Prince County firms were announced here Monday by Solicitor General J. Watson MacNaught.

Alberton Industries Limited has been awarded a contract to build five trap booms for the department of northern affairs and national resources. These booms are 31 feet long and are to be completed at a tender price of \$18,049.

"Alberton Industries means much to the economy of the Town of Alberton and this contract will give a further boost to the employment situation in this progressive West Prince centre," Mr. MacNaught said.

Summeride workmen will benefit from a contract awarded by the department of defence production. The treasury board has approved a contract to Schuman Construction Limited to supply and install window steel, standard duty c-w frames, inside and outside trim at RCAF Station, Summeride. The contract price is \$17,423.

### SHEPDOG BOY HAS HAIR CUT

TORONTO (CP)—Wayne Marshall, 15, had his hair cut Monday and when he went to school resembling an old English sheep dog.

The haircut had been cooked up between Wayne's mother and principal Eric Runacres of St. Andrew's Junior High School in Suburban North York.

Mr. Runacres had two staff members hold Wayne while he cropped the hair that dangled over the grade 8 student's eyes.

Mrs. Marshall later thanked Mr. Runacres.

Mr. Runacres said he cut the boy's hair because of his "aggravating and insolent refusal" to have it cut himself.

Mr. Runacres said he allows boys to wear their hair any way they like, but not in a way that covers "ears, collars or eyes."

Saul Cowan, chairman of the school board, said he will investigate.

"Although many of us feel some of these hairdos are terribly outlandish, terribly diverting, there should be other ways to handle it," he said.

### Nfld. Youth To Be Tried For Murder

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Melvin Peter Young, 19, of St. George's, Nfld., was indicted to stand trial on a charge of capital murder here Monday when a Supreme Court grand jury returned a true bill after more than an hour and half of deliberation.

Young is charged in the Dec. 19 death of RCMP Constable Robert Winston Arney 22, of Pondville, N.S., who was serving with the Whitehorse, Nfld., detachment. Arney was shot to death while attempting to capture four penitentiary escapees.

Young appeared in court and pleaded not guilty to the charge Monday. No date was set for the trial which will be held before a judge and jury.

### Honeymooners Escape Crash

PRESQUE ISLE, Me. (AP)—A young Canadian couple on their honeymoon came through a collision with a freight train Monday with hardly a scratch to show for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Penney of Labrador City, Nfld., had reached a crossing, according to Police Chief Watson Burlock, when a train backing up hit their car and pushed it 45 feet along the tracks.

Penney, 22, received a minor cut on one ear, and his wife escaped injury. Their car was extensively damaged.

Police said Penney may have been blinded by the sun and unable to see the train in time.

### Three Newfoundland Ships Plan To Enter Seal Hunt

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Two Newfoundland sealing vessels are on their way to the seal hunt and a third is making preparations here for the voyage to the front—the waters of eastern Labrador and northern Newfoundland.

The Chesley A. Crobbie, built last year especially for the seal hunt, and the veteran Algrine left port early Monday, each carrying 60 hunters. They were reported heading for an area just east of Belle Isle.

The old Kyle, fast of the steam-powered ships to take part in the annual hunt, was at St. John's dock Monday night taking on a cargo of coal. The Kyle, owned by Earle Freight Services of Carbonara, Nfld., is carrying 100 men. It was to leave Tuesday.

The Chesley A. Crobbie, owned by Chimo Shipping Limited here, is under Capt. Clarence Dyle of St. John's. The Kyle is commanded by Capt. Guy Earle, one of the owners, and the Algrine, owned by Bowring Brothers of St. John's, is under the command of Capt. Job Keen.

There are no planes taking part in the seal hunt out of Newfoundland and none of the Newfoundland ships are using helicopters as in past years to spot the seal herd.

All Newfoundland ships hunt at the front while Halifax based ships will hunt in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The season at the front opens March 12.

### Shocked Cries Heard Over Alabama Action

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sit-ins and pickets swirled around the U.S. justice department Monday amid shocked cries from Congress members over police routing of Negro marchers in Selma, Ala.

One Negro youth was dragged from the office of Attorney-General Nicholas Katzenbach and another group of demonstrators demanding federal protection for the Alabama marchers staged a noisy sit-in outside the door.

Outside, several hundred pickets marched and sang to back up the demand for federal intervention. Around the corner, six members of the American Nazi Party put on a counter-march.

There were calls in Congress for federal action and protection for another right-to-vote march planned for today from Selma to the Alabama state capital at Montgomery.

"The time has come to act," said Senator Jacob K. Javits (Rep. N.Y.), calling on President Johnson for immediate federal intervention in the racial violence at Selma.

Of Sunday's police dispersal of marchers, Representatives Gregory and Leonard, RCASC, Winnipeg, and Arthur of New York; a sister, Edwina, Mrs. Louis Doyle of Charlottetown.

Meanwhile, the search for more bodies buried in the Grandic avalanche was called off officially Monday. Only a small cleanup party will remain behind to clear debris.

Officials said search for the remaining five bodies was abandoned because the entire area already had been searched and there was little hope of finding them until the snow melts by summer.

Twenty-one bodies were recovered.

### Prince Edward Island Man Was Granduc Mine Victim

A Prince Edward Island man, Ronald Leigh Currie, 34, formerly of Tracadie was a victim in the Granduc, B.C. mining camp disaster Feb. 18, it was learned yesterday.

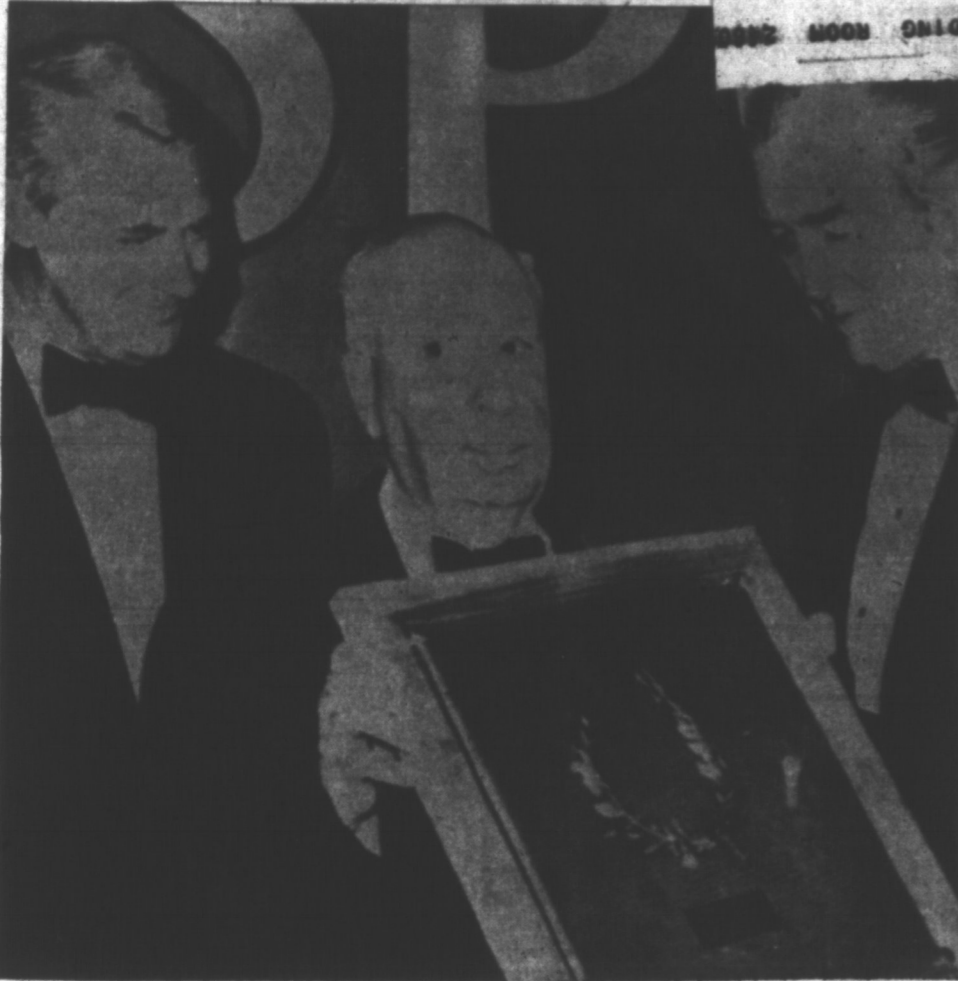
His funeral was held on Tuesday, March 2, with Roman Mass in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, 115 East 12th Avenue, Vancouver, conducted by Rev. J. Teague. Burial was in Mountain View cemetery. A sister, Mrs. Louis Doyle of Charlottetown and a brother, Sgt. Leonard Currie of Winnipeg were in attendance.

Mr. Currie is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Currie of Charlottetown, three brothers, Gregory and Leonard, RCASC, Winnipeg, and Arthur of New York; a sister, Edwina, Mrs. Louis Doyle of Charlottetown.



### SKATING CHAMPS VISIT FILM STUDIO

Three of the world's best figure skaters are presented miniature automobiles as souvenirs of their visit to a Hollywood movie studio Monday by Howard Hawks, director of a film about race cars called "Red Line 7000." At left are Petra Burka of Toronto, Canada, who won the ladies' championship, during the world figure skating competition at Colorado Springs, Colo., last week. At right are Ljudmila Bolonova and her husband, Oleg Protopopov, winners of the pairs championship at the same meet.



### HITCHCOCK RECEIVES PRODUCER'S AWARD

Alfred Hitchcock (center) and (right) at the Guild's annual dinner in Beverly Hills, Calif. Actor Cary Grant (left) commented on a 34-minute film shown at the dinner presenting the highlights of most of Hitchcock's screen productions.

### HEALTH MINISTER GIVES BLAST

## Creditiste Backbencher Said Derelict In Duties

OTTAWA (CP)—Health Minister Judy LaMarsh said Monday a Creditiste backbencher was derelict in his duties and wasting the time of the Commons in fighting for an amendment, later voted down, to the Canada Pension Plan permitting Quebec to negotiate with foreign governments on pension matters.

Target of her remark was hotel keeper Gerard Perro, MP for Beauce, who with other Creditistes argued that the amendment would not be shattering past precedents. Quebec already had negotiated with France on education matters, he said.

Miss LaMarsh said Mr. Perro had attended only six of the 51 meetings of a special Commons-Senate committee which met on the pension plan during the Christmas and New Year's recess.

Gilles Gregoire, deputy Creditiste leader, said this was a malicious insinuation which Miss LaMarsh had no right to raise. It was none of her business to comment on the attendance of members at the committee sessions.

Miss LaMarsh then rose to say she was "not insinuating anything. I am making the charge that the member has been derelict in his duties, is not informed on this bill, and is only wasting the time of the House."

**DEMAND WITHDRAWAL**  
Her remark touched off angry shouts between government and opposition benches. Mr. Perron and his deputy leader demanded a withdrawal.

Lucien Lamoureux, deputy Speaker, said the discussion was not relevant to the bill. He said under the circumstances, no withdrawal was necessary.

Mr. Perron said Quebec, since it plans to operate a provincial plan of its own in conjunction with the contributory Canada Pension Plan, should have power to negotiate with foreign governments. There was the case of Quebec residents working in Maine and Vermont.

Revenue Minister Benson said that negotiations had to be carried on between the federal governments of Canada and the U.S.

**CAN ASK OTTAWA**  
But there is a clause in the Canada Pension Plan by which Quebec can ask Ottawa to be carried over to the federal government's of Canada and the U.S.

**Parliament  
At A Glance**  
By THE CANADIAN PRESS

**MONDAY, March 8, 1965**  
The Commons continued study of the Canada Pension Plan after a statement on troubled Viet Nam.

External Affairs Minister Martin said a key point is to determine whether there is a real basis for negotiation to end strife there.

The government published the minority report by Canada as a member of the freeze supervisory commission.

It blamed Communist North Viet Nam for stirring up the troubles in neighboring South Viet Nam.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker described Mr. Martin's statement as a "mass of generalizations."

Canada's only policy for the Southeast Asia country was "hope."

H. W. Hertridge (NDP — Kootenay West) said the government didn't want to rock the U.S. boat.

On the pension plan, the Commons voted down a Creditiste amendment that Quebec be allowed to negotiate with foreign governments on pensions.

During the night sitting an NDP proposal to treat fishermen holding contracts with processors under the plan as employees was defeated 53 to 23.

**TUESDAY, March 9**  
The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. EST in continuing study of the pension plan. The Senate meets at 8 p.m.

## Yank Marines Dig In At Base

DA NANG, South Viet Nam (AP)—Two battalions of U.S. Marines, who landed by sea and air Monday, dug in methodically to reinforce defences of the Da Nang air base near the North Vietnamese border. The muzzles of rifles and machine-guns singled from their lines.

A single sniper's bullet symbolized Communist objections to the building of American forces at the base, a key installation for strikes against both the Communist Viet Cong guerrillas and North Viet Nam.

The bullet plowed harmlessly into one wing of a C-130 transport plane inbound with a load of marines from Okinawa. The plane landed normally.

Aboard, however, there was a barrage of criticism from Communist quarters. And some non-Communists, including leaders of the left wing of Britain's ruling Labor Party, joined in the outcry.

The Soviet government newspaper Ivestia charged the landings were "a new phase of the aggressive policy of the U.S.A. in South Viet Nam" that showed Washington has decided to widen the war.

**ONSIDER RETALIATION**  
A Viet Cong representative in Peking, Nguyen Minh Phong, said the guerrillas were considering retaliatory action. It was not brought out what form such retaliatory action might take.

## Martin Reviews Viet Nam Crisis

By DAVE MCINTOSH  
OTTAWA (CP)—External Affairs Minister Martin said Monday the first objective in the Viet Nam situation is to try to ascertain whether there is any willingness and real basis for negotiations.

If negotiations can be arranged, he told the Commons, Canada would make concrete and practical proposals as to how the 1954 Geneva agreement or any alternative machinery could be developed for a settlement.

It was the 1954 Geneva conference which resulted in establishment of the three-nation—Canada, India and Poland—truce supervisory commission in Viet Nam.

Canada Monday made public its commission minority report placing the major blame for Viet "dangerous instability" in Viet Nam on Communist subversion through infiltration of arms, troops, terrorists and saboteurs from North Viet Nam.

Mr. Martin said the majority India-Poland report was "misleading" because it referred only to U.S. retaliatory bombing raids on North Viet Nam and not to the root cause of the trouble: Subversion.

Prime Minister Pearson and Mr. Martin ran into a barrage of criticism from opposition members in the Commons in an hour-long debate.

**SAYS IDEAS HELPFUL**  
Mr. Pearson said in reply to Opposition Leader Diefenbaker that he was merely putting forward "some ideas we thought might be helpful" when he advocated formation of an international peace force for Viet Nam.

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### Oyster Industry In B.C. Faces Closing Threat

VICTORIA (CP)—Federal and provincial authorities are considering closure of a major portion of the coastal oyster industry because of pollution.

Dr. James Taylor, deputy provincial health minister, said Monday that if the oyster grounds are closed "it will likely mean they will stay closed permanently."

Dr. Taylor blamed industrial waste, log booms and shipping for the pollution, which "has been building up over a period of years and is likely to take as long to clear up, if indeed it ever clears up."

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**COMPLETE HIGHWAY**  
Dr. Rowe's 7,000-word speech also said \$25,000,000 of capital expenditure would be paid towards completion of the Trans-Canada Highway which is scheduled to be finished before the end of the year. Another \$10,000,000 is to be spent on construction of new roads and repairing existing roads in the province.