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They are very, very closely attached to one another, a friend reported. They understand each other's thoughts without a word being spoken.

Marie and Annette would have gone home for Christmas but Yvonne and Cecile, who are in their second year of training for nursing, were on duty.

The friend—a businessman and counsellor of the quints—had been asked by the girls to act as spokesman and explain their position.

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He said the quints yearn for freedom, privacy and a life of their own.

Another informant—described as an administrator of the quints' affairs—was quoted as saying the whole matter is "nothing but a tempest in a teapot."

Earlier, Yvonne denied in tears a public charge by her father Oliva Dionne, that the quints are turning away from their parents. They hadn't even sent a Christmas greeting, he said.

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Nehru Takes Formal Note Of Soviet Speeches

NEW DELHI (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru has sent to his cabinet a formal note describing the speeches of Soviet leaders while on tour here as embarrassing to the Indian government, reliable sources said Wednesday.

The note was said to cite the "great difficulty," however, of taking any action to soft-pedal the speeches of Soviet Premier Bulganin and Communist party boss Khrushchev, who used India as a platform to assail Western nations.

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He explained: "For the first time in their lives they are making their own decisions. They are enjoying a normal social life. They have friends of both sexes."

In North Bay, Oliva Dionne declared that he does not regret having issued Tuesday's statement that "intruders" are coming between the quints and other members of the family.

"Mrs. Dionne and I remained silent about the matter for a long time, but the embarrassment we were suffering over the separation of the quints so great we felt obliged to make public how we felt about it," he said.

The psychiatrist said the quints are happy and relaxed in their exclusive apartment, which is registered in the name of a friend to avoid publicity.

"Maybe they'll get a little house of their own. They're having fun," he said.

It was most important to the four of them to be together at Christmas. They sent cards home, they say, and can't understand why their parents didn't receive them.

"They all saw Mrs. Dionne about 10 days before Christmas when she visited them in Montreal. Everything seemed fine then.

"They have been talking about going home for new year's together, but now they aren't going. Cecile will have time off, but not Yvonne and they don't want to be separated. The next time they go, they'll go together."

Ottawa-Hull Fire Death Toll 11 In Last 11 Days

GATINEAU MILLS, Que. (CP)—Fast-spreading fire of unknown cause claimed the lives of three young children Wednesday and gutted two-story frame home. Burned to death in their bedrooms on the second floor were Philippe, 9, Nicole, 6, and Charles, 4, children of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Gendron.

Mrs. Aline Gendron, 32, who is expecting another child, ran from the burning house, her night clothes afire, with her two-year-old daughter Louise in her arms.

Mrs. Gendron was in serious condition in hospital with third degree burns to the face, arms and back. Louise suffered only minor burns to the face and hands and was taken in by relatives.

The tragedy raised the fire toll in the Ottawa-Hull area to 11 deaths in 11 days and to 16 deaths in 1½ months.

Mr. Gendron, a plumber, was at work in Hull, Que., seven miles west of here, when the fire alarm was turned on by neighbor Yves Larente. The fire brigade of the Canadian International Paper Company found the interior of a mass of flames when they arrived 10 minutes later.

House parties have become the rule in Quebec where a 10 p.m. closing edict is in force for cocktail bars. Quebec ski resort operators say they expect a booming business during the weekend.

Air Traffic Increased By 20 Per Cent During Year

MONTREAL (CP)—The International Air Transport Association reported Wednesday that traffic on the world's scheduled airlines increased 20 per cent during 1955 and shows signs of even more substantial expansion in 1956.

Sir William P. Hildred, IATA director general, said in a statement that when 1955 ends about 70,000,000 passengers will have been carried, compared with 59,000,000 in 1954. Cargo and air mail loads increased in the same proportion.

"All things being equal, we may carry 85,000,000 passengers in 1956 and reach the 100,000,000 mark in 1957," said Sir William.

"Cargo traffic this year should reach the 1,500,000-tonne-kilometre level and air-mail carriage should come very close to 500,000,000 tonne-kilometres.

A tonne-kilometre equals one metric ton carried one kilometre; 500,000,000 tonne-kilometres equal 242,000,000 short ton-miles.

Sir William said this traffic volume is 60 times the world air lift just before the war and will be carried by aircraft still largely powered by piston engines.

"It will not reflect as yet the still greater boost which air transport will receive from the introduction on a large scale of succeeding years of jet and turbo-prop aircraft.

Seagull Under Tow For Halifax

SYDNEY (CP)—The 500-ton Norwegian freighter Seagull was towed out of here Wednesday by the salvage tug Foundation Josephine II bound for Halifax and repairs to a damaged propeller.

Meanwhile, the tug Foundation Frances began towing another disabled freighter, the Canadian Challenger, toward Halifax from St. Pierre for engine repairs.

The Seagull put in here Tuesday from Prince Edward Island, where she loaded potatoes for U.S. ports. The Challenger broke down near St. Pierre at Miouelon, the French island colony off the Newfoundland coast.

Appointments Announced

OTTAWA (CP)—Appointment of a new ambassador to Venezuela and the advancement of Canada's minister to Denmark to the status of ambassador were announced Wednesday.

External Affairs Minister Pearson announced that American-born Richard Plant Bower, commercial counsellor at London since 1950, will become ambassador to Venezuela and take up his new duties next March.

He will succeed H. G. Norman, who was named last September to become Canadian consul-general in New York City.

The Danish legation in Ottawa and the Canadian legation at Copenhagen were being raised to the status of embassies "considering the close relations existing between the two countries as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization."

The present Canadian minister to Denmark, Herbert F. Weaver, 48, becomes an ambassador.

Mr. Bower born in Kansas City, Mo., served for a time in the trade department's service in Newfoundland.

Mr. Weaver, a native of Glace Bay, N.S., has served with the external affairs department since 1930 at Washington, Tokyo, London and The Hague. He was appointed minister to Denmark in 1954.

C.P.R. Reports Hike In Earnings For 1955

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Deadlock between Mr. Duplessis and Quebec newspaper manufacturers goes back to last October when companies announced price increases ranging from \$5 to \$3 a ton.

The first Mr. Duplessis made public statements urging the manufacturers to reconsider their decision with regard to Quebec newspapers which use only a small fraction of the total Quebec newspaper production.

He said his government considered newspaper publishers as "co-owners" of Quebec's publicly owned forest territories.

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First reading of the control legislation was given in the Quebec legislature before the Christmas holiday recess.

At that time Mr. Duplessis said he would not push through the legislation if companies yielded to his demands for exempting Quebec newspapers from recent price increases prior to Jan. 10 when the legislature session resumes.

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