

# Lawyer Will Speak For Rivard During Final Dorion Hearings

By DAVE McINTOSH  
 QUEBEC (CP)—Escape artist Lucien Rivard is to have a lawyer speak for him here when Chief Justice Frederic Dorion begins hearing final argument Monday in his investigation into allegations against four federal ministerial aides.

The allegations, by Montreal lawyer Pierre Lamontagne, are that the aides subjected him to attempted bribery or political coercion to arrange bail for Rivard, wanted in the U.S. on narcotics conspiracy charges.

Rivard escaped from Bordeaux Jail a month ago Friday and a \$15,000 reward posted by the federal government has failed to flush out any information on his whereabouts.

Mr. Lamontagne was acting for the U.S. government in Rivard's extradition hearing at Montreal last summer when, he charges, he was offered \$20,000 by Raymond Denis, then executive assistant to the immigration minister, to drop opposition to bail for the suspected kingpin in a \$56,000,000 mafia-run dope-smuggling ring.

**TWENTY TO ARGUE**  
 Twenty lawyers, including Raymond Daoust, counsel for

Rivard, are entitled to take part in the final pleadings before the Dorion commission. Mr. Daoust was questioned by the RCMP in the case and he himself has a lawyer to speak for him.

Commission counsel Andre Desjardins is scheduled to lead off the arguments and thus may provide some clues of what will be mentioned in Chief Justice Dorion's final report.

The tall, soft-spoken Quebec City lawyer has dug deep into every conceivable aspect of the case and has turned up evidence the RCMP didn't find in its investigation. Mr. Desjardins has gone to the lengths of delving into hotel and telephone company records to trace the movements and phone calls of many of the principals in the case.

When the inquiry began Dec. 15, only 18 witnesses were scheduled to be heard. When the final witness Justice Minister Guy Favreau was called March 25, the total had reached 65.

Final argument will last at least a week.

## E. German Guards Slow Berlin Traffic

BERLIN (AP)—East German border guards slowed traffic on the autobahn to West Berlin Friday, causing line-ups at the highway's western end, West German customs officials reported.

The slowdown, called deliber-

ately by the customs men, was similar to those observed for several hours Thursday night at both eastern and western ends of the 110-mile road through East Germany. Thursday's lasted about four hours and created long queues of vehicles at the checkpoints.

Officials at Helmstedt, the highway's western checkpoint, said a line of cars waiting to be processed by the East German guards stretched for more than a mile Friday evening.

Traffic in general was heavier than Thursday. But West German officials said this was no reason for the slowdown. They interpreted it as harassment by the Communists.

West German officials at Helmstedt said they feared the sporadic slowdowns may be the overture for "counter-measures" the East Germans have threatened to take against a planned session of the West German parliament in West Berlin next Wednesday, branding the session a "provocation."

The West German position is that West Berlin is part of West Germany and that the West German parliament has a right to meet there, no matter what the Communists say.

There has been no interference with Western military traffic along the autobahn. It is checked through by the Russians, not the East Germans.

## PRELATE GOES HOME

BOSTON (AP)—Richard Cardinal Cushing, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, was released from hospital Thursday where he underwent abdominal surgery Feb. 20. The 69-year-old prelate was operated on for removal of a section of intestine on which growths (polyps) were found.

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## ELLERSLIE

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis of O'Leary were recent visitors of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Burieligh.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacIsaac and family, O'Leary, were recent visitors of Mrs. MacIsaac's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard MacAusland.

Joan Burieligh, student nurse, Summerside, was a recent visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Burieligh.

Elton Millar has returned to his home after being a patient at the Stewart Memorial Health Centre.

Kathleen Morrison spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hutchinson and family of Summerside were weekend visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Grant and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hutchinson.

Lemuel Day of Wellington was

a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Millar.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simmons of Summerside were recent visitors of Mrs. Simmons' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gillis.



**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER OF SHOW**

Ledwell Vessey, assistant manager of the Co-op Supermarket, Charlottetown and John MacKinnon, meat manager of the store (with ribbons) are seen with the reserve grand champion steer, an Angus, at the Easter Beef Show and Sale. The steer was owned by Ian Mac MacDonald, York. Earl MacGaugh is at the halter.

## Fed. Employee's Dismissal Contrary To Bill Of Rights?

OTTAWA (CP)—John Kroeker told a civil service commission appeal board Thursday that his dismissal from the public service for speaking out against the Canada Pension Plan is contrary to the Canadian bill of rights.

The \$15,000, a year actuary was a senior employee of the federal insurance department March 1 when he denounced the pension plan as "well-intentioned bungling at best and at worst, a colossal fraud."

He was placed on leave a few days later and then notified that he was being fired. He is appealing his dismissal before the board.

Patrick Fahey, counsel for Mr. Kroeker, told the board there is now law which prohibits a civil servant from attacking or criticizing government policy. The bill of rights also

gives all Canadians the right to speak their minds.

**SEES CONFUSION**  
 He said there seems to be some confusion as to why Mr. Kroeker is being fired. His letter of dismissal refers to his public statements about the pension bill, yet in the Commons Finance Minister Gordon said the reason was that Mr. Kroeker had destroyed his usefulness to the insurance department.

The civil servant testified that his views on the pension plan were known in 1963 when it became government policy. Despite his known views, he had been consulted on matters in the department until he was placed on leave.

T. B. Smith, counsel for the insurance department, said it is an implied condition of employment in the civil service that employees will not attack government policy.

The government of the day must be able to rely on the loyalty and discretion of the permanent public service. The hearing continues.

## BALTIC

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Burns of Summerside were visitors to Baltic recently.

Joseph Hickey of Indian River is a patient in the Prince County Hospital Annex.

W.K. Crafer of Baltic was a recent guest of Fred Beairisto of Charlottetown.

Mrs. Archibald MacDonald of Baltic is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.

Alex Chisholm of Malpeque is a patient in the Prince County Hospital.

Gordon Cousins of Baltic entered the Prince County Hospital recently.

Ralph Bryenton of Baltic has been employed for the past week at Georgetown.

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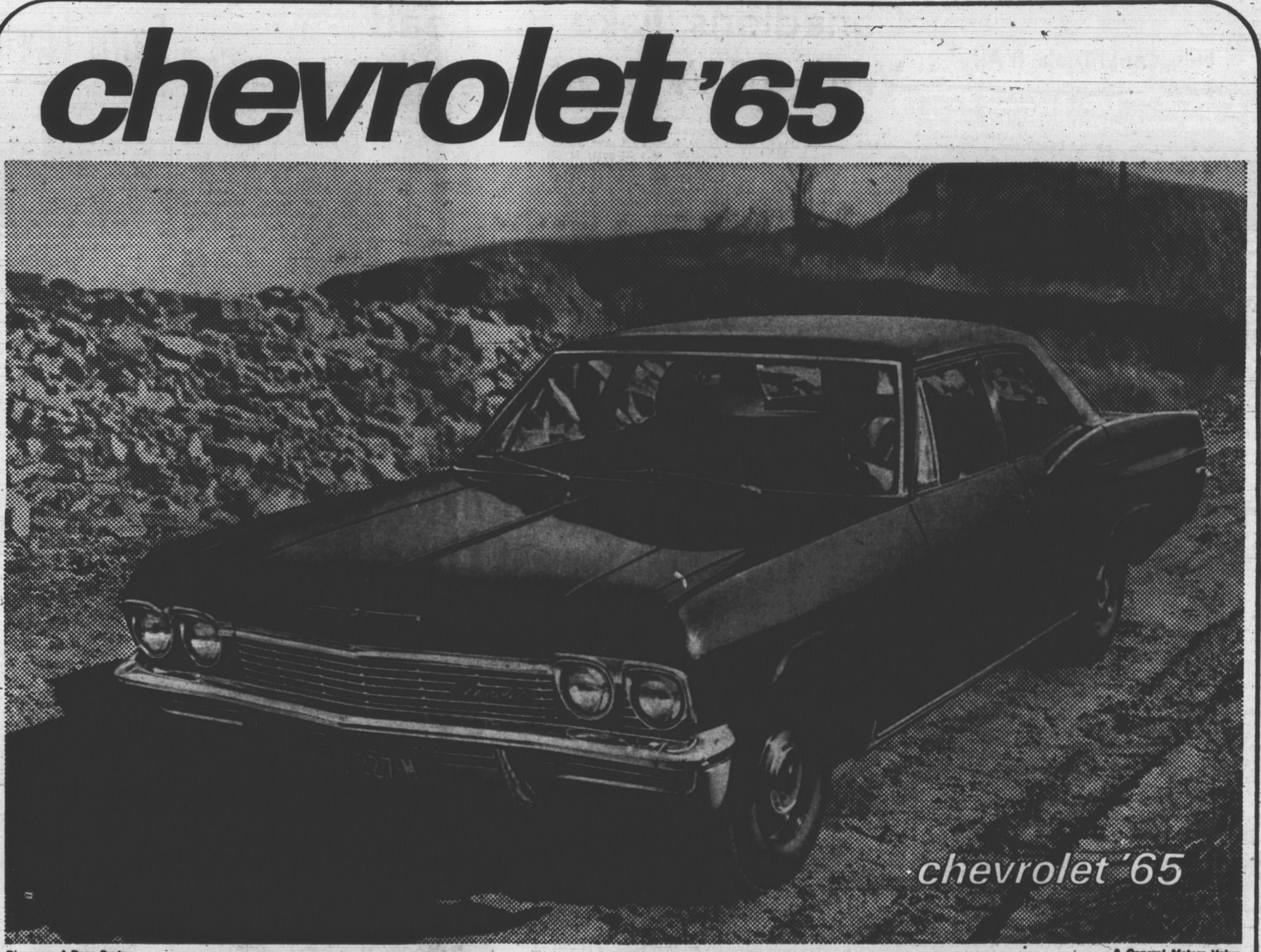
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