

RCMP To Probe Beating Story

OTTAWA (CP) — The RCMP has promised to investigate a report that two RCMP officers ignored pleas to help a boy being beaten up on an Ottawa street.

Assistant Commissioner C. N. Kirk, head of RCMP operations in eastern Ontario, said he would check the circumstances surrounding the incident.

The matter came to light when The Ottawa Citizen published a letter from R. Livesey of Pembroke, who said he witnessed the beating.

The letter said the boy was "crawling desperately on hands and knees to avoid his attacker" but the RCMP officers walked away when Mr. Livesey drew their attention to the fight.

Mr. Livesey said he told the constables: "You'd better stop them."

The police, he said, replied: "We can't do anything, it is a matter for the city police."

Commissioner Kirk said the responsibilities of the RCMP as peace officers apply anywhere in Canada. But police action taken by RCMP constables outside of normal duties depends upon the particular circumstances.

Murderers On Parole

OTTAWA (CP) — A total of 103 convicted murderers now are free on parole while another 101 are in prison serving life sentences, Solicitor General Pennell told the Commons.

Fifteen other murder convicts

have died in prison since 1960 and nine had their paroles revoked for various offences. Five of the nine have since been paroled a second time.

Statistics tabled for Richard Bell (PC-Carleton) show that of the 103 convicted killers now released, 31 served sentences ranging from three to 10 years. Another 53 served between 11 and 16 years and 19 served between 17 and 26 years.

Under 1964 regulations, murder convicts now must serve a minimum of 10 years before qualifying for parole and their parole must be approved by the cabinet.

Waterway Rejected

ST. JOHNS, Que. (CP) — An international board set up to study the possibility of a new waterway between the Montreal area and New York City has again rejected the idea as not feasible.

The International Champlain Waterway Board submitted its views Tuesday before a hearing in St. Johns of the International Joint Commission.

The waterway board, established by the commission to study the project, had earlier submitted reports unfavorable to the idea of a new route running from the St. Lawrence River to New York via Lake Champlain.

The commission has yet to report to the Canadian and United States governments on the matter.

A delegation from St. John County in New Brunswick told the commission it was astonished that the organization was returning to consideration of a

subject which deserved to be dismissed.

The delegation said a Champlain waterway would cause harm to the economy of the Maritime provinces which would be greater than any benefits it might bring.

Car Production Figures Given

TORONTO (CP) — Canadian car makers have scheduled 21,654 cars and trucks for production this week, compared with 21,830 actually turned out last week, the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers' Association reports.

Car production was set at 17,316 units, compared with 17,182 produced last week.

Total production to May 14 was 324,073 cars and 73,213 trucks, compared with 292,392 and 57,161 in the similar 1965 period.

Scheduled car production this week and total production this year to May 14, with figures for last week and 1965 in parentheses:

American Motors 880 (839): 11,957 (15,059); Chrysler 3,890 (3,704); 58,611 (36,997); Ford 4,836 (5,078); 91,009 (69,189); General Motors 7,840 (7,388); 149,041 (161,495); Volvo 80 (75): 1,410 (1,223).

North Americans Seen Becoming Disease-Prone

TORONTO (CP) — North Americans are becoming more disease-prone with the help of their growing dependence on machines, a physical education teacher says.

Dr. Thomas Cureton, 65, professor of physical education at the University of Illinois, told

the Ontario Dental Association convention Tuesday that degenerative diseases take 65 per cent of all lives in Canada and the United States.

He said doctors aren't helping any.

"They're so preoccupied with disease and selling their little pills that they're doing virtually nothing to keep us in good shape."

He said few medical schools give physical fitness any place in the curriculum and the shortcomings of medicine in this field are "frightening."

He had one cheering note for Canadians.

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The centre must be ready to open within 38 months of the contract signing.

The government originally aimed for a July 1, 1967 opening but this was dropped as unrealistic.

A works department official said cost estimates have climbed steadily and have never been based on detailed plans. He was not surprised by the tenders, he said.

Little Choice Seen In Book

TORONTO (CP) — Premier Louis Robichaud of New Brunswick says there's little choice for Canada in Walter Gordon's book A Choice for Canada.

The main theme in the book by Mr. Gordon, former Liberal finance minister, is that Canada should curb foreign investment, is not acceptable, the Liberal premier said Tuesday in an interview.

"We want our national resources to be developed," he said. "We need capital and we need technical knowledge. If it can be found locally, so much the better, but if it cannot, then we must use foreign capital and knowledge."

Arts Centre Costs Mount

OTTAWA (CP) — The National Arts Centre, originally promoted as a \$9,000,000 package, now stands to cost the federal government at least four times that figure.

Tenders opened Tuesday show a low bid of \$31,848,000 to complete the national centre for the performing arts in Ottawa's Confederation Square.

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The price was voted by V. K. Mason Construction Co. of Ottawa.

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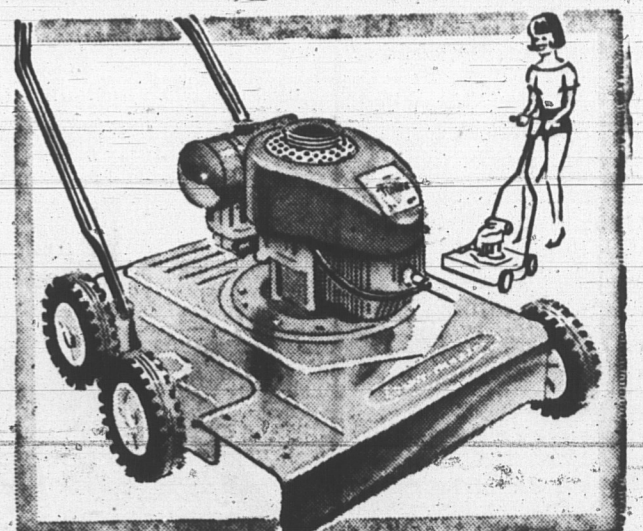
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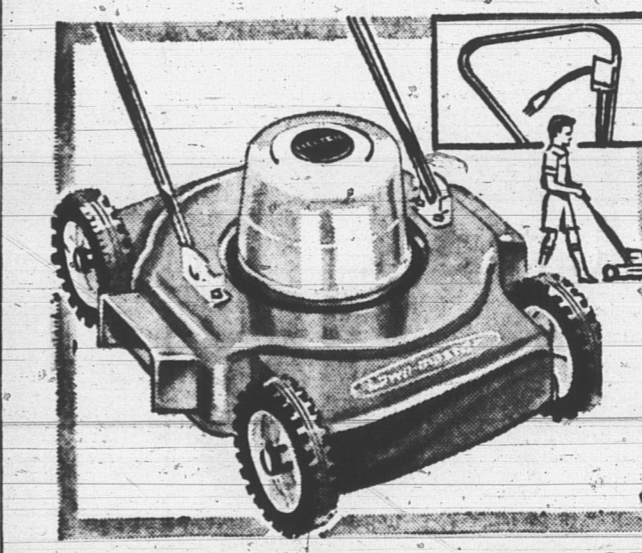
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