



SEPARATIST TAKES POLL

Gilles Gregoire and his secretary prepare a questionnaire for mailing to about 12,000 homes in his Lapointe riding asking in effect whether voters want a separatist as their member of Parliament. Mr. Gregoire, elected as a Creditiste in the Quebec riding, crossed the Commons floor Aug. 29 to sit as an independent. He announced then he would work for Quebec's independence. Now leader of a Quebec separatist party called Le Ralliement National, he said he doesn't intend to contest the next federal election. (CP Wirephoto)

OAS Again Invites Canada Join Group

By KEN CLARK
OTTAWA (CP)—The Organization of American States again invited Canada to join but there was no affirmative response. Canada was included in a blanket invitation extended by Jose A. Mora, OAS secretary-general, to all non-members in the Western Hemisphere. It came in his opening-day speech at the American regional conference of the International Labor Organization. Twenty-five countries from North and South America are represented. The Uruguayan official noted that the ILO and the OAS have the same basic ideals and purposes — hemispheric development. The OAS had a "task of unprecedented magnitude" and stood ready to give prospective new members a cordial welcome. He hoped hemispheric non-members "may soon be able to join" to aid development.

Russia Says Asylum Given To American

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union has announced it has granted asylum to a man it described as a 34-year-old American teacher and former Roman Catholic priest. It said he defected in protest against U.S. policies in Viet Nam. The official news agency Tass identified the man as Harold M. Koch, born in Chicago and unmarried. The official Catholic director of the United States lists, in the 1964 but not the 1965 edition, a priest named Harold M. Koch of the Chicago archdiocese and gives his address as Niles, Ill. (In Niles, Rev. John Flanagan, pastor of St. John Brebeuf parish, said Father Koch had been an assistant there for a short time but transferred to teaching. In Chicago, the chancery said in a statement that Koch had served in the Chicago archdiocese from 1958 to 1963 but left when his superiors advised him to undergo psychiatric treatment. It added that he had not been in touch with archdiocesan officials since April, 1963.)

Tass said his request for political asylum has been granted and quoted him as saying he made the request to protest "the criminal United States aggression in Viet Nam" and also to protest U.S. domestic policy on poverty and civil rights. Further, Tass quoted him as saying he wanted asylum "to join the Soviet people in their work of promoting world peace and building a new social order in their country."

Mr. Martin said the loans will involve Canadians "in the actual work being done" in Latin America. In some cases Latin Americans would come to Canada. Mr. Martin added that "greater political involvement" between Canada and Latin

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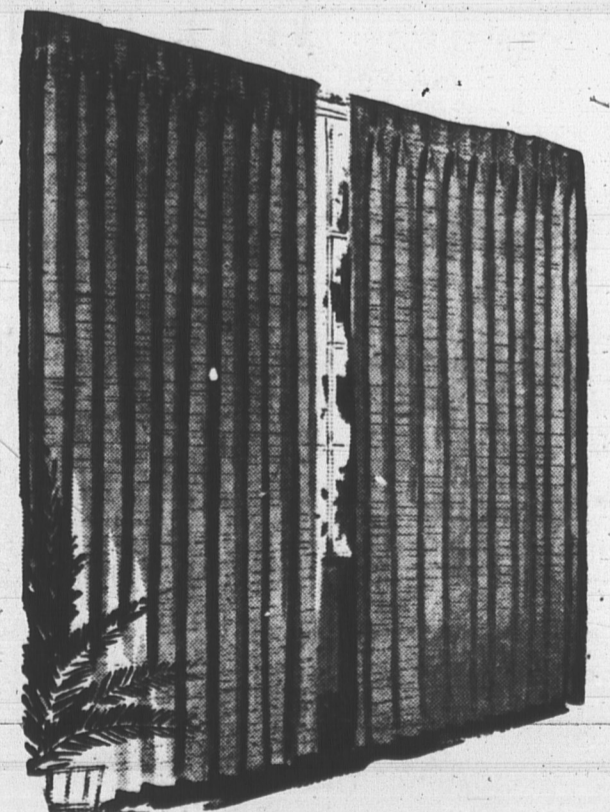
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