



ROYAL COUPLE LEAVES BASILICA

Prince Carlos of Bourbon, Parma and his bride, Princess Irene of the Netherlands, walk hand in hand as they leave the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome after their wedding Wednesday. She is wearing a diamond diadem, valued at half a million dollars, her wedding gift from Prince Xavier, Carlos' father. Princess Irene was described as looking sad and tense at the ceremony, shrouded by the Dutch royal family and all of Europe's reigning nobility. After the ceremony the couple were received in private by Pope Paul. (AP Wirephoto via cable from Rome)

Sealing Hunt Ends Today; Is Voted Reasonably Good

By JACK PICKETS HALIFAX (CP)—While the hunt and cry over methods of killing seals varies and dies in various parts of the country, ward today, their holds at least partly filled with seal pelts. The season ends in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and off the Labrador and northern Newfoundland coasts, closes today after nearly two months. It couldn't be called average, unless from a seal hunter's standpoint. Most important in seals, it was a reasonable good year, at least for most of them. The ships have "done very well," said Karl Karlson of Karlson Shipping Company Limited of Halifax, one of the largest operators of sealing ships. The voices of persons and groups appalled at the methods used in killing seals reached a pitch this year that hasn't been heard in many years. REGULATIONS LIKELY At the height of 11 Fisheries Minister, Robichaud, said the federal government has a "definite intention" of imposing regulations before the 1965 season begins, early in March. "We feel it our responsibility to take some action with regard to killing methods," he said. The outcry was raised after reports circulated seals were being skinned alive by hunters. Said the New Brunswick Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals: "Reports of extreme cruelty, skinning alive etc., are so numerous and come from such reliable sources that they cannot be discounted." Hunters maintain seals are dead when they are skinned. They are clubbed over the heads, which fractures their skulls, the hunters say. The SPCA, which had wrote Prime Minister Pearson and published the text of its letter to New Brunswick newspapers, suggested a government committee to investigate conditions surrounding sealing, sealing operations in both international waters and waters under Canadian jurisdiction, paying particular attention to the methods used to kill the seals and the reported decline in numbers. MEMORABLE, it appeared that at least one group of hunters had become disillusioned about seal hunting. These were pilots of light planes, which at the opening of the Gulf season covered its record numbers on the Magdalen Islands. Within two weeks most of the 20 or so planes had left. They were reported to have taken few seals, largely due to weak ice conditions that all but stopped them from landing on the pans where the seals basked in the early spring sun. Two ships, after bringing in nearly 30,000 seals, decided conditions were good enough to make a second trip, something that has seldom happened since the days nearly a century ago when vessels in the hundreds sailed out of Newfoundland each year. Now, as then, the ice took its toll of ships. This year the small Terra Nova, owned by Earle Freighting Company Limited of Carbonear, Nfld., sank after she was jammed in heavy ice. Her crew escaped. The largest ship, the Sir John Croisbie owned by Chimo Shipping Company of St. John's, Nfld., also was damaged, but managed to reach port for repairs.

Provincial Sweepstakes Plan Is Given Support In Commons

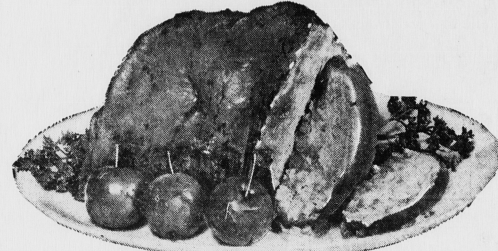
OTTAWA (CP)—A proposal to allow provincial sweepstakes was supported by all parties in the Commons. Two Liberal MPs even said the government doesn't oppose the idea. But the proposal, in the form of a bill sponsored by Louis Joseph Pigeon (PC—Joliette L'Assomption—Montcalm), was talked to death during an hour set aside for private members' bills. It met the same fate as a similar bill by Georges Valade (PC—Montreal Ste. Marie), which was talked out two weeks ago. Ne'sher stands much chance of being debated again this session. Mr. Pigeon said Quebec Premier Lesage has asked for powers to conduct a provincial sweepstake. If the bill was rejected, and if Mr. Lesage was really a man of action, Mr. Pigeon said, the premier would present another ultimatum to the federal government to have the Criminal Code amended to permit provincial government lotteries. He named Maurice Chequeville (Labour) and Marcel Prud'Homme (L—Montreal St. Denis) both said the federal government is not opposed to the idea. But they argued that all provinces must accept the plan. Otherwise there would be a drain of money from provinces which didn't have sweepstakes into provinces which did. Mr. Pigeon said there already is a heavy drain of money from Canada to other countries. New Hampshire, a state bordering Quebec, had recently adopted a state lottery. John F. Lloyd (L—Halifax) said he agreed that something should be done, but he opposed the bill. He suggested adopting the British lottery bond idea in which people buy interest-free bonds in return for a chance at major prizes. ATTEND REQUIEM MASS ROME (Reuters) — Members of the extreme right-wing Italian Social Movement attended a requiem mass for former dictator Benito Mussolini at the Church of Saint Mary Sopra Minerva here Tuesday. It marked the 10th anniversary of Mussolini's death at the hands of partisans on Lake Como, north Italy.

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