

# Tremblay Resigns At Toronto



## Minister Is Due To Return Later

By KEN KELLY  
OTTAWA (CP) — Immigration Minister Tremblay, the first federal cabinet minister summoned before the Jordan judicial inquiry, gave his initial testimony Wednesday about events of last July 14, the night his executive assistant in charge with offering a \$20,000 bribe to Montreal lawyer Pierre Lamontagne.

Mr. Tremblay, who was recalled at a later stage of the inquiry being conducted by Chief Justice Doherty of the Quebec Superior Court, told of being introduced to a Pierre Lamontagne by his former assistant, Raymond Denis, in the ministerial suite of offices in the Parliament Building.

Mr. Lamontagne has testified that it was July 14 that Mr. Denis offered \$20,000, after Mr. Tremblay left them alone, to the release of Lucien Rivard, wanted in Texas on an indictment linking Rivard's name to the Mafia international syndicate.

Mr. Lamontagne, who swore he rejected the money, is the subject for the United States government which wants Rivard extradited. Rivard was arrested last June 19 and still is in Bordeaux jail in Montreal.

The immigration minister testified at no time in the few minutes he was with Mr. Denis and Mr. Lamontagne was the \$20,000 case mentioned. He left the two to continue discussing the Bonanno case.

**VANISHED ON STREET**  
Joe (Bananas) Bonanno had been under prosecution by Mr. Lamontagne's law firm acting for the justice department for making false statements to immigration officers. He disappeared July 30 and disappeared on a New York street before he could testify in a federal grand jury investigation into the Mafia.

Raymond Daoust, Montreal lawyer for Rivard and Bonanno, testified earlier Wednesday he was introduced July 15 to Mr. Denis by Guy Rouleau, Liberal MP for Montreal, Doreau, when he was trying to get Mr. Tremblay to agree to permitting Bonanno to remain in Canada.

Mr. Rouleau had not testified yet but has been listed as a witness. He is secretary to Prime Minister Pearson after Erik Nielsen, Minister of Health, in Parliament. Mr. Lamontagne's charges of attempted bribery and coercion by ministerial assistants. He said he made representations in the Rivard case. Mr. Daoust said he came here intending to see Mr. Tremblay but hadn't been able to. He submitted his formal plea on Bonanno's behalf in writing July 16 at Mr. Denis' suggestion.

Mr. Tremblay said he doesn't recall whether Mr. Rouleau got in touch with him about meeting Daoust. He had seen a letter from Mr. Daoust and instructed Mr. Denis to meet Mr. Daoust. He said the letter referred to the Bonanno case.

**THE 100 PATIENTS** in Memorial Hospital, Salem, Oregon, were moved out of the building and housed in a nearby school building on Wednesday as floodwater surrounded the building and cut off power. National Guardsmen waded in deep water to carry patients out. (AP Wirephoto)

## Storm Threat Is Eased In Western U.S. States

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Storms that have delayed the U.S. far west with rain and snow for almost a week began to ease up Wednesday, giving hope to thousands of flood refugees that some might return to their abandoned homes for Christmas.

Flood threats remained but weather forecasts assumed a less ominous tone. The 11,000 residents of Yuba City, Calif., who had stood one foot from mass evacuation Wednesday morning were told shortly afterward they could stay in their homes. Hundreds already had left.

**RENO WAS SAVED**  
A dramatic change in the weather apparently saved Reno, Nev. The city had been sandbagged against the rising Truckee River while gambling continued without interruption in its casinos.

**WATER ABOVE BED**  
The one foot was at the brink of the leading Feather River. The water stood through the morning at 77 feet above the river bed. If it went to 77, Sutter County supervisors ruled at an emergency meeting, Yuba City would be evacuated.

**DUMPED 23.2 INCHES**  
The weather bureau said the storms dumped 23.2 inches of rain on Blue Canyon in the Sierra Nevada on Friday morning. Snow, drizzle, fog, dust, high winds and freakish warmth accompanied the rain across the country Wednesday.

**BULLETIN**  
DECLO, Idaho (AP) — The Dewey Dam, near its southeastern Idaho community, ruptured Wednesday night, sending a 25 foot wall of water down Marsh Creek, police at Rupert, Idaho reported. Officers said trucks were en route to evacuate residents in the path of the water.

**Strike Ends At La Presse**  
MONTREAL (CP) — Contracts were signed Wednesday and more are to be signed today between La Presse and its employees, ending a series of conflicts that has kept the French language newspaper shut down for nearly 28 weeks.

**Three Killed In Collision**  
WATERFOORD, Ont. (CP) — Three women, members of the North York Hospital staff, in Simcoe, were killed Wednesday when their car collided with a gravel truck near here.

**AMONG THE FORTUNATE**  
Traditionally family gatherings and our differences in millions of Canadian homes and my wife and I will be among the fortunate.

**Turtles Carry Para-Typhoid**  
FREDERICTON (CP) — A miniature turtle carrying a rare eye-disease has been found in New Brunswick, Dr. C. W. Kelly reported. The turtle never been established or improved on, and that stand out because they are permanently linked with another disease, father's love—love which gave him a sense of security and happiness right through to the end.

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**THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS**  
This is an enlarged reproduction of the cover photograph on our Christmas card for 1964. In addition to carrying our best wishes to our readers, advertisers, suppliers and other friends, the picture serves as a timely reminder that Her Majesty is tomorrow scheduled to speak to her island subjects, the rest of Canada and the Commonwealth in her customary Christmas Day broadcast from London. At right here is the text of our holiday greeting in our Christmas card.

## White Christmas Likely For Most Areas Of Canada

By THE CANADIAN PRESS  
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**DUMPED 10 INCHES**  
A storm in eastern Quebec dumped 10 inches of snow on Quebec City Wednesday and night. One man was killed in a traffic accident during the storm and driving conditions were generally bad.

**Russians Reject Plan On Debt**  
UNITED NATIONS (CP) — The Soviet Union Wednesday rejected key points of a settlement plan for the Soviet debt, throwing negotiations on the issue into confusion.

**NO PAPER Tomorrow**  
Since tomorrow is Christmas Day and a statutory holiday, the next edition of The Oregonian will be Saturday, Dec. 26.

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