

# Many Deadly Mafia Jailed In New Sicilian Crackdown

ROME (AP)—Nearly 425 alleged members of the dread Mafia are in Sicilian jails.

At least 1,000 police are continuing their raids begun a month ago on the known hide-outs of the secret society. Authorities are stopping cars at surprise roadblocks to check the flight of wanted gangsters.

In Rome, a parliamentary investigation commission has completed work on the first phase of its recommendations for new laws to wipe out the Mafia — protection — racketing of violence and vengeance that many Sicilians still call The Honorable Society.

And in Milan patient police have been trying without success to persuade a gravely wounded victim of a Mafia shooting to break the old code of "omertà" — silence — and name names.

The drive against the Mafia has lost none of its momentum. But many who have known the Honorable Society for years expressed doubts that the new crackdown would prove any more effective in the long run than did the threats of Sicily's foreign conquerors or the wrath of Mussolini.

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The Honorable Society took its name centuries ago when it formed to protect Sicilian peasants from the hard heel of foreign conquerors who ruled the big Mediterranean island one after another.

But protection led gradually to payoff and payoffs to extortion caused by the closing of the Sicilian bridge.

Meanwhile reports tell of good progress on bridge repairs. It is expected the bridge may be reopened for traffic by Tuesday.

## Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics Set Aug. 9-22

The third in a series of five Red Cross centennial year blood donor clinics is scheduled for Aug. 9-22, and the chairman of the provincial blood donor committee, F.A.S. Jones says the Royal Canadian Legion branches will again spearhead the drive for donors in the various districts where the clinics will be held.

A total of 1,000 donors is being sought in clinics to be held at North Rustico, Eldon, Morell

## Ship's Visit Now Doubtful

Tourist Development Minister J. David Stewart said Friday the proposal to bring the 22,000 ton liner SS Homeric to Charlottetown with several hundred visitors is now in doubt.

Shipping officials have expressed concern as to whether the ship can navigate Charlottetown Harbor safely, and also if the ice forced to be kept in the stream there will be a problem in transporting the passengers ashore.

It is likely, according to Mr. Stewart, that other liners which planned to call at Charlottetown later in the season will not be coming this year.

He said, however, that a special drive will be made to have liners call here next year. "We will need shipping companies' details on docking facilities, harbor charts, as well as information on what Charlottetown will have to offer tourists in 1964," he said.

Mr. Stewart also pointed out that the department of transport would be able to handle large ships when it is completed.

"This is a proposition," he said, "on which it is better to go slow until we are absolutely sure that we can handle these liners and make the passengers' visit to Charlottetown as enjoyable as possible."

## Souris Has 2 Accidents

**SOURIS** — Two traffic accidents were reported in this area over the weekend.

Sunday afternoon a car driven by James Augustus Cheverle of Souris and another driven by John Thomas King of St. Peter's collided here at the intersection of Longworth and Church streets. No one was injured.

Saturday night a station wagon driven by James Clarence MacMillan of Cambridge, Mass., missed a turn on the Souris Road and went into the ditch. No one was injured seriously.

The accident occurred on the



AT BASILICA PARISH PICNIC

A big family picnic for the Basilica Parish was held at the Hill Saturday. In addition to the usual races, swimming, and other sports activities the children enjoyed pony rides supplied by the Burke family. Shown above on the ponies are Linda MacAler and Charlie Skerry. Holding the ponies are Donald Burke and Terry Affleck while a large number of boys and girls crowd around eagerly waiting their turn. It was the first event of its kind for the parish for many years.

## Accused is Remanded On Car Theft Charge

Arraigned on a charge of stealing a 1963 Ford Fairlane, William Dennis Pileher, Charlottetown, was remanded without bail to Aug. 10, when he appeared in city police court Saturday. There were 15 other cases on the docket.

Harry Stewart, Montague, pleading guilty to the charge of drunk driving, was sentenced to seven days in jail, with automatic cancellation of his driver's license for one year. John F. MacCarville, of Charlottetown, arraigned on the same charge, pleaded guilty to driving while impaired, and was fined \$125 and costs or 30 days. Donald R. Potter, QC, was counsel for the latter.

Cecil Reardon, Victoria, was fined \$25 and costs or 15 days on a drunk and disorderly charge. Lewis Cranby, Charlottetown, was remanded without bail to

## Legion Holds Annual Picnic

**MONTAGUE** — The Montague Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion held its picnic in Brudenell Park on the property formerly owned by Stafford Gordon.

There was a large attendance of members and their families. Each family supplied its own

## Exam Results Due Shortly

The results of the grade 10 provincial examinations will probably be made available for publication today or tomorrow. Most of those who wrote the exams received notification of their marks Saturday, and those who didn't receive their marks by mail Saturday probably will today.

The department of education says that the results of the grade eight examinations will be known later this week and the results of the grade 12 Maritime Common Examining Board examinations will be available until the end of the week at the earliest.

## Final MCA Takeover Set For Aug. 30

Final takeover of Maritime Central Airways by Eastern Provincial Airlines and closing of the local accounting office on Kent Street is expected by the end of October, Capt. Carl F. Burke said Saturday.

The auditing of all accounts proceeding and will probably be completed by the end of 1963. Capt. Burke stated it was possible one man might remain in the local office after October to finish handling local accounts, but the main accounting office would be moved to Ganders.

Eastern Provincial Air Lines purchased properties and franchises of Maritime Central Airways some months ago.

## Possibility Materials May Be Tax Exempt

In reply to his request to the federal government, Provincial Secretary J. David Stewart reports, there is a possibility that materials required for the construction of the new provincial government office building will be exempt from the new federal sales tax on building materials.

He said that the subject will be studied and Crown Building Corporation directors will go into it at a meeting next week.

"It appears, that if the department of public works constructs the building, it will be exempt from the tax, but if the corporation builds it, it looks as if we will have to pay," Mr. Stewart said.

It is expected that the final specifications for the building will be received from the architect within a few days and the corporation directors will decide next week when construction will get underway.

lunch but the legion supplied tea and coffee for the adults a soft drink for the children. Ice cream was served to all present.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT SOON**

**OTTAWA (CP)** — Transport Minister McRath said Friday he expects to announce a government decision soon on a proposed second ferry for service between North Sydney, N.S., and Newfoundland. He told Robert Muir (PC — Cape Breton North and Victoria) that his department has been considering the need to proceed quickly with new dock facilities if the ferry is built.

In the past, he has thanked it and in the future for them think they still will.

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