

**Prize Decided
In Literature**

QUEBEC (CP) — Professor Jean-Louis Allard of the University of Ottawa has won this year's Champlain prize for French-language literature in North America. It was announced here.

Le Conseil de la Vie Française en Amérique (Council for the French Cause in America) said the \$500 prize was awarded Professor Allard for his philosophical work entitled *Le Mathématisme de Descartes* (The Mathematical Character of Descartes).

The council, devoted to the French cause in North America, has awarded the prize annually since 1957.

The council also announced it will present an award for French loyalty to Monsignor Eugene Guerin, cure of Alderville in the diocese of Springfield, Mass., and French-language medals to Miss Monique Bureau of Trois Rivières, Que., and Miss Laure Gaudreault of Malbaie, Que.

**Probe Planned
Of Collision**

OTTAWA (CP) — Transport Minister J. W. Pickersgl said here the "usual investigation" will be made into the collision of two ships in the St. Lawrence River Saturday with the probable loss of three lives.

He was replying in the Commons to Gerald A. Regan (L.-Halifax) who asked whether more ships are using the St. Lawrence than is warranted by the Seaway's size.

Angus L. MacLean (PC-Queens) asked what is being done to diminish the hazard of collisions in the seaway.

Mr. Pickersgl said he will consider making a full statement on the matter later.

Jean-Pierre Cote (L.—Longueuil) asked whether the pilots of the two freighters involved in Saturday's collision were from the Maritimes.

**Mrs. Rivard
Gets Letter
From Husband**

MONTREAL (CP) — Mrs. Lucien Rivard Tuesday showed reporters an envelope bearing a Barcelona, Spain, postmark in which she said she received a second letter from her fugitive husband.

The date and time on the postmark were illegible, but Mrs. Rivard said she received the letter last Thursday.

She disclosed the envelope—but not the letter—after the Toronto Telegram reported in a copyrighted story that the wife of the suspected narcotics smuggler had received another letter from her husband.

Rivard, wanted for extradition to the United States to face narcotics charges in Texas, has not been seen by authorities since he and fellow prisoner Andre Durocher escaped March 1 from Montreal's Bordeaux jail.

Mrs. Rivard said previously she had received a letter from him March 6 postmarked Vancouver.

Quebec Provincial Police declined comment on the second letter.

Mrs. Rivard at first denied receiving the second letter. She laughed it off as a "joke" she had played on the Telegram.

Later, however, she telephoned La Presse and said the Telegram story was correct.

**French Group
In Sask. Plans
School Action**

SASKATOON (CP) — A group of French-speaking parents in Saskatchewan plan to withdraw their children from school today because they are not permitted to speak French in the classroom.

Ernest Bourgault, spokesman for the group, said Tuesday the action would be taken to protest Section 20 of the Saskatchewan School Act, which says English shall be the only language used for instruction in Saskatchewan schools.

He said in a press release parents are protesting "the cultural genocide that has been perpetrated for the last 60 years" in Saskatchewan and "continues to be perpetrated without hope of immediate alleviation."

R. F. E. Harvey, deputy minister of education, said it is "unfortunate the parents were attempting to make the children the problem."

Parents from St. Paul's North Separate School recently requested the use of French for catechism instruction at the school but were told by the board this was not permitted under law.

"This school walkout shall remain in force until such time as the government shall either amend the present law or create new laws to guarantee rights to the French Canadians of Saskatchewan equal to those enjoyed by English-speaking people of Quebec," Mr. Bourgault said.

PRETTY ENVOY HOME
TOKYO (Reuters) — Hiroko Koba, 23, Japan's goodwill ambassador to Canada, paid a courtesy call on Premier Eisaku Sato Monday. Miss Koba handed the premier a personal message from Canadian Prime Minister Pearson. She returned to Tokyo Saturday after a three-week goodwill tour of Canada as Miss Japan-Canada Friendship.

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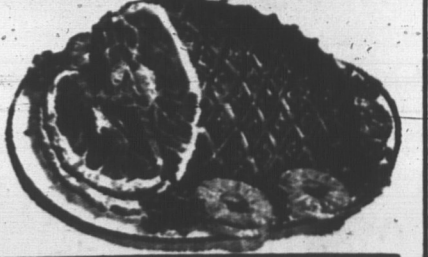
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