

# Labor Is Apprehensive Of Legislative Threat

TORONTO (CP) — Apprehensive that restrictive labor legislation may be introduced in the legislature next month, the Ontario Federation of Labor said this week it is embarking on a lobbying campaign to prevent any such new laws.

Douglas Hamilton, OFL secretary-treasurer, said the OFL wants to be "absolutely sure" every member of the legislature knows our position. "OFL membership includes almost all of Ontario's 525,000 union members."

Although Labor Minister Charles Daley has assured the legislature there will be only minor changes in labor legislation, Mr. Hamilton said the OFL is worried that what Mr. Daley considers "minor" might be of major importance to unions.

The legislature's select committee on labor relations earlier this year recommended 51 changes in the act, most of which are regarded as restrictive by the OFL.

As a start to its lobbying campaign, the federation will put copies of its submission to the select committee in the hands of all members of the legislature and promote meetings with the legislators and union leaders in their own ridings.

Union members will be supplied with postcards which they will be asked to sign and mail to their provincial representatives.

The federation is vigorously opposed to a recommendation that unions seeking certification as bargaining agents show 75 per cent employee membership instead of 55 per cent as at present.

The union group says that another recommendation by the select committee would restrict picketing "quite severely."

# Commonwealth's PMs Meet May 3 In London

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OTTAWA (CP)—The ninth conference of Commonwealth prime ministers will open in London May 3. It is expected to last a week to 10 days.

The disclosure was made this week by Prime Minister Diefenbaker. Timing of the 10-country conference means that he will be away from Ottawa for part of the parliamentary session which opens next month.

Date of the conference had been the subject of a message exchange in the Commonwealth family for weeks. The problem was to settle on a period when the busy premiers could all make the journey to London.

Normally, top-level Commonwealth meetings are held about every two years. This time the interval will have been nearly three years — since June - July 1957.

**AGENDA TO COME**

An informant said the government heads had not had time to consider an agenda. It was emphasized that an important part of such meetings — at least as important as the plenary sessions — is the opportunity they provide for frank, informal discussions among the various delegations. For this no agenda is required.

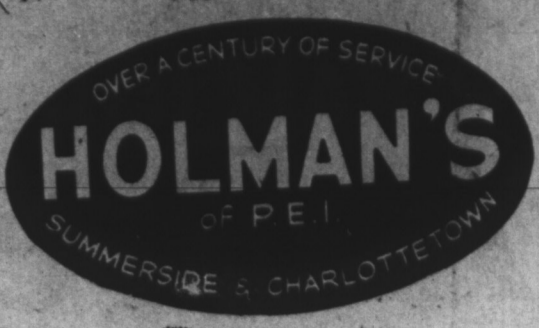
One likely topic will be the admittance of Nigeria as the Commonwealth's 11th full-fledged sovereign member. The African territory is scheduled to get its independence from Britain late next year.

**RELATIONS STRAINED**

Since the premiers last met, relations between India and Red China have become strained because of China's oppression of Tibet and its military operations in the Himalayas.

**OLD MASTER?**

HAELSBORG, Sweden (Reuters)—A local artist told reporters he believes a picture he bought for the equivalent of \$2 may be a priceless old master by Leonardo da Vinci. The artist, Italian-born Giuseppe Calcaterra, bought the picture from a junk dealer while visiting Rome recently. It depicts Saint Mary Magdalene.



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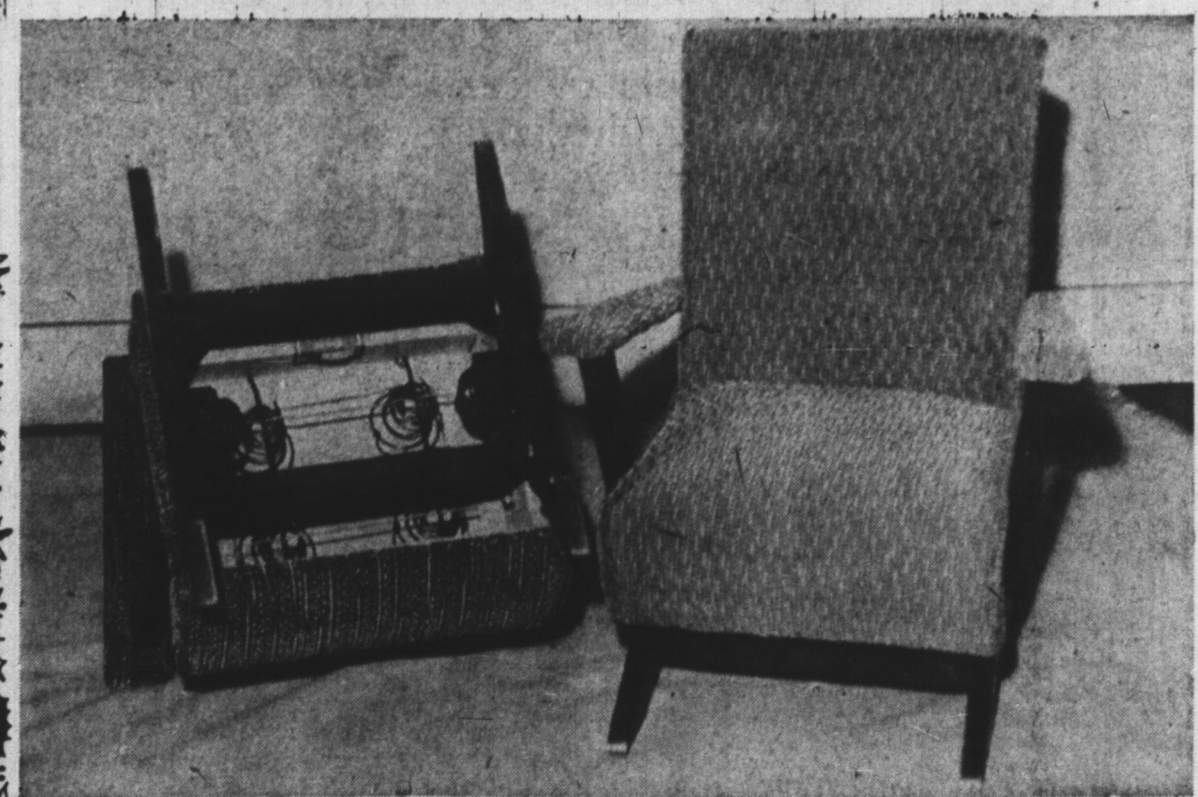
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