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**THREE SEAMEN GET FAST TRIAL**  
HALIFAX (CP)—Three seamen got fast service in a magistrate's court here Monday—after they pleaded guilty and get back to their ship, the Santos, before the trial.

The three were each fined \$50 on charges of illegal possession of saloons of whisky. They then left for their ship, due to leave within 15 minutes.

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**RISK REPORTED IN UNUSUAL PEAK**  
PARIS (AP)—U.S. State Secy Dean Rusk has urged the Western allies to help the struggle with the Chinese Communists.

In an unusual speech to the NATO ministerial council Monday, Rusk made it clear the West has a much better prospect in Moscow's peaceful co-existence than in Peking's military.

## Ontario Area Smothered In Snow

Despite snow-clogged roads and deep drifts, the rural post-men stick by their maximum that the mail must go through. Here on Ont. road, wades waded deep through snow to a rural box (photo)

RCMP spokesman said they "haven't got a clue" about where the men could be, or "where to turn next" in the search. Patrol cars went over both sides of the entire road, Monday, without finding a sign of a car having left the highway.

The four were riding in a 1963 model car owned by the father of one. The RCMP said there were no hidden embankments, no lakes and no woods along the road where the car could be hidden.

None of the families had seen any sign of the four, police said.

## Funeral Set Today For Songwriter

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Funeral for a songwriter, Stan Jones, author of Ghost Riders in the Sky, will be held in Douglas Ariz., today. Jones, 49, died Friday after a short illness.

## U.S. President Given Setback

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. House of Representatives doubled President Johnson's hand by passing a bill to drastically slash foreign-aid money bill after adding an amendment which could block U.S. wheat sales to Russia.

The passage of the appropriation bill for foreign aid at the low figure of \$2,800,000,000 had been in the cards, since administration leaders are counting on getting the total raised in the Senate or in conference between the two bodies.

## West Berlin Vist Planned By Jackie

BERLIN (AP)—Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy has told West Berlin officials she will visit the divided city next year, the principal of the newly-named John F. Kennedy school said Monday.

Rudolf Beyer said Mrs. Kennedy wrote this in a letter authorizing the use of her late husband's name for the school. Beyer said she did not see a specific date.

## UN Admits Two Members

BY CARMAN CUMMING  
UNITED NATIONS (CP)—The United Nations admitted two new members Monday as it worked towards conclusion of the 16th session, expected late today.

The flags of Kenya and Zanzibar, which had been suspended from membership in Africa, were raised on a cold and breezy day in front of the headquarters in New York. The new members brought the UN membership to 115.

Secretary-General U. Thant read a short statement welcoming the two countries "into the full daylight of independence and sovereign equality."

Elsewhere in the UN, security officials worked to set up a new system of permanent checks in UN history for a visit by President Johnson today.

## Electoral Commission Bill Breezes Through Commons

OTTAWA (CP)—With approval from all parties, a bill to establish the office of a representation commission, whose chief task will be to reshape Canada's electoral boundaries, breezed through second reading Monday in the Commons.

A few technical amendments were made to the bill and the name of the first commissioner, Nelson Castonguay, now chief electoral officer, was inserted as a mood of co-operation seemed apparent in the House.

The government measure was approved for third reading by a 161-107 vote today.

State Secretary Pickersgill said that in order to save more time, the government was prepared to insert the name of the first commissioner into the bill. The appointment would be made by the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Pickersgill said the commissioner, who will be responsible for the "complete" review, will be less cumbersome if he handled the appointments.

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## All Canada May Share Centennial Grants

By JAMES NELSON  
OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government has indicated to the provinces that it may make special grants of \$2,500,000 each to eight of them for special centennial projects, similar to grants already made or earmarked for cultural centres in Charlottetown and Quebec City.

Provincial delegates were related at the prospect, which some of them said would finance major works in provincial capitals and serve as the cherry on top of the sundae of plans for the 1967 centenary of Confederation.

Privy Council President Maurice Lamontagne was reported by delegates to have raised the proposal at the closed federal-provincial conference Monday.

Mr. Lamontagne said outside the conference room, however, that the provinces should expect no more than that already earmarked in capital grants.

Ottawa contributed \$2,800,000 to the new Fathers of Confederation Memorial Buildings in Charlottetown, and said it would contribute \$2,500,000 towards a cultural centre in Quebec City. These are to mark the 1964 pre-Confederation conferences in those provincial capitals.

The provinces looked to Ottawa to make similar grants to the other eight provinces. Officially, they are currently under study by the cabinet, but conference sources said Mr. Lamontagne's hint was sufficiently broad at the meeting to lead the provinces to believe they will be made.

It was learned that Newfoundland would use the special grant for a new museum, the New Brunswick would put it towards new legislative office buildings and Alberta would build a new provincial museum.

As a result of the extra income indicated by Ottawa, all 10 provinces showed mounting enthusiasm for centennial planning.

Bona Arsenault, Quebec provincial secretary, told reporters his province will sign a federal-provincial cost-sharing agreement the moment an amendment to the National Centennial Act is passed by Parliament.

The amendment, now before the Commons, changes the name of the Centennial of Canadian Confederation Act. This was requested by Quebec, which maintains it is Confederation and not the nation that will be 100 years old in 1967.

Quebec, which will receive \$4,480,000 under the cost-sharing program, planned to spend: (Continued on page 15 col. 3)

## Parliament At A Glance

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS  
MONDAY, Dec. 16, 1963  
Legislation to create a representation commission which would handle redistribution of Commons seats went through all but the final stage.

State Secretary Pickersgill agreed to insert the name of Nelson Castonguay into the bill as the commissioner.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker said he was glad to back this move to remove redistribution from the realm of politics.

Stanley Knowles (NDP—Winnipeg North Centre) said passage of the legislation will be a re-deter day for Parliament.

Gordon Churchill (CP—Winnipeg South Centre) objected to a name change in the Centennial Act based on Quebec requests.

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The Commons meets at 2:30 p.m. to debate a bill providing CNR capital financing. The Senate meets at 3 p.m.

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## Role Changes Considered For Canadians In Europe

PARIS (Reuters)—Canada is considering proposals aimed at the more effective utilization of its forces in Europe, External Affairs Minister Martin said in a statement Monday.

He said the proposals are the result of consultation and discussions with the NATO military authorities and the government of France.

Until these consultations are completed, no details could be given of the proposed changes, he added.

Mr. Martin said: "The Canadian government is in the process of reviewing the present policy and has announced certain decisions resulting from the first phase of the review."

Other proposals aiming at the more effective utilization of our forces in Europe are also under consideration and are currently the subject of consultation and discussions with the NATO military authorities and the government of France."

Martin issued his statement from the office of the Canadian delegation at NATO headquarters.

## 19 Hostages Are Released

LA PAZ (Reuters)—Nineteen persons, including four American citizens, were freed Monday after being held hostage for 11 days by striking Bolivian tin miners.

The news of their release came after a commission headed by Vice-President Juan Leizaola and the Archbishop of La Paz left here to supervise the freeing of the captives at Cavati, 130 miles to the south.

There was a promise of a continued buildup of the heavy industry—steel the backbone of the military—army and more consumer goods. In the latter category, the government said investments would be increased about 53 per cent in the next two years.

These are basic budget figures: 1964 budget: \$101,440,000,000; revenue: \$102,000,000,000. The 1963 budget was \$86,440,000,000; revenue: \$112,440,000,000.

## Provinces' Authority Confirmed To Control Excessive Interest

By JOHN E. BIRD  
OTTAWA (CP)—The Supreme Court of Canada ruled Monday that provincial governments can legislate to prevent money lenders from charging excessive interest.

The court made this ruling in a 5-4 decision upholding the constitutionality of Ontario's Unconscionable Transactions Act.

This act empowers a court to grant relief in respect of money lenders from who charge the cost of the loan is excessive and the transaction is harsh and unconscionable.

Cost of the loan is defined in the act to mean, among other things, the "whole cost of the money lent and including interest, discount, subscription, premiums, dues, bonuses, commission, brokerage fees and charges."

The court's decision is expected to have far-reaching implications in the field of interest, particularly in provinces where there is no similar legislation.

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The judgment upset a decision of the Ontario Appeal Court which ruled in 1962 that the act was invalid on grounds that it was legislation relating to interest which is a field reserved to the federal Parliament under the British North America Act.

However, the court's majority judgment, written by Mr. Justice Wilfred Johnson, said: "In my opinion, it is not legislation in relation to interest but legislation relating to amendment or reform of contract on the grounds set out in the act, namely, (A) that the cost of the loan is excessive, and (B) that the transaction is harsh and unconscionable."

The wording of the statute indicates that it is not the rate or amount of interest which is the concern of the legislation but whether the transaction as a whole is one which it would be proper to maintain as having been freely consented to by the debtor.

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## More Bread Fewer Guns Marks New Soviet Budget

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union unveiled Monday a 1964 budget in which more bread and fewer guns were the complete picture.

While the military budget was cut by about \$666,000,000 or about 4.3 per cent, the total budget was increased by \$5,000,000,000 over current spending.

A little more than \$3,000,000,000 will be put into the chemical industry. This was a minor step toward the goal Premier Khrushchev announced last week of spending \$46,300,000,000 in the chemical industry in the next seven years for more synthetic fibers and other consumer goods for the consumer.

The budget provided a 22.7 per cent increase in appropriations for agriculture to a total of \$13,200,000,000.

The agricultural target for the government was scaled down as the farm program followed the 1963 plan. It would have brought only headaches and fewer food supplies on store shelves.

## FISHER WISHES LIZ 'THE BEST'

Singer Eddie Fisher, estranged husband of Elizabeth Taylor, tells an interviewer via telephone at Hollywood, Calif., Monday that "I wish her only the best" after learning that the wife of actor Richard Burton was granted a Mexican divorce Monday. The action was interpreted by a friend as meaning that Burton now will marry Liz Taylor, who has as yet not divorced Fisher.

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