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Mapping branch employees: 'We will not go'

Monday a busload of Sherbrooke-area citizens and representatives of community groups head to Ottawa for the day. In the nation's capital the group will meet cabinet ministers, MPs and other members of the government establishment, to urge them to carry out the long-promised move of the Energy, Mines and Resources Department mapping and technical surveys branch from there to Sherbrooke. Representatives will also meet with members of the mapping

employees' union to discuss 'the quality of life in the English-speaking community of the Eastern Townships.' Not all the mappers and their families are happy about the prospects of living here: By Robert Palmer SHERBROOKE — Barbara Lajeunesse won't move here even if it means the end of her husband's 27-year career. Her husband, Maurice, is a 47-year-

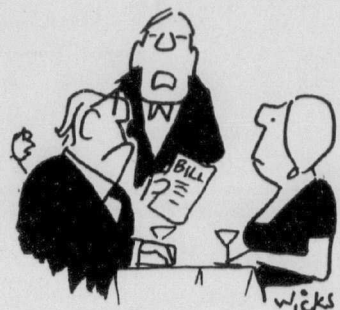
old cartographer with the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and one of 400-500 people affected by the proposed move of the department to Sherbrooke as part of the federal government's decentralization plans in 1978. So far 22 of the 23 planned departmental relocations have been completed. The mapping branch is the last one and according to Lajeunesse opposition among the employees is strong.

"We will not go," she stated firmly in a telephone interview this week. "We're not just talking about four to five hundred people. You have to look at wives and families. Many of us have careers and our roots are here." The 46-year-old co-ordinator of a resource centre in Ottawa's west end is planning to run a second time for alderman in the November, 1985 municipal elections. She says she feels she

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Townships Week

Dick Loney lists top buys in the Christmas book world and Michael McDevitt tells you where to go in What's On.



"You're lucky. If Trudeau had been in the room it would have cost you \$250."

Manitoba still backing language law

WINNIPEG (CP) — Manitoba's NDP government intends to proceed with a new plan to expand French-language rights, although the provincial Progressive Conservative party has refused to support the deal.

Andy Anstett, government house leader responsible for getting the new law through the legislature, told a news conference Thursday the plan is a reasonable and principled solution to the political deadlock.

The plan, a watered-down version of the government's earlier scheme, still includes a declaration that French and English are official languages in Manitoba, a statement provincial Tories won't accept.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Manitoba's francophone community said the new proposal doesn't meet all its demands but is generally acceptable. Anstett met reporters in his office and reviewed, clause by clause, the proposed changes to the Manitoba Act, along with a draft bill spelling out the application of the law's French rights provisions.

He criticized the Opposition for denouncing the plan after only a four-hour Tory caucus meeting.

Anstett said he wasn't dissuaded by local plebiscites held during municipal elections in October that went strongly against wider French rights.

"The majority of Manitobans would probably support the provision of French-language services by provincial statute," said Anstett, who is faced with a Tory Opposition determined to fight the bill.

Reminded that the plebiscites in Winnipeg and other communities had rejected the government's French plan by 75 per cent on average, Anstett said debate had focused on whether the rights of French-speaking Manitobans to government services in their own language should be entrenched in the Constitution of Canada.

"That whole question is removed," said Anstett, defending the government plan, which would entrench the principle that French and English are official languages but leave guarantees of services in French under provincial legislation.

Anstett, who declared the government wouldn't be deterred by the obstruction tactics the Tories used before the legislature adjourned last fall, called an abrupt end to the news conference after about half an hour and refused to answer more questions.

The president of La Societe francomanitobaine, Leo Robert, said the organization, which represents Manitoba's six-per-cent French-speaking population, could accept the government's new plan.

The original plan, in addition to ensuring French services are available at provincial government head offices, would also have guaranteed services in French where the demand is significant.

The new plan provides for French services in communities where at least eight per cent of the population has French as a first language. Under those terms, about 30 communities would qualify for French services.

HAPPY WITH PRINCIPLE
 Robert said the society would be satisfied if only the statement that French and English are official languages was entrenched in the Constitution.

"I'm not the one who is pressing the constitutional route," said Robert, who plans to meet with the NDP government and to call a general meeting of Manitoba's francophone community in the new year.

Robert, who spoke to reporters in English and French at the society's office, said he talked earlier Thursday to Roger Bilodeau, a lawyer who has initiated a case challenging English-only Manitoba laws. Bilodeau has agreed to have the case adjourned pending passage of the amendment.

Bilodeau's suit is based on the fact French had equal status with English before Manitoba's courts and legislature when the province entered Confederation in 1870.



Christmas comes to North Hatley

Like their counterparts almost everywhere students at North Hatley Primary School are getting set for their Christmas play. Judging by the dress rehearsal Thursday, this one is bound to be a hit. More details on page 3.

Report recommends 'host' of pension changes

OTTAWA (CP) — New kinds of individual retirement plans known as Registered Pension Accounts should be set up and housewives should be admitted to the Canada and Quebec pension plans, a special Commons committee on pension reform said Thursday.

The new accounts would be somewhat like Registered Retirement Savings Plans and would eventually replace RRSAs as a way for people to build income for the future, the committee said.

The group's majority report also called for opening the two publicly run pension plans to housewives and husbands and to begin paying benefits as soon as possible to housewives and other low-income people who have already retired.

Initial benefits under the plan would range from \$12.90 a month for those who retired in 1967 to \$129 a month for those who retired in 1976 or later.

The report has been billed as the culmination of years of studies on pension reform. Committee chairman Doug Frith, Liberal MP for Sudbury, Ont., said the time has come for action and Ottawa should lead the way.

GIVES EXAMPLES
 Frith said two examples of fast federal action could be work on Registered Pension Accounts and improving the standards of company pension plans for workers in the banking and transportation industries.

Health Minister Monique Bégin agreed there are some changes the government could do quickly. But she said cabinet still has to decide whether to proceed with pension reform in stages as Frith implied or to work on a complete package of changes in co-operation with the pro-

vinces. The committee's majority report came out in favor of a host of pension changes in the private sector but backed away — for the time being — from the idea of requiring all workers to be covered by private plans.

FINDS SUPPORT
 But two committee members, Liberal back-benchers Therese Killens from the Montreal riding of St. Michel and Russell MacLellan from the Nova Scotia riding of Cape Breton-The Sydneys, supported mandatory plans right away.

Begin said she, too, was disappointed the majority of the nine-member committee didn't find a way to guarantee better pension arrangements for those not covered by company plans — roughly half the paid labor force.

Ted Miller from the British Columbia riding of Nanaimo-Alberni, the lone New Democrat on the committee, added another dissenting opinion by calling for a doubling of benefits under the Canada Pension Plan and its sister plan in Quebec.

And Liberal David Weatherhead from the Toronto riding of Scarborough West proposed an expansion of CPP and QPP benefits to cover up to 40 per cent of the average industrial wage. The plans now pay up to 25 per cent of the average wage.

LISTS PROPOSALS
 Other recommendations of the committee include:

—An immediate increase of up to \$102 a month in the federal guaranteed income supplement for single pensioners in need.

—Allowing retirement under the Canada and Quebec pension plans at any age between 60 and 70, with appropriate adjustments in benefits for early or late retirement.

—Opening company pension plans to part-time workers.

—Limited "indexing" of company pension plans to raise benefits each year by the annual increase in the consumer price index minus 2.5 percentage points.

—Mandatory survivor's benefits in the private sector equal to at least 60

per cent of a worker's normal pension.

—"Vesting" private pensions after two years instead of the usual 10 to make sure most workers receive the benefit of their contributions and those of their employers.

The committee said the changes in the majority report would add roughly \$1 billion a year to the incomes of senior citizens.

Lévesque admits diplomatic gaff

QUEBEC (CP) — Prodded by a protest from Italian President Sandro Pertini, Premier René Lévesque acknowledged Thursday he violated the rules of diplomacy by disclosing the content of his conversation last week with the Italian leader.

Levesque is sending an apology to Pertini, but continues to insist the information he revealed to reporters after their Rome meeting was "exact and even discreet."

Levesque has been lambasted by the Liberal opposition in the national assembly and by the press for bringing his quarrels with Ottawa to the international stage. They say his remarks have embarrassed Quebec.

Until Pertini lodged a stinging protest with the Canadian embassy in Rome on Wednesday, Levesque had refused to acknowledge his remarks were in any way imprudent.

The incident began last Friday after the two men met in Rome. Levesque told reporters later that Pertini indicated he might avoid visiting Ottawa, a customary stop for a visiting world leader, should he visit Quebec next year.

The Italian leader, said Levesque, said he is sympathetic to Quebec's

cause and "does not have a very high opinion of the current federal government."

REFUTES CLAIM
 The Italian embassy in Ottawa subsequently refuted Levesque's statements, calling them a distortion of Pertini's views. A Pertini aide later told a reporter Levesque had violated diplomatic rules by publicizing a private conversation.

Ghislain Hardy, Canada's ambassador to Italy, was present at the Levesque-Pertini meeting, but refuses to comment on what he heard.

"I regret very much that Mr. Pertini was bothered by the things I said," Levesque told the national assembly Thursday. "While they were exact and even discreet, what I told the press about our meeting embarrassed him, a situation that makes me very sad."

"It takes nothing away from the sympathy I felt for Mr. Pertini and I regret he was constrained to say that he was upset," Levesque said.

When challenged by the Liberals to say he felt Pertini's protest was forced, Levesque only responded that the Italian leader was "constrained by diplomatic rules."

To underscore his unhappiness, Pertini returned a ceremonial passport given him by the premier for festivities in Quebec City next year that will mark the 450th anniversary of the arrival in North America of French explorer Jacques Cartier.

KEEPS SOME GIFTS
 That gesture is taken as a sign Pertini won't visit Quebec next year after all. The Italian leader kept other gifts from Levesque, including three pipes and an album of Gilles Vigneault poems.

There have been reports that the Italian consul-general in Montreal, Galeota Capece, has been ordered to sever communications with the Quebec government, something the diplomat, when contacted Thursday, would neither confirm nor deny.

Quebec's Intergovernmental Affairs Department denied any interruption in relations with the consulate.

Liberal leader Robert Bourassa said the incident has weakened Levesque's credibility on the international scene, adding: "Which head of state will trust Levesque when talking to him in the future?"

Trudeau gets praise, no help from Reagan

WASHINGTON (CP) — U.S. President Reagan generally endorsed Prime Minister Trudeau's peace initiative Thursday, wishing him "god-speed in your efforts to help build a durable peace," but offering no specific commitments during an hour-long meeting at the White House.

Trudeau appeared satisfied with the outcome of the talks, saying Reagan has expressed "more than support" for his peace initiative. He cited renewed assurances by Reagan, as leader of the NATO military alliance, that the West seeks a military balance, not superiority, with the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact.

Reagan never agreed to any of Trudeau's specific proposals, such as a summit conference of the five nuclear powers — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China. But government officials from both countries did not rule out the possibility of such a meeting sometime in the future.

Trudeau's meeting with Reagan was the final part of his face-to-face dialogue with western leaders on ways to reduce East-West tensions. He said tensions have weakened since he launched his initiative seven weeks ago and political leaders have seized the peace issue from "nuclear accountants."

His next step is to secure a meeting with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov. Officials said Trudeau is waiting for Moscow to set a date, blaming delays on uncertainties about Andropov's health.

AWAIT SOVIETS

Citing proposals for East-West talks in a NATO declaration in Brussels last week, External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen said in explaining the results of Trudeau's travels: "We've held out the hand of dialogue and it's now up to the Soviet Union."

Canadian diplomats abroad now will promote Trudeau's peace initiative while the government reviews what has happened so far, MacEachen said. He described the meeting with Reagan as encouraging and said the principal result of the meeting

was the president's endorsement of "the general thrust of the prime minister's efforts."

Trudeau returns home today after appearing on ABC's early morning television program Good Morning America.

Trudeau delighted reporters with a reference to "the Pentagon pipsqueak," a U.S. defence official who questioned the prime minister's credibility among NATO leaders on grounds Canada's contribution to the NATO alliance is so small.

"That's baloney," Trudeau said in referring to the criticism of the official made at an off-the-record discussion in New York. Trudeau called the official a "third rate, third level pipsqueak" and had said in a speech earlier this week such a person would not deter his peace crusade.

ATTENDS LUNCH

The prime minister, wearing a grey suit and a familiar red rose in his lapel, had lunch with State Secretary George Shultz and their aides at Blair House, the government guest residence across the street from the White House.

He dined with a small group, at the invitation of Vice-President George Bush, at the exclusive Alibi Club, a comfortable old house with an aura of faded elegance, in downtown Washington. The guest list included American television personality Barbara Walters.

Others involved in the peace talks were U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, White House national security adviser Robert McFarlane, Canadian ambassador Allan Gotlieb, American ambassador Paul Robinson and senior foreign affairs officials Robert Fowler of Canada and Richard Burt of the United States.

Trudeau also met editors of the New York Times, the Washington Post and other newspapers in an apparent effort to get more publicity for his peace initiative which has not been widely covered in the American media. There was little notice in Washington of his travels to Europe and Japan.

After the Oval Office meeting Reagan and Trudeau, flanked by squads of officials and security agents, made brief statements to reporters.

"We fully share the concerns for peace which the prime minister has expressed," Reagan said.

He put Trudeau's initiative in the context of efforts already underway, saying: "We appreciate his strong statements supporting the efforts of the western allies to negotiate meaningful arms reductions and to promote dialogue with other nations."

CLAIMS CREDIT

Trudeau has claimed credit for two of the latest efforts by NATO to improve relations with the Soviets.

Feds vs Quebec funding debate reaches stalemate

QUEBEC (CP)—Municipal Affairs Minister Jacques Leonard has requested an "urgent meeting" with two federal ministers to discuss what has become a contentious issue over how Ottawa distributes job-creation grants to Quebec municipalities.

Telegrams sent to Employment Minister John Roberts and Economic Development Minister Donald Johnston on Thursday re-

quest the meeting for next Thursday.

Leonard reminded the federal ministers that he has already notified Johnston that Quebec is ready to conclude an agreement for municipal financing in certain areas to facilitate federal financing without infringing on Quebec's jurisdiction.

Earlier in the day, Roberts announced in the House of

Commons that negotiations with Quebec on the allocation of about \$75 million in municipal job-creation funds had reached a stalemate and are "for all practical purposes suspended."

Roberts referred to the Quebec government's move to invoke closure in the national assembly to push through a controversial bill that would penalize municipalities which accept funds from Ot-

tawa without provincial approval.

The legislation is expected to be passed before the national assembly recesses for Christmas on Wednesday, one day before the proposed meeting.

Roberts contended that the latest proposals from Ottawa would have given Quebec clear jurisdictional control, while ensuring the federal government

received credit for making the funds available.

Under questioning from the Conservative's lone Quebec MP, Roch LaSalle, Roberts said he is still prepared to negotiate, "but given what seems to be happening in the national assembly, I'm not optimistic."

"It takes two to tango," Roberts said.

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Marchand leaves Senate for Transport Commission

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition spokesman reacted with anger and sorrow to the appointment Thursday of Senate Speaker Jean Marchand, a close friend of Prime Minister Trudeau, as president of the Canadian Transport Commission.

Marchand, who will be 65 Tuesday, has resigned from the Senate and is to take over the commission presidency today. He will have to retire when he reaches 70. He succeeds Edgar Benson who was appointed ambassador to Ireland 13 months ago.

Pat Nowlan, deputy Conservative transport spokesman, said the appointment of Marchand, Liberal transport minister from 1972 to 1975, "will destroy the credibility of the transport commission."

"The trough just isn't big enough for these people," Nowlan said.

Les Benjamin, the New Democratic

transport spokesman, said that while Marchand "is a very nice man personally, I don't think the appointment is good enough."

"I don't think he has the spirit for the job... it's just an old warhorse appointment," Benjamin said. "They should have left him where he was and put in a strong consumer advocate."

The transport commission was formed in 1967 to regulate the country's transportation system. Its presidency has been held by three former Liberal cabinet ministers — Jack Pickersgill to 1972, Benson from 1972 to 1982 and now Marchand.

Marchand's resignation from the Senate brings to 21 the number of seats vacant. There are 55 Liberals, 23 Conservatives, four independents and one independent Liberal.

News-in-brief

'Payne-ful' march set for Fri.

QUEBEC (CP) — Parti Quebecois backbencher David Payne says he will lead a march on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Friday to protest the awarding to U.S. firms of a \$3.7-million contract to build vans for Canada Post.

Payne represents the suburban Montreal riding of Vachon, home to Fleet Truck Bodies Inc., the Canadian firm that lost out on the bid to build the vans. He told reporters Thursday that about 100 Fleet workers — some of whom stand to lose their jobs because of the contract — will accompany him in the march.

"It's an incredible scandal when a Canadian company can't win a contract with Canada Post," said Payne, who has represented the riding since 1981.

Trudeau offensive says Mulroney

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Trudeau is exporting his flip style and offending "our friends" by describing an anonymous United States critic of his peace initiative as "some pipsqueak in the Pentagon," Opposition Leader Brian Mulroney said Thursday.

Mulroney did not comment on the merits of the criticism levelled several weeks ago by unnamed mid-level American officials but lashed out at Trudeau, who met President Reagan Thursday in Washington, for responding to his critics in a speech Tuesday night.

Trudeau has been offending Canadians for years with his comments and now obviously sees no reason to "keep it at home," Mulroney told reporters.

"Spread it around — that's what he's doing," he said. "He's now after the Americans."

"I was somewhat taken aback, as I am about all remarks critical of people who are by and large our friends."

Kaplan faces the music

OTTAWA (CP) — Solicitor General Robert Kaplan managed only a weak grin Thursday when chided by an opposition MP about receiving a speeding ticket after a fund-raising dinner for Prime Minister Trudeau.

"You've shown again that you're not politically naive," said Conservative Ray Hnatyshyn at a Commons justice committee hearing where Kaplan testified.

"I congratulate you," Kaplan was assessed a \$93 speeding fine after leaving the Liberal party bash at Exhibition Place in downtown Toronto Tuesday night. He first flashed his Liberal cabinet identification card but then turned over his driver's licence and accepted the ticket.

Hnatyshyn said he had a similar experience once, on his way to a function that featured another prominent Liberal — the current finance minister Marc Lalonde.

"I've never recovered," Hnatyshyn said. Kaplan was silent.

Wage controls up in the air

OTTAWA (CP) — Finance Minister Marc Lalonde and Treasury Board President Herb Gray won't say yet whether public sector wage controls will be lifted as scheduled July 1, 1984.

Representatives of several public sector unions came away encouraged from a meeting Thursday with the two ministers but admitted no promises were made to end controls.

However, Jack Donegani, head of the 17,500-member Professional Institute of the Public Service, said there was no indication "that we would not be back to collective bargaining" by the scheduled date.

Elected Senate the only way

OTTAWA (CP) — An elected Senate, representing the country's regions, is the first step towards ending the incessant squabbling between Ottawa and the provinces, a former top public servant and expert on federal-provincial relations told the Macdonald commission Thursday.

Senate reform could be an election issue and an elected Senate could be a reality within five years, Gordon Robertson said in an interview following a commission panel discussion on the issue of federal-provincial relations.

Naturopath defends balloon use

CALGARY (CP) — An Oregon naturopath who taught Scot Olson the balloon-inflating treatment that led to manslaughter charges in the death of a child, testified Thursday the technique has cured the blind, deaf, dumb and even habitual criminals.

Richard Stober told Court of Queen's Bench he has made at least 200 blind children see, at least 400 deaf mutes hear and speak and cured at least 2,000 patients with crossed eyes.

Olson was charged with manslaughter after a patient, 20-month-old Robin Ohama, suffocated while undergoing the balloon treatment.

Stober also said he inflated balloons inside the noses of hardened criminals. One convicted for stealing dozens of cars and robbing several stores "was sufficiently improved that the warden gave him keys to his new Chrysler and a \$20 bill."

The inmate — released from jail to buy a cigar for the warden — returned with change, Stober said triumphantly.

B.C. Secured back off again

VANCOUVER (CP) — For the second time in a week, British Columbia's Social Credit government has backed off on a piece of contentious legislation.

The residential tenancy act, which would have scrapped rent review and allowed tenants to be evicted without cause, will not go forward in its present form, Consumer Affairs Minister Jim Hewitt said Thursday.

Last week, Labor Minister Bob McClelland said the proposed human rights act, which would have drastically altered human rights legislation in the province, will die on the order paper.

Robot removes suspected bombs

NEW YORK (Reuter) — A police robot removed two suspected bombs from the Long Island office of a major defence contractor early today after a call from the same underground group that claimed responsibility for two bomb blasts Tuesday.

The suspected bombs in two attache cases left in front of offices of Honeywell Inc. in an industrial area in the borough of Queens were taken by "bomb truck" to an outdoor police firing range, a police spokesman said.

A caller for the United Freedom Front, which claimed to have planted two bombs that exploded at a U.S. Navy recruiting office on Long Island on Tuesday, telephoned a local wire service office shortly before midnight Wednesday night to reveal the location of the "bombs."

The call came at 11:30 p.m. EST, and the caller said the devices would explode in 15 minutes, the police spokesman said.

Police, on the scene before the threatened time of detonation, sealed off the area, which was already deserted, and waited, but the devices did not explode, the spokesman said.

The devices were removed about three hours later by robot.

Bomb kills nine Soviets

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A bombing at Kabul University in the Afghan capital killed nine Soviets and a dozen other people, Afghan Moslem rebel sources in Pakistan said Thursday.

The report, which could not be confirmed independently, said the Soviet dead were two advisers, a doctor and six Russian-language translators.

The blast demolished part of a building at the university last week, the rebel sources said.

Moslem anti-government insurgents claimed responsibility for the explosion, saying a bomb with a timing device had been planted in the basement of the building.

Western analysts in Islamabad said that in the past year, Afghan guerrillas have blown up at least two other buildings in Kabul. Those bombings were reported to have killed at least 50 people.

The Kabul government has barred western reporters from entering the country.

Kuwait arrest bomb suspects

KUWAIT (AP) — Police have arrested scores of suspects — including Iranian and Kuwaiti Shiite Moslems — since the bombings that killed seven people in this oil-rich sheikdom, sources close to the government said Thursday.

Officials, however, refused to discuss the arrests, which reportedly began after Monday's bombings of the U.S. and French embassies and four other sites.

"As the investigation proceeds, it is in the interest of national security that we maintain secrecy," said Abdel-Aziz Hussein, minister of state for cabinet affairs.

The sources would not discuss the arrests in any detail. The police dragnet began after the bombings, which killed six people — including the bomber — at the U.S. Embassy, and a technician at the airport.

Bombs knock out power lines

NEWRY, Northern Ireland (AP) — Two bomb explosions set fire to a tire store, knocking out part of the town's electricity overnight. Another bomb was found unexploded in the ruins, police said.

Witnesses said masked men planted three bombs in the store near the centre of this town close to the border with the Irish republic.

Bomber pleads for clemency

RANGOON (AP) — A North Korean army captain, sentenced to death for the bomb attack on South Korean leaders, appealed to the Burmese Supreme Court on Thursday for clemency.

Capt. Kang Min-chul and Maj. Zin Mo, both North Korean officers, were convicted of taking part in the Oct. 9 bombing in Rangoon that killed four South Korean cabinet ministers and 18 other people.

Johannesberg bombed again

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter) — A bomb exploded Thursday in a Foreign Ministry building, slightly injuring several passers-by, police said.

It was the third time in nine days that a government target in Johannesburg has been hit by bombs.

This is also the anniversary of the first bomb attacks in 1961 by the military wing of the African National Congress, which is committed to overthrowing the white-minority government.

Disabled trimaran crew rescued

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Three California men trying to sail a trimaran from New York to San Francisco were rescued Thursday from their dismantled ship 52 nautical miles off Chile, a spokesman said.

The men were making a cruise to raise public awareness for medical research when their 16.7-metre-long trimaran, dubbed Cystic Fibrosis Crusader, lost its mast Wednesday morning as it rounded Cape Horn, said Sue Hook of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

UN Cyprus mandate uncertain

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter) — Turkish-Cypriot authorities will reject Thursday's UN Security Council agreement to renew the mandate of the UN force in Cyprus and demand that their future relations with the peacekeeping force be placed on a new footing, Turkish-Cypriot representative Nail Atalay said.

"As from tomorrow (Friday) morning... everything will be redefined by my authorities vis a vis UNFICYP," Atalay said.

Atalay was speaking on behalf of the self-proclaimed Turkish-Cypriot "state" established last month in northern Cyprus.

Chinese VIP to meet Reagan

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang will confer with President Reagan in Washington on Jan. 10 during a previously announced state visit to the United States, the White House said Thursday.

Reagan has agreed to make a return visit to China in April but dates have yet not been announced.

Army needs German women

BONN (AP) — The West German Defence Ministry called Thursday for the enlistment of women volunteers to help maintain the troop strength of NATO's largest army in Europe.

It is the first such recruitment in the country since the Second World War.

Peter-Kurt Wuerzbach, the No. 2 man in the Defence Ministry, said "10,000 to 15,000 women soldiers" will be needed to keep the army close to its present 495,000 troops.

Missile parts reach Sicily

COMISO, Italy (AP) — Components of American cruise nuclear missile systems, including four missile launchers, have arrived at a NATO base outside this Sicilian town, U.S. officials reported Thursday.

Joe Johnson, the U.S. Embassy spokesman in Rome, said parts of the missiles were sent to the base on Dec. 9 "without any incident."

Under a NATO plan, Italy has agreed to deploy 112 cruise nuclear missiles in Comiso. The first batch is expected to be operational starting this spring when construction is completed at the Comiso base.

Black bishop saves mercenaries

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) — A white mercenary says that a mercy plea from black-rights activist Bishop Desmond Tutu helped free him and spare the lives of four white men sentenced to be hanged for a failed coup attempt in the Seychelles.

"Bishop Tutu's plea was the major contribution to us being pardoned," said South African Martin Dolinchek, who had been sentenced to 20 years in prison for the failed plot in November 1981. The Seychelles is an island country in the Indian Ocean.

Basques stage hit and run

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (AP) — Gunmen believed to be Basque separatists shot and killed one policeman and wounded another in a street in this northern Basque city Thursday.

Police said the attackers, suspected members of the Basque separatist organization ETA, then fled in a government car. The car was later found.

Turkey signs jet sale pact

ANKARA (Reuter) — Turkey has signed a letter of acceptance to Washington for a \$4.5-billion deal to buy and co-manufacture 160 F-16 jet fighter planes from General Dynamics during the next 10 years, Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said Thursday.

The letter, confirming the biggest foreign military deal ever undertaken by Turkey, was signed and sent last week before Ozal's newly elected government took office, he said.

General Dynamics is based in St. Louis, Mo. Under the deal, Turkey will pay \$1 billion of the cost from the national budget, the rest coming from the United States in aid, credits and offset trade agreements, officials say.

Portugal tightens its belt

LISBON (Reuter) — Portugal's parliament overwhelmingly approved the country's toughest austerity budget since the 1974 revolution on Thursday.

The economic program for 1984 was backed by the governing Socialist and Social Democratic coalition, which holds a two-thirds majority, and opposed by Communists and Christian Democrats. Two Social Democrats from the Azores voted with the opposition.

Chinese ape-people do exist

PEKING (Reuter) — Mysterious ape-like creatures said to inhabit remote parts of central and southern China definitely exist and there is plenty of evidence to prove it, a Chinese expert says.

The official news service Xinhua on Thursday quoted biologist Liu Minzhuang, who has taken part in five expeditions searching for the "Ape Men," as saying he and his colleagues have taken more than 1,000 photographs of footprints of the creatures.

Most of the footprints were 41.9 centimetres long, though some were as long as 48 centimetres, Liu told a conference in the southwestern city of Nanning.

Shultz says Andropov on way out

WASHINGTON (Reuter) — U.S. State Secretary George Shultz said in an interview published today he believes Soviet leader Yuri Andropov is quite ill and Moscow is looking to future leadership.

The newspaper USA Today reported Shultz said he did not know for certain Andropov's condition. But Shultz said Andropov's absence from several key Soviet meetings led him to believe the Soviet leader is quite ill.

Close call for newsmen

BEIRUT (AP) — U.S. Marine guards fired on a North Carolina television crew when their car approached the wrong gate of the marine base at Beirut airport Thursday. One reporter and the driver were slightly hurt.

Marine spokesman Maj. Dennis Brooks said sentries ordered the car to stop, but the driver put it in reverse and tried to back away. The marines fired warning shots into the dirt in front of the vehicle, and "when the vehicle failed to stop, the sentries fired (at it)," Brooks said.

Trudeau called pothead for far out peace plan

WASHINGTON (CP) — Prime Minister Trudeau brought his peace mission to the White House on Thursday to the accompaniment of gossip that he had been derided in advance by someone senior in the U.S. administration as an erratic leftist behaving as though he was high on some kind of drug.

The story was related in broad outline to a Canadian Press reporter by both American and Canadian sources, who volunteered the information independently on condition they not be identified by name.

Precise details were skimpy, but one of those present said the senior official delivered the personal slur during a recent private and off-the-record session to an audience of 150 or 200 American officials, foreign affairs scholars and journalists.

He was said to have dismissed Trudeau's global peace campaign, the sources said, in terms that characterized the prime minister as an unstable leftist. The reference to being

high was not expressed as though Trudeau actually smoked pot or took dope, one source said, but in the sense that he was behaving like someone using such substances.

A Canadian Embassy official, who said he had heard the story, retailed it to Canadian reporters with the suggestion that it was a scandalous thing to have happened.

FORMED PATTERN

The story formed part of a pattern of private and public comments by U.S. foreign affairs and Defence Department officials who have derided the Trudeau peace effort since the prime minister launched it formally seven weeks ago.

The pattern included dismissing comments by Pentagon and State Department officials in New York City four weeks ago. The publicity they received prompted Trudeau to dismiss them in turn several times, including at the White House on Thursday, as comments by a "Pentagon pipsqueak."

Latest bank-rate hike has analysts very leery

OTTAWA (CP) — The trend-setting Bank of Canada rate broke through the 10-per-cent mark Thursday for the first time this year, moving to 10.06 per cent from 9.92 last week.

The upward shift prompted immediate unease over the future of corporate and consumer lending rates.

But Finance Minister Marc Lalonde told the Commons the increase is not expected to have any impact on the current prime rate of 11 per cent offered by banks to corporate borrowers, or on consumer loan rates which start at about 12.5 per cent.

Money traders and economists have suggested that as long as the demand for loans remains weak banks and other lenders will be reluctant to bump up their rates.

Opposition MPs jumped on the central bank rate as a sign that the government is prepared to see the key rate rise indefinitely to prevent depreciation of the Canadian dollar, which has been weak beside its American counterpart for several weeks.

Among other things, John Crosbie, Progressive Conservative finance critic, suggested a rise in interest rates will hurt the "somewhat spotty recovery" shown so far by the economy.

Lalonde said government policy is to allow the dollar to float, thereby letting the market decide its value.

"The government does not have a policy of artificially maintaining the Canadian dollar at a particular rate or value," he said.

The dollar was trading at 80.04 cents U.S. at noon Thursday after dipping to a 16-month low of 79.99 at the close of trading Tuesday.

Weather

Cloudy today with possible snows flurries. Temperature around -3. Outlook for Saturday also cloudy.

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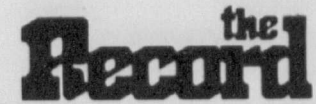
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Future unknown for Ottawa mappers; families unwilling to move

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is just beginning a career for herself in politics.

Most important to Lajeunesse is the element of choice. She believes the government is backing the mappers, their wives and families — approximately 2000 people in all — into a corner. "There's absolutely no choice in the matter," she says. "It's either go or be unemployed." And, she adds, at least 50 per cent of those involved in the relocation will refuse to move to Sherbrooke.

"What kind of educational opportunities will our children have?" she asks. Her 13-year-old son John will start high school next September and

her daughter Michèle, 16, plans to go into architecture at Carleton University.

Education is one of the many concerns of the mappers' families. Others include language, employment and just plain uprooting and trying to fit in in a strange, predominantly French-speaking city.

"It's frightening for us. Most of the wives don't speak the language."

Lajeunesse says the mapping branch is more than 80 per cent English-speaking. Yet language is tied up in an even greater feeling that Québec is simply not the best place to move right now. Maurice Lajeunesse is a fully bilingual francophone but nonetheless refuses to move his family to the province.

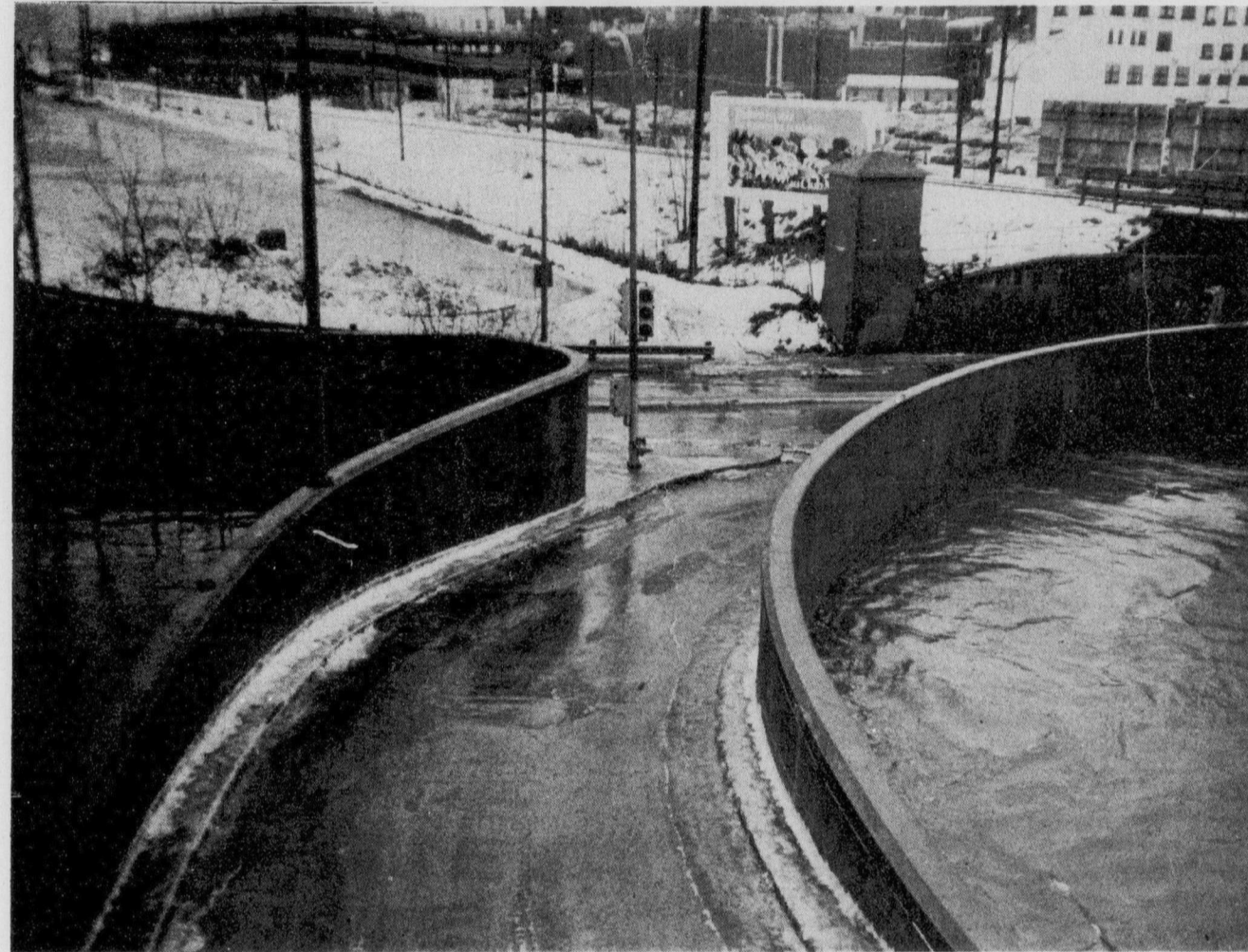
Barbara says the proposed move is

forcing many mappers to make early retirement plans. "The government has said anyone refusing to move will be laid off. Now we're hearing plans from people to get out (of the department). Some of these people are within a few years of their pension and they'll lose everything they worked for if they are forced to leave now."

"They are introducing hardships families simply don't need," she says.

WANTS THEM TO QUIT

But Lajeunesse also feels there is more to the move than the naked eye can see. She says the government is forcing people to quit their jobs. "The government actually wants employees to quit. And, they want those jobs to go to Québécois."



Water levels remained high in Sherbrooke Thursday but are expected to start going down again today.

RECORD/BOBBY FISHER

ET pumping out, other regions reeling

SHERBROOKE — The Eastern Townships recovered from a relatively mild spell of weird winter weather Thursday as other Québec regions were still reeling from a worse onslaught.

Water levels were stable late in the evening and weather experts expected them to begin dropping again by morning. Environment-Québec officials told Sherbrooke police there was "no danger" and that levels "will continue to go down," although at 11:30 p.m. the Aylmer Bridge marker at King Street showed 17½ feet of water in the St-Francis River. "It's stable now," said police Lt. Gérald Lepage. "It was at 18 feet at 4:30 p.m."

"For me, it won't go up," Lepage added.

In Montreal and the Laurentians Hydro crews scrambled to restore power to thousands of shivering residents left without electricity for a second straight day after a devastating ice storm that downed powerlines and sent trees crashing to the ground.

In the Eastern Townships however, fears of widespread flooding subsided as the St. Francis River receded, although not completely. Evening rain raised the newly-relieved fears again as rivers remained high and temperatures continued to hover near freezing.

In Sherbrooke and Richmond storekeepers began moving back into

Bélanger sworn in

QUÉBEC — The Liberal ranks in the National Assembly officially grew by two Thursday when the victors of last week's provincial byelections were sworn in with party leader Robert Bourassa watching.

In a brief ceremony, Aline Saint-Amand, 46, and Madeleine Bélanger, 51, became the 46th and 47th Liberals in the assembly.

Bélanger represents the district of MNegantic-Compton while Saint-Amand will sit for Jonquière.

Their swearing-in brought to 10 the number of women in the assembly — the most ever. Five sit with the Liberals and five with the governing Parti Québécois, including two cabinet ministers.

Saint-Amand is a copy editor who captured the former PQ stronghold of Jonquière, 200 kilometres north of here. Bélanger was elected to replace her husband Fabien, who died in October.

Standings in the National Assembly now stands at: PQ, 72; Liberals, 47; Independent, 2; Vacant, 1. Still a member but unable to sit in the legislature is Gilles Grégoire, who represents the Thetford Mines area of Frontenac. Grégoire is serving a prison term for contributing to the delinquency of seven minor girls.

place goods and merchandise they had removed to higher places Wednesday, many beginning before dawn. Eyes remained glued to the now-you-see-them, now-you-don't riverbanks of the raging watercourses.

Concerns of worried Eastern Townshippers now turn to the government again in the hope that finally a solution will be found and put in place to reduce the now-chronic flooding in the future. Flooding has become a problem with human causes as well as natural ones.

As man has cleared brush and trees — a process now underway for almost two centuries in some Eastern Townships spots — there are fewer and fewer places for water to be stored in the fields which replace them. In recent years farmers have also been systematically installing tile drainage beneath fields in government-subsidized programs. Water which previously trickled slowly into streams after storms is now melting and heading straight for the rivers.

As roads are upgraded — and the Eastern Townships has a high road density compared to most rural regions — drainage improves along them as well, leading more and more water directly into streams and ri-

Road with a happy ending

By Peter Scowen

MAGOG TOWNSHIP — Well here's a story with a happy ending that should satisfy all you people out there who say newspapers never have anything good to say about anyone.

The residents of Domaine Lac Lovering came, saw and conquered Thursday when they put on a protest that got immediate results from the government.

Approximately 30 people staged a "sit-in" at the Magog Township office to demand that the municipal government maintain the road that leads to their homes in the lakeside development. They arrived with sleeping bags and other camping equipment and threatened to remain in the office until Mayor Roger Renaud agreed to keep their road free of snow in the winter and potholes in the summer.

Under the terms of the contract the Domaine residents have with developer BSEW Holdings of Montreal each homeowner is required to clear the road in front of his house. Mayor Renaud said municipal law prevented the township from maintaining the road.

"Those people couldn't get out of their homes to get to school or work," said Renaud. "If there was ever an emergency the situation could have been critical."

Renaud said he got on the phone with Judge Richard Beaulieu of the municipal commission in Québec. Beaulieu started the conversation by

saying it would be illegal for the township to clear the road but then said he found a law that permitted an exception in the case of a road that has been left unmaintained for a certain number of years. The Domaine Lac Lovering road has been effectively unmaintained since it was first built in 1968.

Renaud was able to announce to the protesters the township would begin clearing the road immediately and they broke camp and went home happily.

Although essential to both plant and animal wildlife precisely because they are able to store water for long periods of time, swamps and bogs have become undesirable to modern man. Thus even more water goes directly into the region's waterways.

The frequency and gravity of floods have both increased in recent years as a result of these drainage activities. The question now is who is going to do what about it, and when?

Although the provincial and federal governments have both promised aid in critical locations such as often-struck Richmond, nothing but "promises and surveys" have been delivered by either side in the Québec-Ottawa fights.

Only time will tell if the Eastern Townships will get aid in finding a permanent solution to the region's flooding problems.

Meanwhile elsewhere in the province many people are living the weatherwatch a day at a time.

About 70,200 Hydro-Québec subscribers throughout the province were still without power, and Hydro said the situation for some rural customers might not be back to normal until the weekend.

When police officers Maurice Rodrigue and Jacques Gagnon resigned from the force last summer the town council again, made the request to cut an officer saying this time it wouldn't have to lay anybody off. On November 16 the minister replied they could go ahead with the cut. At no time, said Langevin, was the question of adequate police protection a major issue

"It's a hard thing to face when you know it's political patronage," she adds.

"What sense is there in dumping anglos 25 years into their careers into that environment," she asks. "More will choose to stay and pay the price rather than go." And by doing that, Lajeunesse believes, they'll be doing exactly what the government wanted them to do all along.

For the portion of the mapping branch that will eventually have to move here for whatever reason, the future holds many unknowns. "Many families' incomes will likely be cut in half," says Lajeunesse, "because it will be impossible for anglophone spouses to find jobs. We're going from a place we call 'our city' to a place where we're not first-class citizens in

the really true sense of the word."

Lajeunesse says she really cannot understand why the government is moving a branch that has decreased in size over the years — and not one like the Youth Secretariat, she suggests, a department into which the government is pouring millions of dollars and expanding rapidly. "EMR is shrinking. The Youth Secretariat department should be the one to go — it's growing."

Plans of the move have hung like a boom over the heads of mapping branch employees and their families. Lajeunesse says, a boom that may fall as early as the summer of 1985 pending a decision expected in February of next year from the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of Bill 101.

Mappers have been asked by management not to speak to the media about the move but Lajeunesse says the clock is running out and it is time to strengthen the opposition. "You have absolutely no control over what they can do to you and that has to change. Some of the mappers have put in 20 years of service in EMR and right now efficiency in the department is at its lowest. You simply cannot work when you're terrified. People feel as if they're going backwards."

"Most keep clinging to the hope it won't happen. Decentralization isn't a bad thing but the way this thing is coming about is terrible. Give them a either/or but don't tell them to quit their jobs."

Coaticook cop cut coldly criticized

By Peter Scowen

COATICOOK — In reversing an earlier decision Justice Minister Marc-André Bédard has allowed the town of Coaticook to cut one officer from its police force as of December 31, 1983.

The cut will reduce the force to seven full-time officers and raises the question of whether Coaticook will have adequate police protection in the coming year. Police officers André Desbiens and Maurice Bourgault, along with the president of the Québec Policemen's Federation André Nadon, held a press conference Thursday to inform townspeople of the situation and explain the consequences of the cut.

According to Desbiens the Coaticook town council first made the request to drop an officer from the force in January 1982. The mayor at the time, Ernest Lafaille, said the move was requested for financial reasons. It wasn't until April 1983, a year and four months later, that the council got its reply. The answer was no. Coaticook Mayor André Langevin said the minister did not want the town to lay anyone off.

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in the minister's decision.

Langevin denied rumors that he got permission from the minister to cut the officer from the force after it was turned down to the former mayor because of his political leanings. He also denied having gone to meet Bédard when the minister was at the PQ caucus in Compton. "I didn't go to Compton," said Langevin. "And I haven't pronounced myself for one party or another for over seven years."

Desbiens said Coaticook is already working with a minimum of policemen with its present level of eight. He said that a 1973 study done by the police commission revealed that the town should actually have nine policemen if it wanted to provide its citizens with adequate protection.

"The population has gone up since 1973," argued Desbiens. "Losing an officer will mean doing 13 hour shifts and sometimes patrolling alone at night. The crime rate is passable here but that's partly because we do a lot of surveillance and prevention. We will have to cut back on that with only seven officers."

Desbiens said the remaining seven officers would have to do a lot of overtime which would cost the town money but Mayor Langevin said the officers would be doing no more overtime than before.

"Cutting one officer from the force will save \$40,000 a year," said Langevin. "That's a lot of money in a town like Coaticook."

Desbiens also said the response time to calls could be increased to a

dangerous level. "It could take up to an hour to answer a call depending on where we are when it comes in," he said. "With less of us on patrol it could take us that much longer."

"There is nothing we can do," Desbiens added. "The town has the right by law to cut the police force by one and as officers we have to respect that. Our goal is to inform the population and act according to how it reacts."

Coaticook residents who attended Thursday's press conference were concerned about the cut. "It's going to be hard for people and especially merchants," said Claude Lavigne. "We'll probably try to do something through the town council and if that doesn't work we will go to the minister. If the people get down to it we can do something."

One group that could be seriously affected by the loss of a policeman is the staff of the emergency room at the Centre Hospitalier de Coaticook. "We often need reinforcements," said Nurse Linda Gill-Verannaeu. "The nurses can't control an injured criminal or a dangerous crazy. We need someone who can come right away. The local cops are used to giving our calls priority but if they're too far away to come right away we could be in danger. And we don't just get people from Coaticook coming in; they come from all over the area."

"Police support is very important," said Denis Bourgault, an evening and night guard from the hospital. "We don't have the training to handle a crazy."



RECORD/PETER SCOWEN

Christmas road show

There will be two stagings of the North Hatley Primary School Christmas play. Friday night at 7:30 parents are invited; Monday night the children will move the show to the Connaught Home for the aged. Residents of La Maison Blanche, North Hatley's other home for the elderly, enjoyed Thursday's dress rehearsal.

Québec to fight asbestos work ruling

MONTREAL — The Québec work health and safety commission says it will appeal a Superior Court ruling that its practice of forcibly retiring asbestos workers with lung ailments — on a generous pension — is illegal.

In a statement Thursday, the commission argued that the ruling, handed down Wednesday, would mean miners with such ailments could be sent back to work where they might face further damage to their

health.

Superior Court agreed with Asbestos Canada Ltd.'s contention that the company could switch miners with slightly impaired lung capacity to lighter duties on the surface without damaging their health.

Asbestos Canada had argued that the commission was overstepping its authority in ordering off the job

workers who failed to pass an annual health check.

Under Québec law, victims of asbestosis, a debilitating lung disease, are entitled to 90 per cent of their former wage until age 65. Johns Manville Canada Inc., another asbestos mining company, estimated the mandatory retirement policy could cost the industry nearly \$10.8 million.

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Live together or accept the alternative

In a move designed to disorient most observers of the international scene, American president Ronald Reagan has 'generally endorsed' Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's campaign to stimulate global peace through the reduction of nuclear arsenals among the major military powers. What does such endorsement mean?

Don't wait for miracles. Reagan is smart enough to recognize that an open endorsement of an ineffectual argument such as Trudeau's can only help his re-election campaign, especially since the president's adversaries justifiably characterize him as a gunslinging radical. America will not disarm, and neither will the Soviet Union, because neither side can ever trust the other.

The United States, as represented by the present administration, views the Soviet Union as the devil incarnate, a country whose motivations are purely designed towards atheistic and unholy ends. We in the west, on the other hand, are the force of goodness and light and desire only freedom and enlightenment for everybody. Truth and justice for all.

That, of course, is an entire trainload of horse manure, and nobody is more aware of it than our Russian counterparts. In the 65 years of its existence there is not a nation on earth which has suffered more from western hypocrisy than the U.S.S.R. and this is not something an intelligent people is likely to forget. In 1918, British and American troops invaded the Soviet Union in an attempt to force the fledgling Provisional Government to continue a suicidal involvement in the war against Germany. In 1939, when Stalin was desperately trying to form a solid alliance against an imperialistic Nazi Germany, the west was clearly hoping that Russia would bear the brunt of the madman's autocratic designs and refused to become party to any meaningful mutual defence agreement. Since then, the Russians have watched as an unapproachable America has dealt either ferociously or at least antagonistically with every popular uprising against an exploitative ruling class. The United States has unfailingly supported every insufferable regime that had the foresight to declare itself 'anti-communist' and has enjoyed the benefits of the friendship of the late governments of Vietnam, Cuba, Iran and Nicaragua as a result. No, they will never learn.

Trudeau's 'peace initiative' presupposes that the powers that be actually encourage a reduction in tensions between the powerful nations. Because of this naiveté, there are those who believe that his globetrotting can have concrete results, Trudeau should be encouraged in his windmill jousting, if only to keep the very concept of peace alive. But in reality we must accept the fact that our prime minister will be used by the superpowers for their own ends until we as a global community finally reject nuclear confrontation as a method of solving our differences. Until that time we will be held as hostages with the threat of obliteration directly in front of us. We must learn to live together or accept the alternative — a complete and final destruction.

There is no other choice.

MICHAEL McDEVITT

Pitfield offers advice to economic committee

HULL, Que. (CP) — When most people think of the Macdonald royal commission they think of the economy, but not Senator Michael Pitfield.

The commission's greatest contribution will be in what it says about changes to national institutions and not what it offers in the way of economic solutions, Prime Minister Trudeau's former right-hand man told the commission Tuesday.

Pitfield was one of five panelists who offered the commission a wide range of advice on what changes are needed to a host of national institutions, the House of Commons, the Senate, the judiciary, Crown corporations and other government agencies, voluntary groups, business and labor and the media.

Economic circumstances can change drastically in a short period of time and a great deal of uncertainty surrounds prescriptions for economic health, Pitfield said.

Instead of searching for economic solutions, the royal commission on the economic union and development prospects for Canada should be trying to perfect the capacity of various institutions to deal with problems for which there are no final solutions, he said.

These include federal-provincial priorities, obstacles to the economic union, regional disparities and business-labor-government relations, Pitfield said.

Among the suggestions, there was agreement by several panelists and commissioners on the need for an easing of party discipline in the Commons. MPs should be able to make independent decisions on the majority of legislation which is non-ideological, agreed Pitfield and panelist Gordon Fairweather, chief commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission and a former MP.

"Little progress has been made to relieve the House of Commons from the tyranny of the whip over every aspect of government business," Pitfield said.

But commissioner Jean Wadds, a former Progressive Conservative MP, put the lack of progress in perspective by noting that the issue of free votes for MPs and other issues were being tossed around when she was first elected in 1958.

That's a quarter of a century, she said. The lack of action is a tragedy.

Crime turns to comic opera with the Grasshoppers

LONDON, Ont. (CP) — It was a plot even *Soldier of Fortune* magazine wouldn't buy: two unemployed insurance salesmen sell a group of teenagers on the idea they can train as freedom fighters by mugging homosexuals and robbing variety stores.

The too wacky-for-Hollywood performance unraveled this year as London's crime of the decade when police busted what quickly became tagged the Grasshopper Gang because of the green paint the youthful commandos used to disguise their faces.

But these teenagers — some affluent, some runaways, all naive — weren't just good-natured, badly cast commandos. They were ordered to shoot to kill.

Criminal lawyer Norman Peel described the gang's actions as "coming as close to a CIA operation in Canada as I've seen."

The gang was the brainchild of Robert McFadden, Peel's client. Although McFadden was never more than a private in the militia, he insisted the boys call him "captain."

An unemployed insurance salesman-turned-hood, McFadden, 22, mesmerized his band of about 15 followers, telling them he was a South American mercenary with connections that stretched from the Mafia to the London police department.

At first, police didn't link a series of variety store holdups in May and June, muggings of homosexuals in a London park and the robberies of clerks making night bank deposits.

TIED TOGETHER

What tied it all together for Det. Bill Thorp and Const. David Sparks was a four-year-old girl, a computer and a seemingly routine traffic accident.

When it clicked, nine adult gang members, including McFadden, and five juveniles were charged. All pleaded guilty to a staggering collection of robbery, weapons, theft and fraud charges and were sentenced to terms ranging from probation to six years in prison for McFadden.

The saga began early last February when McFadden, with a few months' militia experience, boasted to other militia members — Billie Simon, 16, and brothers Jim Seymour, 18, and Steven Seymour, 16 — of robberies he wanted to pull and spoke of forming his own army.

The ultimate plan was to enlist between 100 and 300 "commandos" who would use explosives to knock out London's electrical system, making the banks easy picking.

But for starters, McFadden planned the mugging of two night depositors. The three teenagers, armed with a knife and bayonet, completed the missions in February and April, stealing a total of \$7,300.

HOLMES JOINS

By early May, Thomas Holmes, 28, a former army private and an acquaintance of McFadden, appeared. Said to be a \$38,000-a-year insurance salesman before he joined the gang, Holmes was on a downhill slide.

His company was in trouble, his commission cheques were bouncing, his marriage was suffering, and even his lawyer, Fletcher Dawson, concedes Holmes was starting to "crack up a bit."

The gang developed a rank system — Holmes was the colonel, McFadden was the captain and the rest were sergeants, corporals and privates — and engineered variety store holdups.

The first one flopped because the Seymours and Simon, armed with bayonets and a crossbow, didn't want to follow their orders to kill the clerk, a judge was later told.

The second holdup was no better — the clerk chased them off with a stick. The next attempt, fortified with a new recruit, ended when a female clerk pulled out a knife and sent them packing.

Short of manpower, Holmes and McFadden recruited three more teenagers on the city's main street. One of the recruits was already in the business of mugging homosexuals in a park and the gang put his skills to use.

On June 22 the gang, their faces smeared with green paint, hair slicked with motor oil and armed with rifles and a bayonet, tried to rob a variety store, but when one of the members couldn't find the safe, the gang had to settle for a small amount of cash from the till.

FLOATED DOWN

The next day, three more recruits came floating down the Thames River on rafts to where the Grasshoppers had set up camp just west of London. The youths, one of them running away from his comfortable, middle-class home, couldn't resist the gang's offer of free pizza and beer.

The teenagers were soon marching, saluting and doing pushups on command. In several days, they fired about 200 rounds of ammunition. Once in the group, the boys were told the only way out was to be beaten or killed.

The leaders then hatched a plan to rob Bumpers, a trendy night spot. Shortly after midnight on June 25, the Grasshoppers, carrying weapons and dressed in fatigues and green paint, were deployed in the bushes around the bar. But after spotting a security guard in the parking lot, they decided against shooting him and to take a raincheck on the heist.

They "borrowed" a motor boat to get away, but couldn't get it started and had to paddle to a previously arranged rendezvous point with two members, who were to have stolen canoes from a nearby park to slip away in.

But the police had stopped the two members, forcing the gang to steal "getaway" paddleboats to get back to camp. On the way home McFadden and Holmes amused themselves by firing shots at each other. A combination of bullets and rocks in the shallow water sank two of the three paddleboats.

Needing cash, the Grasshoppers then attempted to rob a doughnut shop, but the clerk recognized one of the members — Private Mosquito — as a regular customer and refused to take them seriously.

They moved their headquarters to a motel and planned their last job. The members were getting more efficient — McFadden pointed a gun at the variety store clerk and told him they would "blow his head off" if he moved, court was told later.

The gang got away with \$108 and went back to the motel to celebrate.

Meanwhile, the two police officers were snapping the last piece of the puzzle into place. Accompanied by the doughnut shop clerk, they cruised the shop's neighborhood, looking for Private Mosquito.

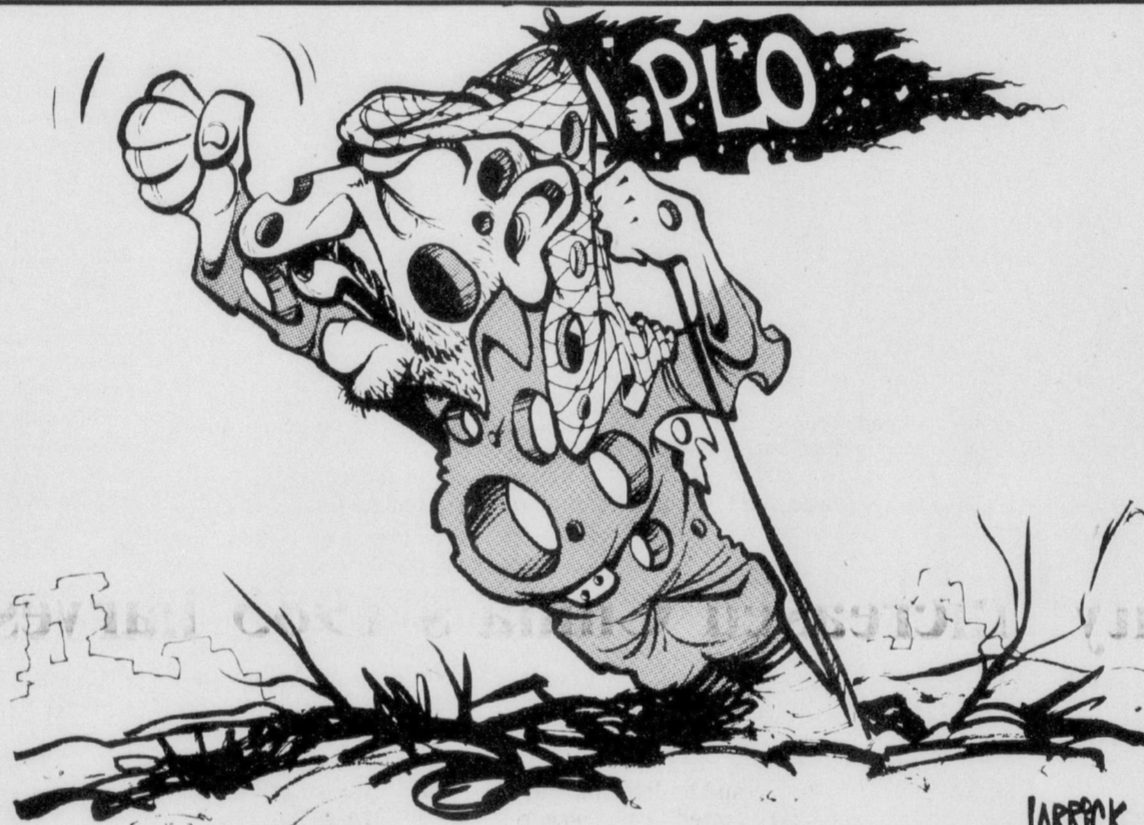
They spotted him and he got away, but as Sparks chased him through one backyard, a four-year-old girl asked the officer who he was and why he was running. She then volunteered Private Mosquito's real name.

The name was fed into the police computer, which spit out two missing persons reports. Using the computer to follow up on these, the police discovered that five members of the gang, including McFadden and Holmes, had given their names to police as witnesses to a minor hit-and-run accident.

Police arranged for McFadden to phone them and when he did, they traced the call, arresting him while he was still in the phone booth.

McFadden gave police his address at the motel and when they barged into the room they received the most respectful welcome of their careers. The ragtag group jumped to their feet and saluted what they thought were their returning commanders.

"They were just a conglomeration of losers," says Wally Libis, a lawyer for one member. "They all got together and it gave them a purpose. Every one of them was down and out and it gave them something to be involved in."



"You missed again!"

Bell Helicopters meets politics à la Marc Lalonde

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP) — A major U.S. helicopter manufacturer was force-fed hundreds of millions of dollars by Finance Minister Marc Lalonde to set up a plant near Montreal, the Kingston *Whig-Standard* says.

Generous government incentives — federal, provincial and even civic — to lure industries to job-hungry areas the companies might otherwise avoid are commonplace and often accompanied by fierce rivalries.

The newspaper provides a detailed look at the forces at play behind what it calls one of the biggest government-industry deals ever undertaken.

Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. is a partner with the federal and Québec governments in the \$766-million project — Canada's first helicopter plant — at Mirabel.

But the Texas-based company originally wanted an operation a fraction of that size and some of its officials would have preferred a site outside Québec, the newspaper says.

Québec came out the winner, it says, to make up for a 1979 fighter-jet contract that was designed to bolster the Montreal area's sagging aerospace industry. But Ontario contractors got most of the work.

And Mirabel was favored over other Québec sites because of the embarrassing white elephant reputation of the international airport there and Ottawa's desire to lure a large development to the empty industrial park nearby.

'SET GROUND RULES'

Whig-Standard writer Jack Rafter quotes an unnamed, highly placed government official as saying Lalonde "set the ground rules for the game."

Lalonde gave Industry Minister Ed Lumley a cost target far higher than either Bell or other companies competing for the plant were after to ensure it would be located in Québec, the official is quoted as saying.

To ensure the project would not have to compete with projects put forward by other government departments for designated development money, Lalonde introduced a special investment fund as an addendum to last spring's budget, the official says.

"Lalonde came up with another \$300 million for this program after his budget speech and then produced still more later."

Further, the official says Lalonde arranged for the federal government to pay the hard-pressed Québec government's share of the deal "under the table."

through manipulation of federal transfer payments.

"Lalonde told Lumley two things: 'First, you've got X millions of dollars and, second, it's got to be Mirabel,'" the official told *The Whig-Standard*.

"Lalonde made it damned clear that it would be Mirabel or there would be no money at all."

QUEBEC OR ELSE?

In a taped radio interview, the newspaper says, Lalonde said:

"We told Bell Helicopter, 'If you are coming to Canada, you are going to come to Québec — nowhere else. If we hadn't said that, they would not have come and, I can tell you, they would not have come to Québec.'"

However, Lumley denied Lalonde said such a thing.

Bell chairman James Atkins said the company chose Mirabel on its own merits without interference.

But in an interview with *The Whig-Standard*, Lalonde spokesman Pierre Cossais said "because of the political climate in Québec, the federal government had to step in."

Cossais said it took "considerable monies" to persuade Bell to set up in a climate difficult for foreign companies to accept.

Announcing the project Oct. 7, Lumley said the agreement called for an investment of \$514 million for the helicopter plant and an additional \$252 million for Pratt and Whitney Canada Inc. to develop

a new helicopter engine facility.

Ottawa is putting \$265 million into the project, including both the helicopter and the engine developments, and Québec is contributing \$110 million for the helicopter plant alone.

Bell is putting up \$238.7 million for its plant. Pratt and Whitney is spending \$152 million to produce the engines which will be used in the new series of light twin helicopters that Bell will build.

WILL CREATE JOBS

The Bell plant, with a corps of engineers recruited in Québec but some personnel from the U.S., will create 2,775 jobs and Pratt and Whitney will add 1,000 to its workforce, Lumley said. Plant construction is to start next year and production of the Bell model 400 helicopter will start in 1985.

Bell had favorably considered Kingston and Peterborough, Ont., for the plant site early in the planning, the newspaper says, and local and Ontario government officials had been assiduously wooing the company.

Lumley told the newspaper the federal government would have provided "money" if Kingston had been selected, but would not say how much.

Originally, the helicopter manufacturers that competed for the deal wanted a much smaller project, the government spokesman is quoted as saying. Bell was planning an expansion, perhaps five years down the road, but if it chose a U.S. location it would have to pay for the expansion

by itself.

Further, the newspaper says, Bell's principal competitor for the deal was Aerospatiale of France, and Bell was able to use the Canadian plant to keep a European competitor from gaining a base in North America.

PROJECT WAS MODEST

Bell originally proposed a modest \$37-million project that would create 222 jobs, but the newspaper says Ottawa used the Bell-Aerospatiale rivalry to "ratchet up" the size of the project.

Under Lalonde's mandate, Aerospatiale was doomed to lose, the government official says. For the last 15 years Pratt and Whitney had manufactured engines for Bell, and the government owed a debt to the company.

In 1979, Ottawa announced the purchase of 138 CF-18 fighter planes from McDonnell-Douglas Corp. of St. Louis for more than \$5 billion. McDonnell-Douglas committed itself to subcontract a large amount of work to Canadian companies, and the government intended that the bulk of it would go to Québec.

But as it turned out, Ontario got 75 per cent of the work and Québec got 25 per cent. Montreal got none, and since then Pratt and Whitney has laid off several thousand workers.

This time Lalonde was determined that all of the benefits would go to Québec, the government official says, and this meant that Bell could insist on extraordinary compensation for going there.

Ontario friendship only \$34.9 million

OTTAWA (CP) — A West German firm will build helicopter manufacturing facilities at Fleet Industries Ltd. in Fort Erie, Ont., in a project expected to create 760 permanent jobs, it was announced Tuesday.

The federal and provincial governments will contribute a total \$34.9 million and the giant German company Messerschmitt-Bolkow Blohm and Fleet will spend a total \$37.7 million in the development of light twin-engine helicopters, Industry Minister Ed Lumley told a news conference.

The federal and provincial government shares of the funds will eventually be repaid by a two-per-cent royalty to be levied on total sales of helicopters, accessory kits and parts produced, Lumley said.

About 600 permanent jobs will be created in Ontario.

A further 160 jobs will be created at the Pratt and Whitney Canada plant in the Montreal suburb of Longueuil. Pratt and Whitney has signed a memorandum of understanding to use its STEP engine in the Ontario-built helicopters.

STAGE TWO OF PLAN

The 20-year project is the "second leg" of a plan to make Canada a world manufacturer of helicopters, Lumley said.

In October, the federal and Québec governments announced a co-operative deal between Pratt and Whitney and Texas-based Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. that will establish the country's first helicopter-manufacturing plant near Montreal.

The latest deal with Messerschmitt-Bolkow Blohm was hailed by company director Kurt Pfeleiderer as the start of a beautiful friendship with Canada that could result in future co-operative deals.

Helicopters represent just 10 per cent of MBB's output. The company also manufactures military equipment, airbuses, rail car and medical equipment, all possible products for future co-operative efforts, Pfeleiderer said.

The new helicopter, patterned after the firm's BO 105 model, is specially designed for application in commercial and government roles requiring high performance under high temperature and altitude conditions.

As much as 85 per cent of production would be aimed at the export market, Lumley said.

Both Lumley and Treasury Board President Herb Gray defended the federal government investing funds in two competing helicopter firms in Canada.

Canada, after all, has more than one automobile manufacturer, Gray said.

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Political squabbles may delay new Richford brewery

By Merritt Clifton

RICHFORD — A two-year-old plan by Sutton investors to open a specialty brewery in nearby Richford, Vermont may be delayed indefinitely by an increasingly nasty political fight.

The Sutton group, Boright Associates, headed by architect Allan Bellevance, is not directly involved, but the proposed brewery is becoming chief political football in a struggle between two factions seeking to control Richford's economic planning.

Both factions claim to favor the brewery plan, which also calls for opening an inn and several tourist-oriented boutiques in four abandoned historic buildings forming the heart of Richford's moribund downtown. At issue is what role the town should play in arranging financing and exactly who should represent the town in whatever role.

The biggest obstacle to getting the brewery into operation always has been short capital. The Boright Associates always have hoped to attract some state and federal grant money, through programs such as historic buildings restoration, aid to depressed municipalities and direct job creation projects. In theory, the government help would attract further investment

from the private sector, enabling Boright Associates to proceed with renovation of their buildings, promoting their regional specialty beer and thereby promoting Richford as a tourist town, a natural stop-over for people visiting the Sutton and Jay Peak ski areas.

The Richford board of selectmen have traditionally entrusted all responsibility for obtaining and directing government grants to the Richford Economic Advancement Corporation, known as REAC. REAC has in turn delegated administrative responsibility to Russ Greene, who also handles the same responsibilities for several other nearby communities as head of the Franklin-Grand Isle regional planning commission.

This arrangement became controversial during the fall, as REAC's biggest project over the past 15 years, the Northland hockey stick factory, finally collapsed into bankruptcy. The plant manager is under indictment for misappropriating funds. Never an especially profitable operation, Northland had staggered through most of the past decade on over-extended credit, with REAC backing.

A citizens' committee headed by former Rand Corporation eco-

nomist Vince Taylor and long-time government administrator Otto Kremer organized to challenge REAC's priorities. They charged that while so heavily backing Northland, REAC had ignored all Richford's other economic opportunities, including the brewery. The downtown had been allowed to deteriorate unchecked, and a substantial portion of residential Richford had become welfare-dependent.

In particular, the citizens' committee charged REAC and Russ Greene with lax pursuit and poor use of government grants. Taylor claims their mismanagement has cost Richford over \$100,000 over the past year alone.

Matters came to a head in early December when the Richford selectmen were faced with two different proposals for pursuing Vermont Community Development Grants. REAC submitted a request for money with which to turn a house owned by REAC steering committee member Frank Donohue into an office complex. Claiming those funds would better be taken from the historic buildings grant program, Taylor and Kremer submitted a proposal to establish a permanent Richford economic planning office, similar to those

of Bromont, Granby and Cowansville. Kremer was to become a full-time seeker of grants and private investors. Economist Taylor was to be a quarter-time advisor. For at least the first year, the project was to have been entirely grant-supported, costing the town nothing.

The Richford selectmen turned both proposals over to Greene. Greene won't talk about whatever happened next nor will any of the REAC steering committee but neither proposal ever reached the Vermont Community Development Grant office. Presently, each faction is accusing the other of having deliberately sabotaged the grant proposals for partisan ends. REAC has refused to meet with Taylor and Kremer to work out a compromise plan of development. The Richford selectmen have re-endorsed REAC. While officially non-partisan, state grant administrators have backed Taylor and Kremer by pointing out that the town badly needs a full-time economic planning office and some new ideas, as unemployment is over 40%.

Taylor and Kremer, meanwhile, are petitioning to change the village charter so as to place the selectmen on a much shorter leash — a 3-year term of

office as opposed to the present 5-year term, with a 3-man board instead of a 5-man board, and one member up for election every year.

REAC points to the brewery plan as evidence that they have been pursuing projects other than hockey sticks. Taylor and Kremer point to it as evidence that the REAC approach isn't effective in getting brewing underway. Officially neutral, Boright Associates are known to be internally divided in their sympathies, and are in a position where sooner or later they will be asked to testify for one faction or the other.

An irony of the Richford fight is that while REAC represents the traditional Richford establishment and the citizens' committee the 'young Turks', the Taylor family has been prominent in the town's economic and political affairs for four generations. In addition, Vince Taylor is a decade older than REAC's leading spokesmen. In effect, the conflict is not between 'old' and 'new' Richford, but rather between a faction representing the visions of the fifties, sixties, and seventies and another linking new plans with the town's Prohibition Era prosperity.

Focus

By Eric Beauchesne
The Canadian Press

Economic nationalists have retreated in disarray, casualties of the recession and the hostile firepower of foreign and domestic businessmen and governments.

And they have been deserted by fair-weather allies who no longer have the stomach for the fight.

But they're trying to regroup. "A new nationalist group is needed now at this period of Canadian history more than I can ever remember," says Mel Hurtig, Edmonton publisher and die-hard economic nationalist.

Nationalists are haunted by the prospect of a continentalist Progressive Conservative government under Brian Mulroney, says Hurtig, who views with alarm the "massive continentalist onslaught" that he believes is already in progress.

The voice of economic nationalism has been silent since the Committee for an Independent Canada disbanded in mid-1981.

It is absolutely essential a new nationalist voice be heard before the next election, says Hurtig, who is fighting to reorganize nationalist forces.

SUPPORT LACKING

But support is weak. "Canadians today appear less negative toward U.S. investment in Canada than at any time over the past decade or so," says a Gallup Report released this fall.

And for the first time in more than a decade most Canadians — 53 per cent — disapprove of trying to buy back control of U.S. firms operating in the country.

Hurtig, however, rejects the Gallup results as biased.

The wording of the Gallup question about buying back control includes "even though it might mean a big reduction in our standard of living," he notes.

True, but the trend revealed by Gallup remains valid and clear.

Economic nationalism was at its peak in 1975 when 58 per cent approved of the buying back of control, even at the expense of a big reduction in the standard of living.

"It's much easier to be an economic nationalist when times are good," notes Ian McKinnon, vice-president of Decima Research Ltd., another survey firm.

SUPPORT DIVIDED

McKinnon estimates that a solid 20 per cent to 25 per cent of Canadians are nationalists and willing to pay for it. An equal number reject many of the views expressed by economic nationalists even before any costs are attached.

The remainder, a majority or near-majority, are fair-weather nationalists who pay equal attention to made-in-Canada labels and price tags. The Liberals, gung-ho economic nationalists in 1980, have adapted to the changed mood of the country and the economic realities of high unemployment and record deficits.

A decade-old policy of trying to reduce Canada's dependence on the U.S. by focusing new trade efforts on Japan and Europe has been abandoned in favor of "sectoral free trade" with the U.S.

And the Foreign Investment Review Agency, which the Liberals promised to strengthen, has been ordered to streamline the entry of foreign investment.

"It's what I call the green pastures syndrome," diagnoses Abe Rotstein, a fervent nationalist and University of Toronto professor.

SEEK 'EASY FIX'

"Because the problems are so difficult in Canada... there is an escapist or an illusionist mentality which sees an easy fix by integration with the American economy."

"I think that is dangerous and deceptive because the Americans are having problems increasingly as big as our own and it is unlikely to produce the economic results that people intend."

Also muffling the response of the nationalists has been the eruption of other issues, such as the nuclear debate.

Walter Gordon, old nationalist war horse and founder of the Committee for an Independent Canada, is deeply involved with the anti-nuclear forces.

"You can only promote one or two things at once," says the former Liberal finance minister, adding that at age 77 his energy has waned.

Anyway, the world appears to be headed towards nuclear war which, he observes, "will make the question of our independence rather obsolete."

While concerned by what he sees as the growing danger to the country's sovereignty, he says it's up to others to sound the alarm now.

"We're not throwing in the towel but we're bored with our own speeches."

"In a pessimistic mood I sometimes think we may join up with the United States, not in an overall formal way, but individual provinces could and that would be the end."

OTHERS HOPEFUL

Not all nationalists are so pessimistic. Roger Voyer, executive director of the nationalist-oriented Canadian Institute for Economic Policy, says limited free trade with the U.S. need not necessarily be a threat to Canadian sovereignty.

"The bottom line is intelligent bargaining," he says. If Canada has the will to bargain hard and to bargain wisely, it should be able to win free-trade deals that are economically beneficial and pose no threat to sovereignty.

But Paul Dick, a nationalist and Conservative MP for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton, says the government's sectoral free trade proposal is a non-issue because it's a non-starter.

"I suspect no one got too excited because the proposals are not realistic, but just a means of giving the appearance of activity," says Dick, also a former member of the Committee for an Independent Canada.

Bob Laxer, another nationalist, says many of the activists of the '70s are still here and they are in all parties, although they may not be as vocal or visible as before.

And his group, the Committee for the Canadianization of the Oil Industry, hopes to draw the economic nationalists out of the closet by making Canadianization an election issue.

Giving trees the vote may be only way to save them

HULL, Que. (CP)—Trees don't vote and therein lies a major part of the problem facing Canada's sickly forest industry, the Macdonald commission on the country's economic future heard Wednesday.

Two major forestry groups promised that if government doubled its forestry management spending to \$2 billion annually, Canada would reap the benefits of doubled forest exports and thousands of jobs.

As it is, management of forests on federal lands is "atrocious" and timber stands continue to dwindle, said the Canadian Ins-

titute of Forestry and the Canadian Federation of Professional Foresters' Associations, an umbrella group of foresters in British Columbia, Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick.

There is little political commitment to forestry, although forest products generate one job in 10 and are the country's biggest single foreign exchange earner with 11.4 billion in net exports in 1981, the groups said.

They reiterated past demands to create a federal department of renewable natural resources to manage the dwindling forests.

And the forestry institute sug-

gested improved federal-provincial co-operation, including a Canadian council of forestry ministers, "to put forestry in the public eye."

IMPROVE PROFILE

That profile should also be increased by including more natural environmental studies courses in school courses, the institute said.

Meanwhile, Canada continues to chew up more of its forests than is being replaced and it won't be long before mills can't operate at full capacity, warned

Gilbert Paille, president of the institute.

Canada still has 15 per cent of the world's total forests but less than half of it is productive land as far as industry is concerned.

The average tree harvested east of the Rocky Mountains now contains about six times less usable wood than trees felled in the 1850s, the institute brief said.

The federal government sets a poor example on its own forestland, the foresters' association said.

Forest management in federal parks, Indian reserves and national defence properties is atroc-

ious, it said.

"Not only is this situation a waste of the resource but it also represents lost opportunities to provincial and territorial economies, not to mention local residents, in particular Indians."

The foresters also sounded what has become a well-worn refrain before the commission: the need for greater research and development spending.

The commission, chaired by former Liberal finance minister Donald Macdonald, is conducting a week of hearings in the Ottawa-Hull region before writing an interim report due this spring.

Production 'responsibility' increased China's 1983 harvest

PEKING (AP)—China reaped a bumper grain harvest this year despite bad weather, the Agriculture Ministry reported Tuesday, saying a new production "responsibility" system spurred farmers' efforts.

The ministry reported a record grain crop of 370 million tonnes for the year, up 4.7 per cent from last year's record 353.43 million tonnes.

The new production

system, which gives farm units and households a chance to earn more income for higher production, has shown "immense superiority" to older programs, Fang Gan, head of the information department at the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fishery, told a news conference.

But amid signs of official embarrassment over the creation of rich peasants, Fang

told a questioner, "There are only a small number of peasants who have become better off."

Final estimates for the year's harvest included 161 million tonnes of rice, 125 million tonnes of corn and potatoes and 80 million tonnes of wheat and coarse grains.

Cotton production rose 11.16 per cent to more than four million tonnes, up by more than 400,000 from 1982,

Fang said. A record 14.6 million acres of cotton was planted.

SUGAR CROP UP

The sugar crop is up 1.4 million tonnes to 45 million, while government intervention reduced the output of oil-bearing crops from last year's 11.8 million tonnes to 10.05 million.

China raised a record 103 million head of cattle and other large animals, with pork, beef and mutton pro-

duction up 30,000 tonnes to 13.54 million.

China's farmers had a cold, rainy spring and hailstorms that affected 18 million acres.

Then came summer flooding in the middle and lower reaches of the Yangtze River, while drought hit parts of the north. In all, 99 million acres were affected by natural disasters and about 14 per cent of the afflicted areas produced nothing.

But "thanks to the implementation of the production responsibility system," Fang said, the initiative of the "broad masses of peasants" was raised and difficulties were surmounted.

Good autumn and early winter weather also helped, he said.

Fang said more than 99 per cent of farm pro-

duction teams have adopted the responsibility system, first introduced last year in Sichuan Province where Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang pioneered it as governor there.

Productivity has risen and 13 per cent of China's 182 million peasant households now specialize in one product.

UPA NEWS

A letter from Agriculture Minister Jean Garon indicates that the assistance program for young farmers inheriting the family farm may be continued after its slated termination date of December 31, 1983.

However, if there is no such amendment to the program in the next few weeks the UPA will start a campaign to get the changes it wants.

The program makes a \$50,000, five-year, interest-free loan or an \$8,000 grant available to young farmers about to take over a farm from their parents. At this time, the newsletter said, most young farmers take over the farm gradually or they incorporate into companies or partnerships with others. According to the newsletter the \$8,000 grant is a more advantageous deal.

A young farmer opting for the loan is entitled to a two and a half per cent subsidy for the interest on the first \$15,000 of the loan if he buys the farm outright.

Resolutions calling for the continuation of the program were passed both last year and this year at the UPA's annual general convention. The union is waiting to see whether it will be continued, as Garon's letter reportedly indicated it might, before starting a campaign to promote its cause.

The Ordre des comptables agréés du Québec tackles small business's financing problems

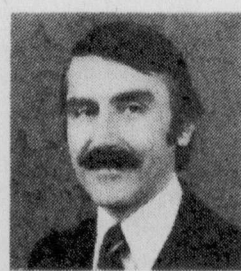
In recognition of small business's increasing financial needs, the Ordre des comptables agréés du Québec has just created a Small Business Financing Committee.

Chaired by Georges H. Hotte, CA, a member of the Bureau of the Ordre, this committee is responsible for reviewing the many kinds of financing currently offered by financial institutions and government-controlled bodies, and assessing the extent to which they meet the real needs of small business. As a result of the professional services they provide for their clients and of their intimate knowledge of finance, chartered accountants are most familiar with the variety of problems faced by small and medium-sized businesses looking for funds.

This new committee of the Ordre des comptables agréés du Québec will endeavour to devise new types of financing, better adapted to the present needs of small business, and will make recommendations to this effect to the financial institutions and the various levels of government.

The Small Business Financing Committee is made up of the following persons representing various organizations involved in small business financing (CA and management consultant firms, lending institutions, brokers, Montréal Stock Exchange, etc.):

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News from the Owl's Head

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Tuesday, Dec. 6, the "guns" went off at Owl's Head! While Mother Nature is doing her utmost to assure a good ski season, Fred Korman has invested close to one million dollars in his efforts to assist her. Thirty-four thousand feet of pipe, three compressors and 10 to 15 snow guns should make this the best ski season ever at Owl's Head. The lake trails including Lily's Leap, will have great conditions thanks to these new installations.

On Nov. 26 the Chamber of Commerce held a very successful fund raising dinner at Auberge Owl's Head. The generosity of Fred & Lillian Korman assured that the business community had a profitable as well as an enjoyable evening. The Chamber of Commerce is putting a high priority on the touristic development of Potton Township. If you wish to become a member of this active organization contact the Tourist Bureau at 292-3956.

Mr. André Bachand, member of Parliament for Brome-Missisquoi, was the guest of honor at the Chamber of Commerce dinner. Mr. Bachand brought us the good news that the federal government funding to the amount of \$16,000 will be available to finish renovations on the Reilly House. Right now there are three young people from KATIMAVIK hard at work under the supervision of Arthur Aiken and Donald Oliver preparing a new multi-purpose room which will serve as an art gallery, a meeting room and for other uses. If you wish to reserve it, please call the Reilly House at 292-3109. Mr. Bachand also announced that federal funds will be forthcoming to help staff all areas of the Reilly House on a permanent basis. The community extends their sincere thanks to our M.P., André Bachand for his interest and help.

The Katimavik group now has its full complement of 12 young people since the arrival at the end of November of Claude Gignac from Quebec City and Rosemary Freeman from Vancouver B.C. This is a fine group of young Canadians we can all be proud of!

At the annual meeting of the Reilly House Committee held on Dec. 3, Arthur Aiken was elected president and chairman of the Reilly House replacing Dennis Dwyer who recently resigned. Other officers of this organization will be elected at the first regular meeting early in the new year.

In this our second edition of the newsletter we have collected all the information we could on the holiday happenings. We hope this will serve as a useful guide.

On Sat. Dec. 17, the Potton Municipal Library will celebrate an old fashioned Christmas from 7 to 9 in the evening at the library in the Legion building in Mansenville. Come and help decorate the Christmas tree. Bring thread, string, wild fruit, ribbon, etc. There will be a snack served and a drawing for a basket of Christmas goodies.

On Sun. Dec. 18, the Optimist Club will hold their Christmas party for the children of the area. Santa Claus, accompanied by the Star Fairy and clowns will be distributing gifts in the basement of the Catholic church starting at 1 o'clock.

Since 1946 the Mansenville Branch of the Canadian Legion has had a Christmas tree party on the Common in Mansenville. This year is no exception and Santa Claus will be at the park with his sack of candy and goodies for the children starting at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Everyone is welcome!

Church Services:

United Church

Fri. Dec. 23 Candlelight service in Bolton Centre at 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 24 Candlelight service in Mansenville at 8:00 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 24 Candlelight service at Vale Perkins at 11:00 p.m.

Looking ahead, Sun. Jan. 15, the annual meeting of Mansenville United Church will start at 11:30 a.m. and will be followed by a potluck lunch.

Anglican Church

Sun. Dec. 18 at 9:30 a.m. Carol service for members of both Holy Trinity and St. Patrick's.

Sun. Dec. 18 at 11:00 a.m. Carol service at St. Paul's in Mansenville.

Sat. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve service at Holy Trinity in South Bolton at 4:00 p.m. and at St. Paul's in Mansenville at 7:00 p.m.

Baptist Church

Sat. Dec. 24 at 2 p.m. in Mansenville.

Catholic Church

Wed. Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m. Penitential Service with public absolution.

Sat. Dec. 24 at Midnight: Mass in South Bolton; Mass in Mansenville.

Sun. Dec. 25 Masses in South Bolton at 9:30 a.m. and in Mansenville at 10:30 a.m.

Bethel Pentecostal in South Bolton

Fri. Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. film "A Thief in the Night" Everyone welcome.

Dec. 18 at 11:00 a.m. Children's recitations followed by a play presented by the teens "The True Spirit of Christmas."

Local New Year's Eve Celebrations

— at the Soleil Rouge in Mansenville where a disc jockey will keep things going;

— at the Owl's Nest Inn in South Bolton they'll ring in the New Year with music dancing and a late buffet. No admission charge;

— at the Auberge Glen Sutton where the Steven Barry Blues Band will be featured.

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes a complimentary drink and a late night buffet. Call 539-7540.

The French school will close after class on Dec. 22 and will re-open on Mon. Jan. 9. The English school holiday starts at 2 p.m. on Fri. the 23rd and the children return only on Tuesday Jan. 10.

We are sure the children will have a happy holiday and we hope you will too!!!

A Happy And Safe Holiday To All!!!

Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley

Mr. Jean-Claude Picard, Director General of Les Jeunesses Musicales du Canada (Youth and Music Canada) addressed the Canadian Club of the Yamaska Valley at the Cowansville Golf and Country Club on Monday, December 5th. Mr. Picard, who was introduced by Mrs. Douglas Smith, is not only the Administrator and Artistic Director, but is also a jurist at all auditions across the country. As President of the International Foundation, he is obliged to travel extensively to no fewer than 40 member countries.

Mr. Picard entitled his talk 'The Dream is Still Alive' and began by explaining to the audience how very difficult it had been to stimulate an interest in music, and to raise the necessary funds for their work.

Over thirty years ago, four people, Madame Rousseau, Madame Boisvert, Father Lemieux and Gilles Lefebvre had a dream and called it 'Hélicon'. Why Hélicon? It was named after a mountain in Greece supposedly frequented by the muses. They would organize tours, give concerts, and build a youth camp. They had hoped for a favorable response from fifty cities, but received only six replies. In spite of this disappointment, they forged ahead. Shortly after the formation of Hélicon, Mr. Lefebvre went to Europe to study and discovered that Les Jeunesses Musicales was well established there. Thus Hélicon became Les Jeunesses Musicales.

Maureen Forester performed at their first concert in 1950. In 1951 the first musical youth camp was established at Orford Arts Centre,

and Les Jeunesses Musicales had its first concert abroad in 1952. In 1955 the World Congress was hosted in Canada and in 1960 a government grant allowed them to construct a new recital hall. In 1967, thanks to the support of the Portland Cement Company, Les Jeunesses Musicales had a pavilion at Man and His World, at which there were over 100 musicians from 25 countries. In 1970 the Pavillion was moved to Orford.

Many famous conductors have directed the orchestra at Orford, the first being Eric Leinsdorf, to be followed by such distinguished artists as Zubin Meta and Leonard Bernstein.

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In 1985 at the Congress to be held in Canada, there will be 500 delegates from countries throughout the world. The theme will be 'The Music of the Americas, the

Youngest Music in the World'. The same year there are plans to take the entire orchestra to Japan. Every year a souvenir record is made and presented to each member of the orchestra.

Following Mr. Picard's address we were treated to a delightful concert performed by Mrs. Ann Robert, Violinist, and Mr. Michel Fournier, Pianist. Mrs. Robert is a Canadian, who studied in the United States and in London, England. Mr. Fournier

studied in Montreal and spent two years in the United States. We were privileged to hear excellent renditions of two scherzi, the first by Brahms, the second by Beethoven, a Schubert minuet, a delightful and familiar melody by Tchaikovsky and finally the second part of Ravel's Tzigane.

After Mrs. Lloyd MacKeen's vote of thanks, the guests and members, over 200 in number, were entertained at a reception.

The next meeting, as announced by Mrs. K.B. Keefe, will be held

on Monday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Auberge Des Carrefours in Cowansville, when we shall be privileged to hear an address by the Honourable Edward Latta, the New Zealand High Commissioner. His topic will be, 'Canada and New Zealand'. The theatre trip to the Centaur will be held in May, when the weather is more predictable.

Mrs. Keefe closed by extending warmest good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

the Record

Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers:

I need an answer to a puzzling situation. I have been married for 11 years. We have two children. After our second child my wife and I decided we did not want more.

We discussed whether she should have a tubal ligation or I should have a vasectomy. The vasectomy seemed less complicated, so I had one.

In the years we have been married there has been no reason to suspect that my wife has been sexually involved with anyone but me. She has a fine job and meets attractive men, but I've never given any thought to the possibility that she might be fooling around.

A few days ago I opened her purse in search of a cigarette. To my surprise I ran across some literature about the Pill. I immediately asked why she had such information in her purse. She was upset that I would question her and said angrily, "The doctor gave me the Pill to help control my menstrual problems." She hadn't mentioned it, she said, because she was afraid I might not accept that explanation and didn't want any trouble.

Please check with your authorities and tell me if her explanation is logical.

Wondering In Y-Town

Dear Y-Town:

According to Dr. Maurice Clifford, professor of obstetrics and gynecology and president of the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, your wife may well be telling the truth. Some physicians recommend the Pill for women who have irregular menstrual cycles, heavy bleeding and uterine cramps. "Oh ye of little faith," stay out of your wife's purse from now on.

Dear Ann Landers:

I am a teenage girl, 50 pounds overweight, and diabetic. I wait until I almost pass out before I eat anything — and then I take only a few bites. My stomach hurts a lot. I can't sleep at night. I have no energy. Sometimes I get so dizzy I stagger around as if I am drunk. My doctor says my problems are caused from stuffing my face. He keeps telling me to stop eating.

Please consult your medical experts, Ann. Is this the way a physician should treat an overweight diabetic? I average from 60 to 70 calories a day and still I can't lose. My doctor refuses to take any tests. He says my only problem is that I am a hog. He expects me not to eat a bite of anything, ever. Or at least not until my weight is down to normal.

My parents won't listen. They think I'm a smart-aleck kid because I question my doctor's competence. I have threatened suicide, but they pay no attention.

Hopeless Case In San Diego

Dear Case:

You say you are eating from 60 to 70 calories a day. Do you realize you are talking about one thick slice of rye bread or HALF a donut? This doesn't add up, Toots.

Obviously you are engaged in a personal vendetta with your doctor. He accuses you of lying and you think he's cruel and unsympathetic. My advice is switch to another doctor at once. You will never get your weight down if you continue with this one.

Mansenville welcomes Katimavik

On November 2, 1983 Mansenville welcomed a new group of young volunteers known as "Katimavik" to the community. A party was organized at the Elementary School by the sponsors of this group to get together and meet for the first time. The Katimavik group had organized a few games to get to know each other and the sponsors prepared a lovely lunch. The evening ended with a very challenging game of volleyball and a fun time was had by all.

The following organizations are sponsoring the Katimavik group: Mansenville Ball League, Club Optimiste de Mansenville, Canadian Legion Branch 154, Chamber of Commerce, Mansenville Elementary, Ecole Notre Dame des Lumières, Mansenville Golden Agers, Eglise Catholique St. Cajetan, Anglican Church, Reilly House and the Pre-school.

Richard Tousignant is the group leader. There are 12 participants in the group: Kathleen McDonald (Dartmouth, Nova Sco-

tia), Johanne Blanchet (Laval, Quebec), Rosemary Foche (Brampton, Ontario), Rosemary Freeman (Vancouver, B.C.), Martine Ampleman (Quebec City, Quebec), Charida Smith (Calgary, Alberta), Paul Ziehl (Minitonas, Manitoba), Steve Bergen (Carman, Manitoba), Michel Serret (Laval, Quebec), Christopher Lefler (Windsor, Ontario), Wilfred Pahnke (Toronto, Ontario), Claude Gignac (Quebec City, Quebec).

The group is based at the Adams house, Main Street in Mansenville. They have already started working in the community. Katimavik is a program for young Canadians between the ages of 17 and 21. It combines volunteer services, discovery of the country, friendship and team spirit with a simple and natural lifestyle.

Katimavik first started in September 1977 with 1,000 participants working in 49 communities across Canada. Today there are over 16,000 volunteers in more than 100 locations. "Katimavik" is the Inuit word for "Meeting Place". Kati-

mavik has three main components:

—Physical work projects of significant and lasting value to the host community and region;

—Other service activities through local organizations;

—Cultural and educational activities. Each project is a nine-month volunteer service and education experience. Each nine month project has three three-month rotations during which the group is billeted throughout the community for a three-week period per rotation.

The participants must be Canadian or landed immigrants and they must be single. The participants are chosen at random by a computer. During the program they are provided with food and lodging as well as transportation to and from the host communities.

They earn no salary but receive \$1.00 a day for spending money and upon the completion of the program an honorarium of \$1,000 to assist the return to the job market or to academic life.

The participants' reward is not money, it lies in their achievement of their personal goals and goals of the program.

All participants are governed by a "Code of Conduct". They must not use drugs. The use of alcohol by minors and abuse of alcohol by participants is prohibited. Participants may not hitchhike. Male and female participants are required to sleep in physically separate quarters and each participant must share the work load.

The program is well underway and a super job is being done by all, so congratulations to all and keep up the good work!

social notes

Baptism

TOMIFOBIA — The home of Neil and Wendy (Dustin) Jones was on Sunday, December 11 the scene of a pleasant family event when their baby daughter was baptised at a three o'clock ceremony.

Rev. Denis Dwyer of Mansenville officiating and bestowed the names of Ashlee Wendy. She was wearing an heirloom christening gown in white that was born by her daddy for his baptism.

The house was prettily decorated for Christmas that included the table from which refreshments were served. For many the tradition is to cut the top of the wedding cake at the

christening of the first child and this applied to Neil and Wendy who had saved theirs for this very special occasion.

Attending were Ashlee's maternal grandparents, Wynn and Faye Dustin, aunt Kelly Dustin, Tomifobia, great-uncle and aunt, Tom and Edith Dustin, Ayer's Cliff, great-uncle and aunts Bill and Thelma Dustin and Miss Ruth Wing, Rock Island, Marc Cote, of Beebe.



Timothy James, 4½ years, Matthew Douglas, 2½ years, and Ryan Alexander, 1 year old are the sons of Wendell and Nancy Smith, North Hatley, Que. Proud grandparents are Milt and Bev Loomis, Lennoxville and Jimmie and Margaret Smith, St. Elie d'Orford. Great-grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bennett, Lennoxville, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Loomis, Waterville, Que.

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes go out to Mr. Kenneth Morrow, who will be observing his 80th birthday on December 17th, from his family, friends and neighbours.

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GENERAL SURVEY FOR THE C.M.T.S. TRANSPORT

Official presentation of the three computers drawn took place on Friday, December 9 and they were officially given to the winners, as follows:

Jean Bernard Bélisle, director general of Serom Inc.,
Marie-Claude Legault, winner,
Lucien Bolduc, director general of C.M.T.S.,
Josée Lemelin, winner,
Réal Beaudette, co-owner of Compucentre,
Diane Bouchard, winner (not seen on photo).

We would like to thank the users of the C.M.T.S. for the interest shown in this survey by returning more than 3,000 questionnaires.

L'autobus L'inimitable

Women's Institute members hold regular meetings

LENNOXVILLE — Lennoxville Women's Institute held their pre-Christmas meeting in the Club Room, Town Hall, Queen Street, Mrs. Dorothy Geddes president was in the chair and welcomed guests and members. Following the opening members responded to the roll call by presenting their Christmas socks, the proceeds of which will be used for Christmas Cheer.

Mrs. Harold Worster, secretary reviewed the minutes and read many greetings from sister branches, also letters of thanks for donations.

The treasurer Mrs. Doris Cascadden gave a most satisfactory report on the recent bazaar.

Members were reminded to send their convener reports after the February meeting and remember February 19 as W.I. week all branches to have something special.

Donations were voted to the Wales Home and St. Paul's Rest Home.

Dr. Kathleen Atto spoke briefly regarding landlord tenants relations and read the ten commandments of human relations. Mrs. George Povey spoke on the use of more assistance for students for study in the computer courses.

Mrs. Eldora Turner told of attending a four day conference at Alpine Lodge. The third annual provincial Literacy Conference of Laubach. This was attended by 47 the second she had attended. Mrs. Turner turned in 38 knitted squares. Welfare report showed 405 cancer dressings made this month and no meeting will be held in December.

Plans were made for the distribution of Christmas Cheer.

Concluding the business Mrs. Sterling Parker and Mrs. James Williams who were in charge of the program held a Christmas guessing game which partners had to be found giving much excitement and fun. Following this all were given ten minutes to make the most words from Merry Christmas with Mrs. Rodney Brand emerging the winner.

Carols were sung and the enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close with a delectable tea and all received gifts from a daintily trimmed tree through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Worster.

RICHMOND — On Dec. 5th the Christmas meeting of Richmond Young Women's Institute was held at the home of Marion Jameson.

The members arrived at six-thirty for a pot luck supper. After the supper hour the meeting was called to order with all present repeating the Collect.

The secretary Mrs. D. Vien called the roll with the members telling of previous incidents at Christmas.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

It was reported that the November birthday party at the Wales Home was very successful.

The Christmas articles for the Dixville Home and Douglas Memorial Hospital were shown to all members.

The treasurer Mrs. J. Vaitekunas gave her report. It was passed that all bills be paid.

The program for the

year 1984-1985 was read. A few changes were made, then it was accepted by the members.

We were asked to cater to a banquet in the spring. All were in favor.

The usual cookie baskets will be packed on December 21st for local senior citizens.

As these was no further business the Pres. Mrs. D. Banfill declared the meeting adjourned.

A social hour was spent and gifts were exchanged.

DANVILLE — Guests and members of Shipton W.I. gathered at St. Augustine's church hall for their Christmas meeting.

Dora Morrill and Lillian McKeage, had convened the dinner at noon. Tables were set in the Christmas motif.

Rev. Ruth H. Matthews, rector of St. Augustine's asked the blessing, and all enjoyed the meal.

After the table was cleared an exchange of gifts was held followed by several games of bingo. Winners all received prizes. A short business meeting was held, opening with the Collect. Minutes were read, bills ordered paid and routine business transacted.

Grace Taylor, Richmond County president, brought best wishes and gave a resumé of the November Q.W.I. board meeting held in Montreal.

Penpals are available in Saskatchewan. Our twin for this year, F.W.I.C. tea towels are available, W.I. spoons from the federated office, and "Pioneer Women" from the Q.W.I. office.

She also reminded the branch of the changes of convenerships.

Rita Olney, branch president reported a tea at the Wales Home and gifts given to Danville citizens living there by this branch.

Marion Sutherland read the proposed program for the ensuing year, prepared by Dora Morrill and herself, which was accepted.

At the close of the meeting, best wishes were exchanged for the holiday season.

From the pens of ET writers

WHY DO WE DO THESE THINGS?
Our mothers taught us all to be polite and to treat others the way we'd like to be, but the tendency seems to be look out for number one first, as soon as we leave her knee.

The treasurers in Sunday School stressed that we should not take the Lord's name in vain. However I note that myself and lots of others are doing just that over and over again.

School teachers drilled us in using good grammar and to follow their examples like little saints, but we didn't get off the school grounds before we were back to saying "ain't".

As we move more years away from instruction, we become even more careless yet, we keep slipping until we use double negatives which is about as bad as you can get.

If we get behind the wheel of a car or truck when the streets are deep in slush and goo, why do we seem to forget that we are sometimes pedestrians too?

Many people when driving a car will endanger themselves and everyone in it by trying to beat a train to a crossing and thus possibly save a whole minute.

Although most of us know we should not eat those high-calorie, sweet foods at all, we carefully avoid them at meal-times, then raid the fridge and think we're having a ball.

To be honest is most everyone's basic nature, yet sometimes the desire to win, tempts even the most conscientious to stretch the rules a little bit thin.

When income tax time comes in April, I guess most anyone feels a bit of a thrill, if he can unearth a seldom-used deduction and thus keep a few extra bucks in the till.

HOWARD GIBSON
Danville, Que.

MERRY CHRISTMAS JAMIE 1983
We've watched you grow through this past year, and with everyday you've become more dear. That's why as Christmas Day gets close, we'll tell you what we want the most.

We pray the holidays bring you joy, the kind that suits such an active boy. We can picture your face all aglow, at the sight of the ground neatly covered with snow.

We hope to take you sliding, like we did so much last year. In spite of all your tumbles, you laughed and showed no fear.

How many little fair-haired boys, can say when they are three, that they came sliding down a hill with a pet goat on their knee.

You walks to the orchard with soda, soon transform to a run, every moment that you spend with her, always seem to turn to fun.

She loves to catch your snowballs, you squeal so with delight, as she tries to make an endless bound, to reach to their great heights.

You've always been so careful not to hurt this little miss, that everytime when she gets a chance she graces you with a kiss.

Dogs and children sure belong together, good friends for life regardless the weather you've respected each other right from the start, and before long captured each other's heart.

If a picture paints a thousand words we have a lot to treasure, the happiness you've brought to us can never be bought or measured.

Since we both know that you've been good we send this message to say, we wish our special godchild a very Merry Christmas Day.

lots of love
Aunt Nolene and Uncle Gordon



Club meets

STANSTEAD (DB) — Despite the stormy evening the ladies of the Friendly Bingo Club all met at Doris Belanger's home in Stanstead on Wednesday December 7th for their regular meeting and Christmas party.

Bingo was played with everyone winning prizes. The marathon was won by Mrs. Vivian Jordan with two special prizes going to Mrs. Beverly Roy and Mrs. Kathy Fisher. Punch was served during the evening. From a brightly lit Christmas tree gifts were exchanged, before delicious refreshments of rolls and fruit salad

was served by the hostesses Doris Belanger and Heather Haskell Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as the ladies left for home to meet again in January at the home of Mrs. Vernice Middleton in Stanstead.

Brieflet

NEWPORT
You are cordially invited to a Christmas tea on Sunday December 18 at the Needle Crossing, Derby Road, Newport, Vt. (beside McDonald's), 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Special sale for all counted stitch enthusiasts.

Border seniors Christmas party

ROCK ISLAND (DB) — It was a happy day for many of the senior citizens from the border area as they gathered in the Fellowship hall of the Stanstead South church on Thursday December 8th a day to chat with old friends and meet new ones as they enjoy the luncheon. The group was welcomed by Mrs. Ivy Hatch as she wished them all a Merry Christmas before making a few announcements. One was that at the last meeting of the Stanstead Chapter I.O.D.E. citizenship secretary Dorothy Gordon asked if there are in our communities elderly or handicapped people who would like someone to visit them, perhaps write or read a letter and so forth. Now if there is would you kindly phone Mrs. Hugh Gordon in Beebe.

There are several people among us who are guests and have come to make this a party you will, we hope, long remember. Mrs. Hatch introduced our good friends Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Guillet from south of the border who are going to play some toe tapping music a little later. Lloyd and Edith Selby who do several things for us, Gerry and Lorette Vaillancourt, as most of you know Lorette is the benevolent services coordinator and does much more than her salary pay her for and Gerry is her strong support. Denis Milot manager and Doris Davis assistant manager of Proviso and who are very good to our senior citizens all year around. Francine Rever and Jovette Higgins who are here with some golden agers who probably would not be except for them. Both girls work with the Benevolent services, then we have Arnold and Bea Murray, Paul and Helen Morel, Hector and Wilma Channell and the men folk, who make up an orchestra are going to play for our entertainment. Arthur and Maud Curtis. We are more than happy to see our good friends Jack and Marge Keeley here with us, just a few short months ago Jack was very ill. Then we have Richard Groleau here, he comes to our senior citizens gatherings once in a while especially if he learns apple crisp is for dessert and he is always welcome for he is one of our favorites too. Ivy then announced that the dinner is a gift from Stanstead Chapter I.O.D.E. and we are most grateful to them she then asked Regent Simone DuBois to welcome the group. Mrs. DuBois on behalf of herself and the I.O.D.E. members they were pleased to be able to prepare and served the dinner to help the Ladies Aid with their work. She was thanked by Mrs. Mildred Goodall president of the Ladies Aid who are responsible for our luncheon each month. She thanked the I.O.D.E. members for preparing and serving the dinner and also for those who helped with the dishes each month. Mrs. Goodall also thanked the members of the Ladies Aid for their donations and work in serving the dinners each month.

Mrs. Hatch read a Christmas poem before calling on Lloyd Selby to say the blessing in English and Gerry Vaillancourt in French. Dinner was served and enjoyed by everyone. After the tables were cleared Mrs. Arthur Curtis told us a real life Christmas story of her own experience spending Christmas day in Jerusalem and Bethlehem of travelling through the different towns and countryside and how different Christmas is celebrated in that country. She was thanked by Mrs. Mildred Woodard for her very interesting and enjoyable story.

Several door prizes courtesy of Proviso store were given out by Mr. Milot and each person received an agenda book. Chocolates were passed around these were a donation from friends who had left to spend the winter in Florida. With Paul Morel at the piano everyone joined in singing old favorite Christmas carols. Mrs. Guillet took her turn at the piano along with the other musicians and dancing was enjoyed by several as they waited Santa's arrival.

With a Ho, Ho, Ho, Santa arrived with a bag full of gifts with much fun and merriment Santa visited with each one as he gave them a present and very often a kiss. It was a very pleasant day enjoyed by everyone. May you all have a blessed Christmas and come to the January Senior Citizen gathering second Thursday of the month.

Happy Gang Christmas party

SAWYERVILLE — The Christmas party for the Happy Gang Senior Club members was held on Dec. 6th with 50 present. All enjoyed a delicious dinner seated at three tables. The hall and tables were nicely decorated for Christmas and there were two lighted trees. After dinner the exchange of gifts took place when the members were given numbers to correspond with the marked gifts. The card tables were then set up and 500, Tuck and Canasta were enjoyed until 3:30 at eleven tables when all returned home after a very pleasant time.

Births

LASSENBA — Blair and Penny (nee Sylvester) of Lennoxville are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Dana Dawn, born on November 4th, 1983 weighing 5 lbs. 6 oz. First granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lassenba, Sawyerville and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sylvester, Waterville. Proud great grandparents are Mrs. Hazel Blair, East Clifton and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Charleau, Coaticook and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sylvester, Waterville. Many thanks go to Dr. Curtis Lowry.

SUITOR — David and Cindy (nee Loomis) are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Krystal Ann, 8 lbs. 12 oz. on November 23, 1983 at the C.H.U. A new granddaughter for Milt and Bev Loomis, Lennoxville and William and Marjorie Suitor, Milby, Que. A great granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bennett, Lennoxville, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Loomis, Waterville and Mrs. Mildred Cairns, Ives Hill, Que.

In Memoriam

ALLISON, Osborne — We loved you, yes we loved you But angels loved you more And they have sweetly called you To yonder shining shore. The golden gates were opened A gentle voice said "come" And with farewells unspoken You calmly entered Home. Always loved and remembered by:
JOY STATTON (niece)
PERRY STATTON (husband)
DOROTHY BERWICK (sister)

RULE, Annie — In memory of my sister Annie Lesemba Rule who passed away December 16, 1982. Silent thoughts of time together Hold memories that will last forever.
VERNA COLE (sister)

WILLIAMS — In sad and loving memory of our father and grandfather, Maurice B. Williams, who passed away December 16, 1977. Always remembered.
BAKTER, NELLIE And FAMILY

DAVIS, Asa — In loving memory of a dear husband and father, who left us on December 17, 1977. No matter how many years have passed You will always be In our thoughts and hearts Always loved and sadly missed by:
LEONA (wife)
ANGELINA LAWLOR (daughter)

TRYON, Nelson Stephen — In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away December 16, 1978. Five years gone But not forgotten Our memories so clear For one we loved so dearly

Is always very near.
MARJORIE (wife)
DOREEN & MALCOLM FRASER
LINDA & WILLIAM WHARRY (daughters & sons-in-law)
FAITH & HOPE WHARRY (granddaughters)

Deaths

COGAN, John (Jack) — At the Wales Home, Richmond, Que., on Thursday, December 15, 1983. John (Jack) Cogan, aged 87 years. Beloved husband of Isabella May Ward. Resting at the J.H. Fleury Inc. Funeral Home, 198 Adam St., Richmond, Que. Interment in St. Ann's Cemetery, Funeral notice later. For information call (819) 826-3747.

SMILEY, Muriel (nee McNaughton) — Passed away at the Sherbrooke Hospital, December 15, 1983. Beloved wife of George Smiley, loving sister of Francis, Ethel (Mrs. Jack Ingham) and Eleanor. Predeceased by Malcolm and John. Resting at LeDoux Funeral Home, 150 Sherbrooke St., Magog. Visitation Friday 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Service at St. Paul's United Church, Magog on Saturday, December 17 at 2 p.m., thence to Mount Royal Crematorium December 19. In lieu of flowers a donation to the Memorial Endowment Fund, St. Paul's United Church, Magog, will be appreciated.

WILSON, Florence M. (nee Banfill) — Formerly of Sherbrooke, Que. Passed away at Central Park Lodge, St. Lambert, on December 11, 1983. Beloved wife of the late F. Lennox Wilson. Dear sister of Gladys Banfill, Martin Banfill, and his wife Edith, Arnold Banfill, Doris Boothroyd, all of Montreal, Evelyn Hamilton of Toronto and Alice Monro of London, Ont. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. A private family funeral was held from D.A. Collins.

Card of Thanks

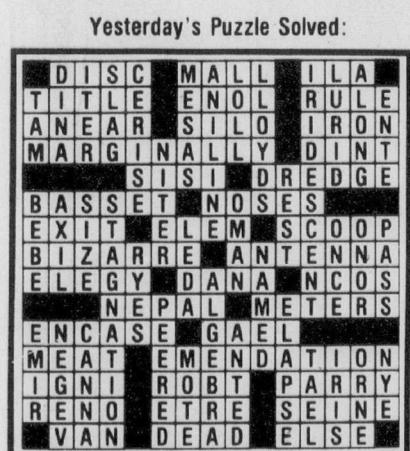
KEELEY — I wish to thank our friends and relatives for cards, flowers and gifts I received while I was a patient in Peterborough. Thanks to our son Larry and family for their thoughtfulness while I convalesced in their home. We wish to thank our neighbours the Dustin family for looking after our home and dog and thanks to our daughter Jackie and her friends for the many things they did. Thanks to all for your visits and telephone calls. All of this has been deeply appreciated by me and my wife. At this time we wish to express thanks for the many cards we received on our 44th anniversary and thanks to our friends who invited us to accompany them to dinner.
JACK & MARGE

Brieflet

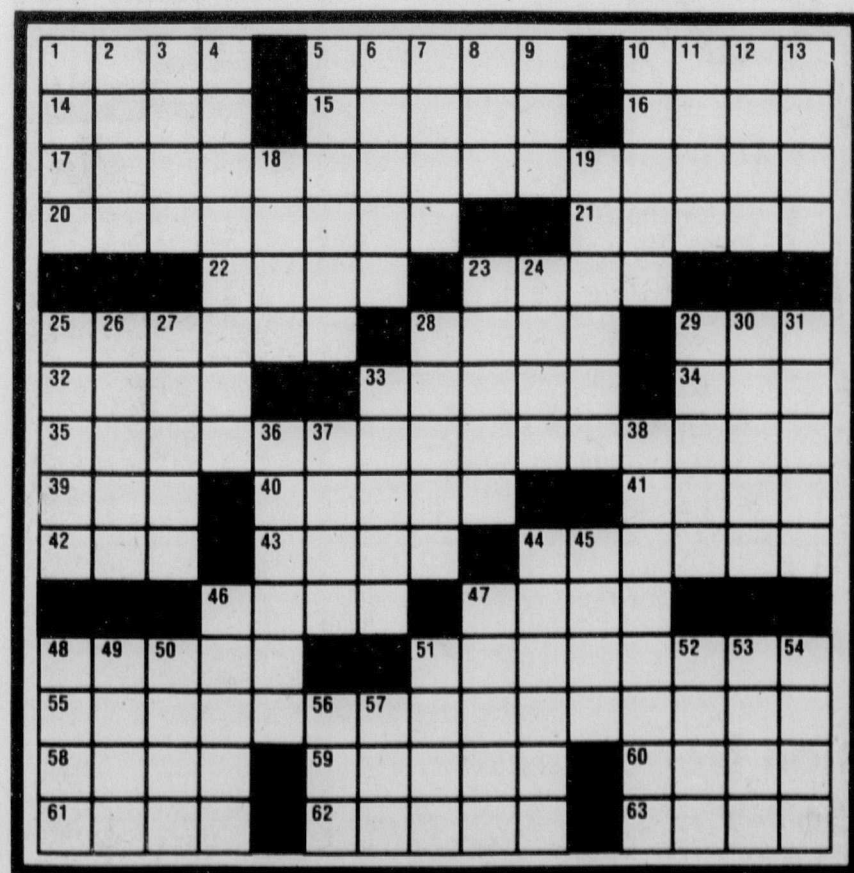
LENNOXVILLE
The annual vesper service by the choir of Lennoxville United Church and Plymouth- Trinity Church will be held December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Lennoxville United Church.

Crossword

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|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| ACROSS | 29 Bus. grp. | 51 King Lear's daughter | 25 Fasten |
| 1 Alike | 32 College org. | 55 Final part of quote | 26 Hag |
| 5 Its capital is Shillong | 33 Seduce | 58 Lat. abbr. | 27 Was concerned |
| 10 Delhi wear | 34 Yoko — | 59 Certain exams | 28 Put off |
| 14 Unfold, as a blossom | 35 Second part of quote | 60 IOU | 29 Describing a well-pitched game |
| 15 Small sums | 39 Chemical suffix | 61 Loose earth | 30 Lizard |
| 16 Single thing | 40 Prickly plant | 62 Doctrine | 31 Musical piece |
| 17 Start of quote ("Henry VIII") | 41 Heap | 63 Notable times | 33 Tests |
| 20 Like a pore | 42 Struck out a word | DOWN | 36 Titania's husband |
| 21 — space | 43 Czech river | 1 District in London | 37 Stimulate |
| 22 He feels sorry | 44 Third part of quote | 2 Monkeys | 38 Exhibit a play of colors |
| 23 Snare | 46 Very, to Renee | 3 Gist | 44 Shove |
| 25 Entree | 47 Tribe: pref. | 4 Complete-ness | 45 Water: pref. |
| 28 Pairs | 48 Opening passage | 5 Soap plants | 46 Vibrato |
| | | 6 Lute of India | 47 English Channel borough |
| | | 7 Headliner | 48 Footnote word |
| | | 8 Pershing's outfit | 49 N.B. word |
| | | 9 Spartans' letters | 50 Despot |
| | | 10 Dawn | 51 Greenish-blue |
| | | 11 Med. subj. | 52 Annealing oven |
| | | 12 Paddy grain | 53 Mother of Romulus and Remus |
| | | 13 Roman road | 54 Day times: abbr. |
| | | 18 Entre — | 56 Obtained |
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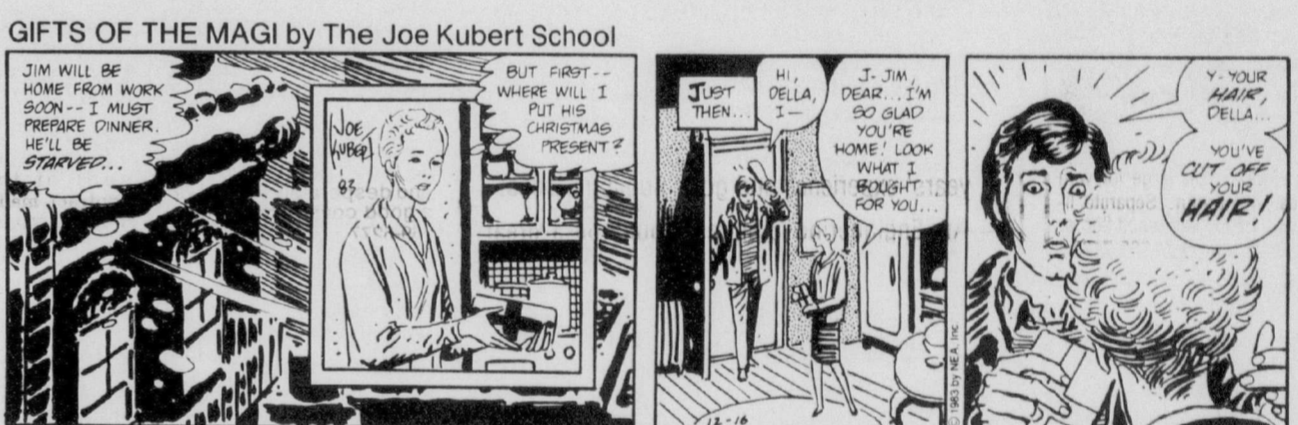
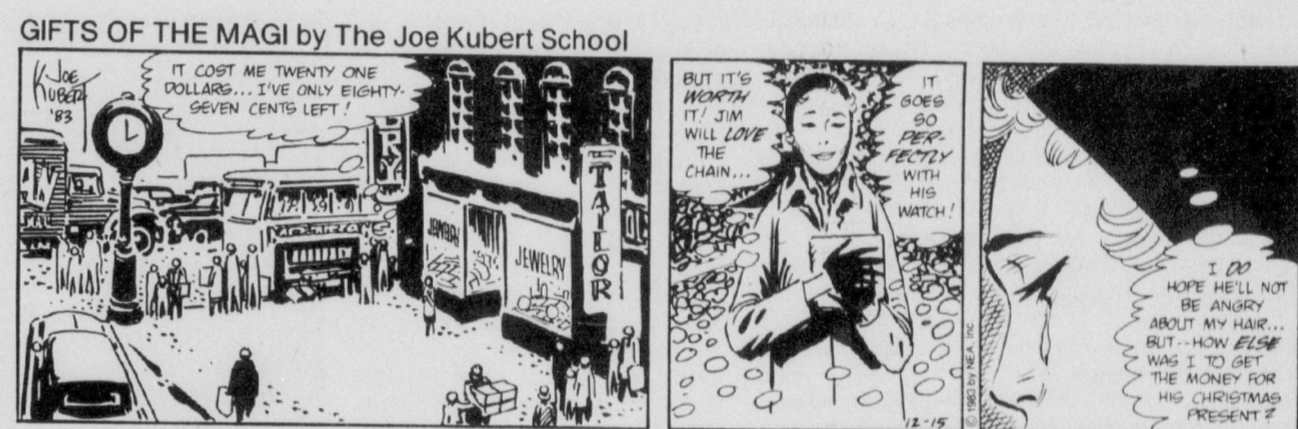
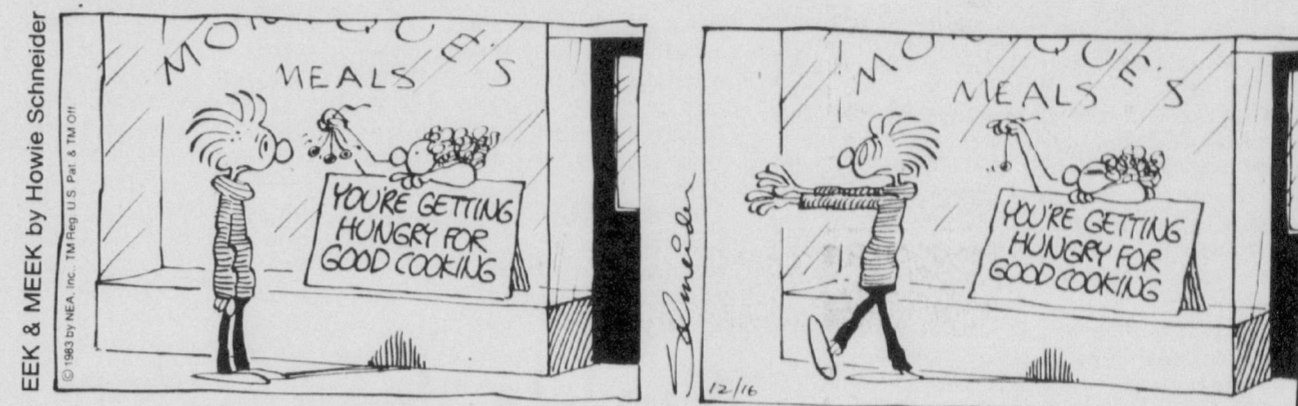
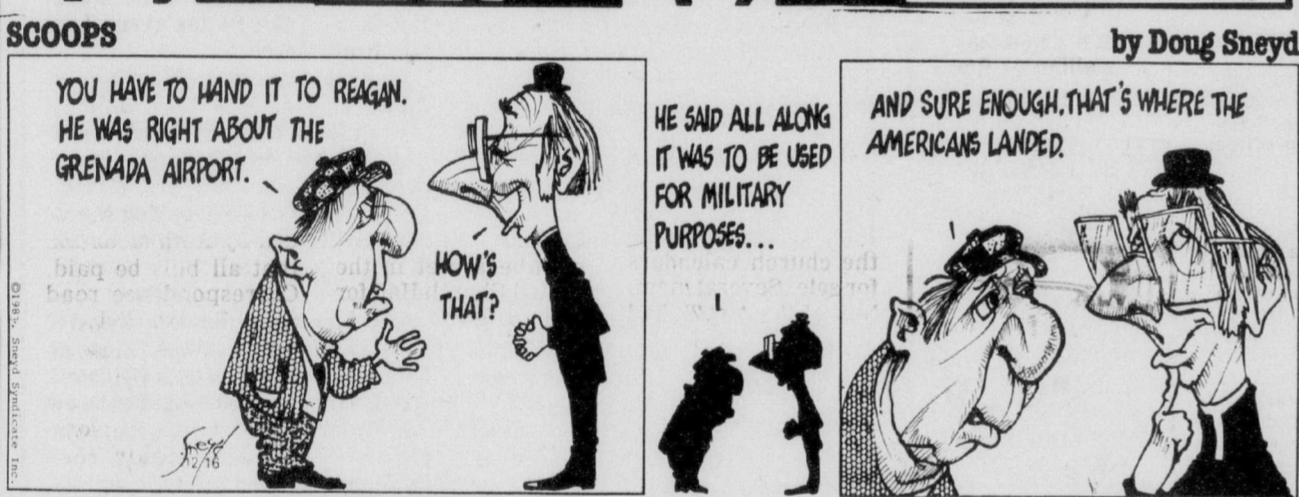
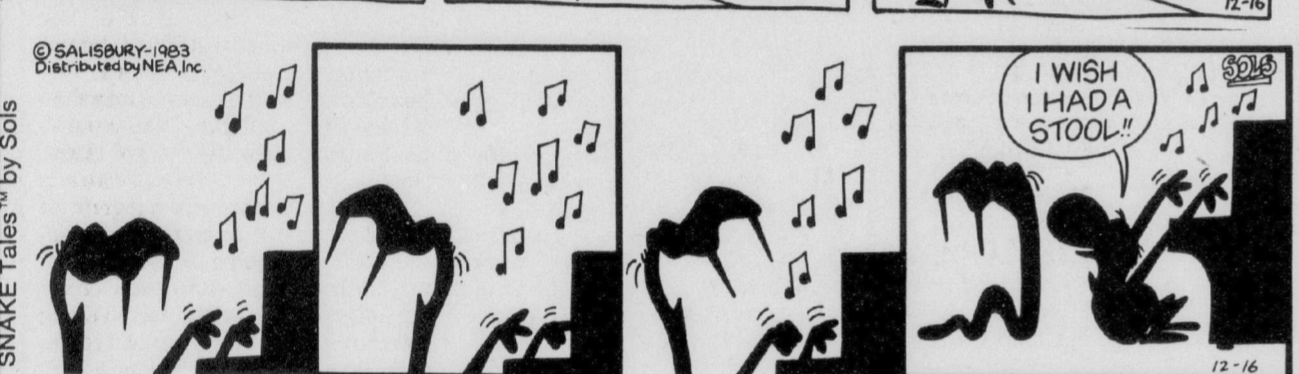
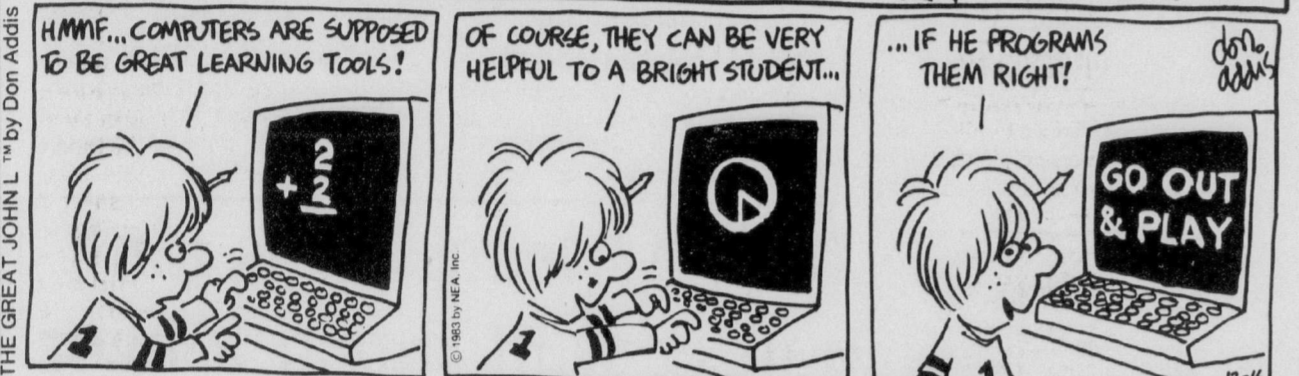
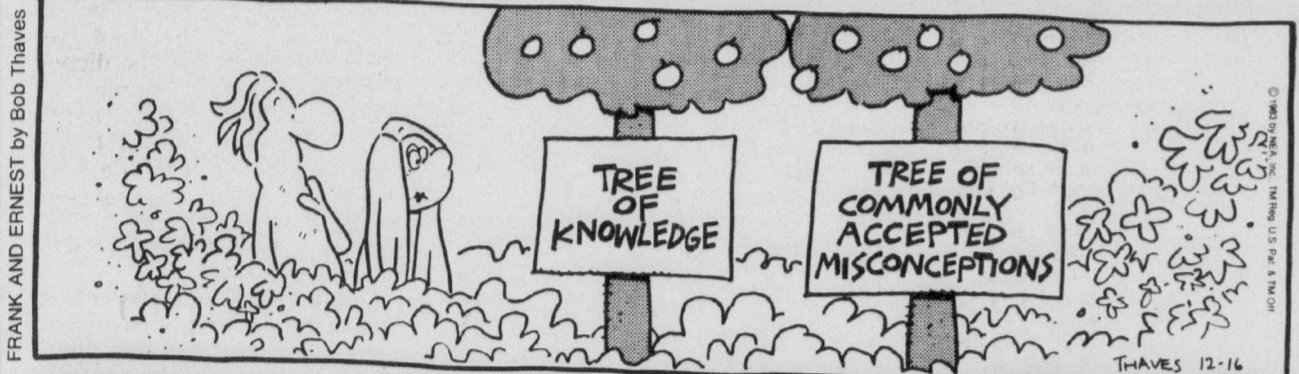
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Sports



Robert Palmer

So quit yakking

Me? I'm not going until they start winning. Aw, they're a bunch of pussyfooting bums. The games are so boring. The tickets are too expensive. They'll never be like the good old Castors. The whole team's being run all wrong. Now if I was the head guy...

These are six of the more common excuses I've heard why Sherbrooke hockey fans continue to avoid Jets' home games like the plague. And, if I hear one more gripe I think I'm going to scream.

Home attendance so far this season is sitting at less than 50 per cent of what it was at this time last year. There's only one reason for this — the people of this city and its surrounding regions simply refuse to go within a mile of the Sports Palace for fear of actually enjoying themselves. Why this is true is an enigma to me and I can only sit in the press box and stare in absolute bewilderment and disgust each night. What the hell is the matter with you people?

I didn't grow up in Sherbrooke and as a result I can only go on what sportswriters and friends have told me of "the way things used to be when the Beavers were here" and even the way things used to be last year. Maybe I don't have the "feeling" for Sherbrooke hockey, its fans and its history. Maybe that's good because while I may not have the mentality of hockey fans here my recent entrance onto the scene may give me a little more objectivity. I can see the what's happening here right now and it infuriates me to no end.

I come from the Maple Leafs' country and no matter what anyone says about the city, its teams or its people, Toronto sports fans are loyal. Despite recent disputes over this claim, Maple Leaf Gardens has been sold out for every single Leaf home game since 1945. And, the Leafs haven't won a Stanley Cup since 1967. Fan loyalty in that city has finally paid off for the Argonauts won the Grey Cup this year, the Blue Jays were the talk of the American League, surprising everyone but Torontonians with their race for the division championship and the North American Soccer League Blizzard made it to the Soccer Bowl before losing to a team that folded almost immediately afterward. Say what you like about Toronto teams and their fans but think about their squads' performances of late and try saying it again.

First and foremost, any sports fan of average intelligence should realize the futility of comparisons between seasons. You simply cannot make a generalization that the 1982-83 Jets were better than this year's team. You've got to take into account scouting, individual players, team spirit, management, finances, press coverage and most importantly, you, the hockey fans of the Eastern Townships. Even championship teams, though they have found that winning combination, can change from year to year simply due to the fact that everyone involved in the organization is a human being and human beings are not robots. They change, sometimes almost imperceptibly, but change nonetheless. So quit yakking about last year's Jets or even the Beavers and start living in this year.

The Jets' home record this season is undisputably excellent. And, having missed but a few games, I can tell you they're playing well and for the most part are a very entertaining team. Their December 4 come-from-behind barnburner against Fredericton Express, which saw the Jets fall behind 5-1 before storming back to tie the game in the last 30 seconds and then net the winner with just 3 seconds remaining, was one of the most exciting sports contests I've ever witnessed. Don't talk to me about boring games.

Ticket prices are based upon a number of things but to say they're too expensive is hypocritical. If Jets' ticket prices are too high then why do fans pay with pleasure twice the price (transportation included) to trek all the way into Montreal to see the Expos, one of recent year's biggest disappointments. And, if you'd been to one of the Jets' more recent games you'd know they're offering discount gimmicks to attract you.

Let's end this season on a positive note. The Jets are your American League team, the only one you've got. If you don't come out you're going to lose them — it's just as simple as that. No team can afford or even want to play in front of the kind of "crowds" the Jets have been skating to. Come out to a couple of games and try it. The Jets deserve it.

Lafleur nets nos. 498, 499 as Habs ice Penguins 3-1

By John MacKinnon

MONTREAL (CP) — Guy Lafleur just went out and had some fun and came within a goal of cracking the 500-goal mark for his National Hockey League career on Thursday night.

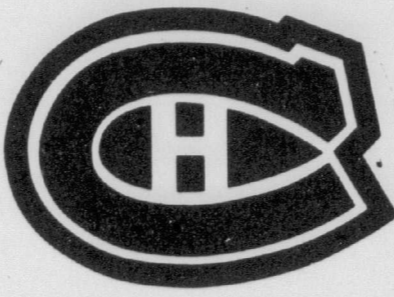
Lafleur scored his 12th and 13th of the season and 498th and 499th of his career to pace Montreal to a 3-1 victory over Pittsburgh Penguins.

For a lot of players, going for their 500th is a pressure-ridden chore. Not for Lafleur.

"You think about it when you're on the ice because the people want you to get it, and every time you're on the ice you try to make them happy," said Lafleur. "There's some pressure, for sure, but it's a lot of fun, too."

Lafleur is one goal shy of becoming the 10th player in NHL history to reach the 500-goal level. Maurice Richard (544) and Jean Beliveau (507) are the other Canadians to score at least that many.

"Five hundred isn't even a record on this team, so it's really not that important," Lafleur said. "I'd like to get it next game to get rid of it."



Bobby Smith scored the other Montreal goal when he stole the puck from defenceman Greg Fox, spun and fired a shot past Penguins' goaltender Denis Herron at 9:16 of the third period.

Steve Gatzos spoiled Richard Sevigny's shutout bid when he caught the Montreal goaltender out of position and drilled in a slap shot from the right-wing boards at 11:05 of the period. Sevigny faced 26 shots in all.

It was a tough night for the Penguins Herron and Michel Dion, who slawski slap shot with his right shoulder at 5:16 of the third period. A few minutes later, Herron skated to the Pittsburgh bench with a hand injury, but he remained in the game. The pair handled 30 shots.

The victory improved Montreal's won-lost-tied record to 14-16-2, while Pittsburgh slipped to 7-20-4.

Apart from the Lafleur watch, there was little excitement generated for the 15,231 fans at the Forum.

Playing with Pierre Mondou and Bob Gainey, Lafleur roved the ice looking for openings, waiting for the lead pass. Apart from the two goals, he had several other chances.

TAKES PASS

At 7:13 of the first period, he took a pass from Mondou and drilled a slap shot from the high slot that wedged between Dion's leg pads.

During a second-period power-play chance, Mats Naslund led Lafleur perfectly as the right winger split the Penguins' defence at the blue line. Lafleur drilled a slap shot but Dion again made a leg save.

With 30 seconds left in the second period, Gainey led a rush, cut left to take the defenceman with him and fed Lafleur in the

high slot. Lafleur partially fanned on the shot, though, and Dion made an easy stop.

Dion appeared weak on Lafleur's second goal at 11:00 of the opening period, a slap shot from the right-wing circle that trickled through the goaltender's skates.

The Penguins created few scoring opportunities for themselves. Sevigny was most alert late in the first period when he snapped his glove out to snare a puck that ricocheted off Mike Bullard's stick when defenceman Larry Robinson tried an ill-conceived pass from beside his net.

Crowder paces B's attack

BOSTON (AP) — Keith Crowder scored two goals and set up another Thursday night in rallying Boston Bruins to a 4-2 National Hockey League victory over Hartford Whalers.

Crowder tied the score at 2-2 on a Boston power play at 9:08 of the second period and followed with the game winner at 15:37 as the Bruins posted their fifth victory in the last six games.

Hartford, winless in its last five games, and 1-8-2 in Boston as a member of the NHL, jumped to a 1-0 lead as Normand Dupont scored on the Whalers' first shot on goal at 8:47 of the opening period.

Dave Silk tied the score with his

sixth goal of the season during a power play at 16:39, but the Whalers came back to go ahead again less than a minute later as Mark Johnson flipped home a rebound for his 14th goal.

The Bruins, who outshot Hartford 36-22, rallied to go in front in the second period.

Crowder, a 35-goal scorer last season, tipped home a pass from Tom Fergus for his 10th goal, then did the same on another Fergus pass 6½ minutes later.

Rookie Nevin Markwart added an insurance goal, his eighth, midway through the finale. He was set up in close by Crowder and Fergus.

Soviets dead serious about series

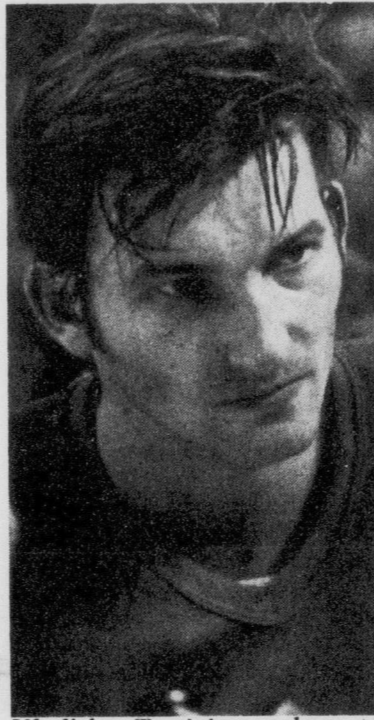
LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (AP) — It was just prior to the opener of the six-game series between Team USA and the Soviet Selects. An American journalist was complaining the Russians "have sent the second string, they're not taking this thing seriously."

He couldn't have been more wrong.

The Soviet sports authorities are taking the Selects tour in the United States very seriously. They're using it as a testing ground for several potential Olympians and for Selects coach Anatoli Bogdanov. And they're getting an early line on just how good the American team will be at the Winter Olympics at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, in February.

"All the players here, without exception, have a chance to be included on our Olympic team," said Bogdanov, whose easy-going manner is a sharp contrast to brusque Viktor Tikhonov, who coaches the Soviet national team. "After the tour, we will report about our matches here to the coaches' board, then the board will determine the final composition of our Olympic team at the beginning of February."

That team will be favored to recapture the gold medal the Americans won at Lake Placid in 1980. Most of the players on the Soviet squad will come from the team now preparing for the Izvestia



Vladislav Tretiak may have to move fast to keep ahead of his stand-in.

Cup tournament at Moscow, where the national clubs from Canada, Sweden, Finland and Czechoslovakia also will compete.

CERTAIN OLYMPIAN

But Selects goalie Alexander Tyzhnykh, the No. 2 netminder in the Soviet Union behind stand-out Vladislav Tretiak, is almost certain to be an Olympian. And se-

ven other Selects are candidates for the Games, led by 1980 Olympian Vladimir Golikiev.

"The players back home must show they belong on the A team," said Bogdanov. "No one is assured of being in the Olympics at this time."

The main reason the Soviets can afford to choose the final composition of the Olympic team so late is that every coach uses the same system and every player is taught the same style of play.

"All the coaches in the Soviet Union work according to one program," Bogdanov explained. "Tikhonov watches the work of the coaches as well as the players."

"Everyone is under consideration and we are all aimed to one purpose."

That purpose is to win the world championship, which the Soviets did this year, and the Olympics.

"We know how seriously the United States is preparing for the Olympics," said Bogdanov. "Judging by that and the games we have played, this U.S. team will show better skill than four years ago."

"They surprised us in 1980 with their great stamina and high spirit in the Games, but who can say whose chances are higher or best in these Olympics?"

Danville group brings home prestigious Challenge Cup

The big news this week is that the Québec Challenge Cup is back in the Eastern Townships where it belongs. Two teams from the Danville Curling Club won it decisively against Huntingdon last weekend. For those of you who weren't around in the good old days when Lennoxville had the cup in its possession, this "old piece of silverware" is the Branch trophy for double-rink play and may be the oldest trophy for inter-club play in North America, having been instituted in 1874.

One of the most interesting aspects of the Cup is the famous book that accompanies it. Each game since its inception has been recorded, sometimes shot by shot, within its pages. Each match has been numbered since 1874.

The competition, as has been mentioned, is a double-rink format with total rocks to count. Danville's number one team of Bruce Lockwood, Wayne Cook, Donald Carson and Ernest Lockwood defeated Huntingdon 11-6 and the number two team of Albert Gillim, Bob Lodge, Lewis Fowler and George Chaddock won by a score of 14-4. All games are 12 ends with stacked brooms

Skip it

BY CAROLINE THIBODEAU

after six.

This is the first time that Danville has played for the Cup and won and both teams are to be congratulated. The Challenge Cup provides a great opportunity for club members to become involved in the tradition, fun and good curling associated with it over the years. Danville will be defending the Cup on January 15, probably against Buckingham. Do try to get out and watch the games — you are in for a treat.

Over at the Granby Curling Club the men's spiel ended with Karl Kolatschek of the Sutton Curling Club defeating Rocky Chretien of Sherbrooke in the finals of the main event. The Sutton team, always a threat, consisted of Karl, Tom Poulton, Sheldon Cook and Guy. (Rocky couldn't remember his last name — sorry!). Playing for Rocky were Jean-Guy Blanchard, Albert Dumont and Pierre Lorrain.

The Turkey Mixed finals were held at Lennoxville last Saturday with Claude Gregoire, Suzie Shapcott, Bob Laderoute and Iain Fields winning the main event. They defeated Gerry Cannon, Audrey Shapcott, Dave Wood and R. Labbe. In the second event Doug McNab skipped his rink to victory over the foursome of Bill Rourke. Playing for Doug were Ruby Hallam, Fern Maurice and F. Labbe. On Bill's side were Thelma Wright, John McDonald and Oriana Laderoute.

Also at Lennoxville, the drawing for the annual Christmas Basket of Cheer was held on Saturday. This year the goodies were won by Frank Jenne. The Turkey Mixed is being held at Sherbrooke this week with 12 teams going for the birds. The finals and prizegiving will be held Friday night. An oyster stew supper will be served.

Most of the area clubs have indicated that they will be holding New Year's Eve parties for members and friends so check the bulletin boards or call your entertainment chairman for info.

Don't forget Danville on Jan. 15 — write it on your calendar now. Let's support the effort to keep the Cup in the ET.

Good curling everyone!

New Orleans' fans ain't gonna wait much longer

New Orleans Saints and their long-suffering fans have been waiting 17 seasons for a winner.

Sorry, folks. Eric Dickerson and Los Angeles Rams, wrapping up one of the great turnarounds in recent National Football League seasons, will beat the Saints in the Louisiana Superdome and, with a little help from their friends, will find themselves in the playoffs as division champions.

Dickerson is the best rookie runner in NFL history. He's going up against one of the NFL's better overall defences, but one that is only middling against the rush.

And while the Rams' defence is rated a poor 12th in the National Football Conference, that's also where the Saints' offence ranks. So look for John Robinson to cap off a great season as a rookie head coach by taking last year's worst NFC team (2-7) and restoring it to respectability (9-7). Take the Rams plus 2 over New Orleans.

A victory by the Rams does nothing for them without a loss by either San Francisco 49ers or Green Bay Packers.

If the Packers lose, the Rams get the remaining NFC wild card. The Pack's drab performance last

Monday night against Tampa Bay Buccaneers suggests they'll be bear bait when they amble into the Windy City on Sunday. Take Chicago Bears minus 2½ over Green Bay.

So much for the wild card. But the Rams would much rather have the NFC's Western Division title and Dallas will give it to them Monday night against the 49ers. The Cowboys should rebound from their disaster against Washington Redskins. Take Dallas even over San Francisco.

In other games, take Washington minus 15 over New York Giants, Detroit Lions minus 10 over Tampa Bay, Los Angeles Raiders minus 9 over San Diego Chargers, Miami Dolphins minus 8½ over New York Jets, Baltimore Colts minus 4 over Houston Oilers, Seattle Seahawks minus 3 over New England Patriots, Cincinnati Bengals minus 3 over Minnesota Vikings, Buffalo Bills plus 1½ over Atlanta Falcons, Kansas City Chiefs plus 2 over Denver Broncos, Pittsburgh Steelers plus 3 over Cleveland Browns, Philadelphia Eagles plus 6 over St. Louis Cardinals.

Last week's record against the spread: 9-5. For the season: 96-100-9.

Kuhn lays down the law for baseball druggies

NEW YORK (AP) — Commissioner Bowie Kuhn suspended Los Angeles' Steve Howe, Kansas City's Willie Wilson and Willie Aikens and former Royals player Jerry Martin from baseball for one year Thursday for involvement with drugs.

It was the toughest action baseball has ever taken against drug offenders and the suspensions were the longest Kuhn has handed down against players in the almost 15 years he has served as commissioner. His term of office is scheduled to end, following two extensions, on March 1.

Jack Sands, Wilson's lawyer, said in Kansas City that the ruling allows for reviews no earlier than May 15. That review will be conducted by the person, so far not selected, who succeeds Kuhn as commissioner.

The Major League Players Association was expected to file a grievance of the ruling, citing the jail sentences already imposed on Wilson, Aikens and Martin by a federal court judge.

Wilson and Martin are serving three-month sentences in a federal prison in Fort Worth, Tex., for violating drug laws. Aikens is completing a drug treatment program in Baltimore and is to begin his three-month sentence at the minimum security facility next month.

Wilson, Aikens and Martin pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of attempting to possess cocaine. Pitcher Vida Blue pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of possession of three grams of cocaine. He is to be sentenced in federal court in Kansas City, Kan., next Monday.

Of the three Royals suspended by Kuhn, Wilson is the only one the team is counting on for next season. Their all-star left fielder batted .276 with 59 stolen bases in 1983 after winning the American League batting championship with a .332 average in 1982.

Martin, who batted .318 in 13 games, became a free agent at season's end, but was not selected by any team in the re-entry draft. Like Blue, a Cy Young Award winner who was released by the Royals at mid-season, Martin is not expected to play major league baseball again.

Kansas City officials have said Aikens, who hit .302 with 23 home runs and 72 runs batted in last year, would not be back with their team next season.

During last week's winter meetings at Nashville, the Royals completed a conditional trade, sending Aikens to Toronto Blue Jays for Jorge Orta, pending the commissioner's ruling on the drug case.

Howe, the left-handed bullpen ace of the Dodgers, had a 4-7 record with 18 saves and a 1.44 earned run average in 46 games.

He had undergone treatment for a drug dependency before the season started and then had three more episodes during the year. On May 28, he was suspended after admitting drug usage. He was placed in a treatment centre until June 29 and fined \$54,000, the equivalent of one month's salary.

SUSPENDS HOWE

On July 16, Howe was suspended again for one day after arriving late for a game. He pitched until Sept. 22 when he missed a team flight and then refused to take a urine test, prompting another suspension. In 1970, his first full year as commissioner, Kuhn suspended Detroit pitcher Denny McLain twice, first in connection with gambling in February and then in a firearms case in September.

Two years later, Kuhn suspended Oakland shortstop Bert Campaneris for seven days following a bat-throwing incident.

Ferguson Jenkins in 1980 and Alan Wiggins in 1982 both were suspended in drug-related cases.

Wiggins was suspended for one month after being arrested for possession of cocaine. He later was allowed to enter a drug diversion program rather than face formal charges in the courts.

Scoreboard

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY STATISTICS									
DECEMBER 10th, 1983									
E.T.I.A.C.									
A.G.R.H.S.	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts		
B.C.R.S.	3	1	2	0	7	16	2		
Stanstead	2	0	2	0	6	28	0		
S.S.I.A.C.									
Macdonald Cartier	4	4	0	0	31	7	8		
Centennial	4	3	1	0	16	10	6		
Richelieu Valley	4	1	4	1	28	26	3		
Massey Vanier	1	0	1	4	4	1	0		
LEADING SCORERS									
Michael Malin (R.V.R.)	10	6	16	11					
Riger Chiasson (M.C.M.)	5	10	15	4					
Kevin Cooper (M.C.M.)	5	3	8	2					
Ian Lorne (C.R.H.S.)	1	7	8	0					
Andrew Lussier (M.C.M.)	4	3	7	0					
Ronald Barclay (M.C.M.)	4	3	7	2					
Donald Lamarche (M.C.M.)	2	5	7	0					
Basil Rose (C.R.H.S.)	5	1	6	4					
Chris Bleich (R.V.R.)	3	3	6	0					
Scott Moehan (C.R.H.S.)	2	4	6	0					
Tim Eryou (Stans)	5	0	5	2					
GOALENDING									
Rick Porrier (M.C.M.)	4	180	3	1.00					
Steve Halliday (C.R.H.S.)	4	240	10	2.50					
Scott Campbell (R.V.R.)	1	120	6	3.00					
Mike Fontaine (A.G.R.)	2	99	6	4.95					
Steve Novak (M.C.M.)	2	60	4	4.00					
Greg Lawless (R.V.R.)	4	240	20	5.00					
SCOREBOARD									
Stanstead	4	Richelieu Valley	4						
Massey Vanier	4	Richelieu Valley	4						

A.S.U.C.-Q.U.A.A.										
LADIES' BASKETBALL STATISTICS										
AS OF DECEMBER 11, 1983										
LEAGUE STANDINGS										
Team	Games	W	L	P/P	P/A	Tot.				
1. Bishop's	3	3	0	259	139	6				
2. Concordia	3	2	1	155	201	4				
3. Laval	3	1	2	153	201	2				
4. McGill	3	0	3	170	196	0				
Scoring										
Name	School	P	F.G.	F.T.	Pts	Avg				
1. Andrea Blackwell	Bishop's	3	32/52	14/17	78	26				
2. Lynn Polson	Bishop's	3	30/53	15/22	75	25				
3. Jane Bullock	Concordia	3	23/57	17/24	63	21				
4. Helen Cowan	McGill	3	20/37	13/16	53	17.7				
5. Wendy Verrecchia	Bishop's	3	19/37	11/12	49	16.3				
6. Natalie Veilleux	Laval	3	13/42	18/26	44	14.7				
7. Louise Henri	McGill	3	21/50	2/2	44	14.7				
8. Louise Henri	Laval	3	13/37	9/10	35	11.7				
9. Monique Francoeur	Concordia	2	9/23	4/5	22	11				
10. Beth Mansfield	Concordia	3	12/24	9/14	33	11				
Rebounds										
Name	School	p	OR	Tot.	Avg					
1. Andrea Blackwell	Bishop's	3	23	32	10.7					
2. Natalie Veilleux	Laval	3	15	14	29	9.7				
3. Nancy Villeneuve	McGill	3	20	6	26	8.7				
4. Monique Francoeur	Concordia	3	21	4	25	8.3				
5. Helen Cowan	McGill	3	9	10	19	6.3				
6. Joanne Gordon	Bishop's	3	15	4	19	6.3				
7. Wendy Verrecchia	Bishop's	3	7	12	19	6.3				
8. Jane Bullock	McGill	3	14	3	17	5.7				
9. Beth Mansfield	Concordia	2	9	2	11	5.5				
10. Marie Samson	Laval	3	8							

Sports

the Record

Outdoors

BY REAL HEBERT



Former Olympian turned Oiler has advice for TC

Mental toughness, togetherness and a total team concept are the keys to Canadian hockey success in the 1984 Winter Olympics, says a medical doctor who plays for Edmonton Oilers and was captain of the 1980 Olympic team.

Dr. Randy Gregg, who now patrols the blue line for the National Hockey League team, remembers both the good times of preparing for the Lake Placid, N.Y., Olympics and the despondency of a sixth-place finish.

"In Canada you're not going to get your best hockey players going to the Olympics because you can't use professional

players," Gregg said. "So you have to rely on the team concept and the mental toughness that comes with a team playing together as a true team."

"It was certainly there in 1980 when we played, but unfortunately the circumstances were that we didn't make it to the medal round."

"That's got to be their goal this time. If they can really come close together, play as a five-man unit on the ice, then that's the chance they have."

LIMIT PENALTIES

Gregg and Oilers teammate Glenn Anderson both agree the

Canadians can't take needless penalties against teams like the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia at the 1984 Olympics in February at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

"We learned the hard way four years ago that a bad penalty can really cost you against their power plays," Anderson said. "In game situations, our players must relax and stay away from penalties."

"I'm sure the coaches will prepare this team so that they can handle the situation emotionally. You've got to be in control of yourself in times of stress."

Anderson, 23, a Vancouver na-

tive, played a year at the University of Denver before joining the Olympic team in the fall of 1979. The right winger is in his fourth NHL season and last year scored 48 goals for the Oilers in regular-season play and 10 in the playoffs.

Gregg, 27, is an Edmonton native who attended the University of Alberta as a medical student. He played two years in Japan after the 1980 Olympics and obtained his degree. Gregg joined the Oilers in the 1982 Stanley Cup playoffs.

In his second full NHL season, Gregg, six-foot-four and 215 pounds, is considered Edmon-

ton's soundest defenceman, quite a compliment considering the scoring prowess of Paul Coffey.

"There are a lot of young players on this team and right now they need experience playing in international competition," Anderson said. "The more they play together and experience what a team is really all about, the better they'll be in the long run."

"The way (coach) Dave King is handling the team, I think Canada has a chance at a medal in 1984, providing we get the goaltending and a few breaks along the way."

Waiting with interest

Thanks to his two predecessors, Guy Chevette, Minister of Recreation, Fish and Game inherited a ministry that was in a mess.

Yves Duhaime and Lucien Lessard are the two culprits whose mistakes Chevette now has to deal with.

All one has to do is recall the abolition of private clubs which were replaced by controlled exploitation zones (ZEC) by Duhaime before he took the time to carefully study the dossier.

We quickly realized Duhaime's incompetence a few weeks after his nomination as minister when he announced that in the future all Quebecers would have the privilege to hunt and fish wherever they liked so long as they were a member of ZEC and paid the ridiculous annual \$15 membership fee. This magic formula was far from being a success and even with all the modifications each year since ZEC's creation we still haven't reached the ideal formula. It wouldn't be exaggerated to say that the real cost to hunt in one of these areas is closer to \$100 per year than to the original \$15.

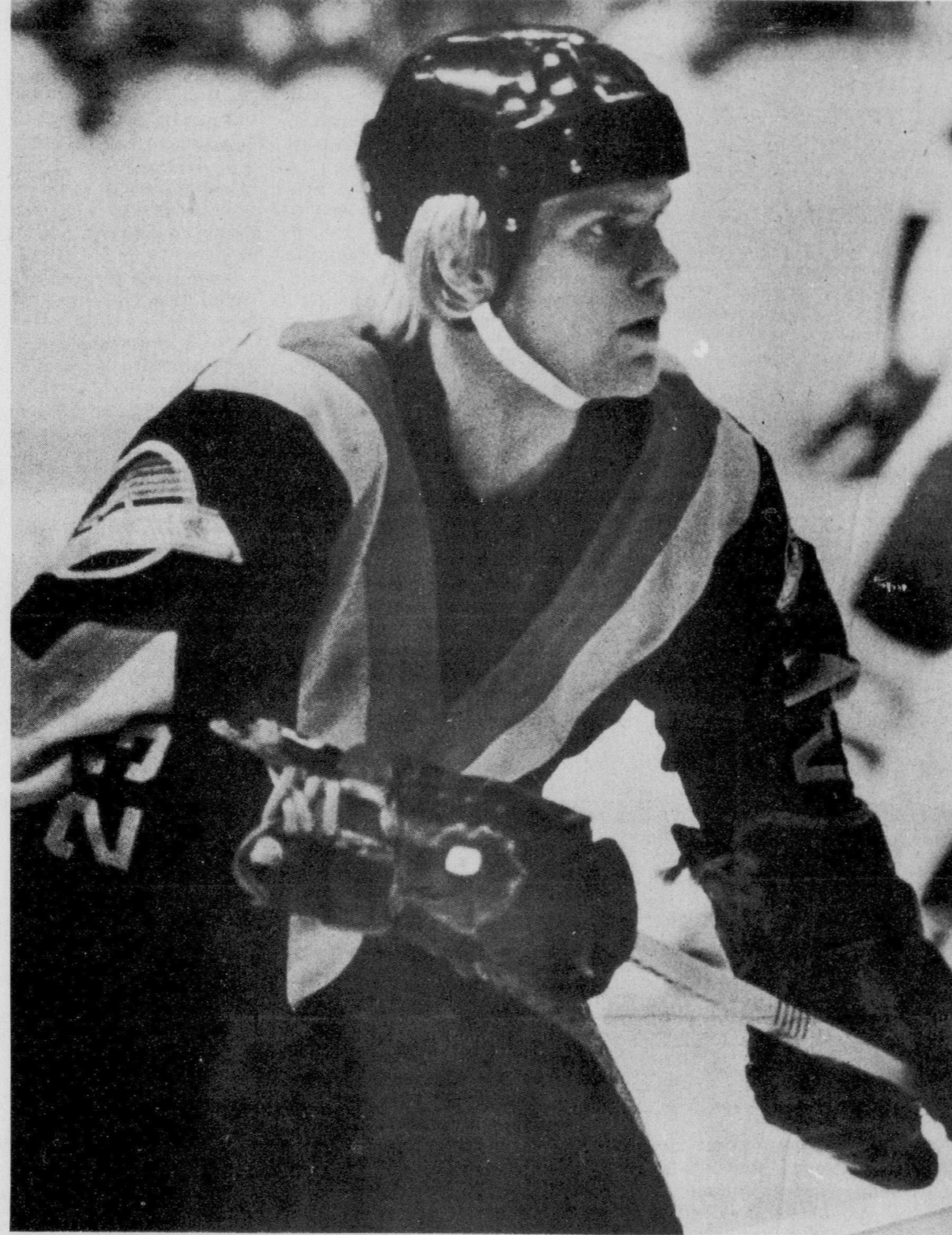
After Duhaime departed for the Ministry of Resources and Energies it was Lucien Lessard that took over as Minister of Recreation, Fish and Game. Under his guidance hunting and fishing continued to deteriorate in an alarming fashion. It came to the point that Premier René Lévesque requested Lessard to resign which he did and was replaced by the present minister, Guy Chevette.

At his first press conference in November, 1982 Chevette did not make any surprising statements but simply mentioned that he had the intention to "clean up" the ministry. He added that he would give himself a year to familiarize himself with the numerous dossiers. He said his priority was to meet and listen to people and organizations involved with wildlife.

Chevette did not go back on his word. Over the past 12 months he has talked to many interested groups and has heard what they have to say. He then formed a parliamentary commission to be well-informed before starting to revise the hunting and fishing laws.

The revision project is known as "Project Number Nine" and its priority is the protection of wildlife and its habitat. The project will be debated at the next national assembly and the new law will be in effect in the spring of '84. If everything goes as planned the minister will have much more authority than before. As for hunters, the new law calls for them to make increased payment to renew their hunting certificates and licences and rules infractions fines will be increased considerably.

I approve of how Guy Chevette has handled his responsibilities after taking over a ruined ministry. He didn't panic and reviewed the situation carefully before taking action. Within a few weeks we'll find out whether or not he has taken the right action. So it is with great interest that we await the new law concerning the conservation and management of wildlife.



Thomas Gradin... Soon to become Vancouver's all-time leading scorer.

Sport shorts

HONG KONG (Reuter)—Martina Navratilova, the world's top woman tennis player, said Thursday she is thinking of retiring when she reaches age 30.

The 27-year-old Czechoslovak-born American spoke about her plans after winning the \$100,000 Hong Kong tennis tournament by beating Pam Shriver of the United States 7-6, 6-3.

"I am thinking of retiring when I am 30, but I might extend my career a little bit if I continue winning matches," she said.

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Soviet hockey star Vyatcheslav Bykov, suspected of shoplifting in a department store, was found not guilty in court Thursday and later flew home to Moscow after spending two nights in a Swedish jail.

The Soviet national team centre, 23, was apprehended Tuesday when he tried to leave a store with a bag of unpaid women's and children's clothes worth \$110.

NORWALK, Conn. (AP)—Americans John McEnroe and Martina Navratilova have been ranked the top male and female tennis professionals by Tennis Magazine.

An international ranking panel, made up of seven journalists from six countries, compiled the rankings for the magazine, which also ranks players according to surface.

McEnroe regained the No.1 spot among the men, unseating fellow American Jimmy Connors. In 17 tournaments in 1983, McEnroe won six, including Wimbledon, and was runner-up in four others. His overall record was 63-12.

Gradin zeros in on team mark

VANCOUVER (CP)—In less than six seasons with Vancouver Canucks, Thomas Gradin has passed Andre Boudrias and will surely catch Don Lever as the National Hockey League team's all-time scorer.

And no one could be prouder of Gradin's accomplishments than former general manager Jake Milford, who brought Gradin to the NHL from Sweden.

After Gradin reached the 400-point Tuesday in a 6-2 win over Québec Nordiques, Milford said the centre has more than exceeded his expectations.

"Yes, he may be the best player they (Canucks) have ever had," said Milford. "But that's up to now; (Patrik) Sundstrom could turn out to be the best."

Milford was general manager of Los Angeles Kings in 1976 when Chicago Black Hawks made Gradin their third pick in the amateur draft. In 1978, then manager of the Canucks, Milford pried Gradin away from the Hawks for a second-round draft choice.

"At that time, he was the best

forward over there," said Milford. "I was only concerned that he couldn't take the rough going, because he wasn't very big."

"But I saw him play the Czechs and the Russians—and especially the Finns, because they really gave it to the Swedes—and he took all the bumps."

There have been a few bumps this season for Gradin, who has scored just five goals. He has 28 assists, however, passed Boudrias (388 points in six seasons) last month and is zeroing in on Lever (407 points), who played almost eight seasons to become the Canucks' leading scorer.

Gradin agreed with Milford's assessment of Sundstrom, a sophomore centre who was taken 175th in the 1980 draft.

WILL BE PROUD

"For sure, some day I will be proud to be mentioned with Patrik," said Gradin. "He was an outstanding player in Sweden."

"It is very difficult for guys to come into this league. I remember the big (newspaper) articles

at the beginning of last season... they said 'who is this Sundstrom, this player who is going to save the team?' Well, now you know. Here he is."

Gradin, who broke a 10-game goalless streak against Québec, scored what stood up as the winner late in the second period. It was his 18th game-winner, a high among Canucks.

"Just to play in this league was a big adjustment," he said. "It was difficult because the centre was supposed to stop and the wingers were going in... there was none of the criss-crossing you see now."

The game as it is played now, with the accent on speed and constant motion, was how the Swedes had been playing in Europe all along.

"This style is more fun for the players," said Gradin. "And if you saw that game last night (Team Canada versus West Germany)... this is the style the Canadians have to play to beat the Russians."

Expos to go with four starters?

The applause from fans and media had barely settled after the Expos dealt surplus starting pitcher Scott Sanderson for lefty reliever Gary Lucas, when they seemingly inexplicably shipped Ray Burris to Oakland for minor league outfielder Rusty McNealy. Suddenly the surplus of starting pitchers has become a bare minimum. With lefty reliever and spot starter Dan Schatzeder still a free agent, and without any consistent evidence that any pitching prospect in their entire farm system is really ready for the majors, the Expos now have to spell the spot starting role 'Chris Welsh.' Long relief is going to have to be done primarily by Bob James or Jeff Reardon, two fireballing righthanders who've proved themselves better suited to finishing games.

Nor do the Expos have the ghost of a regular fifth starter. Unless Reardon or Al Oliver goes for a lefty starting pitcher, the Expos would appear locked into an old-fashioned four-man starting rotation for '84—which suggests another all-out drive to win, damn the future.

There is much to be said for a four-man rotation. Steve Rogers, Bill Gullickson, and Charlie Lea were the best front three starters in the National League last season. After joining the rotation in August, Bryn Smith posted one of the best earned run averages among starting pitchers. I'm already on record—and out on a limb—predicting he's going to blossom into a big, big winner. The more often these four men pitch, and the less often the Expos have mediocrity on the mound, the more often they're going to win.

However, the five-man rotation has replaced four-man rotations principally because in the age of jet travel and night games, it's tough for a pitcher to get adequate rest between starts—and because if an exhausted starter does injure himself, it's much easier to reduce a five-man rotation to four for the remainder of the season than to try to fill a hole in mid-season. Certainly the Expos should have lost enough promising young starters to midseason injury—remember David Palmer?—to know they have to have at least one more man somewhere who can step into the rotation when needed.

Baseball's great four-man rotations have always had fifth and sixth starters somewhere behind them. The 1971 Orioles had four 20-game winners up front, in Mike Cuellar, Jim Palmer, Pat Dobson and Dave McNally. Fans often forget that McNally missed 10 starts with injuries. A man named Jim Hardin took his place—a long reliever most of his career, who nonetheless was an 18-game winner the one year he spent in the rota-

Jackass

by Merritt Clifton

tion from start to finish. The St. Louis Cardinals won the 1967 pennant with a four-man rotation only because Steve Carlton and Nelson Briles effectively replaced the injured Bob Gibson and Alvin Jackson for half the season. The Oakland Athletics built a dynasty around a four-man rotation featuring Catfish Hunter, Vida Blue, and Ken Holtzman up front, with Chuck Dobson and Blue Moon Odum alternating in the fourth slot. When Dobson's rotator cuff finally gave way completely, Stan Bahnsen took up the slack.

Maybe the Expos really think Greg Bargar or Dick Grapenthin can be their extra starter in case of injuries. And if my aunt grows a beard, she'll be my uncle. Bargar looks good. He should be given a shot when he's ready. Meanwhile, he belongs at Wichita, with McNealy.

What about McNealy? Why did the Expos want him? General Manager John McHale points toward his speed: 106 stolen bases over the past two seasons in the California and Pacific Coast leagues. But an infielder-outfielder named Al Newman who's already in the Expos' system has done just as well, with more impressive batting credentials. McNealy hit all of .266 in the PCL last year, where the league average annually hovers over .280, where the likes of Mick Kelleher manage .333 as regulars, where a guy named Chris Smith whom the Expos dumped hit .372 and just barely got the batting title. Best guess here is that McNealy might be used as a late-season pinch runner, as Tim Raines was in '79 and '80.

ROADRACING NEWS:

Be ready for the Brigham Boxing Day 10 Kilometres, beginning from the Brigham Town Hall at 2 p.m. Monday, December 26. Registration starts an hour earlier. Registration fee is just a buck for those who bring an inexpensive white elephant for the prize table and refreshments to share potluck-fashion afterward. Prizes will be chosen by each runner in order of finish, alternating between male and female participants. Thus everyone gets something. Awright, so where's Brigham?

Take the autoroute toward Montreal. At Granby, take the Cowansville exit. Go 10 miles, cross one set of railroad tracks, and go right. Go right again a half-mile later. Once in Brigham, take the first right. The town hall will be obvious.

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store for Sagittarians in the coming year. Send your Sagittarius Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1 and your zodiac sign to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Send an additional \$2 for the NEW Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel and booklet. Reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Being with longtime friends in familiar surroundings will give you the greatest pleasure today. They're like comfortable slippers that can't be replaced. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You are better equipped to handle difficult assignments today than you may realize. The ease of your accomplish-

ments might even surprise you. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Special knowledge and expertise you've acquired through experience will be put to advantageous use today in two situations. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You could be in for a pleasant surprise today when you discover something that you thought would be costly will be less so than you anticipated. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Today's events will serve further to solidify bonds in an important relationship that you treasure. It's with one of your oldest friends. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your workload may be a bit heavier than usual today due to things you'll be doing for others. You'll derive joy from being helpful. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You have the ability today to see hope in situations where others might see gloom. This attribute helps you manage difficult situations with ease. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Currents are presently stirring that will bring your family closer together. Each will benefit in some way from these new bonds. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** The light, loving touch that you'll be able to put on serious situations today will be a tonic for others involved. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** If you have been planning a shopping trip, this is a good day for it. You'll have a sharp eye for bargains or exceptional buys. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Although you won't deliberately seek contests today, the more difficult the challenge the more pride you're likely to derive from overcoming it.

the year ahead. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your attention span may be limited today. This could cause you to look for unsound shortcuts for tasks requiring time and patience. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** If you desire to have your friends treat you in a warm, friendly fashion today, you must first set the proper example. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** In order to be a winner today, you'll need staying power. Don't pack it in just when victory is within reach. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Listen carefully today to persons you deem to be wise. However, be on guard against being swayed by those who merely have a glib tongue. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Loss is a possibility today if you are careless in whom you place your trust. Don't leave delicate matters up to irresponsible people. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Strive to be self-reliant today rather than being wholly dependent upon allies. Persons you may count on could suddenly switch sides. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Do all you can to be helpful today, yet be selective in what you volunteer to do. You might end up with something unmanageable. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** A friend who usually fares well in risky ventures may tempt you to become involved today. Be careful. His luck is on a short string. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Objectives you establish for yourself today won't be achieved if you use uncertain procedures. Each step must have a definite purpose. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Guard against tendencies today to hear only that which you wish to hear. This could cause you to jump to erroneous conclusions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are more susceptible than usual today to a high-powered sales pitch. Be resistant or you might end up buying a white elephant.



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Projects over which you have direct control should work out to your liking this coming year. However, if you bring in weak partners all could go down the drain. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Do not try to foist your ideas upon companions today. Your opinions may not be as popular with others as you lead yourself to believe. Major changes are in store for Sagittarians in the coming year. Send for your Sagittarius Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. Send an additional \$2 for the NEW Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel and booklet. Reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Be realistic regarding the value of work or services you do for others today. You'll lose customers if your price tag is inflated. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Showboating is not your normal style, but today there's a possibility you may try to upstage your friends in order to be the center of attention. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Do not hem and haw or be wishy-washy today if you want to have something finalized. A deal is valueless unless it's

closed. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Normally you're rather adept at sizing up situations quickly and accurately, but today your mental lenses could be a bit out of focus and cause distortions. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** For economic reasons it will prove wise to avoid extravagant companions today. If you try to keep pace with the high rollers, you'll regret it. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Today's important decisions that directly affect your interest should not be left up to persons with questionable judgment. Make your own choices. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Persons in positions to assist you today may renege if they think you expect them to do things that you could easily do

for yourself. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Strive to be hopeful in all of your involvements today, but by the same token, be realistic. Castles built upon sand could collapse. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Don't let self-doubts impede you today to the point where you fail to make an effort. It's better to make a mistake than not to try at all. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Avoid debating subjects today of which you are unsure. You'll look smarter saying nothing than defending questionable premises. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your generous nature could be easily imposed upon today. Someone with greedy motives may be aware of this and try to capitalize it.

Philathea Unit meets

LENNOXVILLE — The Philathea Unit of the Lennoxville United Church Women held their Christmas Party and annual meeting at La Paysanne Motel, Queen Street.

The leader Miss Edna Davidson welcomed members and guests and all partook of a delectable turkey supper by candlelight.

Following the supper Miss Davidson opened the meeting and called on Mrs. M. Sewell who read an article by Norman Vincent Peale entitled, The Romance of Christmas, telling of the visit to the Christ Child in Bethlehem and Jesus' message to the people. For God so loved the world that he gave his only son and after 2000 years all say Merry Christmas, decorate and share gifts to commemorate. This concluded with prayer asking for God's love and for peace.

The roll call showed 43 visits made to sick and shut ins. The usual pre-Christmas treat given by this unit was carried out and fifty cheer boxes were packed and distributed.

All were pleased to hear that all officers and conveners were re-elected for the coming year. Miss Dorothy Smith was named to replace Mrs. Herman Edgcombe whose recent passing was deeply felt by this unit, as she had been treasurer for many years.

Members were invited to hold the January meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Brown, Huntingville, which was unanimously accepted.

This concluded the business and as the fireplace was laden with beautifully wrapped parcels Santa performed his usual duties and all received gifts and a pleasant social time was brought to a close with the exchange of Holiday Greetings.

Jacoby's bridge

Oswald Jacoby and James Jacoby

Getting the count

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Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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Opening lead: ♥K

By Oswald Jacoby and James Jacoby

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| 15 Safe | 40 Let | 62 Clans | 31 Mortimer the dummy |
| 16 Butterine | 41 Maple genus | 63 "The — or the Tiger" | 33 Encore |
| 17 Insurance proviso | 42 Certain letters | | 36 Football team |
| 20 Proclaim | 43 Canal or lake | DOWN | 37 Roman emperor |
| 21 Potato state | 44 Was restless | 1 Musical conclusion | 38 Tear duct |
| 22 Silences | 46 Stratford's river | 2 Later | 44 "— Delight" |
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| | | 12 One of the "Little Women" | 54 WW II event |
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Bonds that may have restricted your freedom of action in the past will be lifted. You should now be able to express your independence and be able to do your own thing. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** An associate will become rather irate today if he or she sees you do just the opposite of what you agreed to do. Be consistent. The NEW Matchmaker wheel and booklet reveals romantic compatibilities for all signs, tells how to get along with others, finds rising signs, hidden qualities, plus more. Send \$2 to Astro-Graph, Box 489, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019. Be sure to state your zodiac sign. Mail an additional \$1 and your zodiac sign for your Sagittarius Astro-Graph predictions for

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