

GIRLS DEBATE WELL
LONDON (CP) — Most men acknowledge women are good at talking but as for reasoned debate that's another matter. Now even that proud male boast scorns threatened. Two girls have beaten teams from 75 British schools to win a national school debating competition. Helen Taylor and Meriel Gaskin, both 18, were the first girls to win in the 15-year history of the competition.

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Combines Investigation Act Is Scheduled For Revision

OTTAWA (CP) — The Combines Investigation Act will be revised and more investigators will be hired, Privy Council President Favreau told the Commons.

The act imposes penalties on companies or businessmen found guilty of conspiring to fix prices, unfairly undercut competitors or set up monopolies and near-monopolies.

Mr. Favreau, minister responsible for the combines branch, said amendments to the act are being prepared by his officials and he would announce details soon.

"We are studying ways to look into the matter as efficiently as possible."

He denied charges by Frank Howard (NDP - Skeena) that the combines branch is being kept from fulfilling its full obligations by the government for political reasons.

Mr. Favreau, who spoke during discussion of 1966-67 spending estimates of the Privy Council, said there had been no political interference with the work of the branch.

Among the opposition members who criticized the act earlier Friday was lawyer Jack

Bigg (PC - Athabasca), who said it was not the kind of law that should remain on the statute books.

"We should either change it or do away with pretense altogether."

WANTS NEW BUREAU
He suggested the act should be enforced by a special consumers bureau which would bring illegal trade practices to the attention of the minister. Penalties should be made much stiffer and should be directly related to the amount of harm done to Canadian consumers.

Mr. Favreau said the combines branch has a staff of 26 and more investigators would be recruited from outside the government.

Despite its limited staff, the branch was doing an enormous amount of work. Its investigations into mergers were the most extensive in history.

He said the branch currently is conducting 51 formal investigations and 14 preliminary ones. There were files on 109 cases in all.

He expressed the hope that a forthcoming report by the Economic Council on the relation between prices, costs and wages will lead to a better understanding of problems facing consumers.

Mr. Howard earlier in the debate had complained about low fines for firms found guilty of combines act violations.

Thalidomide Role Seen In Cancer Cases

OTTAWA (CP) — Thalidomide isn't the drug villain it has been pictured to be and may have some use in the future in the battle against cancer, Ralph E. Cowan (L-York-Humber) suggested here.

Mr. Cowan said the possibilities of use of thalidomide in cancer seem to be tremendous because of the drug's effectiveness in controlling cell growth.

He inquired at the Commons health and welfare committee whether thalidomide is being used in cancer research since its general use on prescription has been banned.

The ban was imposed after the births of a number of malformed children to women who took thalidomide during pregnancy.

Dr. Ross Chapman, head of the federal food and drug directorate, said some research with thalidomide is being done with animals in Canada but he does not know the details.

The drug could be imported for such research and there were no limitations on its use in research animals.

PM Considers Broadcasting Suggestion

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Pearson said he will consider a suggestion by Conservative Leader Diefenbaker to have a Commons committee study the question of broadcasting portions of House debates.

Mr. Diefenbaker raised the matter in the Commons by asking Mr. Pearson whether he would consider allowing an existing committee or a specially-established committee to examine the matter.

The opposition leader suggested a daily broadcast, over television and radio be taken. Mr. Diefenbaker said he is "strongly in favor of it."

He added that the study committee could seek the views of representative Canadians as well as those of the publicly-owned CBC and private outlets.

Mr. Pearson said he would consider the question, discuss it with his colleagues and make a report to the Commons. After that it could be decided what further steps should be taken.

Mr. Diefenbaker has advocated Commons broadcasts in public speeches. He has said that in earlier times he was opposed to the move but had changed his mind.

Britain's House of Lords voted Wednesday to approve broadcasts of proceedings.

LAKE IS LARGE
Largest lake in Alberta is Lake Athabasca, 893 square miles.

Egypt Will Pay Shell Company

CAIRO (Reuters) — The Shell Oil Co. taken over by the Egyptian government two years ago, will get about \$28,000,000 in compensation, the authoritative Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram reports.

It says President Gamal Abdel-Nasser has signed a draft law under which compensation would be paid in instalments over eight years. The draft will go before the National Assembly for approval.

Compensation negotiations have dragged on for two years between United Arab Republic, Egyptian and World Bank officials. Shell was seized here under a decree on March 23, 1964.

BIG WEDDING CALLED OFF

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Miami's wedding of the year blew up Saturday in a cloud like the one the bride was supposed to walk through.

The blonde bride-to-be was all set, her father said, but the bridegroom slipped out of town on a plane.

The nuptials between Ronald Richard Rothstein, 23-year-old university law student, and Susan Greenwald, daughter of a drugstore chain owner, had been set for the grand ballroom of the Fontaine-bleau Hotel Saturday night.

As a special feature, Susan was to have descended a pink staircase to the altar through a white cloud produced by a smoke machine, so she would "look like she's coming from heaven," her mother said.

Almost 300 guests were to have eaten a full course champagne dinner after cocktails. The bride's father planned to send the couple around the world, on an 83-day honeymoon.

But Susan's father announced: "The kid got cold feet and got on a plane. The wedding is off. It isn't postponed. It's cancelled."

CHASE MOOSE IN CITY

QUEBEC (CP) — Ten policemen from Charlebourg, Vanier and Dubergé, suburbs of Quebec City, captured a moose Saturday in Dubergé after a one-hour chase. The 1,000-pound animal, believed to have come from Laurentides provincial park, north of Quebec City, was finally caught in a private yard and taken by truck to Orsainville provincial zoo.



BITES INTO THE PROFITS

Nancy Chadsey, 22, bites into a luscious strawberry at

a farm near the Fraser Valley community of Chilliwack, B.C. Picking started this

week and farmers anticipate an excellent crop this year. (CP Wirephoto)

Claims Many Poison Deaths Not Reported In Canada

OTTAWA (CP) — Three-quarters of the deaths by poison in Canada may never be reported to poison control centres across the country, Dr. Ross Chapman, head of the federal Food and Drug Directorate, estimated here.

He told the Commons health and welfare committee that in 1963, the latest year for which figures are available, 20,010 cases of poisoning were reported from the centres.

There were 54 deaths reported, including eight among children under the age of five. Paediatricians were responsible for 4,328 poison reports in children under four and 145 between the ages of five and nine.

Dr. Lewis Brand (PC - Saskatoon) said the poison control centres are doing excellent work but there seemed to be a big gap in determining the components of substances that cause poisonings.

It was often embarrassing to have to call manufacturers in the early hours of the morning

to find out the composition of substances involved in suspected poisonings.

WANT BETTER LABELS
He urged that toxic substances be more effectively labelled.

Dr. Chapman said this had been studied by the department's drug advisory committee. The former food and drug chief, Dr. C. A. Morrell, was working on a study of United States legislation and its effect on the incidence of poisoning.

Dr. Brand said present labelling is quite inadequate and the known substances labelled as potentially dangerous when, in fact, they were lethal.

Dr. Chapman said labelling of some substances comes under pest control legislation. It might be desirable to have over-all legislation dealing with hazards in all package products.

Dr. Brand said the "old skull and crossbones" method of warning seems to have disappeared.

COMEDIAN

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ina bubbling, slightly, slightly insane funny man.

By 1913, Wynn had reached the peak of achievement in vaudeville, the Palace in New York. Florenz Ziegfeld caught Wynn's act and signed him for the Ziegfeld Follies of 1914. Wynn continued on Broadway with such shows as Doing Our Bit, Ed Wynn Carnival, Over the Top, The Deacon and the Lady, The Perfect Fool (which became his billing thereafter), Laugh Parade and Houray for What.

In 1926 he starred in the silent movie, Rubber Heels, and he also appeared in a few early talkies. But his biggest impact on the general public came in 1932 when he appeared on radio as a fire chief. His wild, high-pitched comedy captured North America.

During the Second World War, Wynn devoted much of his energies to entertaining troops and helping to raise funds for Red Cross, war bonds and other drives. In 1946 he returned briefly to radio as The Fire Chief.

He entered television during his early days and his comedy show was the first to be sent from Hollywood to the East.

Among his films were The Shaggy Dog, Dear Brigitte, Mary Poppins, Those Crazy Callaways and The Greatest Story Ever Told. His greatest triumph as an actor came with his nomination for an Academy Award for his performance as the dentist in The Diary of Anne Frank.

HAD UNHAPPY LIFE
Wynn's outward gaiety was in contrast to his personal life. He experienced two intensely unhappy marriages. He never wrote his memoirs because of this.

"My whole private life was sad," Wynn once said. "That's why I don't want to write it. I don't want to go over it again."

In 1914 Wynn married Hilda Keenan, daughter of actor Frank Keenan. They had one son, Keenan. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1937.

In the same year Wynn married Frieda Mierse. That marriage also ended in divorce in 1939. In 1946 he wed Dorothy Elizabeth Nesbitt.

Again divorce followed, in 1955. Wynn died at his home. Survivors, besides Keenan, are Keenan's five children, Hilda, Edwina, Emily, Tracy and Ned.



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