



COURSE OPENS

The third annual Charlottetown Recreation Department playground and leadership training course got underway at the YMCA yesterday. The purpose of the course is to select a summer staff for the

five city-operated playgrounds. Out of the 110 who applied for positions about 10 or 12 will be chosen. Chatting about the course late yesterday afternoon were (LEFT TO RIGHT) Gordon Bennett,

chairman of the recreation council; Jim Fox, city recreation director; Margo Gillis, Sue Ross, and Mayor Walter Cox, who officially opened the course. Miss Gillis and Miss Ross are applicants.

Diefenbaker mishandled the Munsinger case when he received an RCMP report about it.

Mr. Diefenbaker said the government set up the Munsinger inquiry for political vengeance — "to punish me or anyone associated with me for daring to take a stand against the government on the Spencer case."

He had no apologies for pressing the government to set up an inquiry into the George Victor Spencer security case. Spencer, found dead in his Vancouver home Saturday night, had been fired by the post office without a hearing or trial where he could confront his accusers.

Mr. Diefenbaker said the government is trying to get even with opposition MPs who forced Prime Minister Pearson to reverse himself and appoint the Spencer inquiry.

"When I was in office, I refused at any time to look at the records of the previous (Liberal) government because the British tradition is that no government looks back on the records of another."

There have been reports Mr. Diefenbaker and his former

Italian Liner's Storm Toll Boosted To Three Persons

NEW YORK (AP) — With three persons dead from injuries suffered when a huge wave struck the ship Tuesday, the Italian luxury liner Michelangelo steamed on behind schedule for New York Wednesday in improved weather.

She is expected to arrive Saturday with 775 passengers. She was due Thursday.

The Italian Line headquarters at Genoa said the dead were passengers John Steinbach, 58, Chicago insurance executive, and Werner Berndt, businessman from Hamburg, West Germany, and an Italian crew member, Desiderio Ferrari. Eleven others were injured.

Reported in critical condition with a suspected skull fracture was Fritz Glarner of Huntington, N.Y., another American, Joseph Badger, 67, of Camden, Me., suffered fractured ribs.

Slightly injured were Mrs. Werner Berndt, 60, Berndt's wife, and Mrs. Silvia Borini of Naples. The other seven injured, all Italian crew members, suffered fractures, skull concussions, cuts and bruises.

ABOUT TO LEAVE Umberto Lorio, director of the Italian Line, said at Genoa the wave hit the 44,000-ton liner Tuesday as it was about to leave a fierce storm zone.

It twisted metal inside and outside the ship and smashed windows and furnishings in cabins.

Nordio said reports from the ship said the wave was no less

than 33 feet high and perhaps four times higher than that. He said the ship's captain, Giuseppe Soletti, radioed an estimate Wednesday morning of 132 feet, which would be a record since the highest previously-recorded wave was 112 feet registered by a U.S. Navy ship in the Pacific in 1933.

A technician for the lines left for New York by air to supervise repair when the ship docks. The company said it did not know how long the Michelangelo would be delayed before making the return trip to Italy.

The sleek, 900-foot-long vessel, pride of the Italian Lines, left Genoa, April 6 for New York. It ran into the storm two days from its destination and,

said Nordio, was "about to enter calmer seas when the wave hit."

SOLETTI ON BRIDGE

Soletti said he was on the bridge when the wave hit. Steinbach and Berndt, he said, were in their first-class cabins. Both men died of head injuries, the company reported.

Guard renewed a search for the five seamen washed overboard from the British freighter Chuscal 600 miles off Newfoundland. A coast guard spokesman said about 15 ships in the area also were asked to be on the watch.

The Chuscal is en route from Kingston, Jamaica, to Avonmouth, England.

Pan AM Orders Jet Airliners

NEW YORK (AP) — Pan American World Airways Wednesday ordered 25 new 480-passenger jet airliners at a cost of \$25,000,000 from the Boeing Co.

The new-type plane will be known as the Boeing 747. Its seating capacity will be 2½ times that of existing aircraft.

A Pan Am spokesman said that use of the huge planes is expected to cut air fares drastically.

The order includes 23 passenger planes and two all-cargo craft.

Manitoba Vote Seen In June

WINNIPEG (CP) — The improved Red River flood outlook brought predictions today of a Manitoba election in early June.

The flood situation was one of the factors delaying an election decision by Premier Duff Roblin. Political sources said a conservative government would have held off the election until autumn.

The Conservatives came to power in Manitoba in 1958 and the last provincial election was Dec. 14, 1962.

Capacity Crowd Attends Play

SOURIS — "Aunt Abby Answers An Ad" returned here Tuesday night to play its third performance of the year. There was a capacity crowd on hand at the St. Mary's Parish Hall to see the Souris Knights of Columbus Players in action.

The Souris players will be giving their final performance Thursday April 21 at St. Georges. The players would like to travel to other centers, but work and other activities will make this impossible.

Members of the cast include: Mrs. Kit MacIntyre, Herbert Cheverie, Charles A. MacPhee, Mrs. Ralph Sexton, Mariene Cheverie, Chris Cheverie, Adeline Gallant, George MacDonald, Butch Cheverie, Margaret MacDonald.

The director of the play is Ivan Cheverie. Make-up artists for this play were Dorothy Young, Walter Solomon.

GREETES CYPRUS UNIT

OTTAWA (CP) — Member of the 983-man homecoming Canadian contingent from Cyprus peacekeeping duties were specially welcomed at Uplands port here Wednesday by Chief Marshall Frank Mitchell of defence staff, Mayor Don Reid of Ottawa.



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Dief Launches Strong Attack On Gerda Munsinger Inquiry

OTTAWA (CP) — Opposition Leader Diefenbaker charged Wednesday night the Gerda Munsinger inquiry is reminiscent of the Star Chamber abolished in Britain in 1641.

In his strongest attack on the inquiry, he accused the Pearson government of opening the way for witch hunts and political vengeance.

Speaking on The Nation's Business, a CBC free-time political program, Diefenbaker said Mr. Justice Wishart Spence of the Supreme Court of Canada will begin closed hearings Monday.

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