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## Million Puzzles Union

By NANCY WHITE

Union officials of the two locals of the Union of Public Employees of the Charlottetown and P.E.I. hospitals have expressed puzzlement as to how they are investigating the cost of raising their wage increase demands arrived at the "close to \$1,000,000" quoted by Welfare and Labor Minister Henry Weir yesterday morning.

"In our opinion," P.E.I. Hospital union president Edward McInnis said last night, "one million dollars is a very untrue figure. The unions have estimated the amount of increase to each hospital to be \$16,000. If there were twenty hospitals on the island each receiving this increase, the figure at \$111 would come close to a million," he added.

Mr. McInnis said that the unions felt that "those figures were presented to the government by the Hospital Services Commission as to make it impossible for the government to make the funds available."

"We feel this is very unfair," he commented.

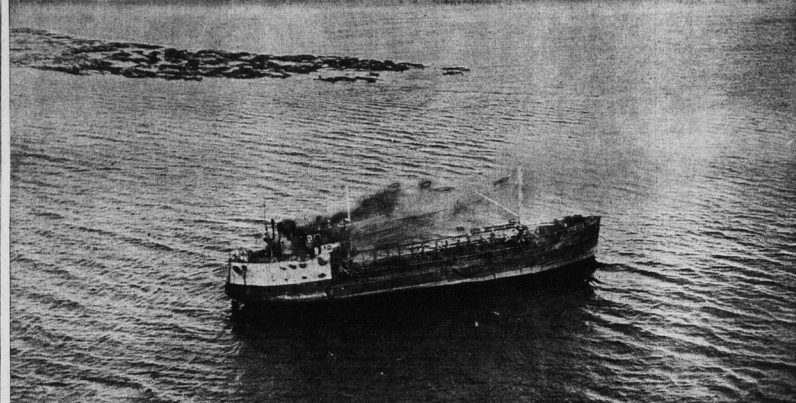
He went on to say that the government was paying no attention to the recommendation brought in by a three-man conciliation board set up by the government itself to deal with the wage-increase matter.

He said that the unions felt that the only possible way the commission could arrive at the million dollar figure was by including the cost of raising the salaries of professional workers such as office staff, administrative staff, nursing staff and department heads, none of whom belong to the union.

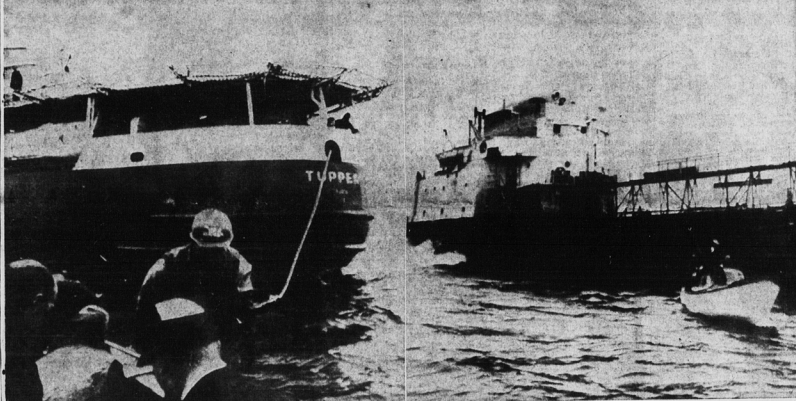
124 MEMBERS

The two unions together contain 159 members. Mr. McInnis made it clear that there are perhaps 20-25 other members of the "barcaining unit," that is, the group of non-professional

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BURNING SEKONK GROUNDS OFF GOVERNOR'S ISLAND



TUPPER

A LINE IS TAKEN FROM THE TUPPER

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## Suspect Held In Stranglings

NEW YORK (AP)—Boston's chief homicide investigator has labeled Charles Terry—held in a woman's slaying here—as a "suspect" in a series of strangulations of women in Boston.

Terry, a 33-year-old former convict, was charged here Thursday with homicide in the strangling of a 62-year-old di-

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## Labor Seeks House Debate On Profumo

LONDON (Reuters)—The opposition Labor party has demanded that the House of Commons debate the Profumo scandal.

The opposition demand will be made when the recessed Parliament resumes sitting June 17. Macmillan's Conservative government is almost certain to agree to Labor's move to force a debate on the case—the most heated British political scandal in years.

## Japanese Group To Visit Here

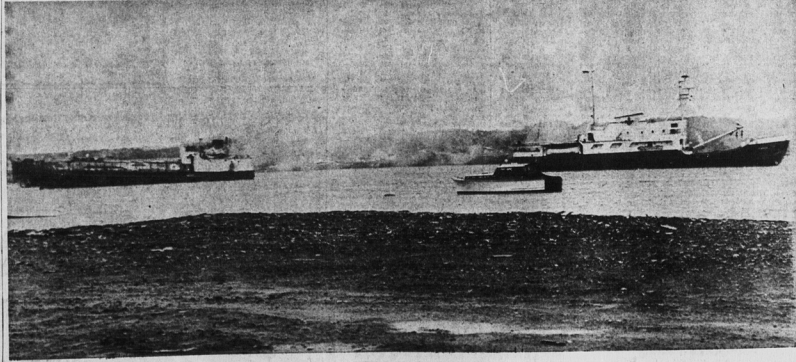
ST. JOHN'S, N.F.L.D. (CP)—A three Japanese trade experts are scheduled to arrive here on Toronto Sunday for trade talks and a business luncheon.

Shunichi Azuma of Toronto, executive director of the Japan trade centre in Canada, heads the delegation which will also visit Moncton and Charlottetown.

## Veteran Actress Zasu Pitts Dies

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Zasu Pitts, the vaudevillian comedienne whose career spanned from silent movies to television, died Friday at 63. She was a victim of cancer.

"She was admitted to hospital Thursday night (June 6), Miss Pitts, famed for her fish-belly hands and plaints of 'Oh, dear me,'" last worked in the television series Oh Suzanna.



CGGS TUPPER begins tow of blazing tanker Seekonk from the burning tanker in the western tip of Governor's Island. The 1,200-ton Seekonk caused three hours of tense drama in Charlottetown yesterday as it lay burning with the danger of exploding, only a few hundred feet from the Texaco oil tanks near the marine wharf.

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Yacht Club Southport is in the background. When this picture was taken the tanker was burning considerably more fiercely than it appears. The wind was carrying smoke away from the camera.

## Historic And Treaty Rights Safe In New Fishing Zone

OTTAWA (CP)—Historic and treaty fishing rights in Canadian waters will be protected when Canada's 12-mile fishing zone goes into effect next May, the Commons was informed Friday.

The statement was made by Fisheries Minister Robichaud and repeated by Prime Minister Pearson in reply to a flurry of questions about the start of the new fishing zone.

In earlier references to historic and treaty rights, Mr. Pearson had said Canada would "take full account" of such rights. The words, employed Friday were "will be respected" and there was no immediate indication whether this indicated a new attitude.

Later, outside the Commons, Mr. Robichaud said the message of the two phrases was intended to be the same.

Mr. Robichaud also reiterated statements he made in Washington Thursday that "Japan's attitude was a major concern of the Canada's," also was stiff in the interest of protecting the fisheries on the Pacific coast.

Opposition Leader Diefenbaker started questioning by asking Mr. Robichaud whether Japan has demanded scrapping of the North Pacific treaty among Canada, the U.S. and Japan.

Mr. Robichaud replied firmly that Japan is just as anxious as Canada to retain the treaty. He expected to make a full statement on the question Monday.

Lloyd Cross (PC—Quebec) pressed for details of the nations which will be affected by the new zone.

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## Three Hours Of Drama Grips City Waterfront

By GEORGE CONDON

The Irving oil tanker Seekonk was reported to be blazing away last night on the flats of the western tip of Governor's Island in Hillsboro Bay where it was towed by the CGCS Tupper so it would do as little damage as possible should it blow up.

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Within minutes all construction work stopped on the waterfront and office workers were left open as people poured from harbor-side buildings. A short while later a view of the area showed nothing but empty streets, abandoned cars, and a solitary police officer.

A mass evacuation was made from Notre Dame Academy when word was received of explosion danger. Several hundred girls and Nuns from the school were moved away from the area and taken to safety further back from the docks.

Police officials expressed that the evacuation was orderly and there was no panic. The biggest problem was from curious sight-seekers who kept moving nearer the wharf. However, the exodus was managed in a very close order. Tools were left lying on the job, and several machines were left with motors running.

AMBULANCES USED

To assist the elderly people to evacuate the Lennox Apartments on Water Street, local ambulances were called to the scene, and the tenants were removed to the YMCA where temporary quarters were set up.

On the other side of the harbor, Southport residents were also asked to evacuate as a danger in that area was nearly as great.

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## Investigation Planned Into Cause Of Outbreak

An investigation into the cause of the fire aboard the Imperial Oil Tanker Seekonk yesterday will begin this morning, Charlottetown Fire Inspector Louis Ranaiah said yesterday.

Mr. Ranaiah expects to confer today with E. J. Pryse, captain of the ill-fated vessel that caught fire yesterday morning while moored at the Railway Wharf and finally, after three tension-filled hours, when an explosion was feared, was towed by the CGCS Tupper out of Charlottetown Harbor.

"The fire inspector is very possible precaution was taken in case a serious explosion resulted from the fire. Civil defense was alerted, ambulances were ready, hospitals were prepared to receive casualties and the Charlottetown Concussion Centre was set up as a receiving center for families who had been evacuated from the waterfront area."

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## Breathed Sigh Of Relief, Police Chief Webster Says

"We breathed our big sigh of relief when that tanker was towed beyond the harbor mouth," Police Chief Stern Webster said.

Every man on the force was out during the several hours of the crisis, warning people on Water Street to evacuate their homes and controlling traffic in the waterfront area.

"Home owners gave us excellent co-operation," Chief Webster said, "and our biggest headache was caused by the curious Mercuro murderers, who were on the wharves for a look at the burning ship."

Ranaiah were up on all streets leading to the waterfront, above Water Street. Several times police had moved spectators back behind the barricades.

Three tense hours ended for the police department when the CGCS Tupper set a line on the burning tanker and towed it away into Hillsboro Bay.

## B. Man Sentenced To Hang

NEWCASTLE, N.B. (CP)—Joseph Mercur, 63-year-old Craigville, N.B., man tried twice for capital murder, was sentenced Friday to hang after a jury found him guilty. An earlier trial ended with the jury unable to agree on a verdict.

The second jury deliberated one hour 23 minutes before returning the guilty verdict and a recommendation for execution.

Mr. Justice W. Arthur Anglin sentenced Mercur to hang Sept. 19 for the death last Sept. 23 of 30-year-old Patrick Martin of nearby Douglasfield.

There was no immediate word of the intent of the government to assert that certain bodies of water, such as the St. Lawrence, the Bay of Fundy, Strait of Belle Isle, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, Hackett Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound are national waters and will be reserved for the exclusive use of Canadian fishermen.

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## MacLean Tangles With Pearson

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