

Dorion Says Will Decide On Probe Of Bogus Letter

QUEBEC (CP)—Chief Justice Frederic Dorion of Quebec Superior Court, said here he will decide whether to investigate a letter forged with the signature of premier W. A. C. Bennett of British Columbia if it is submitted to him.

Mr. Bennett has demanded a complete investigation of the letter before the commission headed by Chief Justice Dorion.

The commission is investigating allegations of attempted bribery and coercion by federal ministerial aides in extradition proceedings involving Lucien Rivard, wanted in the United States on conspiracy charges in connection with narcotics-smuggling.

The letter was sent to a member of Prime Minister Pearson's staff British Columbia Attorney General Bonner has said it apparently dealt with the case of Harry Stonehill, a U.S. millionaire whose application to become a landed immigrant in Canada was denied recently.

One of Mr. Pearson's aides said Thursday night it was up

to Chief Justice Dorion to ask for the letter if he wished to have it brought before the inquiry.

"I'll decide on it if I receive the letter," the inquiry head said in a Friday interview. The inquiry resumes Tuesday in Ottawa.

The chief justice said all he knows about the letter at present is what he had read in newspapers.

JOE LaFLAMME DIES

MONTREAL (CP)—Joe LaFlamme, a onetime bushman whose feats with wild animals won him renown two decades ago, died Friday at the age of 75. Born in St. Telesphore, Que., Mr. LaFlamme spent many years at Gogama, Ont., a village about 100 miles north of Sudbury, but wandered into civilization often enough to gain a reputation throughout North America sportsmen's shows for his shows with trained animals.



DR. S.F. MONESTIME is a Haitian-born negro who is serving his second term as mayor of Mattawa, Ont. He is married to Zina Petschersky, a native of Poland and a direct descendant of Czarist Russians. They met when he was a resident doctor at the Ottawa General Hospital. With them are their four children: back row, Vala, 11 (left) and Fedia, 10; front row Sasha, 2, on his mother's lap, and Yura, 4. (CP Photo)

Former Native Of Haiti Named Mattawa's Mayor For 2nd Term

By JEAN GUY BIGRAS
Of the North Bay Nugget
MATTAWA, Ont. (CP)—When Dr. S. F. Monestime, a Haitian-born Negro, took the oath of allegiance as a Canadian citizen in 1958, he said:

"I am ready to give my life for this country if I have to. I also expect to enjoy all rights of this country and I do not want to be considered as a second-class citizen."

His expectation appears to have been fulfilled in this town 35 miles east of North Bay. A first-class citizen, he now is serving his second term as mayor.

A general practitioner and surgeon Dr. Monestime came to Canada from his native Haiti in 1941 and began practicing medicine here 10 years later.

He became interested in municipal politics, was elected town councillor in 1963 and mayor in 1964. He was re-elected by an overwhelming majority for this year.

An ardent Progressive Conservative, the 55-year-old doctor hopes to enter federal politics in the near future.

"If I were called to the position, I would be proud to become prime minister of Canada," he says. "This is the country I love. I want to serve it well."

BLAMES AMERICANS

He finds racial discrimination virtually unknown in Northern Ontario but feels it would develop if more colored people moved into the area. On the other hand, discrimination is

common among Ontario tourist operators, he says.

"This is caused by the American influence. Hotel and resort owners are afraid to lose American business if they allow Negroes in their establishments. They hang the 'no vacancy' sign as soon as colored people try to get accommodation."

A chance meeting led Dr. Monestime to set up practice in this community of 3,500. With Dr. Gaston Lamontagne, he was heading for Timmins, Ont., where both doctors were to open an office. They stopped en route at a Mattawa restaurant. Fred Tremblay, owner of the business, recognized Dr. Monestime as the man who had performed surgery on him in Ottawa a few years earlier.

Mr. Tremblay convinced Dr. Monestime of the need for a second medical practitioner in Mattawa. Dr. Lamontagne continued to Timmins alone.

"Mattawa has been good to me and I intend to work for the interests of the community," says Dr. Monestime.

As mayor, he already has taken steps to improve rundown housing conditions. He plans further improvements this year.

BURIED VICTIMS

In 1953 he married Zina Petschersky, a native of Poland and a direct descendant of Czarist Russians. Dr. Monestime met his wife when he was a resident doctor at the Ottawa General Hospital. They now have four children: Vala, an 11-year-old girl, and three boys, Fedia, 10, Yura, 4, and Sasha, 2.

After completing his studies at Port-au-Prince in 1936, Dr. Monestime was named medical officer on the international route between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. He was on duty during the massacre of 50,000 Haitians, ordered by Dominican President Dr. Raul Prud'homme in 1937 and 1938.

"I saw all kinds of broken bodies. I helped bury the dead and saw dogs pull bodies from the graves."

After the truce, in 1938, Dr. Monestime received the Haitian Legion of Merit and Honor from President Elie Lescot. He was given a state medical position in Port-au-Prince.

Later he began public criticism of what he termed deplorable conditions in his homeland, including influential families in his attacks. Eventually he resigned as state medical officer.

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Split Is Blown Wide Open In Maritime Union Trustees

OTTAWA (CP)—The split within the federal maritime union trustees has blown open in a letter by Judge Rene Lippe to the Canadian Labor Congress assailing views expressed by Charles Millard.

Judge Lippe and Mr. Millard are the two remaining members of the original trusteeship set up by parliament in October 1963. Mr. Justice Victor Dryer, the chairman, resigned Dec. 15.

Recently Mr. Millard made public a letter to the CLC in which he called for a labor-sponsored trusteeship to replace the government-imposed arrangement.

He also voiced some criticism of the way the federal trusteeship is being run.

Judge Lippe's letter, made available to The Canadian Press Friday by a labor department source, replies to Mr.

Millard's criticisms, calling them "factual errors." It was written in Montreal Tuesday.

It denies flatly Mr. Millard's assertion the trusteeship staff has tripled in size since the dismissal of Hal Banks as president of the Seafarers' International Union of Canada (Ind.) last spring.

"At that time the trusteeship had 20 employees. At the present time the trustees have 27 employees," the letter states.

Judge Lippe also opposes Mr. Millard's claim the trusteeship, established to run 39 months, is moving towards permanency.

"Its temporary nature has been acknowledged from the moment of its inception," he said.

The Montreal judge, a widely-known labor mediator, also denied Mr. Millard's statements the trusteeship is seeking powers to force constitutional changes on the unions it controls, that it has set a new policy on SIU hiring halls or it plans to assume control over the International Longshoremen's Union (ILU).

Speaking at Auckland airport on his return from London where he attended Sir Winston Churchill's funeral, Holyoake said the troops were being made available because of Indonesia's determination to crush Malaysia.

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