# Cabinet Ministers' Duties Said Now Hard To Fathom

OTTAWA (CP)—Even with a program it's going to be difficult to determine what cabinet ministers are supposed to be doing what.

Prime Minister Pearson juggled departmental responsibilities in late December. The transfers of responsibilities are being made, but new names for the portfolios must await parliamentary action on a government organization bill.

Don't be surprised, then, when Immigration Minister Jean Marchand talks about labor problems. Or Mines Minister Jean - Luc Pepin about atomic energy. Or Resources Minister Arthur Laing about Indians.

The prime minister's juggling was described as the largest reorganization of departmental responsibilities in peacetime.

A new manpower department is taking over the sections of the labor department dealing with manpower placement, employment services and technical and vocational training, as well as the immigration branch of the citizenship and immigration department. Until it is created it will be called the citizenship and immigration department.

Labor Minister John R Nicholson will retain responsibility for industrial relations and standards and work on the international labor organization. The citizenship parts will be dispersed to other departments.

Indian affairs is being taken from immigration and placed in a new department of Indian affairs and northern affairs under Mr. Laing.

He loses responsibility for resources. It goes to the mines and technical surveys department until parliament sets up a new department of resources and energy.

Mr. Pepin, called mines minister in the interim, heads this department which is to report on water resources, the national energy board, the Northern Ontario Pipeline Corp., Eldorado Mining and Refining, Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., Atomic Energy Control Board and the Dominion Coal Board.

John Turner, from Montreal St. Lawrence - St. George, is minister without portfolio, but he will act as an associate or assistant to Transport Minister Pickersgill.

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The solicitor-general's portfolio, until recently a part of the justice department, is to be a full department headed by Larry Pennell. He has responsibility for the RCMP, the pententiaries service and the National Parole Board.

Justice Minister Lucien Cardin will handle government legal services, litigation and the courts.

A new ministry is to be set up to handle The Bankruptcy Act, The Companies Act, The Combines Investigation and Research Act, patents and copyrights and trade marks. Meanwhile, some of these functions are under the wing of Privy Council President Guy Favreau.

E. J. Benson, the revenue minister, is to hold as well a new title—president of the treasury board—and to be in charge of improving administration in the civil service.

Maurice Sauve's forestry department will be renamed forestry and rural development and says Mr. Pearson, his activities expanded.

Finance Minister Mitchell Sharp will have responsibility for the Canadian wheat board, as he did when trade minister.

Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. has been under Mr. Nicholson's wing in his tenures in the last 2½ years as forestry minister, then postmaster-general, then immigration minister. It follows him to his new portfolio of labor minister.

Maurice Lamontagne, when secretary of state, was the minister who reported to the Commons on broadcasting matters. But he resigned and his successor as state secretary, Judy LaMarsh, now will field questions on broadcasting.

## ON THE AIR

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3.25 p.m.—Take 30
4.00 p.m.—Bonnie Prudden Show
4.31 p.m.—Razzle Dazzle
5.00 p.m.—Rin Tin Tin
5.30 p.m.—The Secret Squirrel
6.00 p.m.—TBA
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6.30 P.M.—Gazette
7.00 p.m.—CFCY-TV News
7.15 p.m.—People Unlimited
7.30 p.m.—Walt Disney Presents
8.30 p.m.—Bewitched
9.00 p.m.—Blue Light
9.30 p.m.—Bob Hope Theatre
10.30 p.m.—Festival
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9.57 a.m.—Station Sign On
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11.45 a.m.—Chez Helene
12.00 p.m.—Butternut Square
12.20 a.m.—Across Canada
12.50 p.m.—Wednesday Playbill Four Ways Out
2.30 p.m.—At Home With Helen Crocker
3.00 p.m.—To Tell The Truth
3.30 p.m.—Take Thirty
4.00 p.m.—Bonnie Prudden Show
4.30 p.m.—Razzle Dazzle
5.00 p.m.—Secret Squirrel
5.30 p.m.—Music Hop
6.00 p.m.—Nations Business
6.15 p.m.—TV News
6.25 p.m.—TV Weather
6.30 p.m.—TV Sports
6.35 p.m.—Supper Club
7.00 p.m.—Man From U.N.C.L.E.
8.00 p.m.—Big Valley
9.00 p.m.—Blue Light
9.30 p.m.—Bob Hope Theatre
11.00 p.m.—Festival How To Break a Quarter Horse
12.00 p.m.—CBC-TV News
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12.30 a.m.—Station Sign Off

**CBA RADIO**

**WEDNESDAY**

6.00—The Morning Show, Part 1
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8.00—CBC News and Inland Wx.
8.15—Maritime Sportscast
8.21—The Morning Show, Part 1
8.35—Max Ferguson Show
9.00—CBC News
9.10—Commentary
9.15—Assignment
9.21—A.M. Chronicle
10.45—Playroom
11.00—CBC News
11.05—Joan Marshall
11.15—For Consumers
11.20—Rural Commentator
11.30—The Archers
11.45—Music On The Heather
11.55—Assignment
12.00—Jamboree Junction
12.15—Tommy Hunter and Pals
12.30—Maritime Farm B'cast
1.00—CBC News and Weather
1.15—Gordie Tapp Show
1.45—Time Out For Melody
1.59—D.O. Time Signal
2.00—Time Out For Melody
2.15—Atlantic School Broadcast "Playtime"
2.30—Atlantic School Broadcast "Things of Nature"
3.00—CBC News
3.03—Trans-Canada Matinee
3.30—Trans-Canada Matinee
4.00—CBC News
4.03—Canadian Roundup
4.10—Music In The Air
4.30—Assignment
4.35—Music In The Air
5.00—Mar. Fish Broadcast
5.20—Tempo
5.35—Assignment
5.45—Tempo and Notebook
6.00—CBC News
6.15—On Parliament Hill
6.20—Today's Editorial
6.25—Inland Weather and Sports Scores
6.30—Business Barometer
6.35—Who Will Come With Me
6.50—Rod and Charles
7.05—Music In The Evening
8.00—Regional Features
9.00—Mid Week Theatre
10.00—CBC National News
10.15—Today's Editorial and Speaking Personally
10.30—Distinguished Artists
11.00—The Music of Handel—Allan Sangster
12.00—CBC News
12.03—Sports Scores, Inland and
12.15—Music In The Night Sangster

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**THURSDAY**

6.00—The Morning Show
7.00—The Morning Show, Part
8.15—Maritime Sportscast
8.21—The Morning Show, Part 2
8.35—Max Ferguson Show
9.00—CBC News
9.10—Commentary
9.15—Assignment
9.21—A.M. Chronicle
10.45—Playroom
11.00—CBC News
11.05—Joan Marshall
11.15—For Consumers
11.20—To Market With Music
11.30—The Archers
11.45—Music On The Heather
11.55—Assignment
12.00—Jamboree Junction
12.15—That MacKinnon Girl
12.30—Maritime Farm Broadcast
1.00—CBC News and Weather
1.15—Gordie Tapp Show
1.45—Time Out For Melody
1.59—D.O. Time Signal
2.00—Time Out For Melody
2.15—Atlantic School B'cast "Old Favorites'
2.30—Atlantic School Beast "Adventures in Song"
3.00—CBC News
3.03—Trans-Canada Matinee
3.30—Trans-Canada Matinee
4.00—CBC News
4.03—Canadian Roundup
4.10—Music In The Air
4.15—Music In The Air
4.30—Assignment
4.35—Music In The Air
5.00—Mar. Fish Broadcast
5.20—Tempo
5.35—Assignment
5.45—Tempo and Notebook
6.00—CBC News
6.15—On Parliament Hill
6.20—Today's Editorial
6.25—Inland Weather and Sports Scores
6.30—Business Barometer
6.35—Who Will Come With Me
6.50—Rod and Charles
7.05—Music In The Evening
7.30—Soundings
8.00—CBC Talent Festival
8.30—Music Diary
9.00—Symphony Hall Toronto Symphony Orch.
10.00—CBC National News
10.15—Today's Editorial and Speaking Personally
10.30—Chamber Music
11.00—Ukranian Christmas Eve Service
12.00—CBC News
12.03—Sports Scores, Inland and Marine Weather
12.15—Music In The Night

# Scientists Say Venus May Still Harbor Life

By FRANK CAREY

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of United States space scientists said there's still a chance the planet Venus may have some form of life—despite recent conclusions to the contrary—and that space ventures should be pushed to find out.

A panel marshalled by the space science board of the National Academy of Sciences said in a report there is "the possibility that Venus has been too hastily rejected as a biological objective in earlier discussions."

This was a reference to the conclusion of space agency and some other scientists—based on the fly-by of Venus by Mariner II several years ago — that Venus is too hot to be an abode of life, however primitive. Radio reports from Mariner's instruments indicated a surface temperature of 800 degrees.

The panel, outlining its ecommendations for planetary and lunar exploration for the period 1970-1985, said:

"The main objection has been to the supposedly high surface temperature, but we should note: (A) that the interpretation of the radio emission (from Mariner) is, at least, questionable. Few planetary physicists would be surprised to hear that a non-thermal (non-heat) source exists (for the data transmitted by Mariner)."

**OVERATE TEMPERATURES**

The report said, too, that far lower temperatures than those suggested by Mariner may exist at the summits of high mountain ranges possibly present on cloud-shrouded Venus.

And it added:

"Is it not conceivable that a form of life could develop in suspension in a very dense atmosphere?"

The main thrust of the report —first in a series entitled Space Research: Directions for the Future—was to recommend a priority list for space ventures to be undertaken by the U.S. following the Appollo project to land men on the moon by 1970.

The group affirmed earlier recommendations by the Spact Science Board to the National Anautics and Space Administration that unmanned exploration of Mars should have first priority after Appollo—with secondary importance assigned to more detailed investigation of the lunar surface and unmanned exploration of Venus.

The report went further, however, by adding to the priority list in this order: Other majo planets, such as Jupite and Saturn; comets and asteroids, the latter being the host of tiny planets Mercury and far-away Pluto; and finally, inter-planetary dust.

## PULLETS LAY PASTEL EGGS

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Mrs. C. R. Seay has two black pullets that lay pastel green eggs.

Not eggs with greenish yolks, which is possible if chickens eat a lot of alfalfa. Eggs with green shells. And the green goes right through the thickness of the shell.

Mrs. Seay keeps about two dozen hens because she likes to have her own fresh eggs. Most of them lay either white or brown eggs, as chickens are supposed to do.

All the chickens, Mrs. Seay said eat the same thing—cracked corn—drink the same water and have the run of the yard.

J. Victor Nuckols, supervisor of egg graders for the Virginia department of agriculture, said he's never heard of chickens laying green eggs. He said he'd do some more checking.

## RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT

## DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1. Rattle
6. Actor Rathbone
11. Cleaner
12. By oneself
13. Eager
14. Journalistic "John Hancock"
15. Member of proverbial trio
16. Sea worm
17. Assault boat
18. U.S. president
21. Shows compassion
23. Java tree
27. Put out
28. Beetle
29. Small nail
30. Walked slowly
31. Freshet
33. Janitor's need
36. Fowl
37. Newt
40. Proverbs
42. Vega, for one
43. Happen again
44. Dull in finish
45. Hoisting device
46. Belgian city

**DOWN**

1. Small quarrel
2. French author
3. Fragrant
4. Barrel
5. Stammering sound
6. Mississipp creek
7. Entire amount
8. Sod
9. Wayside hotels
10. Old English court
14. Exclamations
16. Proofreader's mark
19. Stacks of hay
20. Cuban dance
41. Cherished animal
22. Yellow bugle
24. Cabbage palm
25. Verb form
26. Unhappy
28. Prayer ending
30. God of war: Gr.
32. Soothing word, when repeated
33. Grape refuse
34. German river
35. So. Am. rodent
38. Lard, butter, etc.
39. Allowance for weight
41. Firearm
42. Chemical salt
44. Goddess of justice

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Yesterday's Answer

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## CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K9
♥ J82
♦ AKQJ
♣ AKQ4

WEST
♠ AJ1054
♥ 9
♦ 10942
♣ J105

EAST
♠ 87632
♥ 1063
♦ 85
♣ 762

SOUTH
♠ Q
♥ AKQ754
♦ 762
♣ 983

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pass | Pass | 2 ♦ | Pass |
| 3 ♥ | Pass | 4 ♥ | Pass |
| 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♥ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

Opening lead— ace of spades.

Of all the conventions ever devised in bridge, one of the most valuable is Blackwood, but—strangely enough—the one most often abused is this self-same Blackwood.

For example, take this hand played by France and Argentina in 1961. When the Argentines held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown.

Four notrump was Blackwood; five hearts showed two aces. Why South passed is hard to explain, since the knowledge that the opponents had an ace was not in itself a good reason for passing.

After all, an ace takes one trick, not two, and it was hardly conceivable that the opponents could take two tricks in the face of North's forcing two bid.

Instead of four notrump, South should have said either five hearts or six, either call being acceptable depending upon his style. Of course, North would have bid six if South had elected to invite a slam by bidding five. From North's viewpoint, twelve tricks were practically sure, since South would already have made two forward going bids.

The French North-South pair bid the hand as follows:

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♥ | Pass | 1 ♠ | Pass |
| 1 NT | Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | 4 ♣ | Pass |
| 4 ♥ | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| 5 ♦ | Pass | 6 NT | |

Some of these bids are difficult to understand, because the French pair were playing relay bids designed to elicit certain special information from partner. Thus, the one spade response was a relay bid.

The complicated sequence did not prevent the French pair from reaching the exceptionally sound contract of six notrump. North added an amusing note to the proceedings by jumping to six notrump, instead of six hearts, on the basis that he could protect his king of spades better by being declarer. He did not realize that his partner would be the declarer in either case.

**SOCIETY FOUNDER DIES**

TORONTO (CP)—J. G. Stephenson, 85, founder of the Canadian Cancer Society, died Monday at the Western Hospital here. Mr. Stephenson retired in 1945 as assistant general manager of the London Life Insurance Co. to become first president of the cancer society which he headed until 1956.

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:**

A X Y D L B A A X E
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

R HGGZ RK HGFKE VI R HGGZ PYUUY.—EGCPN

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MEN FIND IT MORE EASY TO FLATTER THAN TO PRAISE.—RICHTER

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HENRY

THE LONE RANGER

NUBBIN

JOE PALOOKA

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L'IL ABNER