



HOT DOMINION DAY IN THE CAPITAL
 Postmaster-General Jack Nicholson uses a program for shade during folk dancing exhibition on Parliament Hill. Dominion Day. The temperature soared to 83 degrees as the Capital celebrated since July 1, with entertainment on the laws of parliament. Health Minister Laframboise is in the centre and at right is Yvon Dupuis, Minister without portfolio. (CP Wirephoto).

Wall of Sicily's Mafia Society Said Showing Signs of Cracking

By JAMES M. LONG

PALERMO, Sicily (AP)—The "birds" are singing in Sicily. Police say the informers are finally talking, at last cracking the wall of silence that has stood for centuries between the law and the lawless on this island stronghold of the dreaded Mafia.

If the wall can be broken down, it may mean the end of the Mafia. Sicily's so-called "honored society" after seven centuries sopped with the blood of uncounted thousands slain for power, profit or vengeance.

A year ago, before a massive police crackdown began, it was easy to hear fascinating stories about the Mafia. In any village you could find someone willing to talk—namely no names. He would pull open his jacket to show the short gun stuffed in his pants waistband, give you a cold-eyed stare, and start off: "Well, I don't speak for myself, of course. But I have a cousin who..."

Today the waistband pistol is hidden. And it is hard to find a Sicilian who has a cousin.

The "honored society" thrived through the medieval days of foreign conquerors. It survived everything that Mussolini's fascism could do to wipe out. It endured the violent opposition of post-war communism, and held its own against the assault of modern trade unions.

GONE UNDERGROUND

Sicilians think the loose-knit alliance of "families" of the lawless learned has merely gone underground, ready to rise against as strong as ever. It has always done so in the past.

The Mafia, elder brother of the old American "Black Hand" and father of the new American "Cosa Nostra" crime syndicate, started probably in the 13th century as a secret society to defend the oppressed Sicilians against foreign overlords.

Time and the taste of blood and power brought a cruel metamorphosis.

It imposed the rule of omertà—that no one carry tales to the police on pain of death. It was its own court and executioner under the ancient law of vendetta—blood vengeance.

The terror became rooted so deeply, and the penalties so sure, that witnesses in a thousand court cases sat mute.

The mafia controlled lands, transport, markets, prices, conging, traffic in narcotics. Its men in politics governed cities and provinces and controlled majorities in the regional legislature.

It kidnapped, ran protection rackets, practised high-handed extortion, gave or withheld its permission on emigration, and sent its death warrants to the United States or to Australia where the long arm of the law less could strike as deadly as here at home.

PART OF SICILY

It became a part of Sicily—like the eternal heat, the blighting poverty. There was only one hope in the past, and many today still cling to it: To leave, to get away, to try anew some where else.

That sent Sicilians streaming to the United States by hundreds of thousands at the turn of the century when the U.S. needed labor.

In the last five years, 300,000 Sicilians have packed their scant rags in pasteboard suitcases and taken that long train ride to northern Italy for factory jobs in booming Milan, Turin and Genoa. Another 100,000 have emigrated to South America, Australia, Switzerland, Germany and Belgium.

The last decade has cost Sicily more than 10 per cent of her population.

Storm clouds had been gathering over the Mafia since the end of the war. Mild-mannered

Police had hunted Liggio for 16 years. He was reported to have had his features altered by a plastic operation.

Police described Liggio as one of the iron-hard, ruthless new school of Mafia killers, trained in his early days in the U.S. Since he returned to Sicily, there have been nearly 100 charges of murder, suspected murder, extortion and crimes of violence laid against him.

It was the tip that Liggio was crippled and had just been released from a clinic that led to his arrest and prompted police commissioner Angelo Mangano to say:

"The birds have started singing in Sicily."

MISS DEADLINE

BRUSSELS (AP)—Ministers of the six European Common Market countries failed to meet Wednesday's deadline for agreeing on unified trade policies for beef, rice and dairy products. The six nations postpone their deadline until July 31 and agreed to report July 14.

QUAKE JOLTS JAPAN

TOKYO (AP)—A minor quake jolted the Pacific coast region of northern Japan today and central meteorological agency reported. There were no reports of casualties.

LANDIED BIG FISH

Police claimed to have landed some big fish.

One such was Luciano Liggio, "the man without a face."

WILD GANG BATTLES

Gang battled gang in bloody ambushes on the mountain roads and in pitched gunfights in broad daylight in the city street.

Palermo alone has counted 560 victims since 1950, most of them attributed to the Mafia.

Last July the tempest broke. Seven policemen and two garage workers died in a dynamite explosion in distant Rome. Parliament acted. Carabinieri, Italy's national police, went on a war footing against the "honored society."

New laws cut down the protection that even once had always given.

In one dramatic opening move, almost 10,000 local police were transferred overnight from the western Sicilian Mafia country to assignments in continental Italy.

It had been feared that they were handicapped through danger of vendetta against their families.

They were replaced with police drawn from central and northern Italy, themselves mostly neo-fascist Sicilians, as this island

Zorin Hits At Both West And Red China

MOSCOW (Reuters)—Valerian Zorin, Soviet deputy foreign minister, who heads the Soviet delegation at the Geneva disarmament conference, has attacked the West and the Communist China together, their opposition to Soviet disarmament moves.

Zorin said in an article in the government newspaper *Izvestia* Monday the Chinese leaders had raised themselves in company with the most aggressive imperialist circles, hindering every move of easing international tension.

But Zorin's criticism of the West was harsher.

The Soviet Union had great difficulty in bringing about its disarmament program, showed all the powers of unwillingness of the West because to take any realistic steps toward the execution of this program," he wrote.

He said the Chinese alleged the Soviet Union had "begged" the West for peace, but said there was no need to discuss these "absurd assertions which contradict reality."

"The Chinese leaders use them as a smoke screen to cover their departure from the agreed policy in the struggle to prevent world war," Zorin wrote.

Zorin said that in spite of Peking's attitude, the Chinese Premier Chou En-lai had signed a series of joint communique during his visit to Africa last spring calling for disarmament and peaceful coexistence.

Business Briefs

OTTAWA (CP)—Production of steel ingots in Canada in the week ended June 27 decreased 2.4 per cent to 170,729 tons from 174,921 in the preceding week, the bureau of statistics said today. Output in the corresponding period last year was 151,662 tons.

Value of producers' shipments of products made from Canadian clay decreased 21.3 per cent in April to \$2,262,500 from \$2,874,600 in the same month last year. In the January-April period value increased 37.7 per cent to \$10,424,000 from \$8,165,300 a year earlier.

Leather footwear production rose 4.4 per cent in April to 4,218,613 pairs from 4,042,472 in April of last year. This brought output in the January-April period to 16,867,372 pairs, up slightly from 16,461,236 a year earlier.

Fattening Of Beef Cattle Is Multi-Million Industry

LETHBRIDGE (CP)—To Dick Gray and Harold Annett of Lethbridge, knowing how to fatten beef cattle is a multi-million-dollar business.

They operate Valley Feeders Limited, a custom feedlot operation almost unique to southern Alberta's long-established beef cattle industry.

The ranchers and farmers bring their livestock to the men to have them fattened prior to marketing. The levy is cost of the feed plus yard space rental.

The lot, launched 16 months ago, now grosses more than \$200,000 a month. About 800 head are processed each month and the feedlot handles between 2,400 and 3,200 head on a continuous basis.

"A year ago I wouldn't have believed it if you told me we'd have this size operation," said Mr. Gray. "It's grown so fast I've hardly been able to keep up with it."

DOUBLE IN SIZE

And on the basis of the operations current success, Mr. Gray added, "I think the place will double in size."

The feedlot was started with four pens and facilities to handle about 300 head of beef cattle. It now has 32 pens with a capacity of 3,400 head. Expansion

plans will increase the capacity to 5,400.

The feed bill now totals \$37,000 a month with all supplies purchased locally.

A key to the success of the feedlot is abundant supply of water from three wells drilled on the riverbottom property near the Oldman River. Each well can deliver about 1,250,000 gallons a day.

An automated underground water system has been installed. FED INDIVIDUALLY.

Six men now handle the job of feeding the cattle twice a day and keep individual records for each owner who employs the firm to finish his cattle. Animals are fed individually to make this practical.

About 70 per cent of the cattle handled by Valley Feeders come from district farms and ranches and the entire production is marketed at Lethbridge packing plants, about three miles away.

The key attraction the feedlot holds for cattlemen is that it provides needed finishing facilities without investment in individual operations far afield from market centres.

The Canadian Horticultural Council sponsors Salad Week, July 23-31.



SOLID SILVER DRUMS FORM ALTAR

Citizens of Charlottetown yesterday were given a good look at what has probably been the most valuable altar ever to be erected in this city. The unusual altar was erected by the piling of the solid silver drums of the Royal Canadian Navy band from HMCS Stadacona, Halifax, which played the major roll in the Drumhead Service conducted at Victoria Park. Here the leading ranks of drummers are shown placing their drums to form the base of the altar with the drum-major directing the

U.S. Senator Says Canada Has Returned Evil For Good

By HAROLD MORRISON

WASHINGTON (CP)—Senator Paul Douglas has accused Canada of "returning evil for good" by introducing the controversial automotive incentive program after the U.S. agreed to exempt new Canadian issues from the proposed U.S. tax on foreign securities.

The Illinois Democrat, acting as chairman of the Senate Finance committee, said he believed in the principle of turning the other cheek, but paraphrasing the biblical expression, he just wished the Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon casts upon the waters is returned.

Dillon, testifying on legislation to implement the stock tax, agreed in part but said the Canada's a automotive incentive program to encourage auto exports through a tariff rebate

scheme was not introduced until months after the U.S. decided to exempt the new Canadian issues.

Had the U.S. not agreed to the exemption, the Canadian government might have been forced to devalue the Canadian dollar, he added. When the U.S. securities tax proposal first was announced a year ago, Canada became gripped by "a real panic."

In exempting new Canadian issues, Canada had been under the president had power under the legislation to revoke or reduce the exemption and he could take this step if Canada's borrowings in the U.S. did not remain within agreed limits.

As for the Canadian automotive program, there is a serious question, he said, whether shipments to the U.S. under this scheme would trigger the

introduction of protective U.S. countervailing duties. Dillon said this matter now is under formal consideration by the customs bureau.

He is sure, he argued at another point, Canadians should not look on the automotive incentive plan as returning evil for good.

Douglas suggested the automotive plan, which some American parts manufacturers have condemned as hurting their own sales, was not indicative of hemispheric solidarity. He noted Canada's auto trading with Cuba and Red China but Dillon reminded him this trade is mainly in food. Canada does not sell strategic goods to these countries.

LEAVES \$16,797

LONDON (Reuters)—The late Sir Beverly Baxter, Canadian-born member of Parliament, left a net estate of £16,797 (\$50,981) to his widow, it was announced Monday. Baxter died in April at 73.

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