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BIGGEST RAID MADE ON NORTH VIET-NAM

A propeller-driven Skyraider of the South Vietnamese air force takes off from DaNang Air Base Tuesday to join in strike against North Vietnamese objectives. Ground personnel stand alongside vehicle in foreground while mountains in background form backdrop for the scene. More than 160 planes of the U.S. and Vietnamese air forces took part in the biggest and "very successful" raid. Principal targets were the port of Quang Khe and the munitions depot at Xom Bang. The raid left them wreathed in smoke. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Saigon).

ATTORNEY-GENERAL SPEAKS

Ombudsman Is Seen Low On Priorities List Here

By MARION BRUCE
Attorney-General Alban Farmer said in the Legislature yesterday he was "not in sympathy" with the idea of an ombudsman for Prince Edward Island.
Speaking in the debate on the draft address, Mr. Farmer said it was possible there was a need for such an official here, "but on our list of priorities, it is a long piece down."
Last week, Opposition Leader Alex Matheson suggested there was a great need in the province for an ombudsman, a judiciary official who would investigate and take action in instances of grievances of citizens against government administration.
"I am not in sympathy with it at all," the attorney-general declared. He said the funds required to maintain such an office here could be put to better use in other areas.
Speaking of the double Liberal victory in the Feb. 9 byelections, Mr. Farmer said "I hope Op-

Stricter Road Patrol Urged

A stricter patrol of provincial highways by police "to curb speeding and reckless driving" was advocated in the Legislature last night by Prosper A. Arseneault (L-1st Prince).
Taking part in the draft address debate, Mr. Arseneault said he "is convinced we need more authority on the highways" to curb recklessness. He said this type of driver must be brought to justice and made to realize that "he is not the only driver on the highway."
Pointing out that liquor sales in the province in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1964, reached over \$5,000,000, Mr. Arseneault said this was "disquieting. I believe it should be disquieting to members of the government."
"I believe that some impaired drivers consumed so much that they couldn't see the road signs. Of course not all this liquor was consumed by Islanders. Visitors on our highways may have been caught in the blast. Workers continued to probe the ruins late Tuesday to check on this eventually.
Detective Raoul Mongeau of the LaSalle police said of the 26 known dead, 25 have been identified. The body of a young girl, about five has yet to be identified and workers also have recovered pieces of two other bodies.
An official investigator, meanwhile, said the probe into the cause of the mysterious explosion is centred on natural gas, the principal fuel used in the apartment complex west of Montreal.
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Natural Gas Is Considered Possible Explosion Cause

MONTREAL (CP)—Two more victims were added to the LaSalle explosion death-toll Tuesday to raise to 28 the number of persons known to have died when the thunderous blast levelled a three-storey apartment building in the Montreal suburb.
Two others, first believed to have perished Monday in the mass of rubble and destruction, were found safe, staying with friends.
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Queen Elizabeth Sends Message

OTTAWA (CP)—The Queen expressed sympathy Tuesday for victims of the apartment block explosion Monday in the Montreal suburb of LaSalle.
In a message to Governor-General Vanier, she said:
"I am most deeply distressed to learn of the tragic accident which has taken place in Ville LaSalle. Please convey my sincere sympathy to the mayor, to the injured and the next-of-kin of those who have lost their lives."
The message was signed "Elizabeth R."

Lucien Rivard Escapes From Jail At Montreal

Education Minister Notes Elementary School Needs

By DON MacLEOD
A great many difficulties are to be faced in the setting up of large units of administration in the province's elementary school system, according to Dr. George Dewar, minister of education. Speaking in the draft address debate yesterday, Dr. Dewar said legislation will be introduced at the current session to pave the way for setting up the large units.
"No one realizes better than I," he said, "that the field of elementary education is one which has a need for upgrading and improvement." He said the system is now divided into many small local administrative units.
"I feel," he said, "we need larger units of administration and to equalize the tax burden, the units will be of considerable size." Dr. Dewar said the administrative units will be "quite large, embracing many schools and a large area, perhaps embracing a number of regional high school districts."
Dr. Dewar said a great many difficulties and obstacles will be encountered in carrying out the change. He said "tradition will enter in. Local districts are jealous of local schools and this is a difficult thing to dispel. There are prejudices over the transportation of small children to consolidated schools. This problem, however, has been pretty well overcome in the regional high school system."
The minister said the new system will cost more but will provide "better service, better teachers and better education."
Dr. Dewar said that people will have to be convinced that a system of large units of administration will mean a greater return from the tax dollar and the improved service will be worthwhile.
The minister suggested that (Continued on page 2 Col. 8)

Margarine Effect Survey Is Asked

An estimated 1,000,000 pounds of butter would be displaced if margarine were allowed to be sold in the province, a Liberal member of the Legislature said last night.
Making his maiden speech in the Legislature, Alex Campbell (L-5th Prince) requested Agriculture Minister Andrew MacRae to make a survey on what effect the sale of margarine would have on butter sales.
He noted that while no mention of margarine was made in the Speech from the Throne, there have been suggestions that a bill to legalize the sale of margarine will be brought in at the current session. He suggested that "before this important subject is discussed, the minister of agriculture should provide members with all available information on margarine."
Provincial Treasurer Alban Farmer was unable to tell the opposition in the Legislature yesterday when the 1965-66 budget will be brought down.
Acting opposition leader M.L. Ronnell asked if Mr. Farmer could give the budget date.
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Welfare, Labor Minister Critical Of Pension Plan

Strong criticism of the Canada Pension Plan proposed by the federal government was voiced last night in the Legislature by Hon. Henry Wedge, minister of welfare and labor.
Mr. Wedge, speaking in the debate on the draft address, said "Persons of greater need, such as those already retired, widowed, orphaned, disabled and blind and those of small income or casual employment will never benefit."
"Large numbers of those who do qualify, such as those who retire in the next two or three years will have completely inadequate benefits," the minister said.
He said the provincial government supported the stated objective of the federal government in establishing the plan in a fair and practical way so that all Canadians will be able to look forward to retiring in security and dignity, and also favored the portability features of the plan.
Mr. Wedge charged, however, that the plan as now drafted fell far short of the objective.
"The recent announcement that within five years the old age security pension would be available at 65 years is of no benefit as old age assistance is now available at 65 years to those who prove the need."
"The suggestion that old age security be increased up to \$100 at age 65 would be security necessary for retired and needy citizens due to the large percentages of self-employed and low-income groups in this province," Mr. Wedge said.
He suggested that to ensure that no one, regardless of income, (Continued on page 2, col. 2)



SITE OF ESCAPE

Montreal's Bordeaux jail was the site of an escape Tuesday by Lucien Rivard, central figure in the Dorion narcotics smuggling. This shot of the jail was taken in 1960 during a fire set by demonstrating prisoners. (CP Wirephoto)



LUCIEN RIVARD

Resolution Is Delayed

In the Legislature yesterday Attorney General Alban Farmer postponed introduction of a resolution dealing with the repatriation of the British North American Act until Opposition Leader A.W. Matheson returns to the province.
The resolution deals with approval of the enactment of an act by the government of the United Kingdom which would provide for an amendment to the Constitution of Canada.
Mr. Matheson is expected back in the province in a few days. He was attending a meeting of the Canadian Bar Association.

P.E.I.-C.B. Ferry Service Is Proposed

Premier W.R. Shaw said last night a car-ferry service between Georgetown or Souris, P.E.I. and Port Hood, N.S., on Cape Breton island, could well increase trade in the eastern part of the province. And we are always glad to extend our contacts with Nova Scotia."
He was commenting on a proposal that the Nova Scotia government be asked to study establishment of such a service.
W.N. MacLean (I-Inverness) said in the Nova Scotia Legislature such a service would bring tourists from Prince Edward Island to Cape Breton Island via a direct 30-mile sea route.
He said that without the proposed ferry there are many sections of Cape Breton Island which are prevented from receiving the benefit of the increasing tourist trade.
Premier Shaw said he couldn't make a fuller comment on the suggested service "until I have had a chance to examine the proposal."

Three Killed In Explosion

HEBBVILLE N.S. (CP)—A mother and her two children were killed Tuesday night when a furnace in their home exploded. Police withheld the names.
A fire official said the woman had apparently been checking the furnace when it exploded, killing her and sending flames into an upstairs bedroom where the children were sleeping. They apparently died of asphyxiation.
The father was taken to hospital suffering shock.

White Paper On Constitution Gives Outline Of Proposals

OTTAWA (CP)—A government white paper issued Tuesday says there is no possibility of any province using a new formula for amending the constitution to set itself apart from the rest of Canada.
The document tabled in the Commons also rejected criticism that the formula, agreed to last October by federal and provincial government leaders, will put Canada in a constitutional strait jacket.
The formula provides for a possibility by which a province can change its own position voluntarily within Confederation, the white paper said.
Any transfer of constitutional authority from one level of government to another must be approved by the federal Parliament and have the support of at least four provinces.
The white paper also said that some rigidity is needed to protect basic federal and provincial rights, including the use of both English and French.
Most of the provinces are expected to study the constitutional amendment formula at their spring sessions this year. The white paper prepared by Justice Minister Pavane and cabinet advisers says the formula will vest in Canada's Par-

2 Flee From Prison After Slugging Guard

MONTREAL (CP)—Lucien Rivard, suspected narcotics racketeer and central figure in the Dorion federal inquiry, escaped from Montreal's Bordeaux Jail with another prisoner after slugging a guard and commanding a car.
Quebec Provincial Police said Rivard and Andre Durocher fled the prison after slugging the guard. They then forced motorist Jacques Bourgeois to give them his car but Bourgeois damaged the vehicle on north-end Gouin Boulevard and fled on foot.
Bourgeois told police the escapees had a gun. The usual police roadblocks were set up at all exits from Montreal Island and wanted bulletins were sent out to Quebec and Ontario points.
Rivard was in Bordeaux awaiting a court decision on his second habeas corpus bid to avoid extradition to the United States, where he faces charges of conspiracy in narcotics smuggling.
The stocky, 49-year-old Montrealer is a central figure in the Dorion inquiry into allegations that a federal ministerial aide offered a \$30,000 bribe in an effort to have him freed on bail.
Rivard is accused in a Texas grand jury indictment of being a kingpin conspirator in the smuggling of narcotics in multimillion-dollar amounts.
He and three other Montrealers were arrested at the request of U.S. authorities who were following-up the seizure in October, 1963 at the Texas-Mexico border of 76 pounds of heroin with a value on the illicit narcotics market of \$56,000,000.
He has been in jail here since last June 19.
Ever since, he had been fighting extradition and had been unsuccessful in efforts to obtain bail.
Montreal lawyer Pierre Lemontagne, counsel for the U.S. extradition proceedings against Rivard, has testified before the Dorion inquiry Raymond Dins, former executive assistant to Immigration Minister Tremblay, offered him \$30,000 last July 14 to agree to Rivard's release on bail.

Full Scale Manhunt Ordered For Rivard

OTTAWA (CP)—Three cabinet ministers held a late press conference Tuesday night to outline steps undertaken to try for the recapture of Lucien Rivard, the Dorion inquiry's central figure.
Justice Minister Pavane, Transport Minister Pichersgill and Immigration Minister Nicholson told reporters every effort in being made to recapture the man wanted in the United States on narcotics smuggling charges.
Rivard was the man ordered whom the judicial inquiry under Mr. Justice Frederic Dorion grew up following allegations that a government aide offered a bribe to have the way paved for Rivard to be freed on bail.
The ministers said warnings had gone out to U.S. authorities, to air and rail lines in Canada, to all police forces in Canada, all Canadian immigration authorities and the United States border patrol.
Mr. Pavane said the RCMP started work to distribute photos of Rivard shortly after it was announced he and another prisoner had escaped from Montreal's Bordeaux Jail.

Moon Plans Dealt Blow

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP)—An Atlas-Centaur space rocket exploded into a fireball on its launching pad Tuesday and dealt a damaging blow to U.S. plans to launch a probe to determine whether the moon's surface can support astronaut expeditions.
The eruption occurred two seconds after the 108-foot tall rocket blasted off in an attempt to lug a 4,400-pound surveyor module toward a moon landing mission in an important rehearsal for the real thing.
The fireball mushroomed more than 200 feet high and flung flaming wreckage over a wide area. No one was injured, but damage to the launching pad was extensive, possibly as much as \$5,000,000.
The new suspect in the bizarre case was identified as a school teacher who is studying at the University of Montreal for a doctor's degree in philosophy.

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