

# Bobby Fails To Show Up; Large Crowd Disappointed

By JAMES NELSON  
OTTAWA (CP)—There was a noticeable preponderance of women in the crowd that filled the House of Commons gallery Tuesday.

They were bobby-soxers and young girls — and a zesty sprinkling of ladies of more uncertain age from the members' party — who rarely turn out to see a normal sitting.

The reason they were there wasn't entirely obvious, but it was marked by a block of empty seats in the diplomatic gallery.

That was where U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, 39, was to have sat for the first few minutes of the Tuesday sitting while on a whirlwind visit to Ottawa. His visit had to be cancelled because of poor flying weather and aircraft troubles.

Speaker Alan Macnaughton eyed the diplomatic gallery

speculatively when the Commons met at 2:30 p.m. EST. He prepared with a little speech of welcome. The cancellation had been announced in New York only minutes before the House met.

Mr. Macnaughton tabled a report of the U.S.-Canadian Parliamentary Association and said the visit would have been an appropriate occasion to do so.

**CROWD GATHERED**  
In anticipation of Kennedy's scheduled arrival at the Parliamentary Buildings at 12:30 p.m., a crowd of several hundred gathered on the driveways leading to the main entrance. Extra RCMP constables, in scarlet tunics and wearing side-arms in the security-conscious fashion of a Parliament Hill, were posted.

It was evident the crowd was larger than Ottawa had officially expected. This capital usually takes the arrival and departure of distinguished visitors in its hush-hush stances. Rows of the portable wooden barriers usually erected for big visits had been hauled out of storage of Mr. Kennedy.

**DRIFTED AWAY**  
Reporters and photographers were clustered at the main door awaiting the arrival. When word was passed that Mr. Kennedy's flight was delayed by fog, they retreated to the Parliamentary Press Gallery in the centre block and the crowd drifted away.

But another 200 or so gathered at the Rideau Club at 1 p.m. At the time Mr. Kennedy was supposed to have arrived for lunch in that mellowed gentlemen's lair. Again after waiting in vain, the crowd drifted away.

For a visit which was to have lasted only 3½ hours and for a guest of honor who didn't show, it was a lovely day for waiting on the curbstone or sneaking into an empty seat in the Commons galleries.

**REACHED 50 FEET**  
The giant gophers snake, which inhabited Egypt in prehistory is estimated to have attained a length of 50 feet.

# Wilson Would Halt Arms To S. Africa

LONDON (AP)—Harold Wilson, Britain's prime minister at the general election, said Tuesday that a Labor government would end all British arms shipments to South Africa.

The Labor party leader said in a message to the international conference on economic sanctions against South Africa, which opened here Tuesday.

The conference will want to give its full backing to the (United Nations) Security Council's resolution calling for an end to all supplies of arms and equipment to South Africa. It is most regrettable that some nations, including this country, have failed to carry out the mandatory decision of the Security Council.

"A Labor government in Great Britain will carry out this decision loyally."

# ECM Puts Curb On High Prices

BRUSSELS (AP)—The European Common Market agreed Tuesday on a program to curb inflation and high prices, the first in its history.

The program was short of specific recommendations to which individual countries objected. West Germany, for example, was not urged as first suggested to forego a \$750,000,000 tax cut its plans next year.

But on what should be done in general there was agreement among top cabinet ministers of the six Common Market members — of West Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The main idea was to halt price rises by the end of the year. Member nations agreed to give first priority to this and to report their progress in two months.

Preliminary estimates show \$2,000,000,000 of fish valued at \$5,469,000 to primary producers, taken in Ontario during 1963.

# Strangler Strikes In Eastern Mass.

NORWOOD, Mass. (AP)—A 65-year-old woman was found strangled with a nylon stocking in the bedroom of her home today, adding another to the list of 11 unsolved stranglings of women in eastern Massachusetts in less than two years.

The victim was identified as Mrs. Goldie Fine, of her husband, Hyman Fine, operates a clothing dry cleaning establishment in nearby Canton.

One of her own stockings was tied tightly around her neck. Several other stockings were found on the floor nearby.



**OSCAR NOMINEE ARRIVES**  
Actress Shirley MacLaine, one of the nominees for the best actress award, arrives at the Santa Monica, Calif., night's ceremonies. Shirley was nominated for her role in "Irma La Douce" (AP Wirephoto)

# PISQUID EAST

Edward Jay was a visitor in Charlottetown Wednesday.

Miss Gail Jay was a recent visitor in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shaw, Charlottetown, were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Shaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Jay.

Mrs. Harold Jay was a visitor to Charlottetown Wednesday.

Miss Georgia Dover attended the Charlottetown during the week.

A large number from this city attended the centennial concert in Mount Stewart Memorial hall Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jay, with sons Merlin, Irwin and Glenn, were visitors in Covehead Road and Charlottetown Sunday.

Edgar Birt was a recent visitor in Charlottetown.

Mrs. Johanne MacDonald with son Blair Churchill, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jay, Monday.

J.P. Hendrickson was a visitor in Charlottetown Wednesday.

# SUGAR STRIKE ENDING

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana (CP)—Workers in British Guiana sugar industry are returning to work after a nine-week strike. President Richard Ishmael of the Manpower Citizens Association, said Monday night. Ishmael said the strike, called by the Guiana Agricultural Workers, was "breaking" and 60 per cent of workers were back at work. He said \$3,000,000 worth of sugar cane had been burnt by arsonists since the strike began.

# U.K. s Maldivé Islands Seeking Independence

The Maldivé Islands want full independence.

The British-protected islands, a coral necklace of some 2,000 Indian ocean atolls about 400 miles southwest of Ceylon, have been internally self-governing since 1962.

Internal officials in Whitehall confess their interest in the Maldivé amnesty be minimal if it were not for an important RAF staging airstrip on Gan, one of the group's southernmost islands, and advanced plans to build a BBC relay station in one of the atolls.

**READY TO TALK**  
Commonwealth Secretary Duncan and his aide Abdul Afif visited the Maldivian capital of Male last September, says he is prepared to hold independence talks anytime Maldivian Premier Ibrahim Nasir wants.

So far Nasir has declined the invitation because of what he calls British interference in the island's internal affairs. Recent anti-British demonstrations on Malé culminated in demands for the recall of the British political liaison officer on Gan.

The dispute with Britain has its origins in what amounts to the little-known civil war of modern times. Poor communications among the islands and with the outside world have kept the situation in a state of fluid confusion.

For the last five years a group of rebels led by Abdul Afif have been opposing the central Maldivian government. Britain has been asked to deal with Afif because he effectively controlled Gan and its neighboring atolls while the airstrip was being built.

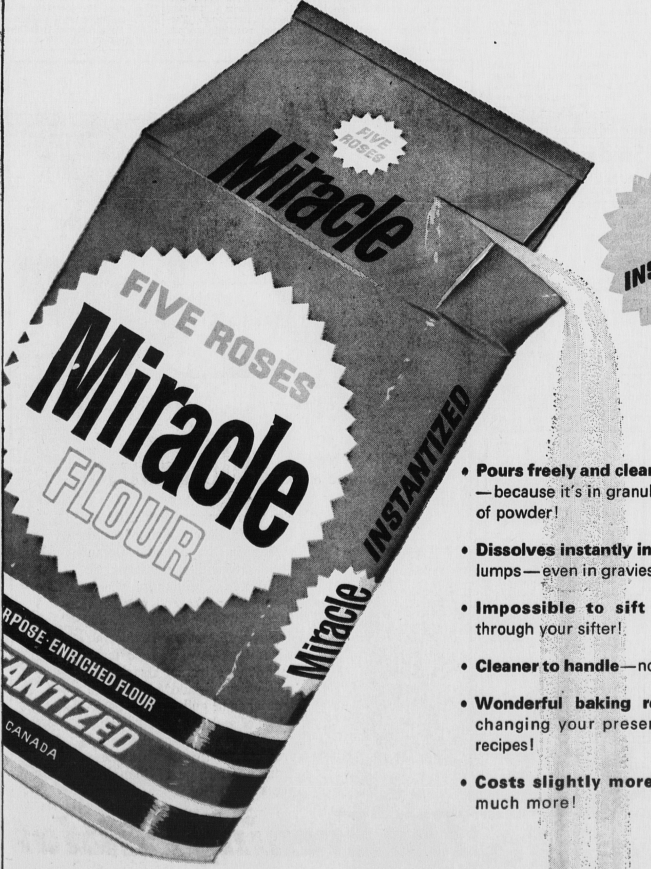
**AFIF LEFT**  
After Sandy's September visit, Britain agreed to stop co-operating with the rebels. In return the Maldivian government offered an amnesty to Afif and his fellow dissidents. Afif refused the amnesty and left on a British ship for the Seychelles Islands.

"He left voluntarily and at his own request," said a British spokesman in London. "But the Maldivian government blames us and wants us to bring him back."

"We think it's merely a matter of Premier Nasir losing face. There are only 90,000 people on the island. Everybody that counts knows each other and there is a great deal of personal feeling involved."

The islands cannot sustain themselves as an economy. The inhabitants are mostly traders and the primary exports are a form of dried fish considered a rare delicacy in Ceylon.

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