



**NEW COMMUNIST LEADER**

William Kashian, who joined the Communist movement when he was 18, has been named new national leader

and general secretary of the Communist Party of Canada. Leslie Morris, the previous leader, died in November.

1964. Kashian, born in Montreal in 1909, had been national executive secretary and labor secretary of the party.

### 10 Commissions Are Given Task Of Revising Ridings

OTTAWA (CP) — The enormous task of revising the boundaries of Canada's federal constituencies has been turned over to 10 independent commissions, one for each province.

The commissions, intended to be non-partisan, have one year to finish a difficult job that may

see fewer than a dozen of the existing 263 federal ridings escape change.

They must operate under Parliament's instructions to strike an average constituency population for each province, then draw electoral boundaries around groups that number no more than 25 per cent above or below that average.

There now are 139 ridings larger or smaller than these limits. For every one of them that are reduced or enlarged in population, one or more other constituency boundaries must give way.

It will mean many bitter pills for the politicians. Today's MPs would have to seek nomination and election support from new groups. One reliable estimate is party organization would be so distorted the parties wouldn't be fully prepared to fight an election with the new boundaries before late 1966.

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The commissions were created Wednesday with the publication of their membership in a special edition of the Canada Gazette.

Next step will be a meeting of the commission chairmen—the judges—with Mr. Castonguay, called for Jan. 30 in Toronto, to work out uniform procedures.

**MAPS ALREADY DRAWN**  
Mr. Castonguay and his staff

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### Subway Beatings Causing Concern

CHICAGO (AP)—An outburst of subway beatings and robberies has alarmed Chicago's commuters, but public transportation officials say "it's not as bad as it seems."

The subway situation leaped into public prominence Jan. 7 when Noble Lee, a state legislator, was beaten and robbed by three toughs as 20 other passengers watched without moving. Lee escaped serious injury.

Last weekend two more incidents of violence were reported. "As far as we're concerned, it's not as bad as it seems," Andrew Dinella, assistant superintendent of the 92-man transit police force, said Monday.

Dinella said there were 300 beatings and assaults on public transportation vehicles and trains last year, most of them at night. A conductor died as a result of one of the attacks. About 200 persons were arrested.

"It's no more dangerous to ride the subway than it is to walk down the street," Dinella said. "We've had muggings for years on the streets."

### DUTCH AID WEST IRIAN

THE HAGUE (Reuters)—The Netherlands has made available \$3,000,000 to the United Nations Fund for West Irian (former Dutch West New Guinea) earmarked for the purchase of an unspecified number of Canadian-made piston-engine Otter planes, a Dutch foreign ministry spokesman said Wednesday. The DHC-3 de Havilland Otter hydro-planes, which are single-engine, were destined for communications in West Irian.

## Some Strength Sapped From U.S. Cigarette Sales

NEW YORK (AP)—The cigarette smoker has had a year now to think it over. Mostly, he is still thinking.

But quietly, some of the strength has been sapped from the U.S. cigarette market. And many smokers still smoke—but with the conviction that what they are doing is wrong and risky.

It now has been a year and a day since the U.S. surgeon-general's select committee of scientists blasted cigarettes as shorteners of life, prime causes of cancer, and keys to a death chest of diseases.

The immediate impact was dramatic. Cigarette sales plummeted. The question was whether the fear would hold, whether a cherished habit would die. It has not died, but it is showing signs of weakness.

In 1964, U.S. smokers lit up some 15,000,000,000 fewer cigarettes than they did in 1963—much of the decrease coming in the fateful days after the surgeon-general's report.

### SALES GROWTH HALTED

The long-time annual growth of cigarette sales has been stopped—at least for now.

The Federal Trade Commission ordered that cigarette advertisements and packages must carry danger labels, warning that cigarettes are injurious to health. But it postponed its deadlines.

There were some new attempts at public education.

It was generally agreed that adults should have the choice to smoke or not to smoke but those below the age of consent should be protected from undue advertising influences.

Most of the public education campaigns are aimed at convincing youngsters not to take up the habit. New, young smokers account for most of the annual gain in cigarette sales each year.

But some experts, like Dr. Eugene Guthrie, staff director for the smoking report, say that the persons with the most to gain are the fathers in their late 20s and 40s. These, he says, are the ones who owe it most to their families and themselves to quit.

### AID RESEARCH

The U.S. Tobacco Institute said six major tobacco firms have given \$10,000,000 to the American Medical Association for a research program.

If something in tobacco smoke does cause cancer, the institute said, it wants to know what it is, and eliminate it. On the other hand, if other agents are implicated—virus or heredity or air pollution—the institute said that science would have to find the answer.

Despite everything, Americans still spend some \$7,000,000,000 on cigarettes in 1964—and that was something less than \$200,000,000 short of the 1962 figure.

And Americans smoked some 494,000,000,000 cigarettes

in 1964—some 350 packs a year for every smoker in the U.S.

The job of convincing Americans not to smoke obviously has a long way to go.

## Cultural Development Faces Crisis

STE. ADELE, Que. (CP)—The federal government believes Canada's cultural development faces a crisis and new encouragement and money must be poured into it. State Secretary Lamontagne said here.

The federal minister in charge of most branches of government dealing with cultural affairs asked the 1965 seminar of the Canadian Conference of the Arts for its advice on setting up new planning and arts-developing agencies.

The principal federal agencies—CBC, the National Film Board, the National Gallery and the National Museum—have been asked to re-examine their objectives and programs, and a co-ordinating committee will be set up in his office to enable them to discuss their common goals and problems. Mr. Lamontagne said. Parliament also will be asked to set up a permanent committee on cultural matters.

The minister said great prog-

ress has been made in the private sector of Canadian artistic life in the last 15 years, as well as in the government-encouraged sectors.

"And yet we feel that we are on the verge of a crisis in the arts which is caused partly by the very progress that has been made."

### TEMPT ARTISTS

There was a scarcity of good artists, performers and technicians, while the first-rate artists were being tempted by opportunities in the United States and abroad.

These raids on our scanty resources in the performing arts, if continued unchecked, will constitute a dangerous threat to our already weak cultural life.

"It would be useful if you could consider during this seminar whether the kind of planning initiated by the Economic Council of Canada would be acceptable and desirable in the artistic field."

"If it were, you would have also to examine the private artistic community and see if its present organization and structures are adequate for the kind of consultation required by planning. Such examination might lead to the creation of a permanent advisory committee on the arts in Canada."

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