

## Spectacular Gains Reported In Que. Take-Over Program

MONTREAL (CP) — Premier Lesage said here today there has been "truly spectacular" progress in Quebec's attempts to divert more tax resources from Ottawa and to take over full control of some shared-cost programs.

Developments in federal-provincial relations in the last 10 months have been "a great leap forward" for the province, he said, addressing the closing banquet of the Quebec Liberal Federation.

The premier said Quebec will leave 20 shared-cost programs under the so-called contracting-out procedure. During the current fiscal year it is estimated the federal government will spend \$218,000,000 in Quebec on the 29 plans.

The province participates in 46 programs. The total federal contribution to them is \$284,000,000. The province continues to participate in plans from which it had not obtained all that it could, such as the Trans-Canada highway plan, and in plans where the constitutional jurisdiction is shared between Quebec and Ottawa.

The premier said in compensation for leaving the shared-cost programs, Quebec will receive the equivalent of 20 per cent of income taxes collected in Quebec.

But he said that by 1966 Quebec will be receiving 47 per

cent of personal income taxes levied by the federal government in the province. Twenty-four per cent would come from the regular federal abatement, 20 from the shared-cost programs which Quebec will leave, and three per cent in fiscal compensation for the federal government's student aid plan which Quebec will not enter.

Mr. Lesage reviewed the whole of his government's policy on federal-provincial fiscal relations. He reiterated that Quebec wanted more fiscal authority because of the job to be done in modernizing education, improving social welfare and starting long-term economic planning.

But the job could not be done if the government did not have enough money and if administrative or legal obstacles oppose its action."

## Space Venture Given Okay By Stockholders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stockholders of the Communications Satellite Corporation delivered a vote of confidence to the infant space venture here. They elected management-nominated candidates to the board of directors in all six places representing public investors.

Cosat's first stockholders' meeting — an uproarious, prolonged and much-heckled affair — was told by Board Chairman Leo D. Welch the globe-circling telephone and television system will start showing profits in 1969.

"Should it be possible to do so earlier, we assure you we shall be trying," Welch said. "One thing is certain. We have the components of a successful enterprise, and we look to the future with confidence."

Welch was among six members of Cosat's temporary founding board of directors, appointed by the late president John F. Kennedy, who were elected Thursday to take seats on the permanent board.

Efforts of a dissident shareholder, I. Poirier of Woonsocket, R.I., to thwart the election of the board-designated group were swamped in a deluge of management-held proxies from Cosat's 180,000 public shareholders.

Poirier and 10 other independently-nominated candidates were defeated. But he served notice that he will continue fighting in federal courts to unseat the newly-named board.

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## Copper Prices Increase In U.S.

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Kennecott, the largest domestic producer, posted a domestic price of 34 cents a pound, effective Wednesday.

Kennecott thus matched increases Monday and earlier Tuesday by Phelps Dodge Corp., Anaconda Co., and American Smelting and Refining Co.

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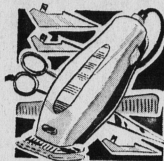
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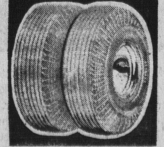
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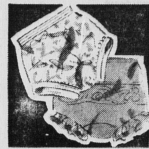
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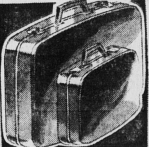
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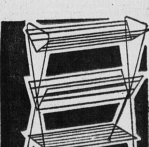
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