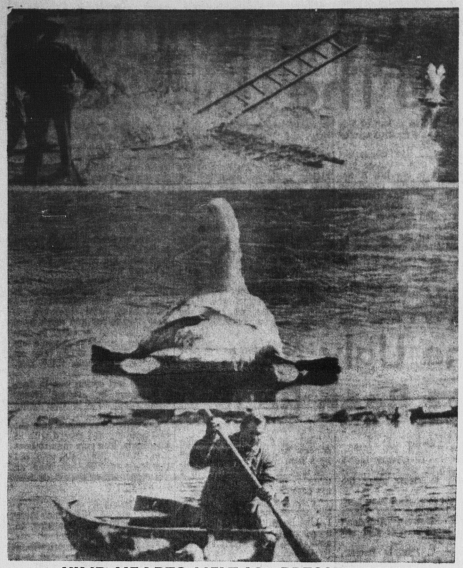

KIND HEARTS MELT ICE PRESSED DUCK

Caught in the ice of New York's Central Park lake without the use of nature's paddles, duck (centre) has a legitimate squawk. Kind hearts of Park Department employees melt at the sight and they try to break path to prisoner by dropping ladder on the ice. Duck is no social or ladder climber and refuses to move. Rescue, in person of Robert Parker, comes as he smashes ice with paddle (bottom) so duck can waddle to free itself.

(AP Wirephoto)

Off-Beat Notes Make Collection

VANCOUVER (C) — Jack Gray collects messages, but not the kind found in bottles flung into the sea by shipwrecked sailors.

A public relations man for Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association, he collects the off-beat notes that customers leave his milkmen.

For example:

"Instead of cream every fourth day and two quarts of milk every two days I would like a quart and a pint every three days except on a Friday or a Saturday and half a pint of cream every two days for the first three delivery days of the week starting on Tuesday except when such a delivery day falls on Monday."

Confusing enough, but right down the block the milkman found:

"Signore, mi dia due bottigle del latte approbato oggi per piacere. Grace e Salute."

The milkman, says Mr. Gray, didn't know whether to sing it or leave a dozen fresh oggis.

". . . and what I am getting at is that we'll need an extra bottle of milk on Friday on account of Mrs. McLeary's aunt—the deaf one—will be over for the weekend. She was the one who was married to the man I told you about, who . . ."

One milkman unfolded this gem:

"Three quarts today. Thank you. If this note blows away, please knock on the door."

The sympathetic note:

"I'm sorry about the dog bite, but he'll get to know you after a few months like he got to know the poor gasman."

And the one from the little girl:

"Mummy says to leave the change for the dollar, please. She says she will leave the dollar for you next Saturday."

WOMEN RETURN TO WORK IN INCREASING NUMBERS

By ROBERT RICE

OTTAWA (CP)—Women seem to be going back to work in large numbers — particularly married women.

This trend was pinpointed in a review of the labor force in the last three months of 1963 prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

It showed 1,881,000 women at work in the last quarter of 1963 —an increase of 130,000 over the year-earlier period.

This was a 7.4-per-cent jump, the second highest increase in the number of women at work in the post-war period.

Employment of men went up 2.6 per cent to 4,619,000 in the same period. This was more than double the average annual rate of increase of the last 10 years.

The increase in jobs for both men and women was more than the rise in the labor force, thus holding back unemployment totals.

The fourth-quarter labor force rose by 207,000 over the year, while employment went up 248,000. Unemployment thus was down by 41,000.

Here is the over-all picture for the fourth quarters of 1963 and 1962, with the estimates in thousands:

	1963	1962
Labor force	6,805	6,598
Employed	6,500	6,252
Unemployed	305	346

Women accounted for 60 per cent of the gain in the total labor force, with married women entering the force in unusually large numbers. Of the extra 127,000 women who entered the labor market in the last quarter of 1963, an estimated 88,000 were married.

The DBS study also showed a hefty increase in the number of teen-age boys and young men between 20 and 24 in the labor force.

There were 364,000 boys between 14 and 19 years of age in the labor force in the last quarter of 1963. This was an increase of 33,000 over the year-earlier period—a 10-per-cent jump. The number of young men between 20 and 24 rose 3.9 per cent to 536,000.

Pakistanis Give Pledge To Red China

LAHORE (AP)—Pakistan, a U.S. military ally, has pledged "friendly co - operation" with Communist China and announced President Mohammad Ayub Khan will visit Peking.

The announcement came in a joint communique issued here after three days of private talks between Ayub and visiting Red Chinese Premier Chou En-lai in Rawalpindi.

The communique expressed both countries' "firm opposition to colonialism" and then took an apparent swipe at U.S. foreign policy in language often used by Pakistanis angry at Washington:

"Massive military preparations have never been the answer to international differences. They only create new tensions and bring added burdens to the people.'

These words generally are interpreted in Pakistan as being criticism of the U.S. $60,000,000 military aid program to India and American reliance on maintaining military alliances as a bulwark against communism

700-Car Order Given Trenton

OTTAWA (CP) — Canadian National Railways have awarded a contract estimated at $5,000,000 to the Eastern Car Company, Trenton, N.S., it was announced here by Labor Minister MacEachen.

The contract is for 100 triple-hopper railway cars, each weighing 70 tons.

ATTRACTS HUNTERS

Teeming with wildlife, Yugoslavia has some 15,000 deer, 3,000 bear, 20,000 wild goats and 250,000 small deer.

Castro Reports Cuba In No Hurry For Base

The following interview with Fidel Castro was obtained by Julian Bates, Reuters' North American services editor. It is based on a 6½-hour conversation with the Cuban leader.

By JULIAN BATES

HAVANA (Reuters) — Prime Minister Fidel Castro says that while Cuba wants Guantanamo naval base back from the United States some day "it is not an urgent question to make us feel impatient in any way."

But he added in an interview which ended late Sunday night that before there could be any improvement in the U.S.-Cuban situation, Washington would have to end what he called "subversive activities in Cuba and the training of counter-revolutionary elements."

Other points made by the 37-year-old premier in the 6½-hour interview with Reuters:

The Sino - Soviet ideological split: "It is the preoccupation of all Marxist parties. . . . We do not know what will be the results of these efforts (to resolve the differences) but the worst of all would be for us to feel 'pessimistic'."

Mexican President Adolfo Lopez Mateos' suggestion that U.S.-Cuban differences be considered in the United Nations: "I think it is just. The spirit of the declaration is good, the intention is good."

Cuba's 1964 sugar crop: He would not give an estimate, but emphasized that Cuba will fulfil its international sugar commitments this year. He predicted a sugar crop of 10,000,000 tons by 1970.

Trade with non-Communist countries in light of the recent British buses deal and agreements with France, Spain and Japan: "Now Cuba can offer magnificent trading conditions to any country and at the same time buy from them."

U.S. suspension of military aid to some countries trading with Cuba: "I could not conceive of anything more absurd."

President Johnson's policy toward Cuba: "We are very carefully watching the steps being taken." Castro added that it was difficult to judge Johnson's intentions in a U.S. election year.

Relations with Latin America: Castro said Cuba is ready to establish relations with any government in Latin America willing to do so and added that all Latin American nations have common interests and problems.

Asked whether Cuba would insist on a change in the status of the U.S.-leased Guantanamo naval base before discussing ways to improve the situation with the U.S., Castro said:

"The U.S. government would have to desire such discussions. I don't think it would be practical to establish any preconditions such as the case of Guantanamo Bay. In our opinion the United States is occupying the base by virtue of a treaty imposed by force. Legally the position of the United States is very weak.

"The base can be used for counter - revolutionary activities and is in all ways a beachhead from which we are menaced."

DISCLAIMS FORCE

"It is logical that we aspire that this piece of land will be returned to our country some day. On the other hand it is not an urgent question to make us feel impatient in any way.

"So long as that base is not used to carry out aggression against Cuba, it is not fundamental for the revolution if it takes years, more or less, to return it to Cuba.

"It is the declared policy of the Cuban government never to use military force to try to recover it. We shall always go through diplomatic means and international organs."

Castro also said the Cuban government has spontaneously offered to begin discussions with the Shell Oil Company on indemnification for its sequestered refinery in Cuba.

"A solution is possible if Shell comes to discuss the matter—we agree to negotiate on the basis of payments of indemnification over a period of years."

FOLLOWED BUS DEAL

Castro said the offer was conveyed through the British embassy in Havana after a $10,000,000 agreement for the supply of British buses to Cuba was signed early in January.

"I made it sincerely in the interests of strengthening Cuba's international credit position," he said, adding he did not yet have any reaction from London.

The Cuban government seized the British-controlled Shell de Cuba refinery as well as the American-controlled Esso refinery on July 1, 1960, after they refused to refine Russian oil which Cuba had received in exchange for sugar.

Later other American oil installations were also nationalized.

Two Killed, 3 Wounded In Congo

LEOPOLDVILLE (AP)—Two Belgian teachers were murdered and two Canadian priests and a Belgian teacher wounded Saturday in an assault on a mission in The Congo's Kwilu province by rebels led by former education minister Pierre Mulele.

The Roman Catholic mission, at Makunzika, about 30 miles south of Kikwit, capital of Kwilu, was attacked Saturday afternoon by Mulele's warriors. About 30 rebels armed with bows and arrows, spears, knives and clubs, made the assault.

The two teachers, identified as Jacques Bollaerts, 25, and Robert Marechal, 24, were hit by arrows and then stabbed to death.

The two Canadian Roman Catholic priests and a Belgian teacher were wounded by arrows and had been badly beaten. One had his arm broken by a club.

The wounded men were not immediately identified.

TOTS DIE IN FIRE

BONANZA, Alta. (CP)—Three children died Tuesday when fire destroyed their home about 12 miles northeast of here in the Peace River country of northern Alberta. RCMP said the children, aged 4, 3 and 1½ years, were trapped inside the small building. Another child, aged 5, escaped. No names were released.

47 TAKEN OFF SHIP

TAIPEI (AP) — Three U.S. Army helicopters rescued 47 persons from a Nationalist Chinese freighter Saturday after it had run aground on the north Formosan coast. The 850-ton freighter called for help when she started taking on water and appeared in danger of breaking up.

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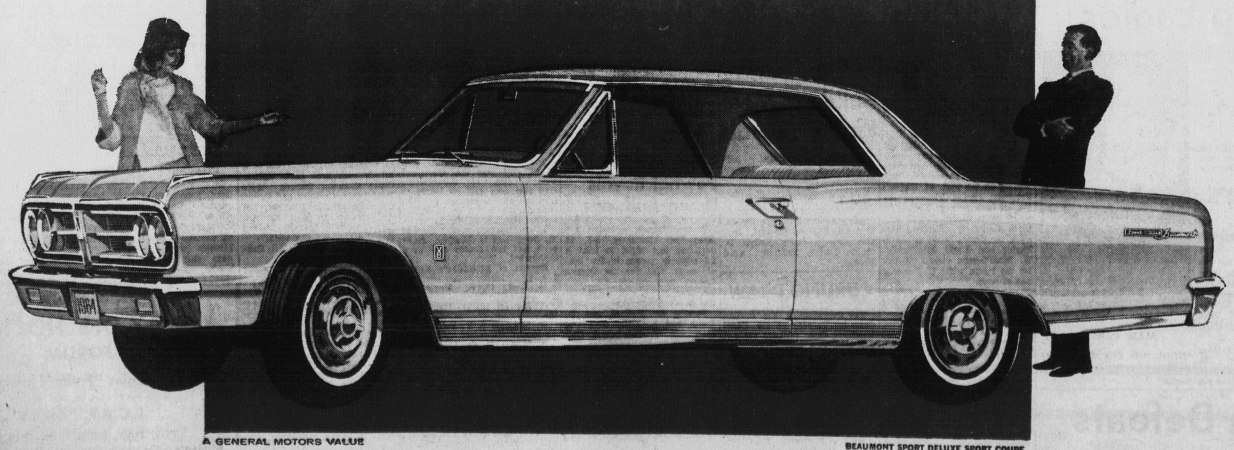

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