

**Pearson Chats
With Boom Boom**

MONTREAL (CP) — Liberal Leader Pearson slipped champagne and shook the hand of George (Boom Boom) Geoffrion Wednesday during a political visit to the St. Lawrence south-shore suburbs opposite Montreal.

Geoffrion, star right winger for Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League who gets back into action Sunday after a five-game suspension for bearing a referee, chatted with Mr. Pearson at the motel he helps to operate in Longueuil.

Mr. Pearson observed Geoffrion is enjoying a "holiday."

Then he introduced Mrs. Pearson, saying: "I'm afraid the only hockey player she knows very well is Red Kelly." Kelly, centre with Toronto Maple Leafs, seeks re-election April 8 as a Liberal MP.

The Pearson party had arrived earlier at the Longueuil city hall from Sherbrooke. There they sipped champagne with Mayor Paul Fraz, his wife and city dignitaries.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pearson shook hands with the crowd, predominantly female, of about 50. Mr. Pearson was lunching privately with area candidates before driving on to Joliette for a night meeting.

**NDP Seeking
Campaign Funds**

OTTAWA (CP) — The New Democratic Party has started canvassing its constituency associations across Canada for money to bolster its Quebec campaign.

The party said in a statement Wednesday that the decision was made by its federal campaign committee at a Toronto meeting Tuesday. The statement said Andre Fillescu, NDP associate secretary, expects the party to nominate more than 60 candidates in Quebec for the April 8 election. The party's previous high was 41 in June 18, 1962, general election. None was elected.

**Book Awards
Announced**

NEW YORK (AP)—The National Book Awards for 1962 have been won by fiction writer J. F. Powers, biographer Leon Edel and poet William E. Stafford.

The \$1,000 awards for the most distinguished books in three classifications, written by United States citizens and published in the U.S. in the year preceding presentation, were announced Tuesday.

Powers, 45, of St. Cloud, Minn., took the \$1,000 fiction prize with *Morte d'Urban*, his first published novel.

Stafford, 49, of Portland, Ore., won the poetry prize with *Traveling Through the Dark*.

The non-fiction prize went to Edel, 64, a New York University lecturer, for the second and third volumes of his four-volume biography, *Henry James*.

Edel was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., but moved to Canada with his family at the age of four and was brought up and educated at Yorkton, Sask., and Montreal. He worked as a reporter and editor on Canadian newspapers and with *The Canadian Press*.

The prizes are donated by three book trade organizations.

**FLQ Planning
To Free Quebec**

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Telegram reporter John Walsh says in a Montreal dispatch that the Front de Liberation Quebecois, in replies to written questions he submitted through an emissary, says its aim is to free Quebec by force from Anglo-Saxon domination.

FLQ claimed credit for placing bottled explosives at three Montreal armories last week. The explosives did not explode.

Walsh says the replies he got show FLQ is motivated "solely by the domination of the Anglo-Saxon on the political, social and economical conditions of Quebecers."

Quebec was "at war" against Occupation by Anglo-Saxons; the only solution was liberation by force; FLQ commandos were furnished with equipment, food, fuel; and "hostilities" had begun with the attacks on the armories.

Members were sworn to fight to the death to make Quebec a republic. The organization detested any outside interference or sympathy with rebel movements in other countries.

Our Nuclear-Age Navy

Some "straw" and seemingly impractical ideas are being considered by the R.C.N. in its search for definite weapons to counter the Communist submarine threat. Terence Robertson discusses the ideas and says for *Weekend Magazine* the second of his special articles on our nuclear-age navy.

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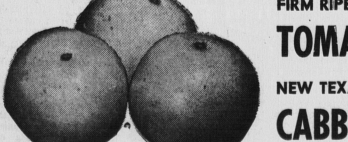
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