

# In Brief

## Mistrial declared in bomb case

MONTREAL (CP) — Mr. Justice Jacques Dugas of Quebec Superior Court today declared a mistrial in the case of former RCMP constable Robert Samson, accused of making and placing a bomb outside the home of a supermarket executive July 28.

Mr. Justice Dugas accepted a defence motion that prosecution testimony during the trial had been "highly prejudicial" and ordered Samson to appear Sept. 2 to have a new trial date set.

Testimony which resulted in the mistrial came from RCMP Cpl. Raymond Langevin, who referred to a statement made by Samson which was later ruled non-admissible, Mr. Justice Dugas said.

The references were to a deal which Samson told Cpl. Langevin he had made with investigators who interviewed him in hospital while he was recovering from injuries caused by what appears to have been a bomb.

Cpl. Langevin testified that Samson had told him he had committed worse crimes than placing a bomb while on the force.

Samson is charged with making and placing a bomb outside the home of Melvyn Dobrin, president of Steinberg's Ltd. The charges are punishable by maximum sentences of five and 14 years respectively.

The explosion caused about \$1,500 damage to the home.

## Quebec postal service slowed

MONTREAL (CP) — Postal workers in at least four Quebec communities were off the job today to protest the slowness of negotiations on a new collective agreement, a union spokesman said.

Post offices in Sherbrooke, Joliette, Ste. Therese and Sept-Îles were affected.

"It seems we've had a small epidemic," said a post office spokesman, adding that many workers had called in sick.

A spokesman for the postal workers union covering eastern Quebec, Clement Norel, said the workers' actions were also to protest the suspension of 39 postal workers in Montreal for what the federal postal department called disruptive activities.

Montreal postal workers are prepared for a meeting Sunday at which the union executive will report on current negotiations with the post office.

Talks were in progress today and are expected to continue throughout the weekend.

## Pact averts police strike

MONTREAL (CP) — A tentative agreement preventing a Montreal Urban Community police strike was reached Thursday between the city and the police brotherhood.

Both the public security council and the 5,207-member brotherhood said they were confident the proposed uniform pension plan terms would bring to an end 40 months of negotiations, which began when suburban and Montreal police departments were partially integrated in 1972.

"I think the policemen will vote for it," council chairman Paul-Emile L'Ecuyer said. "I think public security is assured and that there is no danger of a police strike."

About 2,300 policemen last Thursday gave their union leaders a one-week deadline to negotiate an acceptable agreement and threatened strike action if they failed.

## Air Canada denies plane sale

MONTREAL (CP) — Air Canada Friday denied that it had completed a deal to sell 24 surplus Viscount aircraft to a Quebec-based charity organization.

An airline spokesman said the Wings of Hope Inc., which operates mercy flights in Peru and Colombia, has made an offer but other bids are also being considered.

"No deal has been concluded," he said.

Wings of Hope Inc. had announced earlier that it had purchased the planes without revealing price details.

The non-sectarian organization was founded in 1969 and provides services for 300,000 persons and 13 missions in the Amazon basin.

## Laotian ministers resign posts

VIENTIANE (AP) — Five Laotian cabinet ministers closely identified with U.S. policies have resigned under mounting pressure from student groups and labor leaders, highly-placed sources said today.

The reported resignations mean Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma will have to reshuffle his cabinet and seem certain to mean the Communist-line

Pathet Lao, who hold six cabinet portfolios under the terms of the constitution will emerge in a strengthened position.

Word of the resignations came as Laotian students angered over rising prices threw rocks at the U.S. Embassy and tried to haul down the U.S. flag.

A U.S. marine grabbed the flag from two students before it hit the ground and police drove the students from the compound.

## Deportation appeal dismissed

TORONTO (CP) — Roosevelt (Rosie) Douglas, 33, jailed for his part in smashing computers at Montreal's Sir George Williams (now Concordia) University in 1969, has had his appeal against deportation to his native Dominica dismissed.

The immigration appeal board in Quebec City reached its decision April 23 to uphold a deportation order against Mr. Douglas dated Oct. 16, 1972. He was informed of the decision Thursday.

The board's hearing was held Feb. 25 after Mr. Douglas's release on parole from a jail term he was serving in 1973.

He was a landed immigrant at the time of the Sir George Williams incident, in which students and others occupied a building and burned and smashed computers, causing millions of dollars in damage.

A total of 97 students were charged and five were given jail sentences.

Mr. Douglas received an award in April, 1974, from the National Black Coalition of Canada for his work in community organizing and social service in black communities.

A committee opposing the deportation said the board's ruling will be appealed to the Federal Court of Canada.

## Weather

Forecasts for Saskatchewan issued by Environment Canada at 6 a.m. CST Friday, May 9, 1975 for today and Saturday.	Sunshine 12.3 Sunset today 8:44 Sunrise tomorrow 5:20
<b>SASKATOON - REGINA</b> MOOSE MOUNTAIN - MOOSE JAW KINDERSLEY - BATTLEFORD QUILL LAKES - YORKTON REGIONS	WINDY with a few cloudy periods. Low 8. Saturday, sunny and warm. High 18 to 22. Sunday, sunny and warm. High near 20.
<b>WEYBURN - ASSINBOIA</b> CYPRESS HILLS - SWIFT CURRENT REGIONS	Cloudy with some sunny periods today. Mostly sunny on Saturday. Winds southeasterly 15 to 25 by day and light at night. Highs today near 17. Lows tonight near 5.
<b>HUDSON BAY - PRINCE ALBERT</b> MEADOW LAKE BUFFALO NARROWS - LA RONGE PELICAN NARROWS - REINDEER CREE LAKE REGIONS	Sunny and warm today and Saturday. Highs today in the low twenties. Lows tonight 2 to 5.
<b>WOLLASTON - URANIUM</b> REGIONS	Sunny with some cloudy periods today and Saturday. Highs today in the upper teens. Lows tonight 2 to 4. Temperature at 9 a.m. 17C Lowest temperature in night 14C Maximum yesterday 21C Maximum 2 year ago today 26C Wind average velocity 7.5 mph Wind maximum velocity 14 mph Precipitation 0
<b>WINNIPEG (CP)</b> — Temperatures in degrees Celsius issued by the Winnipeg weather office showing highest temperatures Thursday, lowest in 12 hours preceding 6 a.m. CST today and precipitation in previous 24 hours:	High Low Prec. Victoria 19 7 Vancouver 17 8 Edmonton 15 3 Calgary 11 4 .60 Prince Albert 21 3 North Battleford 21 6 Swift Current 12 3 Yorkton 29 5 .51 Moose Jaw 28 5 North Bay 21 7 Regina 18 5 Estevan 17 7 Winnipeg 23 3 Thunder Bay 29 0 Toronto 22 4 Ottawa 22 9 Montreal 20 6 St. John's 11 4 .83 Halifax 8 0 tr. Charlottetown 4 1 tr. Fredericton 10 3 New York 21 11 Los Angeles 23 13
<b>TORONTO (CP)</b> — Cross-Canada weather: British Columbia: Cloudy along the coast. Sunny interior. Alberta: Mainly sunny. Saskatchewan: Sunny except cloudy extreme south. Manitoba: Sunny and warm. Ontario: Mostly sunny. Quebec: Mainly sunny.	

# Price index indicates pension hike possible

OTTAWA (CP) — Monthly old age security payments will be increased by \$2.34 in July, the new consumer price index indicates.

Old age security, the basic flat-rate pension for 1.9 million persons over 65, is one of four federal welfare benefits indexed to provide higher payments as the consumer price index rises.

Old age security and guaranteed income supplements for needier pensioners are adjusted quarterly. Canada Pension Plan and family allowance payments are adjusted annually.

The April index, published today was 179.8, up from 178.9 in March. The indicated increases in benefits are based on formulas in the Old Age Security and Family Allowance Acts and the Canada Pension Plan.

The maximum monthly guaranteed income supplement for a single pensioner will be increased by \$1.64 in July to \$88.21. For a couple, both pensioners, the increase in July will be \$2.92 to \$156.68.

The size of guaranteed income supplements, paid to about 1.1 million persons, depends on what other income the pensioner receives. The indicated impact on most supplements can be computed by adding 1.9 per cent.

The July adjustment in old age security and guaranteed income supplement payments is based on comparing the average of consumer price index figures for the three months between February and April with the average for the three preceding months.

Cost-of-living adjustments for Canada Pension Plan and family allowance payments are made each January, using consumer price index figures up to the preceding October.

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