

Monument and the Liberty Bell; after trial, given five-year conditional sentence June 17. *Feb. 17*, Prime Minister Pearson announced plans for yearly reduction of the age at which the old age pension will commence, payments eventually to begin at age 65 instead of 70. *Feb. 18*, Gambia, Britain's oldest and last West African territory, became an independent nation within the Commonwealth after more than 300 years of British rule. Second report of the Royal Commission on Health Services tabled in the House of Commons; administrative framework for the proposed pre-paid medical care plan outlined. Establishment of an 18-member advisory committee on dental health announced by Minister of Health and Welfare Judy LaMarsh. Establishment of a graduate School of International Affairs, unique in Canada, as a result of grant of \$400,000 from Senator Norman M. Paterson, announced by Carleton University, Ottawa. Rémi Paul, Progressive Conservative M.P. for Berthier-Maskinongé-Delanaudière, announced his decision to sit as an independent member. The isolated copper-mining camp of Granduc Mines Ltd. 30 miles north of Stewart, B.C., buried under an avalanche; 18 dead and 8 missing. *Feb. 19*, Death of Senator John A. Robertson of Kenora, Ont. *Feb. 21*, Petra Burka, Toronto, won the women's North American Figure Skating Championship in competitions held in Rochester, N.Y. *Feb. 23*, Montreal author Jacques Hébert sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$3,000 after being found guilty of contempt of court for various statements in his book *I Accuse the Assassins of Coffin*. Federal Government approval of collective bargaining and arbitration in the Civil Service announced by Privy Council President McIlraith. *Feb. 24*, The flag of New Brunswick—a red compartment containing a gold lion, over a gold compartment containing an ancient ship on three wavy lines, one white and two blue—proclaimed. *Feb. 25*, Preliminary report of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism tabled in the House of Commons. Report of the Ontario Medical Services Insurance Committee appointed Aug. 22, 1963, released; a plan similar to that of Alberta recommended.

**March:** *Mar. 1*, Explosion in Ville LaSalle, suburban Montreal, destroyed an apartment building; 26 persons killed and 32 injured or unaccounted for. Design unveiled of the \$18,000,000 Centre for the Performing Arts at Ottawa, comprising a 2,300-seat opera house and concert hall, a 900-seat theatre and a 300-seat recital studio. A \$6,000,000 plan for development of Kejimikujik National Park in southwestern Nova Scotia announced by National Resources and Northern Affairs Minister Laing. *Mar. 2*, Lucien Rivard, key figure in the Dorion inquiry, held in Bordeaux jail on charges of trafficking in narcotics, escaped with a companion, touching off a continent-wide manhunt. Death of Frank Ryan of Ottawa, President of radio station CFRB and internationally known in business and farming circles. Appointment of Judge N. T. Nemetz, of the Superior Court of British Columbia, as commissioner to inquire into alleged charges of irregularities in certain B.C. constituencies in the 1963 federal election levelled by Ormond Turner of the *Vancouver Province*; report, made public Aug. 18, found no proof of such irregularities. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Maritime Transportation Unions tabled in the House of Commons by Minister of Labour MacEachen. *Mar. 5*, Petra Burka of Toronto won the world figure skating championship at Colorado Springs. Bylot Island, off the north coast of Baffin Island, declared a migratory bird sanctuary, the 15th established in the Canadian Arctic. *Mar. 6*, The 1965 gold medals of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada awarded to L. Dana Willgress, Ottawa, Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Canada-U.S. Permanent Joint Board of Defence, and Dr. Allison Pickett, entomologist, Kentville, N.S. *Mar. 8*, The Newfoundland Government an-

nounced free tuition for all Newfoundland first-year students at Memorial University, St. John's, setting a precedent in Canada. *Mar. 9*, Death of Fiorenza Drew, wife of Hon. George A. Drew, former Premier of Ontario and former Canadian High Commissioner to Britain. *Mar. 10*, Miss Japan-Canada Friendship (Hiroko Koba) selected in Tokyo under sponsorship of the Department of Trade and Commerce; to visit Canada in March and April, accompanied by Japanese journalists and TV cameramen, to publicize Tokyo International Trade Fair. Charter granted by Ontario Government to Martin Shulist, Wilno, Ont., for a Polish-Canadian museum in the Barry's Bay area to be known as Polish Canadian Pioneer Centre. *Mar. 10-14*, Negro civil rights demonstrators marched in Selma and Montgomery, Alabama; demonstrations in sympathy took place in Toronto on Mar. 12 and in Ottawa on Mar. 14. *Mar. 12*, Announcement by Veterans Affairs Minister Teillet that, effective Apr. 1, DVA prosthetic services will be available to all Canadians through the Department of National Health and Welfare. *Mar. 16*, A device to speed location and cause of aircraft crashes, developed at the National Research Council, to be commercially produced for the RCAF and the USAF. *Mar. 16*, University of Waterloo officials announced introduction of a bilingual course in honours French and political science for students preparing to enter the federal civil service, the first of its kind in Canada. *Mar. 18*, Russian cosmonaut Leonov took the first steps into space when he emerged briefly from his space ship and returned safely. *Mar. 19*, Announcement of an additional federal grant of \$10,000,000 to the Canada Council to meet expanding needs. *Mar. 23*, Two United States astronauts, Grissom and Young, successfully completed space flight in the world's first steerable spacecraft. *Mar. 24*, Robert Kennedy and members of the U.S. National Geographic Society and the Boston Museum of Science climbed 13,900-foot Mount Kennedy, described as the highest unclimbed peak in North America, and planted a black-bordered flag at its summit. *Mar. 25*, Seizure in Montreal of \$25,000,000 worth of pure heroin announced by the RCMP; two employees of Air France and a Montreal man charged. *Mar. 26*, Winners of the Governor General's Literary Awards for 1964 announced: Phyllis Grosskurth (non-fiction in English); Raymond Souster (poetry in English); Douglas LePan (fiction in English); Pierre Perrault (poetry in French); Rev. Réjean Robidoux (non-fiction in French); and Jean-Paul Pinsonneault (fiction in French). *Mar. 28*, Death of H.R.H. the Princess Royal, only daughter of the late King George V and Queen Mary.

**April:** RCMP schooner *St. Roch*, first vessel to navigate the northwest passage from west to east, to be preserved at Vancouver as a national historic monument. Subsidiary of Japan's largest automobile exporter opened Canadian head office in Vancouver. The freighter *Mishurink* became the first U.S.S.R. ship to enter the St. Lawrence Seaway system. *Apr. 1*, The National Employment Service transferred from the Unemployment Insurance Commission to the Department of Labour. Death of General H. D. G. Crerar, Commander of the 1st Canadian Army in the Second World War and the first Canadian General to command Canadian Forces in the field. *Apr. 2*, Prime Minister Pearson received the second annual Temple University World Peace Award in Philadelphia, for making "a singular contribution to the cause of peace and understanding among nations and men". Second Session of the 26th Parliament prorogued—the longest session in Canadian history, lasting 248 days. The Canada Pension Plan Act assented to. *Apr. 3*, Report of Mr. Joseph Sedgwick into allegations by M.P.'s and the press against the Department of Citizenship and Immigration that aliens facing deportation were jailed unlawfully