

December

Dec. 3, A tax of \$2.80 per passenger to be levied on air-carriers using airports operated by the Ministry of Transport announced in Ottawa. *Dec. 6*, Federal oil policy announced in House of Commons; major feature was the decision to form a national petroleum company. *Dec. 7*, Energy Minister Donald Macdonald announced sale of a Canadian nuclear power station to South Korea and an option on a second plant at an estimated cost of \$250 million each. *Dec. 10*, Ontario government introduced legislation to force school boards in 17 jurisdictions and 8,000 teachers to binding arbitration and voiding resignations submitted November 29; legislation was withdrawn December 20 after teachers agreed to postpone their resignations to January 31. *Dec. 13*, Controversial wiretap legislation returned to the House of Commons by the Senate after deletion of requirements that wiretap subjects be told afterward that they had been overheard; the Commons restored the requirements and returned the Bill to the Senate January 10, 1974; the Senate then passed it. *Dec. 14*, Final report of the Royal Commission on the Non-Medical use of Drugs tabled in the House of Commons; recommendations include compulsory confinement for one to three months in residential treatment

facilities of medically diagnosed opiate addicts; the Canadian Medical Association rejected the proposal in a letter from CMA president Peter Banks to Health Minister Marc Lalonde December 19. *Dec. 18*, Commons Northern Affairs Committee report tabled in the House of Commons; recommendations included granting more of the self-governing powers of provincial legislations to the Yukon Territory. A conflict-of-interest code for public servants was introduced in the House of Commons by Prime Minister Trudeau; the code suggests that public servants reveal business, financial or commercial interests that could be construed as conflicting with official duties. *Dec. 19*, The Montreal Symphony Orchestra announced that grants from citizens, business, provincial and municipal governments would allow it to continue in operation; president Robert Buck previously announced that financial problems would force its dissolution. *Dec. 20*, Plans to create a Commission of Human Rights and Interests to combat discrimination and protect individuals from unfair practices announced by Justice Minister Otto Lang. Deputy Commissioner Maurice J. Nadon appointed Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, succeeding W.L. Higgitt. *Dec. 28*, Mr. Justice Bora Laskin appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, succeeding Gérard Fauteux.