

To the Postmaster General:

Edmund L. Morris, Member for Halifax.

To the Minister of Public Works:

Yvon-R. Tasse, Member for Quebec East.

"There will be an indication at an early date as to the name that I will place before the House of Commons for election as Deputy Speaker," the Prime Minister said. "I cannot refer to him by name until I have had an opportunity of discussing the question with the Leader of the Opposition. Following the usual course with an English-speaking Speaker, the Deputy Speaker will be a French Canadian."

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## CANADA AND THE CRANBERRY

"The presence of trace amounts of aminotriazole in some lots of the current crop of cranberries does not in itself constitute a danger to health", Mr. J. Waldo Monteith, Canada's Minister of National Health and Welfare, declared recently. "Whatever hazard may exist would appear to lie in repetition of this contamination resulting in consumption by individuals of repeated doses of the chemical over many years involving an enormous amount of contaminated cranberries. It is the concern of my Department to ensure that this does not take place."

Mr. Monteith referred to reports from American Public Health authorities that cranberries grown in the states of Washington and Oregon had been found to be contaminated with aminotriazole. "Immediately upon receipt of these reports", he said, "our Food and Drug offices across the country were alerted to the situation and instructed to check all imported cranberries as well as domestic stocks. While this is a time-consuming process, a fair number of results have already been obtained. These show that there has been trace contamination of some cranberries now in Canada. The proportion however, is very small. Where supplies have been found to be contaminated, steps have been taken to keep them off the market. The owners involved have shown complete understanding and co-operation."

Mr. Monteith stated that the present situation stems from the misuse of aminotriazole. "This weed-killer is registered by the Department of Agriculture for use in Canada but only after cranberry crops have been harvested. If it is employed in this way, no contamination of the berries will result. Trouble arises only when it is sprayed on the crop before harvesting. Obviously some producers have not followed the prescribed method of application."

"I am confident that the action being taken here and in the United States will focus attention on the proper use of aminotriazole and that the cranberry industries in both countries will co-operate in preventing a recurrence of the problem. As far as the present situation is concerned, I personally intend to have cranberries with my turkey at Christmas."

## STRATFORD COMPOSERS' CONFERENCE

The Canadian League of Composers will be host to composers from 30 different countries at the first International Composers' Conference during the Stratford Festival of 1960.

Louis Applebaum, who is director of the Conference, as well as musical director of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival, has, aided by the League Council, devised a plan under which many of the world's leading composers will be asked to direct discussion sessions, each dealing with a different aspect of contemporary music.

There will be "work periods" devoted to the 12-tone scale, electronic music, contemporary opera, the teaching of composition, symphony and orchestral technique, the relations between composers and public and problems in the performance of contemporary music.

These discussion sessions will be accompanied by a series of six concerts, ranging from symphonic to solo works. The first of these will be a concert by the National Festival Orchestra and some Stratford soloists. It is hoped that one entire concert will be devoted to compositions that use new means of producing musical sound, including electronic music.

Compositions by leading composers among the visitors representing the newest trends in current "musical thinking," as well as major Canadian works and selections from the established twentieth century repertoire, will be featured at these concerts. It is expected that visiting composers will perform their own works.

To meet the expenses of this ambitious project, the Canada Council has allotted a grant of \$10,000 to the Canadian League of Composers.

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## ADULT EDUCATION

Adult enrolment in classes and courses reported by 37 universities and colleges in Canada amounted to 120,923 during the academic year ending in 1958, according to preliminary figures from a Dominion Bureau of Statistics survey of adult education.

Enrolment in courses for credit toward a degree or diploma totalled 32,199, with 72.2 per cent taking Arts and Science courses. Enrolment in non-credit courses amounted to 88,554, with 43.9 per cent in professional training and refresher courses, 35.0 per cent enrolled in courses in social education, 10.4 per cent in fine arts courses and 10.7 per cent in liberal arts courses. The largest enrolment was in "family-life education", which includes marriage preparation, parent education, child study and so forth. The University of Ottawa reported an enrolment of 16,395 in such classes and corresponding courses.