

Cuba bound FLQ members leave tape recording behind

MONTREAL (CUPI) — Shortly after the seven Quebecois left for exile in Cuba, it was revealed by the separatist French-language monthly newspaper Choc that four members of the Liberation cell recorded a 90-minute conversation trying to describe their own development into political revolutionaries.

There is not too much detail available on the tape-recorded conversation yet, just one story in the Toronto Globe and Mail.

According to the Globe: "Much of the tape deals with the kidnapper's bitter descriptions of what drove them to their radical positions — their disillusionment with what they call the injustices of Quebec society, the financial inequalities and the exploitation of French Canadians by large English Canadian companies and U.S.-owned companies."

The four voices on the tape, believed to be Jacques Lanctot,

Marc Carbonneau, Pierre Seguin and Louise Lanctot, say conditions facing the Quebecois are "a question of humiliation, but it has economic and social roots."

At a teach-in in Toronto over the weekend dealing with Quebec, Gaston Therrien, a Montreal taxi driver and friend of Lanctot and Carbonneau, said the men were working for a better society, for better standing as workers and for a more equitable place in the world.

"I refute all that has been said that they were sort of violent maniacs and the rest of it," Therrien said. "What they have done cannot be compared to what society has done to them."

"They were exploited as slaves — they did what they had to do." Therrien, a leader of the Taxi Liberation Movement in Montreal and an unsuccessful candidate for the civic party Front d'Action Politique, described Carbonneau:

"He was human, honest, hard-working and never thought of himself, only of others. And he never left a question unanswered."

On the tape recording the Front de Liberation du Quebec members said they made only one mistake during the kidnapping of Cross, but they said it was a big mistake.

Apparently, in their nervousness to do the kidnapping, they forgot to place the hoods they had in their pockets over their heads when they went to the Cross home.

According to the Globe, one of the three men on the tape "implies that he was nervous, partly because he was overawed by the luxury of the Cross home."

"... the big carpet, two inches thick, the pictures. It was very luxurious. I had never seen anything like it in all my life."

They say on the tape that Cross was chosen to kidnap because they thought the abduction of a British official would have greater impact

on Quebec's English-speaking community.

At another point in the tape a man says the refusal to negotiate on the part of Trudeau was partly due to Trudeau's stubborn character and partly due to orders from Washington, because negotiating would set a bad

precedent for U.S. dealings with groups like the Black Panthers and Weathermen, if those groups were to use the same tactics.

"When we did the kidnapping, we thought that in four or five days, a week at the most, the government would agree to negotiate," the tape says.

New safety rules released

Fire safety precautions should head the list of everybody's preparations for Christmas, says York Safety Officer, E.C. Richards.

A happy Christmas can change in a few seconds into a tragedy in areas where such precautions are neglected, he says.

If choosing a natural tree, be sure it is fresh and green with firm needles and keep it outdoors until needed. Then saw off butt at an angle one inch or more above the original cut, and set in stand with butt immersed in water to above the level of cut. Keep this water topped up daily.

The tree should not be close to any source of heat such as radiators, hot air registers, fireplaces or a television set.

Check your lighting sets for worn insulation, broken plugs and loose bulb sockets. All sets should bear Canadian Standard Association or Underwriters Laboratory of Canada labels of approval.

Use only flame proof paper based decorations. Do not use candles as tree decorations or smoke near the tree. Do not allow discarded gift wrapping to accumulate around the tree. Even a moist tree will ignite if exposed to burning materials.

Artificial trees present their own hazards. Metallic trees are conductors of electricity and should not be decorated with strings of lights, but illuminated by

floodlights from a safe distance. The plastic type are made of combustible materials and therefore the safest would be one with slow burning characteristics.

Use of fire-retardant chemical spray on your natural tree is no substitute for butt immersion and is not recommended.

Christmas trees should be removed as soon as possible after the celebrations.

Students arrange trip to Quebec Feburary 18-22

Once again this year a trip is being organized for the Quebec Winter Carnival. Winter Carnival 1970 runs from February 4-23. York's trip is the weekend of February 18-22. Students will leave on the Thursday of Reading Week and return on the following Monday. For those who are interested in going, there are still some places on the train open. You can sign up by contacting either Neil Staff room 404, McLaughlin Residence (635-7766) or Dave Blain (781-1783). The cost for return train fare and accommodation is about \$35.00.

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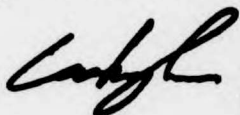
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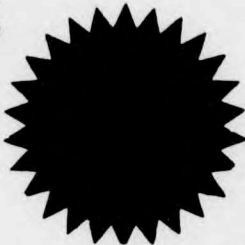
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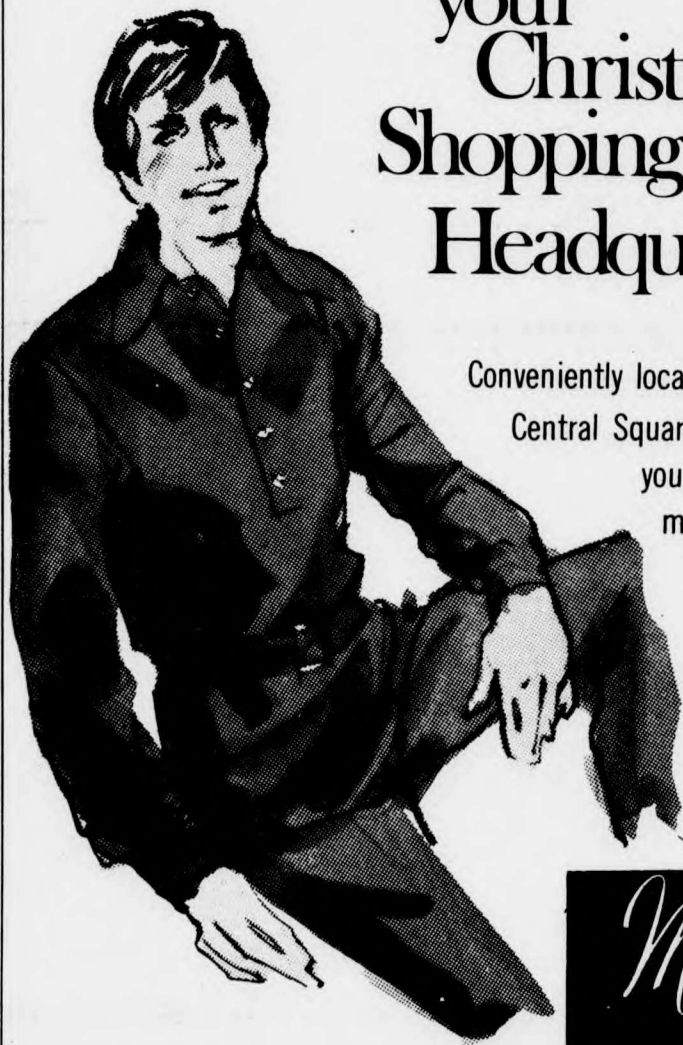
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