

Gun control (*Contd. from P. 4*)

before purchasing a gun. Failure by either party in the transaction to verify the existence of the certificate would be an offence.

Exceptions to the proposed gun controls are persons who must hunt or trap to support themselves. Such persons may lend firearms to each other without a certificate. Firearms may also be used by persons without a certificate, providing they are used in the company of the owner.

Requirements for the issuance of a firearms certificate include that the

applicant have no record of a conviction for an indictable offence under the firearms section of the Criminal Code, no offences involving the threat or use of violence against another person, no history of treatment for a mental disorder associated with violence, and no known history of violent behaviour.

Children under 16 would not be able to purchase firearms under any circumstance. No permit would be required, however, for persons under 16 to use a firearm while in the presence and under the supervision of a person who lawfully possesses the weapon.

A firearms certificate would cost \$10

and would be valid anywhere in Canada for five years. Provincial attorneys general may request the Federal Government to require in their province the successful completion of a hunter's safety course before issuing a certificate.

Under the new bill, stiffer penalties would be imposed on people using firearms in the commission of an offence. Persons who use, handle, or store firearms or ammunition carelessly would be subject to penalties. A National Advisory Council on Firearms Use would be established to monitor the effectiveness of regulations.

News briefs

- Prime Minister Trudeau announced the creation of a seven-member task force on Canadian unity, in the House of Commons on July 5, to advise the Government on national unity issues and to work with groups outside the Government wishing to promote the unity of Canada. It is headed by former Ontario premier John Robarts and former Anti-Inflation Board chairman Jean-Luc Pépin. Mr. Trudeau made the announcement at the beginning of a debate on unity in which he said in particular that English-speaking Canadians must show more tolerance for the French language if Canada were to remain intact.
- Gilles Caouette, interim federal Social Credit leader, said on July 3 that a leadership convention could be held in conjunction with the party's national congress in Winnipeg on November 12.
- Canadian auto-makers will probably install airbags or automatic seat belts on new luxury and full-size cars in late 1981 and on all models by 1984,

an industry spokesman said on July 3.

- Native people living in Northern Quebec will be allowed English schooling and their organizations will be exempt from "francization" provisions under amendments to Quebec's proposed language law, Quebec Cultural Development Minister Laurin said on July 5.
- *Maclean's* magazine, founded in 1905 as a monthly and converted to a bi-weekly in 1975 will become a weekly newsmagazine, September 1978, fulfilling a promise made to the Federal Government when restrictions were imposed on *Time* magazine's Canadian edition. Its aim will be to regain profitability at the new frequency in two years. This will require 1,100 pages of advertising and gross revenues of \$20 million.
- Alcan Aluminum Ltd. has received approval from the federal Anti-Inflation Board to increase prices in Canada for aluminum ingot and fabricated products. The company says the increases reflect the increased costs of production. Although Alcan has no published list price in Canada because its sales are by contract, the price increases are believed to be about 7 per cent or close to the price of 51 cents a pound implemented by the major United States producers in May.
- A \$3-million pilot project to test a new oil-sands recovery process will be constructed in Calgary. Underwood Cullen and Associates Ltd. and the Alberta oil sands technology research authority unveiled the Taciuk process for recovering and improving bitumen from the Athabasca oil sands near Fort

McMurray, Alberta on June 29. The research authority has been granted \$144 million by the Alberta government to invest in oil-sands research. Key to the Taciuk process is the heated rotating kiln and heat exchanger.

- Premier Peter Lougheed of Alberta, after a series of meetings in Saudi Arabia and Iran, predicts the world price of oil will rise to \$20 (U.S.) a barrel by the early 1980s from the current price of \$14.50 a barrel at Persian Gulf ports.
- A bill permitting establishment of a new federally-chartered bank, the Continental Bank of Canada, has been given final approval by the Commons. The new bank is to be established by IAC Ltd., which plans to set up a wholly-owned subsidiary.
- All tenders for contracts awarded by the Federal Government — regardless of their value — are to be opened publicly. Previously only those valued at \$10,000 or more were opened publicly.
- Dr. James Inglis of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, was named president-elect of the 2,200-member Canadian Psychological Association at its annual meeting held recently in Vancouver. Besides publishing 60 scientific papers and reports, Dr. Inglis has written a book on abnormal psychology.
- President M.O. Morgan of Memorial University of Newfoundland, was elected president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada at the association's annual meeting in Halifax, Nova Scotia last month. The association consists of 65 degree-granting universities and colleges in Canada.

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