

news I have received is true, that the French announcers have been instructed to pronounce that word as well as do the English-speaking announcers. I hope that tomorrow the honourable Leader of the Government will be in a position to tell us. If it is true, it will mean a reform and a change in the pronunciation of one word. Honourable senators may say that it is a very small thing, but it is important because it is a reform. It is a lesson to those "know-alls."

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCES—INQUIRY ANSWERED

Hon. Mr. Pouliot inquired of the Government, pursuant to notice:

In the course of the past ten years, how many sentences for capital punishment have been commuted in the case of persons found guilty of (a) murder, (b) rape and murder, and on what date has each of these commutations been decided?

Hon. John J. Connolly: The answer to the honourable senator's inquiry is as follows:

There are no cases of persons having been found guilty of rape and murder. Section 499 of the Criminal Code provides that:

"No count that charges an offence other than murder shall be joined in an indictment to a count that charges murder."

Section 856 of the old Criminal Code was to the same effect.

In the course of the past ten years the number of persons whose sentences for capital punishment have been commuted to life imprisonment is as follows:

(a) 1955, six: January 5, 1955; January 14, 1955; January 20, 1955; June 29, 1955; October 26, 1955; December 14, 1955.

1956, nine: January 5, 1956; February 2, 1956; March 15, 1956; April 19, 1956; May 1, 1956; May 24, 1956; May 24, 1956; May 24, 1956; July 5, 1956.

1957, six: April 1, 1957; June 14, 1957; June 14, 1957; July 26, 1957; December 12, 1957; December 12, 1957.

1958, fourteen: January 15, 1958; February 5, 1958; April 4, 1958; April 17, 1958; April 17, 1958; June 6, 1958; July 10, 1958; August 26, 1958; August 26, 1958; September 8, 1958; October 9, 1958; November 27, 1958; December 30, 1958; December 30, 1958.

1959, thirteen: February 14, 1959; March 17, 1959; April 18, 1959; April 23, 1959; April 30, 1959; June 13, 1959; July 9, 1959; July 16, 1959; August 13, 1959;

November 19, 1959; December 10, 1959; December 15, 1959; December 15, 1959; 1960, six: January 12, 1960; January 21, 1960; April 11, 1960; May 11, 1960; August 17, 1960; December 1, 1960.

1961, eleven: March 23, 1961; April 18, 1961; May 19, 1961; June 2, 1961; June 15, 1961; July 12, 1961; August 9, 1961; August 21, 1961; November 8, 1961; November 8, 1961; December 5, 1961.

1962, two: April 9, 1962; July 31, 1962. 1963, seven: February 21, 1963; March 12, 1963; March 12, 1963; May 9, 1963; June 27, 1963; September 12, 1963; October 3, 1963.

1964, four: January 7, 1964; April 23, 1964; June 18, 1964; November 3, 1964.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: Honourable senators, with respect to the answer that has been given as to clemency in matters of murder and rape, I will say that the so-called experts of the Department of Justice have tried to split hairs. They often do that. One part of their answer is futile. The other gives the number of commutations of death sentences, which is so formidable for the last nine years that it is really shocking. Let us hope that the Government will be very careful about its policy in regard to clemency for sex perverts convicted of offences such as rape and murder.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of reports of the Standing Committee on Divorce Nos. 645 to 684, inclusive, which were presented on Tuesday, December 1.

On motion of Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, reports adopted, on division.

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

Leave having been given to revert to the order for Notices of Motions.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the following resolutions:

Resolution 616, for the relief of Leonard Marchand, otherwise known as Leonard Mihalcean.

Resolution 617, for the relief of Marie Beatrice Denise Baillargeon Faucher.

Resolution 618, for the relief of Sato Jean-not Richard.

Resolution 619, for the relief of Miriam Dworkin Waddington.

Resolution 620, for the relief of Ian Park Grant-Whyte.