COMPETENT CAT — This cat feeds this litter of pups as well as her own of kittens. The pups mother was recently stolen. Dog and cat fanciers may find it interesting to study what feline canines they become later.
— CP Wirephoto

Railway boss, Gordon, labelled "dictator" as Conservatives attack CNR condition

OTTAWA (CP)— Burly Donald Gordon, president of the CNR since 1950, was the target Thursday of one of the strongest attacks ever launched in the Commons against a federal public servant.

The controversial head of the publicly-owned railway was described as overlording, arrogant, inhuman, haughty and the number one enemy of national unity.

The attackers were three Progressive Conservative backbenchers who demanded that the government remove Mr. Gordon as head of the railway. The 59-year-old president earns $75,000 yearly including director's fees.

Mr. Gordon was attacked by Louis Joseph Pigeon, Joliette-L'Assomption - Montcalm; R. Hardy Small, Toronto Danforth, and Roderick Webb, Hastings - Frontenac, during debate on the estimates of Transport Minister Balcer.

At the same time Lionel Chevrier (L-Montreal Laurier) a former transport minister, said it was "disgraceful" that the government had failed to announce whether Mr. Gordon is to continue as head of the railway system.

TERM EXPIRED

Mr. Gordon's regular term as president expired last September and the government has not yet announced his reappointment. He is continuing in his job on a day-to-day basis.

Mr. Pigeon said Mr. Gordon should be put in storage like an old steam locomotive when it was replaced by diesel. He was detested by CNR employees.

Mr. Small said: "Personally, I think the government would be well advised to dispense with his services."

Mr. Webb said Mr. Gordon is "overlording and arrogant." He said that after speaking with many railway workers it became evident to him that the CNR president "is almost inhuman and has the attitude of a dictator."

Mr. Gordon's continued presidency of the CNR came before the Commons after Douglas Fisher (CCF-Port Arthur) asked Mr. Balcer when the CNR president will appear for examination before the Commons railways committee. He does so annually.

SPECULATION RIFE

The refusal of the minister, Mr. Fisher said, to give a firm date for Mr. Gordon's appearance has given rise to speculation—perhaps unfounded—that the CNR president has declined to come until the government clarifies his position.

At this point Mr. Chevrier asked Mr. Balcer to comment on a recent suggestion in the Senate by Senator Gunnar Thorvaldson of Winnipeg, president of the National Progressive Conservative Association, that the management and administration of the CNR be split into two divisions. Mr. Gordon now holds both these responsibilities.

Mr. Balcer's only reply was that government policy is never announced in the senate.

Art Smith (PC - Calgary South), while stating that some of the criticisms of Mr. Gordon are based on fact, said he hopes no member would assume that because the CNR has a substantial deficit "the responsibility should be borne by the president of the railway."

Mr. Gordon, he said, was well able to defend himself. But there appeared to be an inclination by some members to hold the CNR president responsible for the difficulties in which the railway found itself.

Argos sign guard

TORONTO (CP) — Guard Alex Gilleskie, captain of the North Carolina State football squad and twice picked for the all-Atantic coast team, was signed Thursday by Toronto Argonauts of the Big Four.

Gilleskie, 24, is six feet and 230 pounds.

Three children die in 'frig

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Three small boy playmates climbed into a freezer chest while at play and smothered when the lid closed on them Thursday.

The dead children are Keith Loughry, 6; his brother, Glen, 4, and a next door neighbor, William Anderson, 4. Officials said they had been in the chest an hour.

The new freezer was on the rear second-floor porch of the Loughry home. It had been there a week, but was not yet in use.

Opera star scores double triumph

LONDON (Reuters) — Victoria de Los Angeles scored an artistic triumph Thursday night in a unique "double" at a charity performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "Pagliacci" at the Royal Opera House.

The Spanish soprano, who had never sung "Nedda" in a stage production of "Pagliacci" appeared for the first time at a single performance in both that role of Suntuzza in "Cavalleria Rusticana."

She was partnered by two fine Canadian tenors — Andre Turp of Montreal, who was Turridu in "Cavalleria Rusticana," and Jon Vickers of Prince Albert, Sask., who sang Canio to her Nedda.

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Psychiatrists report suicide rate in juveniles high

MONTREAL (CP)—Suicide and attempted suicide is much more common among children and adolescents than is generally realized, Dr. J. M. Toolan of New York said Thursday.

He told the third world congress of psychiatry that suicide is one of the most common causes of death among adolescents and more attention must be paid to children's and adolescents' psychological make-up.

He described a study of 900 children admitted to the mental ward of New York City's Bellevue Hospital in 1960. Of these, 102 were attempted suicides or threatened suicides.

Of the 102, 84 were 12 to 16 years old. There were 74 girls and 10 boys in the group. There were 11 boys and seven girls in the under-12 group.

Dr. Toolan said the most common reasons for a child thinking of suicide are to call attention to an emotional problem or to "get back at someone."

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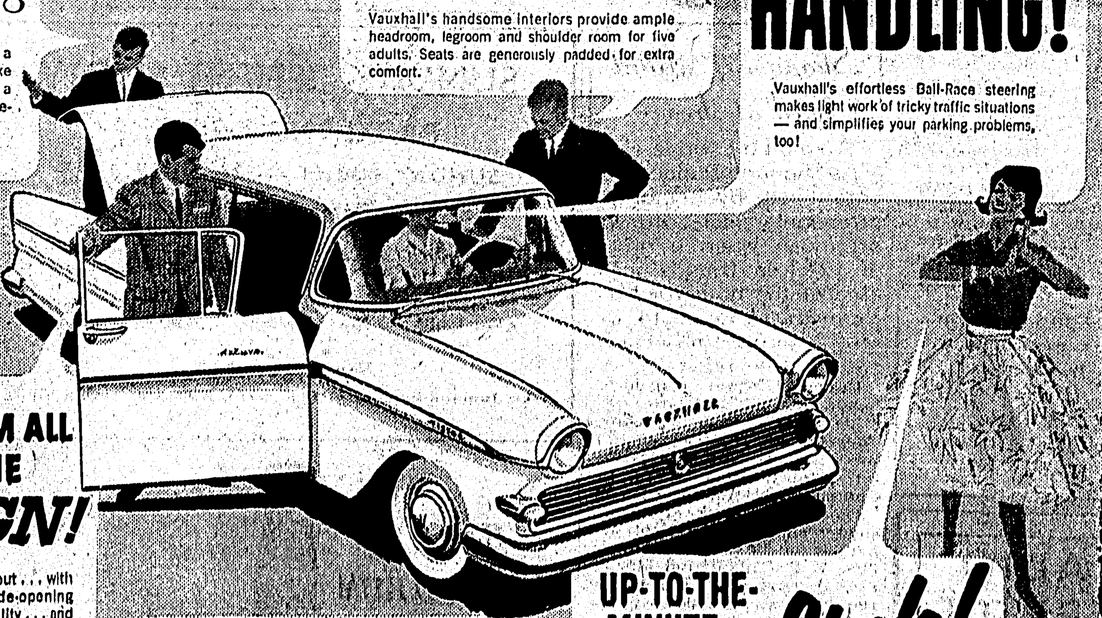

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