

Government Photographers Only Ones Allowed at Opening of Legislature

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VICTORIA — Speaker of the legislature Thomas Irwin has ruled that only photographers from the British Columbia government travel bureau will be allowed to take still pictures inside the legislative chambers on opening day, Feb. 16.

The pictures will be made available to the press.

Mr. Irwin said he did not want the traditional ceremony of the rod, where the old mace, symbol of the Queen's authority, is substituted for the new one, interrupted by intermittent flashing of camera bulbs.

He said if he let in one news-

paper photographer he must let them all in and too many photographers block the view of the spectators.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will be allowed to televise the ceremony but no microphones will be allowed on the floor of the house. The announcers' voices will be dubbed in.

At Vancouver, Kenneth Caple, B.C. regional representative for the CBC, said the CBC had "made no formal application to the provincial government for an exclusive coverage" of the opening.



SYDNEY GRUSON, New York Times correspondent in Mexico and Central America, has been expelled from Guatemala by the foreign ministry of that country. The ministry said Gruson "has systematically defamed and injured this republic and its government through the press." Gruson began his newspaper career in Toronto with The Canadian Press.

Storm Lashes Atlantic

HALIFAX — The worst storm of the winter lashed the Atlantic coast Tuesday night, apparently claimed three lives and sank a fishing vessel.

The fishing vessel Liberator, at first feared to have gone down, sailed without her crew into her home port of Glace Bay, N.S., in an early-morning haze. There was no sign of Capt. Tom Barrett, Paul Ford, 19, and Jack Burke, 19.

Capt. Barrett's tiny vessel, hoisting limp and twisted, drifted into port unharmed. She followed shoreward a long trail of broken hatches and fishing gear that had drifted to within a few hundred yards of the dock from which she sailed the day before.

Undemocratic Ban
WORTHING, England (CP) — Some 200 teen-agers in this Sussex town have signed a petition protesting the ban on "modern dancing" at local dances. The petition says the ban is "not antiquated, but undemocratic."

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Senate Approves Bill Granting MP's Raises

OTTAWA — Parliamentary pay raises, a controversial issue in the Commons, still had only a procedural ripple in the 102-member Senate.

The upper chamber Wednesday approved the principle of a bill increasing parliamentary pay to \$10,000 from \$6,000. The measure now needs only final approval and royal assent to become law.

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the pay increase. However, only four of the seven CCF members who supported the measure last week were present for third reading. They were Joseph W. Roseworthy, Charlie Gillis, Thomas Barnett and Harold E. Winch.

The three others, including party leader M. J. C. O'Dell, were among the 18 CCF members voting against third reading.

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