500,967 DEMAND BILL OF RIGHTS FOR CANADIANS

Jehovah Witness Sect **Among Petitioners**

BY EUGENE GRIFFIN OTTAWA, June 9-More than half

rights for Canada. The bulky volumes bearing the signatures of 500,967 Canadians representing all sections of the do-

Conservative, Saskatchewan], Canadian constitutionalist and foremost advocate of a bill of rights, was absent because of illness. Stewart said he had been asked to present the petition by the Jehovah's Witnesses, a religious sect which has been under attack in Quebec province.

Stewart said he acted in behalf of the rights of all Canadians, altho he did not agree with the views of the Witnesses. He regretted, he told reporters, that the petition did not make reference to other groups such as Japanese-Canadians and Negroes, who, he said, have been persecuted by Canadian officials.

"There are only about 7,000 Jehovah's Witnesses in Canada," Stewart said. "so it is obvious from the signatures to this petition that over 490,000 other Canadians are in agreement that Canada should have a bill of rights.

Hundreds Seized in Quebec

Hundreds of Jehovah's Witnesses have been arrested, jailed, and released on bond in Quebec province in the last several months. They have raised charges of violations of their rights of free speech and free dom of religion, on the ground that police have attacked them in Montreal and Quebec City for distributing religious pamphlets without city licenses. In a test case, they have petitioned the Supreme court of Canada to hear their appeal, and the court is deciding whether it will accept their case.

"Canada's participation in the Atlantic Charter and the United Nations Organization, are declarations to the world that this country stands for full freedom of speech, press and worship," their petition to parliament said.

"Many other nations, such as Australia and the United States of America, have written bills of rights in their constitutions, provided for their people greater protection of fundamental liberties than does

"Open to Attack"

"Thruout Canada basic personal rights are open to attack and loss because of a failure to have them guaranteed by a written constitu-

The petition asked parliament to enact or insert in the British North America act a bill of rights similar secure freedom of speech, press, and worship to all people against municipal, provincial, or national abridge

Child Killed, Four Hurt

by Grenade in Saigon PARIS, June 9 [Reuters]—A native child was killed and four persons injured in Saigon yesterday by a grenade thrown during a fete ob serving the first anniversary of the Cochin Chinese republic. A Viet Minh partisan was arrested.

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AN AERIAL ARMY was producing only 200 parachutists With war time training pressures After gaining his jump wings durweekly.

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than 1,200 feet or when wind veduring which he makes five jumps, minion from Cape Breton Island to Victoria, B. C., were presented in the house of commons by Alistair Stewart [Coöperative Commonwealth federation, Winnipeg.]

In Behalf of All

John Diefenbaker [Progressive]

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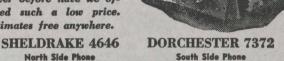
The recent arrival of 10,000 quick release harnesses is helping reduce minor accidents caused by jumpers ples 56,000 of Japan's 146,690 square

makes Yamoto, 14 miles north of nearly 47,000 jumps," said Maj. Gen. being dragged by their chutes after miles. At one point its territory is Sendai in northeast Japan, the cen- Joseph M. Swing, grizzled hero of landing. ter of American parachute training. the Philippines' campaign, who at Glider training also is part of the At Hakodate, Hoddaido, it processes

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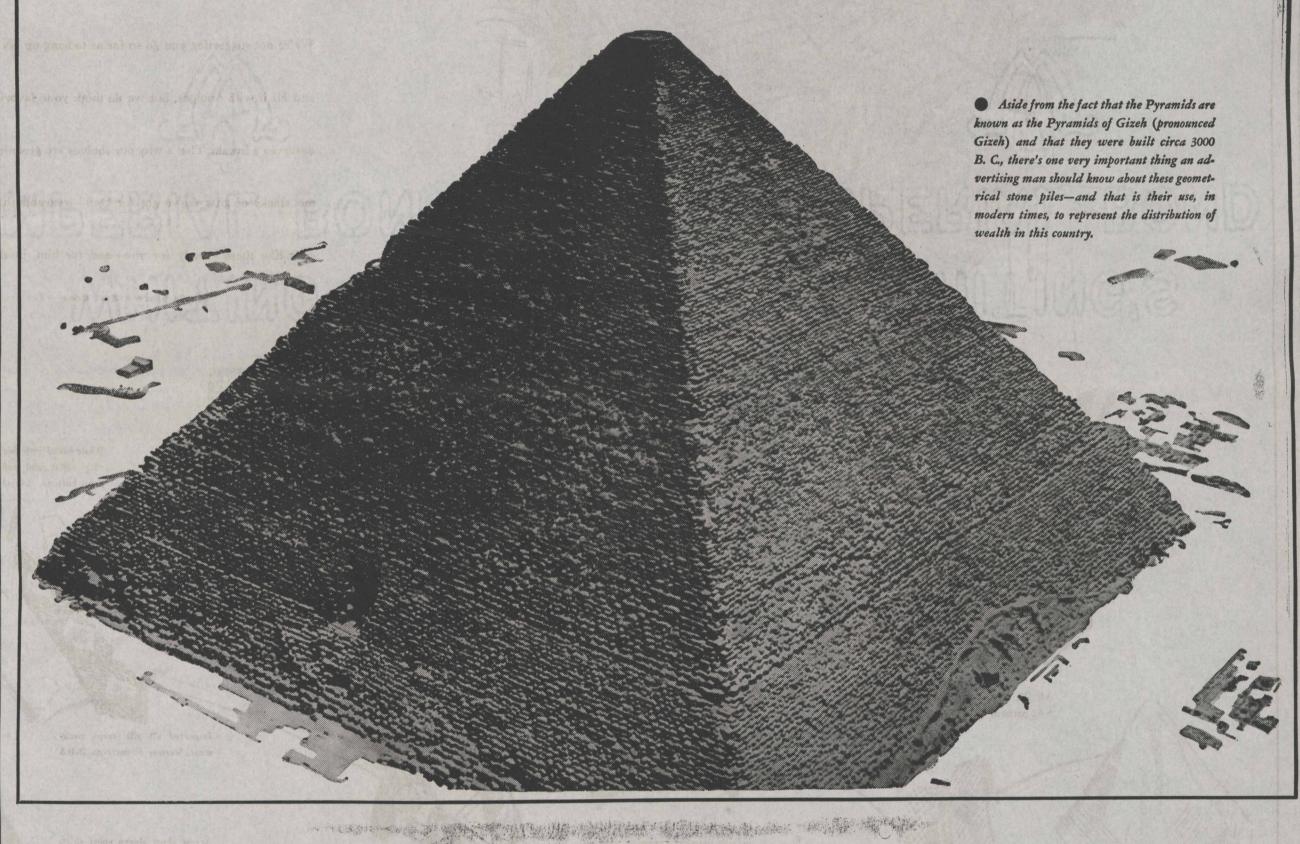


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