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Convict surrenders hostage, second man still holding out

16 persons seized in Nashville prison

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Robert Rivera, one of two hardened convicts who seized 16 hostages in the Tennessee state penitentiary Wednesday noon, agreed today to the surrender of the hostages. The other, Raymond Farra agreed to dicuss it with authorities.

Rivera, 25, who is serving 40 years on an armed robbery charge, told a reporter in a telephone interview that he would surrender, if officials would release his partner Ferra, serving life for robbery, or if 25-year old Ferra would agree to surrender.

Rivera came out of the room where the two were holed up at 10:20 a.m. (PST). He agreed to his part in surrendering the hostages and started trying to persuad Ferra to join him.

A little later a lawyer went in to see Ferra, who agreed to talk later with officials.

Rivera agreed to his part in the proposal after Charley Moss, executive editor of the Nashville Banner, agreed to publish the convict's statement when they surrendered.

One hostage was released shortly before noon today.

Earlier Rivera had said:

"We can hold out here a long time. We won't hurt the women unless we are rushed. We haven't cursed the women. We can wait. We might be awful skinny before it's over but we can wait."

Rivera asked to talk to one reporter on a pool arrangement so he could list some of his grievances. The convict then listened on an extension phone while a "trusty," held among the hostages, relayed them.

The "trusty" said Rivera's complaints included:

Procedures of the parole board, the prison merit system, lack of proper medical attention, sanitary conditions, lack of educational facilities and the use of paddles for spanking unruly prisoners.

Rivera then permitted one of the hostages, lawyer Byron Bean, to speak to the reporter. Bean caught while visiting a client, said the two convicts were holding 18 hostages, including five "trusties."

Previous reports placed the number at nine and then corrections commissioner Keith Hampton said late Wednesday night that there were 16.

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS from Prince Rupert arrived at Vancouver Airport Tuesday afternoon to compete in the four-day Inter-High tournament which will decide the finest high school team in the province. Winners of the Northwest Zone playoffs, Prince Rupert is taking part in the 16-team, 26-game marathon, which began at 10:30 Wednesday morning. Pictured as they stepped off the Canadian Pacific Airliner are (top to bottom) Don Hartwig, coach; Chris Harvey, manager; Don Martin; Bill MacLeod; Mike Lemon; John Scuby; John Olsen; Dave Allen; Bruce Mitchell; and Dick Specht. —CPA photo.

1959 deficit of CNR $43,600,000

Special to The Daily News

VANCOUVER (CP) — Revenues spurted upwards but higher wage and depreciation bills left Canadian National Railways with a 1959 deficit of $43,600,000, the publicly-owned railway reported today.

Trans-Canada Air Lines reported a 72 per cent decline in net revenues, giving competition from the new transcontinental service of Canadian Pacific Airlines as one reason.

The publicly-owned airline reported net income of $152,554 last year.

Ex-city man G. R. Place dies in Terrace

A retired city carpenter, George Ransom Place, died Tuesday night in the Terrace and District Hospital. He was 69.

Mr. Place came to Prince Rupert in 1913 from his birth place in Vancouver and was employed as a fisherman, a carpenter for Mitchell and Currie Ltd. and later was hired as a city carpenter. He worked for the city until July last year when he retired and moved to Terrace.

An ardent sports fisherman and member of the Prince Rupert Rod and Gun Club, Mr. Place spent nearly every weekend angling.

Survivors include his wife Catherine, a son Charles and three grandchildren, all of Terrace.

Funeral services are set for Saturday at 2 p.m. from the St. Matthew's Anglican church in Terrace with Archdeacon C. A. Hinchliffe officiating.

Firemen called

Prince Rupert Fire Department were called to extinguish a burning chesterfield at 4:05 p.m. yesterday to 530 Sixth Avenue East. Firemen said the cause of the fire was due to a cigaret falling off an ashtray and going unnoticed.

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IN VICTORIA

Police carry shotguns to curb crime outbreak

VICTORIA (CP)—Police are carrying shotguns and checking after-midnight drivers in an effort to curb an outbreak of crime blamed on thugs from the British Columbia lower mainland.

The action, endorsed by Mayor Percy Scurrah, follows about a dozen reported break-ins in the last weeks. There have been no violent robberies or hold-ups.

While uniformed policemen hold shotguns between their knees in cruiser cars, fellow officers are roaming the quiet streets with revolvers under fishermen or lumberjack overalls.

They say there definitely is a new, hardened type of criminal working in the city.

FROM VANCOUVER

Mayor Scurrah said police are taking every measure humanly possible to combat the crime wave believed to be instigated by about 50 known criminals with Vancouver backgrounds.

Police said some of them are drug addicts who fled Vancouver's underworld in a police crack-down there.

Many attend G. C. Mitchell funeral rites

A large crowd of relatives and friends gathered at the First Presbyterian Church Wednesday afternoon to pay their last respects to well-known city businessman George Cowie Mitchell who died March 19 at the age of 56.

Rev. I. S. Gamble officiated at the service during which the hymns "Unto the Hills" and "Sun of My Soul" were sung. Mrs. E. J. Smith was organist.

Ushers were Frederick Conrad, John McLeod and James Haddon.

Active pallbearers were C. S. Elkins, W. J. Scott, A. H. Ogilvie, E. Donald Forward, Dr. J. A. MacDonald, and Orme G. Stuart.

Honorary pallbearers included S. D. Johnston, John Currie, E. J. Smith, W. D. Smith, T. B. Black and Howard Frizzell.

Interment followed in the family plot at the Fairview cemetery.

Danish freighter leaves with grain

The MV Peter Nielson sailed at noon today for Denmark with 3,500 long tons of No. 1 feed barley.

The Danish freighter arrived at the Canadian Government elevator here on March 17 from Portland, Oregon. She was the fourth ship to take on a cargo of grain at the elevator since the first of the year.

Highway condition fair, poor

Road conditions in the district this morning give little hope of happy weekend motoring.

Provincial highways department reported today that the Prince Rupert to Terrace section is "fair with rough and muddy sections." Motorists are advised to drive with caution at slide areas. A 24-hour patrol is being maintained over soft sections 20 miles east of Prince Rupert.

The Terrace to Pacific section of the northern trans-provincial is reported as being rough with muddy spots. This section of the highway is reserved for the use of those on essential business only.

Highways department officials have advised that the Terrace to Lakelse highway is in very poor condition, with use restricted to "emergency traffic only."

Wednesday's road report covering the Pacific to Prince George sections indicated pavement "good to fair." Some gravelled sections are rough and muddy with soft sections.

Fifty per cent load restrictions have been placed in effect on certain sections of the highway, whereby vehicle operations have been restricted to maximums of 50 per cent of 18,000 pounds for single axle weight and 50 per cent of 32,000 pounds for tandem axle weight. Highways Department officials have indicated that failure to comply with restrictions may result in the closure of the highway to all truck traffic.

VLA officer here March 27

W. D. Grant, construction supervisor and settlement officer for the Veterans Land Act will be in the city March 27 and 28, it was announced today.

Persons wishing to have an interview with Mr. Grant about VLA settlements or proposed building, may get in touch with him at the Prince Rupert Hotel.

World News Briefs

PARIS (AP)—Nikita Khrushchev and Charles de Gaulle got down to their first serious private talks today, with the Soviet premier expected to press again for a Moscow-Paris axis to replace France's growing alliance with West Germany.

GENEVA (AP)—Delegates of the Soviet bloc and the North Atlantic Treaty powers tentatively agreed today on six initial principles for the control of an East-West disarmament treaty.

JOHANNESBURG (AP)—New flareups broke out Wednesday night in the big Nyanga Negro settlement near Capetown, but there was no indication of a resumption of the bloody riots of Monday and Tuesday that left more than 70 Negroes dead from police bullets. The South African government today banned all meetings by persons of any race in three main urban centres until June 30.

TORONTO (CP)—The International Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen may lose 5,000 Canadian members if it doesn't agree to allow a separate Canadian division within the union.

OTTAWA (CP)—The government was urged Wednesday to cast around for some way of transporting Hal Banks, head of the Canadian branch of the Seafarers' International Union, out of the country.

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—Manitoba Premier Duff Roblin said here Wednesday he sees no reason for Elliot Lake becoming a ghost town if a nuclear research station is built as planned in Manitoba.

Honeymoon in Venice suggested

VENICE (AP)—Venice is shaping up as the major port of call on Princess Margaret's honeymoon cruise.

Buckingham Palace announced yesterday that the Queen had loaned the royal yacht Britannia to her sister and Antony Armstrong-Jones for their trip after their wedding. But British newspapers say Italy's romantic city of canals and gondolas is a likely destination.

The manager of Venice's Gritti Palace Hotel said a member of Queen Mother Elizabeth's household had tentatively reserved the hotel's royal suite for some time in May. He added that the exact date was not fixed, and he was not informed that the princess and her husband might use the suite.

Princess Margaret stayed in the hotel's four-room royal suite when she visited Venice in 1949.

Damage slight in truck mishap

Damage was reported as negligible when a truck belonging to Hyde Transfer rolled over a 30-foot bank beside the Bayview Hotel on Second Street at 9:35 p.m. yesterday.

RCMP said that someone had apparently jerked the parked vehicle out of gear and then fled.

Driver of the truck James Skinner who was not present at the time of the accident, said he did not know who was responsible for meddling with the truck.

Prince Rupert has now gone 135 days without a fatal traffic accident.

NURSE STANDING beside hospital bed where ailing Red Cross is receiving blood transfusion, tells story of situation facing Canadian Red Cross Society. As sign at lower left says "A rapid transfusion of money is needed." Red Cross stages its fund campaign tomorrow night. Display stressing need for funds is featured in window of Mitchell's Flower and Gift Shop. —Staff photo by Dick Ayres.

Premier Bennett, cabinet glum on federal Columbia power offer

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VICTORIA (CP)—Federal government has offered British Columbia a huge loan at just above the going money market rates—rather than an outright grant—as Ottawa's share of the proposed billion dollar hydro-power development of the Columbia river, it was learned today.

Government sources declined to make any direct comment. But they clearly indicated that the provincial cabinet, from Premier Bennett down, is not happy about the offer.

An outright grant from Ottawa had been expected to help finance the joint project which could boast a maximum of close to $1,400,000,000 for the full development of the river. The federal government has been expected to shoulder about 50 per cent of the cost.

The federal proposal is said to involve a loan of between 500 million and 700 million dollars which would be loaned to B.C. at ⅛ of one per cent above the going money market rate.

The federal provincial negotiation financing have been going on abreast of Canadian-U.S. international negotiations on development of the river.

The international negotiations now are proceeding on the basis of Canada getting a 50 per cent return in downstream benefits on power produced in the U.S. from water stored behind Canadian dams.

Lands Minister R. G. Williston and Attorney General Robert Bonner are expected to take the B.C. government's answer to Ottawa when they go to the capital to attend a liaison committee meeting March 29 to 30.

Morven fund now at $507

Total donations for the Cuthbert Morven Family Fund today passed the $500 mark.

Deposits of $75 from the Women of the Moose, $50 from the Order of the Royal Purple, $42 from anonymous doners, $34 from the Post Office, $3 from Mrs. J. McIntyre and $5 from the Regular Baptist Church have swelled the total to $507.43.

This is an increase of $200 since the deposits were last tabulated.

BONUS GAME OPERATORS FACE LOTTERY CHARGES APRIL 5

VANCOUVER (CP)—Hearing into charges under the lottery section of the Criminal Code against Shop-Easy Stores (B.C.) Limited was set Wednesday for April 5.

The food retail chain, its president, Wilbur G. Sheardown, and 12 store managers in Vancouver have been charged in connection with a bonus card game.

Senate to make it clear Indians not losing rights

OTTAWA (CP)—A Senate committee studying government measures to give the federal franchise to all Canada's Indians considered today an amendment to make it "abundantly clear" they will not have to give up any ancient rights.

However, the sitting was adjourned following the suggestion of government leader Walter Aseltine (PC-Saskatchewan) that the committee hear from Citizenship Minister Fairclough before dealing on the amendment.

The amendment was proposed by Senator David Croll (L-Ontario).

Senate Opposition Leader W. Ross Macdonald said the committee should "make it abundantly clear what we are doing" regarding the legislation.

At present, four categories of Indians have the federal franchise on reaching 21—war veterans and their wives, Indians living off reservations, those in the Yukon and Northwest Territories where there are no reservations, and reservation Indians who sign waivers agreeing to pay taxes on income earned on the reserve.

It was around this last category that most of the discussion turned.

Senator Macdonald said some Indians are worried about being given the vote because they are afraid they would lose some of their rights. They felt the government should publicly promise that their rights will be protected.

The present measures did not specifically state that those Indians who had signed waivers in order to vote would be released from them after the new measures came into effect.

WEATHER

Cloudy Friday. Little change in temperature. Winds southwest 20 this evening. Low tonight and high Friday 37 and 47.

TIDES

Friday, March 25, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	00:05	20.3 feet
	12:17	21.0 feet
Low	06:10	4.6 feet
	18:33	2.9 feet