BURNTOUT SHELLS are all that remain of the buildings in which little Agnes Jackson lost her life last Thursday in a fire that made some 78 persons homeless and in need of immediate practical assistance. The cause of the fire has not yet been discovered. Nothing was salvaged from the buildings by the occupants when they ran into the night. City-wide appeals for assistance have proven so fruitful that no further clothing or bedding are required, Capt. Earl McInnes reports.
— Staff photo by John Pain

FOUR FIREMEN shoot water into the heart of the flames at the fire Thursday night on Eighth Avenue West. A still night and the efforts of the brigade were successful in stopping the fire spreading onto adjacent buildings. These men were hosing near where the body of Agnes Jackson was later found.

Klondike's Palace Grande Theatre to be preserved as festival site

By ATHOL RETALLACK
Canadian Press Correspondent

DAWSON CITY, Yukon (CP) — The Palace Grande Theatre, frequented by the bonanza kings and their ladies during the Klondike gold rush, has been officially classified as a historic site.

The dignity was conferred on the deteriorating three-storey frame building by the northern affairs department, which turned the property over to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board as a first step toward its restoration.

Time, permafrost and lack of use have taken their toll of the 61-year-old theatre, which will be the focal point of the Gold Rush Festival in the summer of 1962.

Designed in the style of the European opera house of its day, it was built by Arizona Charlie Meadows, a cowboy stunt man, gambler, showman, who opened it July 14, 1899 as the Grande Opera House. Its career as a legitimate theatre virtually ended in 1906.

REPAIRS COSTLY

It will cost an estimated $250,000 to take the 100-by-45foot theatre apart and rebuild it in accordance with public safety regulations, incorporating auxiliary lighting and heating systems.

Libraries, old newspapers and theatrical journals throughout North America are being searched for information about the building, which saw little use after 1906 as a legitimate theatre.

It once had an open saloon and a shooting gallery. The saloon was sealed off from the main floor so that women attending the theatre would not be exposed to its patrons.

Architects and design experts have pinpointed additions and changes, such as staircases which have been moved and suites incorporated into original plans.

The theatre has tiered balconies, private boxes, plush balustrades, a generous stage and dressing rooms. Seating capacity is estimated at 450.

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Noranda Mines planning mill at Prince George

VANCOUVER (CP) — President Mervin Davis of National Forest Products Limited said Friday a pulp mill near Prince George is the object of Noranda Mines Limited negotiations with NFP.

However, he said Noranda has made no commitment. He was commenting on a report that Noranda will construct a 300-ton-a-day capacity pulp mill.

Shareholders of NFP have unanimously approved a Noranda offer in which NFP's two northern sawmills near Prince George would be taken over by a new company formed by Noranda.

Noranda also holds a 45-day option on NFP mills in the southern Okanagan and a decision is expected by the end of next week.

No estimate on the capacity and cost of the mill can be made until studies are complete.

However, the province's first Interior mill — Celgar Limited's plant at Castlegar — cost about $50,000,000 and has a 500-ton-a-day capacity of bleached pulp.

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THEATRE WORLD

East Indian star makes hit on Broadway stage

By WILLIAM GLOVER

NEW YORK (AP) — She's alluring, alone—and delighted. "Now I am a free bird!" exclaims Surya Kumari, the exotic find of this theatrical season on Broadway.

A stage-screen star in her homeland, India, Surya whose name means Daughter of the Sun slipped around the globe to get away from fame. Now she is grateful but modest about rapturous notices for her work in Kink of the Dark Chamber at the Jan Hus Theatre.

"It doesn't make me big," she says. "There are hundreds with talent and beauty, but it is the opportunity that brings these out."

One reviewer saluted her as "the most ravishing young woman on the New York stage." Said another: "She is so exquisite in appearance, so appealing in manner that she can be appreciated in any land, language and philosophy." A third: "Lovely and sensuous."

Miss Kumari, who is black-eyed, five-foot-6½ and in her late 20s, "It is always best to leave a little mystery" discusses herself with Western ease and Asian tact.

"I am so happy to be able to go about here without people gathering," she notes — a contrast to the effects of screen prominence and publicity at home where "it was impossible to live an ordinary life."

Surya has been in the Oriental spotlight off and on since her musical ability caught the attention of movie producers in her native city of Madras when she was nine years old.

"I was a beautiful singer — I think I still am," says the lady who has made more 100 recordings. "My brother and I used to compete to see who could reach a higher note. My voice could be heard for two or three furlongs."

During the next four years she appeared in 10 feature films, was acclaimed "the Shirley Temple of southern India." Then she withdrew from public gaze for four years of intensive education.

Parisian students aim to make voice heard

By PAQUERETTE VILLENEUVE
Canadian Press Correspondent

PARIS (CP) — "We take to the streets to show that we are alive and that something must be done to solve our problems," says Jean-Marie Dupont, information officer for L'Union Nationale des Etudiants de France, the national organization of university students.

The organization has firm ideas that often differ from those of the government. This leads to open conflict.

Last year the government cancelled its 8,000,000-franc annual subsidy to the union after it made public its stand on the Algerian war, one that disapproved of government policy.

Early this year the army went so far as to call up Dominique Wallon, vice-president of students' union, for compulsory military service although students are entitled by law to postponement of call-up.

APPEALED CASE

The action, Wallon said, was simply a reprisal for his attendance at a convention in Tunis, of the organization of Moslem students in Algeria. The 21-year-old law student appealed his case and won.

From time to time members of the National Assembly attack the student union's policies. But its president, Pierre Gaudez goes on organizing demonstrations and maintaining contact with Algerian students.

Two demonstrations have been organized this school term—one last October for peace in Algeria, the other in February demanding better conditions for students.

Founded in 1907, the Union has become almost as strong as a trade union during the last 15 years. It has won a number of important concessions from the government, including social security for students much as if they were workers.

In 1951 one of its campaigns resulted in a series of strikes.

"Military service is the No. 1 problem," says Dupont, a law student at Lille University.

"Quitting your studies for 28 months to brawl in the backwoods of Algeria under conditions that are not always morally uplifting—this does not tempt anyone."

TIES WITH ALGERIANS

The students were forced into closer association with Algerian students, he says, by simple common sense.

The Algerian students organization has been banned in France since 1956. The French students' body broke relations with it in 1957.

"Our position in international meetings of students was untenable. The black students would look at us askance. On any question of Algeria, because we could not take a stand, we would leave. At last we found this idiotic."

Dupont said that despite a propaganda campaign against the Union, its officers were reelected with 80 per cent of the vote, and the vote was abnormally heavy. Only law faculties, traditionally conservative, voted generally against them.

The Union's executive is composed of 10 members each of whom takes a year off school to work at the job full time. They are given lodgings and are paid just enough to feed themselves.

The Union's income comes from a levy of 300 francs on each of France's 100,000 university students.

RASH OF VIOLENT DEATHS

Six of seven killed in highway accidents

By The Canadian Press

A rash of violent deaths Sunday sent British Columbia's weekend accidental death toll soaring to seven, six in traffic accidents.

Four of the deaths, including that of a male member of the Kootenay Sky Diving Club, occurred in the closing hours of the weekend.

The sky-diver, whose name was withheld, died when he plunged 2,500 feet to his death at Kimberley after his parachute snarled.

Witnesses said the jumper pulled his reserve chute when the main one failed to open properly. The two parachutes became entangled and failed to support him.

FLAMING DEATH

A three-car collision Sunday east of Abbotsford on the Trans-Canada Highway, claimed the lives of two persons and injured five others, two of them seriously. None of the victims was identified.

The accident occurred as one car ran into the rear of another and both vehicles hurtled into the path of a third coming in the opposite direction. Spilled gasoline burst into flames and hindered rescue operations.

Near Lytton Saturday night, 21-year-old Constable Ronald Albert Ekstrom was killed as he chased a speeding car on a highway near the Fraser Valley community.

HIGH-SPEED CHASE

The youthful RCMP officer, a native of Lethbridge who was to have been married in June, lost control of his highway cruiser on a curve and crashed down a 200-foot embankment. Police said the cars were travelling at 80 miles an hour.

Seconds after Const. Ekstrom car overturned, the second car also crashed but none of its three occupants was injured. No charges have been laid.

Edward Lawrence Landry of Port Alberni died Saturday when a car failed to negotiate a curve and left a highway near the boundary of Nanaimo. A second man in the car, Donald Wallace Torgerson, was reported in good condition in hospital.

At Salmo, John Clark, 30, was killed Friday night in a one-car accident seven miles south of the Kootenay centre on Highway 6.

The seventh victim, believed to be from Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, died Sunday night at Creston, when he lost control of his car on a curve and it left the highway south of Creston. Two other men in the car escaped with minor injuries.

CONFIDENTIALLY YOURS
—by Byrne Hope Sanders

TORONTO, April 20th — Time to roll up our sleeves . . . to paint up and freshen up the house. It's a good time, too, to do those home improvements you've been thinking about all winter, such as installing a modern electrical system or building a sun porch or garage. Big job or small . . . there's no need to let a lack of ready cash delay your getting started — not when you can get a Home Improvement Loan at the BANK OF MONTREAL! The cost is low and you can repay in monthly instalments. So, if you have home improvements on your mind, drop into your neighbourhood branch of "My Bank" without delay.

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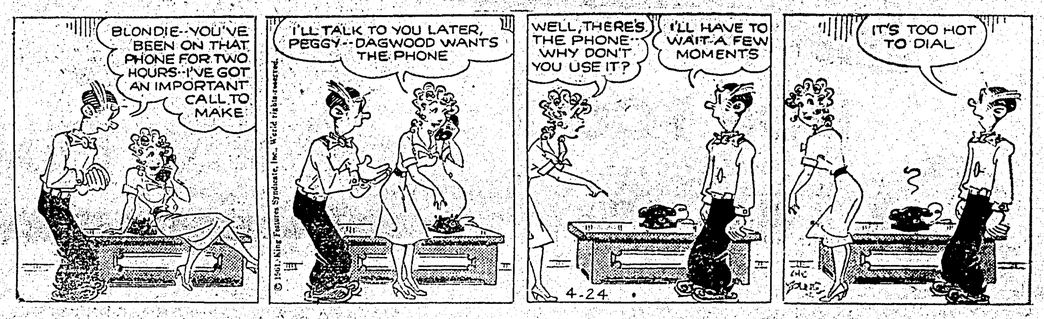

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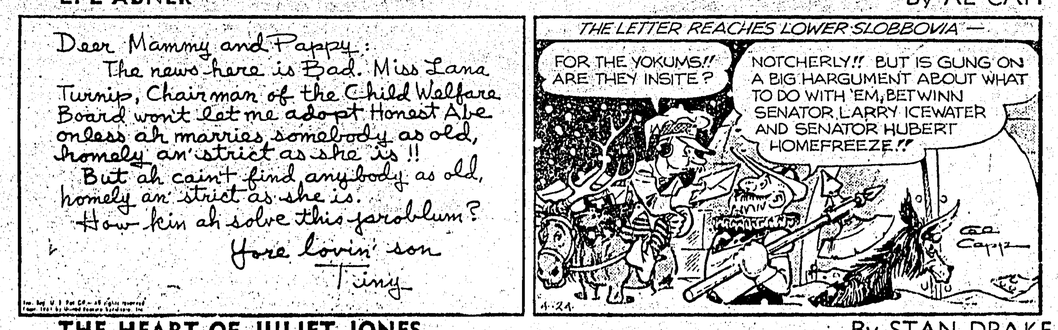

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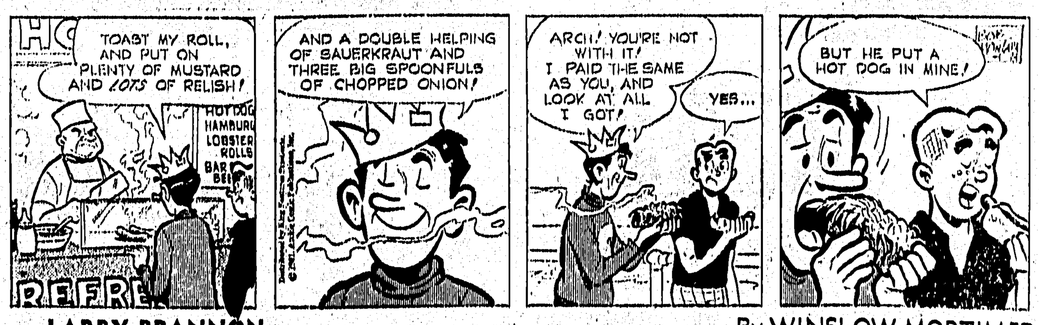

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