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Man charged with murder following Douglas killing

Victim's car found in south

A formal charge of murder was laid this morning in city police court against Thomas Clifford Brown, 19, of Klemtu following the discovery of the battered body of Edwin John Douglas, 41, of Port Edward Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock.

A black yellow-top 1954 car belonging to Mr. Douglas was found in Granville Street, Vancouver, yesterday morning at 10:30 and it has been established, police said, that Brown had arrived in that city at 8:30 a.m. The car was undamaged.

RCMP subdivision in Prince Rupert report that Brown was sighted twice during his flight south, once at Skeena Crossing and again at a point some 20 miles east of Smithers.

An investigator from Prince Rupert has been flown south to assist in the hunt for Brown for whom there is a province-wide alert out.

INQUEST DATE

An inquest into the killing was adjourned last night until June 23 in the City Hall. The body was identified by Reginald Douglas, a brother of the dead man, and it has now been released for autopsy.

Members of the coroner's jury are: Leonard Loucks, foreman; George Dudoward, John Hayashi, Harvey Atchison, Weldon Epp and Albert Voth.

Two girls who were held for questioning by police have been released. They were known to have been in the company of the dead man and Brown shortly before his death which has ben set between 1:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. June 7.

Mr Douglas was a gillnetter with Nelson Bros. Fisheries of Port Edward. For some time he had been building his own eight-room house in the village a stone's throw from the RCMP station there.

BORN ON NASS

Born on the Nass River, he grew up in Hartley Bay and came to Prince Rupert in 1950 with his adopted family. His wife also comes from Hartley Bay.

He was a member of the United Church, although not active, and he had assisted in the construction of the Port Edward Gospel Chapel. Mr. Douglas had planned to finish his large home as funds permitted. He also owned a 34-foot vessel, Sea Pet. His mother is Mrs. Victor Johnson of 1634 Eleventh Avenue East, Prince Rupert.

MURDER VICTIM'S HOME — The window with the blind showing part down (left) is the room in which the battered body of Edwin John Douglas was found by two Port Edward boys last Wednesday evening. The eight-room structure was being finished off by Mr. Douglas when he was killed. He had planned to bring his family to live with him when it was completed. — Staff photo by Gladys Blyth

Mercury promises flood relief

TRAIL (CP) — The last battle against the Kootenay and Columbia rivers appeared to be in sight for armies of flood fighters today as cooler weather slowed the thaw in the watersheds of the two mighty rivers.

New and higher flood crests were forecast for the Kootenay today and the Columbia Saturday, but headwater streams were dropping and the forecast was for more cool weather.

A constant vigil was being kept on the Columbia in this area and on the Kootenay between Creston, B.C., 50 miles east of Trail, and Bonners Ferry, some 50 miles upstream in Idaho.

At Trail, where about 35 homes and a few basement apartments have been evacuated and about a dozen businesses closed, civil defence co-ordinator Jack Buchanan said the Columbia could reach 46 feet at the expected crest early Saturday.

This is the level the river reached in the disastrous 1948 floods, but dikes have been built up above this level through the main section of the city.

Along the Kootenay another 1,800 acres of farmland were flooded on the Idaho side Thursday but there were no breaks in the 50 miles of dikes protecting 50,000 acres in British Columbia.

More than 4,30 acres now have been flooded in Idaho and seepage has claimed hundreds of aditional acres. Canadian flood fighters have crossed the border to help protect their own land by strengthening the U.S. dikes. The flooded area nearest to B.C. is about five miles below the border.

Deadlocked Laotian conference carries on cease-fire disagreement

GENEVA (CP from AP-Reuters) — The international conference on Laos was still tightly deadlocked today with the United States and Russia sparring amid expressions from both that an agreement is desirable.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, returning to Geneva Thursday night for the first time since Premier Khrushchev met in Vienna with President Kennedy, quickly doused hopes that he brought instructions to move the Communist position toward the West's.

"My pockets are empty," Gromyko told reporters.

Gromyko said he had returned to Geneva to resume the conference and added: "We still believe that if all parties are willing, it is possible to reach an agreement. I repeat, if all parties are willing."

The assumption was that he meant if all parties are willing to go along with the Communists. With the rebels holding the upper hand militarily, the Communist delegates at Geneva insist the cease - fire is effective and the conference should only discuss the political future of Laos.

FORCED SUSPENSION

Britain and the United States forced an indefinite suspension of the conference sessions Thursday after the pro-Communist Pathet Lao rebels drove a holdout government garrison out of the mountain village of Padong, deep in Pathet Lao territory. The West called the attack on Padong a serious violation of the cease-fire.

Gromyko and chief British delegate Malcolm MacDonald, co - chairmen of the conference, were expected to meet today in an attempt to break the deadlock in the three - week - long talks.

Diplomatic interest, also centered today on Laotian neutralist leader Prince Souvanna Phouma and his half - brothr, Communist Pathet Lao chief Prince Souphanouvong, who flew here a few hours before Gromyko.

U.S. sources Thursday accused the leftist forces in Laos of more than 60 violations since the cease - fire was established in the kingdom's civil war four weeks ago.

Communist spokesmen in Geneva and Red propaganda organs took the line that the attack on Padong was justifiable as a cleanup operation to wipe out U.S. - supported "bandits and saboteurs" harassing the population in Pathet Lao territory.

IWA urges lumbermen to accept old contract

VANCOUVER (CP)—Joe Morris, president of the 27,000-strong coast lumber workers' union, told members Thursday night they must either accept last year's wage contract or "consider the possibility of a prolonged strike this year."

He set out the alternative in a radio broadcast sponsored here weekly by the Western District, International Woodworkers of America.

Mr. Morris appealed to members to accept the contract settlement which provides no across-the-board wage increase.

The agreement, reached by union negotiators and lumber operators, is being voted upon by union members. Results will be known about June 17.

Mr. Morris' appeal came during a test of strength with a rival union leader, Syd Thompson, president of the6,000-member Vancouver IWA local.

Mr. Thompson is urging his members to reject the proposed settlement and hold out of the union's original demand for a 12½-cent-an-hour increase.

In the broadcast, Mr. Morris said current unemployment and the reluctance to gamble with members' income and jobs were factors which prompted the union negotiating committee to recommend acceptance of the settlement.

"No major union resorts to the use of the strike weapon unless given no alternative for reasonable settlement," he said.

The settlement proposal includes an additional paid holiday, pay boosts ranging up to 10 cents an hour for engineers and firemen and improved life insurance, sickness and accident protection.

MODERN QUIXOTE ADVERTISES RALLY CALL AGAINST CENSUS

WINFIELD (CP) — Poultry farmer Alec Beasley, veteran of one-man battles against party politics and British Columbia's sales tax, declared war this week on Canada's 1961 census.

"If you don't approve of something, you do what you can to get rid of it," he said Thursday.

Mr. Beasley is expecting the enumerator will make a second call soon at his home in this Okanagan community, accompanied by an RCMP officer. He says he is prepared to pay the $100 fine for refusing to answer the census questions.

Meanwhile he is using advertising space in a local newspaper to promote his campaign.

Mr. Beasley, who describes himself as "a small 'l' liberal", says a man's earnings, his racial origin and the number of hours he works each week are none of the government's business.

He says many of his friends approve of his stand and "it could be because they secretly yearn to defy authority too."

B.C. ROUNDUP

Cougar killed in capital after 45-minute chase

VICTORIA (CP)—A seven-foot, 100-pound cougar was shot in the doorway of a store on downtown Johnson Street early today after a 45-minute chase by police.

The animal was first spotted near the Empress Hotel by two taxi drivers.

Police chased it over an eight-block area before Constable Les Mottershad killed it with two shots from a .30-calibre rifle.

It is believed to be the first cougar killed in the city since 1923. The animals, sometimes called mountain lions, roam the hills of southern Vancouver Island.

Railway hearing

PENTICTON (CP) — The board of transport commissioners will hold a hearing here June 19 on a Canadian Pacific Railway proposal to close 49.6 miles of line between Brodie and Hope through the Coquihalla Pass and use the Princeton - Merritt - Spences Bride line for southern B.C. traffic.

Move body from water

NANAIMO (CP) — Alderman William McGregor, chairman of city fire committee, has urged citizens to remove victims of water mishaps to dry ground without waiting for the arrival of the inhalator squad. He said the body of Stewart Bell, 27, was left 10 minutes in Brannan Lake Sunday until the inhalator arrived.

Student jailed

VICTORIA (CP) — Michael Audain, 23, a University of British Columbia political science student jailed Wednesday in Mississippi for participating in a "Freedom Riders" demonstration, is a member of a pioneer B.C. business family. His great-great - grandfather was Robert Dunsmuir, founder of a coal mining empire on Vancouver Island before the turn of the century. The family has remained prominent in business and society in B.C.

Grise asserts city prejudiced

Germain Grise of the New Floats was remanded until June 14 when he appeared in police court this morning before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on a charge of possession of stolen property.

Grise, who had pleaded not guilty to the charge June 5, told the court that he wanted to have the case heard in Vancouver because he thought that Prince Rupert was prejudiced towards him.

Magistrate Applewhaite said that he would remand the case until June 14 to give Grise a chance to obtain legal advice. But he added that the case must be heard in Prince Rupert because the alleged offence occurred in Prince Rupert.

Crown Prosecutor is J. K. Shaw.

Nine vessels unload halibut weighing in at 204,000 lbs.

Nine vessels landed halibut in Prince Rupert today.

Selling on the exchange were: Frisco (U.S.), 15,000: 7,500 med. (20.7), 7,000 large (22.4), 500 chix (16) to Booth; P. Doreen, 24,000: 15,000 med. (20.2), 8,000 large (22), 1,000 chix (15.5) to B.C. Packers; Atli, 27,000: 16,000 med. (20.2), 9,000 large (22), 2,000 chix (15) to Atlin.

Dovre B landed at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's plant at Fairview with 56,000 pounds.

Atlin had three direct sales as Rose Lind with 20,000; Iris S with 20,000 and Anthony J with 42,000 all landed.

Pauline V made a direct delivery of 10,000 pounds to Atlin while VGT made a direct delivery of 5,000 pounds to B.C. Packers.

Halibut landings in Prince Rupert for the first-round of 1961 show an increase over the first-round landings of 1961, according to an International Pacific Halibut Commission report.

The report showed that the first-round landings from Area 2 totaled 7,150,000 pounds compared with 7,051,000 pounds for the same period last year.

Landings for the first-round in Area 3A totaled 9,878,000 pounds compared with 9,705,000 pounds in 1960.

Further fires reported burning

Nine new fires occurred in the Prince Rupert District in the past week, which were quickly brought under control. Five of these fires are in the mop up stage. This brings to total number of fires to 52 for this year.

Several lightning storms have passed through the interior portion of the district which will start off a few fires, even though cooler weather has prevailed.

Truck, car collide

Damage amounted to more than $150 when a truck driven by Harold Britten of 444 Sixth Avenue East was in collision with another vehicle driven by Ross E. Thompson of 1045 Second Avenue West about 11:55 a.m. yesterady near the intersection of McBride Street and First Avenue.

Architect's plans include 26 units

Tender call will likely be issued within the next two months for construction of the senior citizens housing project here. Scheme was previously submitted to deputy provincial secretary for approval and grant.

Architect J. Russell Baxter, 111 Lougheed building, Penticton, plans include 19 single suites, seven double suites, lounge and recreation rooms.

Cost of this low rental project is in the region of $175,000.

Golf course meeting set for Thursday

Feasibility, ways and means and organization of a group to establish a golf course in Prince Rupert, will be discussed at a meeting called for next Thursday, June 15, it was announced today.

The meeting will be held in the Canadian Legion auditorium at 8 p.m.

Local golfers and anyone else interested in such a project are asked to bring to the meeting many friends who would also be in favor of the possibility of a golf course here.

M. M. McLachlan dies in south

Funeral service for former city businessman Morton Melville McLachlan, was held in the New Westminster chapel of Bowell and Sons Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. McLachlan, 78, died in New Westminster June 3.

The service, conducted by Rev. J. A. Pitt, was followed by cremation.

Mr. McLachlan was manager of Brackman-Kerr Milling Company Limited in Prince Rupert from 1918 until 1941. He retired in 1953. Mr. and Mrs. McLachlan's children were all educated here, two of them, twins Donald of New Westminster and Ronald of Vancouver, were born in Prince Rupert.

Other survivors are his wife Isabella in New Westminster; two daughters, Mrs. Harvey (Margaret) Kutz of Santa Ana, Calif., and Mrs. Kenneth (Marion) Morrison of Seattle and 10 grandchildren.

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Tender date set on reservoirs

Associated Engineering Services Ltd., 2256 West 12th, Vancouver, has announced an extension of bidding time for supply and construction of two 500,000 imperial gallon water storage reservoirs for this city. Extension is from 5 p.m., May 31, to 5 p.m., June 12. Prices close with R. W. Long, city administrator.

A trunk owned by Edward Brokke of Ketchikan was stolen from a vehicle parked in Shell Sunset Service between 10 p.m. Wednesday and 10:30 a.m. yesterday.

The trunk, valued at $100, contained woman's clothing and bedding.

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STREETS FLOOD.— Sidewalks and roadways of Groutage Avenue in Trail are completely covered with water from the Columbia River. Basements of all these homes are filled with murky, muddy water. Some of the houses have already had to be evacuated. Sandbags and boardwalks are the only way of getting in and out of the flooded downtown area. — CP Wirephoto

Eichmann handpicked to kill Jews by Adolf Hitler prosecution told

JERUSALEM (AP) — Drunk with war success, Adolf Hitler decided early in 1941 to exterminate all the Jews of Europe and Adolf Eichmann was hand-picked to execute the plan, documentary evidence produced by the Israeli prosecution showed today.

Attorney - General Gideon Hausner, concluding his case against the Gestapo officer after nine weeks, rammed this point home in such a manner Eichmann was galvanized into a flurry of note-writing to his counsel, Dr. Robert Servatius.

The focal point in the final presentation of documents lay in the testimony of Rudolf Hoess, commandant of Auschwitz, where 2,500,000 Jews died.

Hoess made the statement to a Polish war crimes court which sentenced him to hang in front of the gas chambers he operated.

Said Hoess: "In 1941 Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler told me the fuehrer had ordered the final solution of the Jewish problem and that we in the SS must perform this task.

"I have selected Auschwitz, Himmler said. More detailed information will be given to you by Eichmann who will go there."

Hoess continued that Himmler told him between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 Jews would come to Auschwitz.

He said Eichmann did come to the Auschwitz area and they surveyed the "installations" to be erected.

Written instructions did not exist because of the secrecy of the hideous scheme, but he had one definite order: "Eichmann's transports must be exterminated and his operation cannot tolerate the delay of even one hour."

As the program was stepped up, Hoess said Himmler and Eichmann came to Auschwitz and ordered more unloading facilities created to speed up things and also the activation of an extra crematory which had been in disuse.

After Eichmann left his Berlin headquarters to supervise evacuation of the 600,000 Hungarian Jews, he accompanied the first transports to Auschwitz to see for himself how it was going, Hoess testified.

The story of the dead Nazi chief of Auschwitz brought out a detail never before contained in any document nor voiced by any witness. This was a declaration that "Eichmann fixed the date the transports were to be gassed and I was personally responsible to Himmler for any delay."

Prince Rupert has now gone 874 days without a fatal traffic accident.

WEATHER

Cloudy with few showers Saturday. Remaining cool; with winds south 15 to southeast 25 Saturday. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 50 and 58.

TIDES

Saturday, June 10, 1961

High	11:47	18.5 feet
	23:44	21.4 feet
Low	05:33	3.7 feet
	17:36	6.7 feet