THE GREAT BARRIER REEF lies all around Hayman Island, so these types enjoy the pleasures of a swimming pool no different to that to be found anywhere else in the world. Hayman Island is one of the chief tourist attractions of the Queensland coast. Low prices — $6 a day all in — make it well within the reach of all salary levels. It is connected to the mainland by air and boat, the latter a tempermental crossing through the picturesque islands and reefs of the Whitsunday Group.

Hong Kong war action killed 500 Canadians

By ALAN HARVEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP) — A new book about the 1941 battle for Hong Kong says the British and Canadian governments, in deciding to send two Canadian battalions to help defend the colony, condemned 500 young Canadian soldiers to death "as surely as if they had mown them down with machine-guns."

The judgment appears in "The Fall of Hong Kong," by British author Tim Carew, 38. The 227-page book recounts the story of how the garrison, manned by British, Canadian and Indian soldiers, surrendered to the Japanese on Christmas Day, 1941, just 17 days after the attack was launched.

References to the Canadians are sprinkled throughout the book published by Anthony Lond Limited.

"It must be said here and now that, through no fault of their own, these regiments (the Winnipeg Grenadiers and the Quebec Royal Rifles) added little to the lustre of Canada.

"They were dispatched to Hong Kong at a week's notice after a lengthy period of stagnation as garrison troops in the West Indies and Newfoundland; they were largely untrained in anything but the most perfunctory internal security duties."

'STRAIGHT OFF TREES'

Carew quotes a senior staff officer of unidentified nationality as describing the Canadians as "straight off the trees."

"Nevertheless," says Carew, "in fairness to the Canadians, it must be said that individual acts of extraordinary gallantry were many and frequent."

Tributes are paid to Canadian commander Brig. John Lawson, who died December 19 with both pistols smoking after being surrounded by the Japanese; to Csm. J. R. Osborn, a former Saskatchewan farmer and Manitoba railway worker, posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry that saved the lives of five fellow Canadians, and to Pte. Aubrey Flegg, a courteous and slow - speaking Ontario farm boy who proved a "tower of strength" in aiding civilian refugees.

The book says that from their arrival on the island, the Canadians were "bewitched, bothered and bewildered; within a fortnight . . . they had been hurled into battle against a relentless and determined enemy."

STRENGTHENING SEEN

Discussing why the "painfully raw" Canadians were sent to Hong Kong, Carew says Canadian military authorities had been told the addition of two Canadian battalions would make the colony strong enough to withstand a Japanese attack for a long period.

The Canadian government's response was to select the Winnipeg Grenadiers and the Royal Rifles from a list of nine battalions "not recommended for operational training."

Carew said the British and Canadian governments argued with "massive condescension" that the presence of the battalions would make all the difference to Canada's interests in the Pacific.

"With revolting smugness they made Canada sound like a big business interest threatened by a takeover bid; their arrival would reassure Gen. Chiang Kai-shek of the British intention to hold Hong Kong to the last man and the last round; they would have a great moral effect on the whole of the Far East; they would provide a strong stimulus to the garrison and, indeed, to the whole colony."

QUEBEC (CP) — Canada will continue to need foreign capital to finance the development and operation of large new mining ventures, retiring president W. H. Durrell told the annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy here today.

MOVIE COLUMN

'Enemy Within' to be filmed in Hollywood

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)— At 20th Century - Fox, Jerry Wald is whipping up a film based on Attorney-General Robert Kennedy's best-selling book "The Enemy Within."

The book was a nonfiction account of his experiences as chief counsel of the Senate committee on improper activities in the labor or management field. As every newspaper reader knows, the chief target of the committee's investigation was the Teamsters union and its chief, James Hoffa.

So how is Wald going to make a movie out of that?

"People are already asking me why I'm making 'that anti-labor picture'," the producer said. "It isn't going to be an anti - labor picture, any more than it will be an anti-management picture. You can't say that all labor is to blame for corruption any more than you can say all management is to blame for secret pacts to put competitors out of business, as the committee uncovered.

SEES TWO FIGURES

"Naturally we will have to fictionize to put it in motion picture form. The way I see the story is this: There will be two main figures, one a young workers who is trying to do his job and who wants a better union but can't fight the corrupt bosses; the other a young guy, a 30-year-old lawyer who is investigating corruption. They team up to expose the crooks in the union.

"We won't name Bobby Kennedy; but we may use some device such as the one in "Boomerang." That was a true story about Homer Cummings when he was a crusading prosecutor. At the end of the picture there was a note that said the hero of the story had become attorney-general of the United States."

SECOND SHAKESPEARE

NORWICH, England (CP)— The winner of a recent commercial television company's playwriting contest was a Mr. Shakespeare.

Educators face move to federal

Special to The Daily News

VANCOUVER — The establishment of a federal office of education has been urged by the British Columbia School Trustees Association in a brief prepared for the Royal Commission on on Government Organization.

The BCSTA recommended in its brief that the proposed federal office should be responsible for educational policy and co-ordination of activities at the national level, but "without domination or interference in the constitutional and independent rights of provincial and local government.

President A. M. Harvey of the BCSTA, pointed out that the submission traces briefly the historical development of education in Canada and then goes on to make specific recommendations for the future.

"A federal office with the functions outlined in the BCSTA brief is long overdue" he declared.

Essentially, the trustees association suggested that the office of education deal with six major areas involving: statistics and research; assistance to federal schools; vocational and technical education; higher education; international education; and provincial and local school systems.

Co-ordination of ultimate goals and the direction and rate of change desirable to achieve these goals on the part of the various provincial and local educational authorities should be considered by the federal government, the brief points out.

Among the goals which the federal office should study are: integration of Indian and National Defence Forces children within the provincial educational systems; stronger development of vocational and technical education; co-ordination of the public school systems of ating the various provinces; co-ordination of teacher certification requirements; and extension of the last two subjects in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

Such an office could study ways of co-ordinating the provincial systems at least so that pupils can transfer from one province to another without disruption in their education and so that junior matriculation in any province would satisfy entrance requirements of any university in Canada.

The federal office should "be in a position to seek and provide national leadership without domination, and assistance without interference; to fill gaps in information and services and to stimulate ideas and action," the brief declares.

It should also be able "to seek and encourage public understanding of, and responsibility for education; to focus attention on the value of education to the individual and the Dominion; to promote agreement among educators and laymen on common goals; and through research and publication of research findings, make accurate information available to all."

NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA

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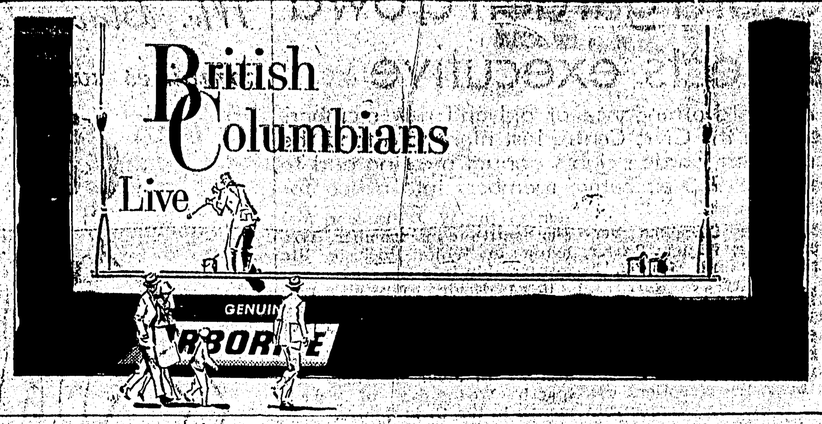

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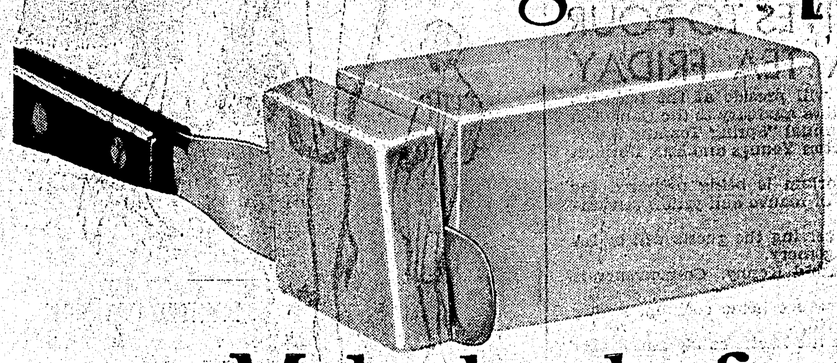

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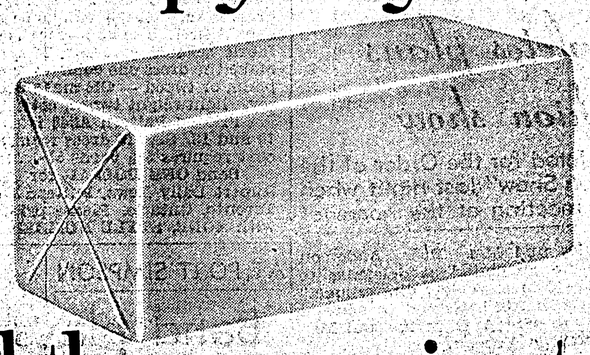

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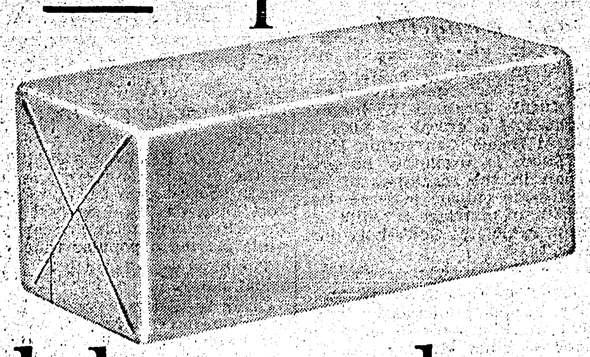

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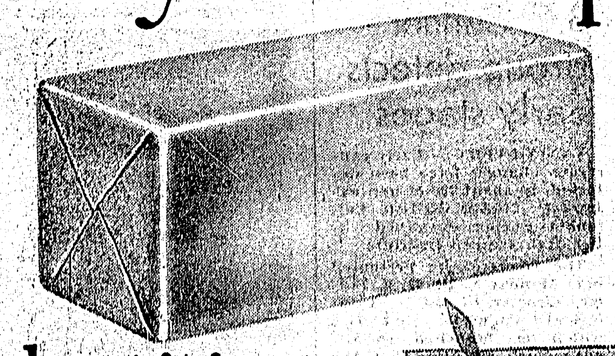

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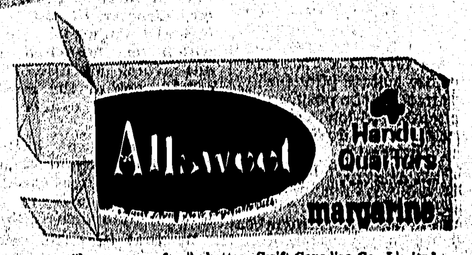

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Editor banned from meetings in South Africa

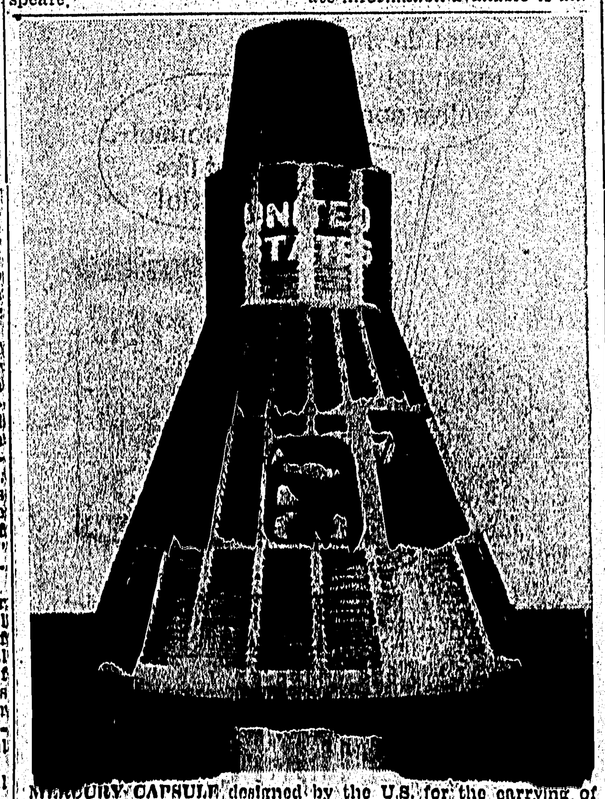
JOHANNESBURG (Reuters)— South Africa has used the Suppression of Communism Act to ban an editor-publisher from attending public meetings for the next five years.

Patrick Duncan, a member of the Liberal party and owner of the political twice-a-month magazine Combat which opposes communism, was banned from public meetings under an order signed Wednesday by Justice Minister Francois Erasmus.

The order said that "there is reason to believe that the achievement of the object of communism would be furthered" if Duncan were allowed to attend public meetings.

Duncan, son of a former South African governor-general and outspoken opponent of South African governor-general and outspoken opponent of South African race laws, was fined $980 last November for distributing subversive statements in the April 2 and April 16 editions of his paper.

He served three weeks in jail last October for refusing to divulge his sources in a story about communism in South Africa.



MERCURY CAPSULE designed by the U.S. for the carrying of man into space will be shown at the B.C. International Trade Fair, May 3-13, at Exhibition Park, Vancouver. It will be the first display of the capsule in Canada. This will be only one of the many features of the BCITF.