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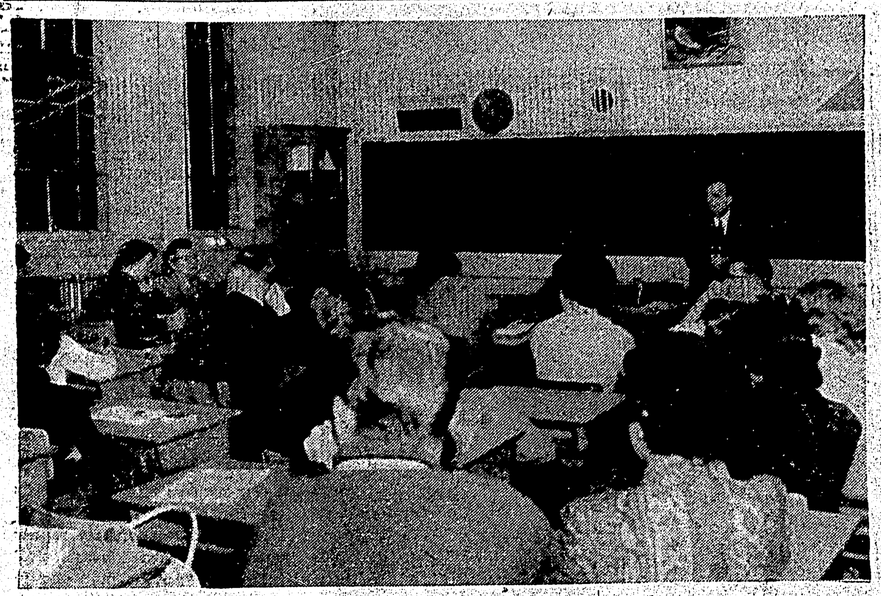

MOST POPULAR CLASS of the new series being held in night school at Booth Memorial Junior High School is one called "The Philosophy of Offbeat Thinking". Conducted by Dr. R. W. K. Elliott (right background) 35 students have enrolled for this series. — Staff photo by John Pain

# Rampaging soldiers kill priest in new African trouble spot

## Mission looted, nuns seek safety

USUMBURA, Ruanda-Urundi (AP) — Congolese soldiers on the rampage killed a Belgian Roman Catholic priest Thursday in Bukavu, capital of The Congo's Kivu province, and arrested and beat up Anicet Kashamura, No. 2 man of the pro-Communist Lumumbist regime in the northern Congo.

Word of the outbreak was brought by Europeans from Kukavu who fled across the Kivu border into the neighboring Belgian African trusteeship territory of Ruanda - Urundi. They said terror was spreading through Kukavu.

The refugee's reports were confirmed in a telephone call to UN headquarters in Bukavu.

Reuters reported from Leopoldville that youths who supported Lumumba killed and severely mutilated the priest after setting fire to a Catholic mission house in Kivu province.

The band of 50 youths, armed with sticks and spears, also man - handled 10 other priests and nuns, including three Congolese priests.

The mission house in Kivu's capital of Bukavu was looted and razed to the ground before Congolese soldiers dispersed the youths and made several arrests.

The priests and nuns sought refuge at a Congolese Army camp and now are guarded in another house.

In another part of the town, two European priests were rescued from the Saint Theresse Mission by troops after it was attacked by rioters.

Another priest was attacked in his car but escaped unharmed.

United Nations Nigerian troops are patrolling the restless town to prevent further disturbances.

BUILD AVALANCHE DEFENCES — A newly-constructed snow shed (right) will provide protection from avalanches for cars travelling the Rocky Mountain section of the Trans-Canada Highway near Lanark, B.C. Built of pre-cast concrete, the shed is more than 1,000 feet long. Other avalanche defences include earth mounds such as these staggered at the base of Mt. Cheops (left) in Glacier Park, near Golden, B.C. They are designed to slow down the speed of sliding snow. The highway through southeastern B.C. is expected to be open this summer, but paving will not be completed until 1962. — CP Photo

B.C. ROUNDUP

## Roadusers organizations plan gas tax protest

VICTORIA (CP) — Automobile and truck officials Thursday issued strong protest against Premier Bennett's proposal to increase the gasoline and diesel fuel tax by three cents.

Directors of the B.C. Automobile Association have asked for a meeting with Mr. Bennett. They will lobby every member of the legislature in a bid to stop the proposal from going into effect. A statement from the Automotive Transport Association said the increase "could be a killer" for long-distance trucking.

### Want principal back

FORT ST. JAMES, B.C. (CP) — Forty-two parents of Fort St. James school pupils have formed a committee to campaign for reinstatement of the school's principal. They turned out in 15-below zero weather Wednesday night to name a committee of two men and three women to try and get the principal's job back for Andrew Morrow. Morrow quit the job during the 1960 Christmas holidays in order to collect the savings he had built up in his superannuation fund. He needed money to meet personal obligations.

### Postmaster sentenced

COURTENAY (CP) — Charles Herbert Leslie, a former post master at Alert Bay, Thursday was sentenced to a year imprisonment on a charge of stealing $8,111. He was also ordered to repay the money to the post office after he has served the prison term.

### Bomb sent minister

VICTORIA (CP) — A crude form of nuisance bomb has been received through the mail by British Columbia Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi. It was learned late Thursday that the paper-wrapped bomb arrived in his office Monday and was opened by his secretary, Miss Edith M. Scarff.

### Warden skunked

VERNON (CP) — Game Warden Alan Frisby, who has tangled with cougars, grizzly bear and enraged bull moose met his match recently — a skunk. He was called to dispose of a skunk which had taken up residence under a city home and said he was all right while he was looking the animal in the eye, but then he shifted his glance, and . . .

## Union man says meet pointless

MONTREAL (CP) — Frank H. Hall, chief negotiator for the non-operating railway unions, Thursday indicated the unions see no point in further meetings with the railways until the government clarifies the position on the setting up of arbitration machinery to deal with the railway-non-op wage dispute.

In a letter to Prime Minister Diefenbaker released Thursday, Mr. Hall says no progress was made towards settling the dispute at a February 13 meeting with the railways and no further meetings have been scheduled.

The meeting was arranged at the request of the prime minister.

## Driver fined after woman hit

Ralph Hemming Matthews of 1916 Fifth Avenue East was fined $15 yesterday afternoon in police court when he pleaded guilty before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite to a charge of failing to yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a cross-walk.

RCMP said the charge was laid following an incident Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Charles Bohannon of 238 Sixth Avenue West was struck while walking in a cross-walk at the intersection of Fifth Street and Third Avenue West.

Mrs. Bohannon was taken to Prince Rupert General hospital suffering minor lacerations and shock but was reported in satisfactory condition by hospital officials.

### Minor With Beer

Possessing liquor while under the age of 21 earned 20-year-old James Benner of the Angus Apartments a $10 fine in police court today.

## Anti-Castro fighting breaks out

HAVANA (AP)—Militiamen Thursday were reported suffering heavy casualties in bitter but undecisive fighting with rebel forces in Cuba's Escambray Mountains.

A source said 11 militiamen were killed in a clash of government forces and insurgent troops near the town of Trinidad and a hospital at Topes de Collantes was crammed with 300 wounded militiamen.

Neither side is asking or giving quarter in the battle where government forces are trying to oust outnumbered insurgents from their mountain positions in south central Cuba, the source said.

He gave this report:

Fifty-thousand or more well-equipped but inexperienced militiamen gathered from all parts of Cuba are trying to mop up about 1,000 rebels who usually operate in bands of eight to 10 men. The militiamen are commanded by Maj. Dermidio Escalona.

The source said militiamen in some areas claim the rebels are using United States semi-automatic rifles with silencers.

## Afro-Asians put forward peace plan

UNITED NATIONS (CP) — A group of Afro-Asian countries moved today to seize the initiative in the Congo crisis with a peace plan for the Security Council that would take a middle road between East and West.

A flurry of diplomatic activity raised cautious hopes of averting a direct East - West clash in the African republic resulting from the slaying of Patrice Lumumba.

The three Afro - Asian members of the 11-nation council — Ceylon, Liberia and the United Arab Republic — were expected to put forward today a compromise resolution backed by 18 other countries including Canada.

Basically, it urged UN troops in The Congo to use force if necessary to prevent civil war; demanded Belgian and other non - UN foreign military personnel, mercenaries and political advisers leave The Congo immediately; and called for an impartial investigation into Lumumba's death.

**TALKS HELD IN CONGO**

From The Congo came a report that President Kasavubu's new premier, Joseph Ileo, has begun negotiating with rival political leaders to broaden his new Leopoldville government into a coalition.

The 11-nation UN conciliation commission sent to The Congo before Lumumbua's death also submitted recommendations echoing the Afro-Asian draft resolution.

A long - range section urged that the Congolese parliament—suspended last September after Congo President Joseph Kasavubu fired Lumumba as premier—be convened immediately and that all Congolese armed units be reorganized and brought under discipline and control to keep them from interfering in politics.

## American grain policies no cause for Canadian anxiety, ambassador

WASHINGTON (CP)—Livingston T. Merchant said Thursday expansion of the United States food-for-peace program may cause some anxiety in Canada but this is not expected to be "too serious."

Canada had been worried about the impact of American wheat give-away programs on Canadian export markets, Merchant said, but periodic consultation between the two countries had reduced Canadian anxiety.

Merchant, nominated for a second term as U.S. ambassador to Canada, was questioned at length by the Senate foreign relations committee before his name is submitted for Senate approval.

In warmly endorsing his nomination, committee members expressed concern over the state of Canadian-American relations.

Merchant said neutralism "of limited scope" was being advocated in some Canadian quarters but this was not widespread.

Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, urged Merchant to continue his former policy of making extensive trips and speeches in Canada and of "rubbing shoulders with the Canadian people." Merchant was U.S. ambassador in 1956-58.

Morse suggested Canadians should show more interest in what goes on in Latin America. Canadians cannot hope to remain strong as long as communism remains a threat in Latin American countries.

## Injured sailor taken to PRGH

A sailor, Nicholas Kaloudis, injured in an accident off Estevan, was landed at Prince Rupert Shell Oil dock Thursday evening about 6:30 p.m. and taken by ambulance to the Prince Rupert General hospital.

Arrangements for the landing were made between the 7,000-ton MV "Iliamma" en route to Alaska, the Rescue Co-ordination Centre, Vancouver, and the U.S. Coastguard at Juneau and J. M. Fields of Armour Salvage Ltd., of Prince Rupert.

Kaloudis fell 15 to 18 feet down the ship's hold while walking over a load of cement. He suffered a fractured spine and multiple fractures of the ribs. His condition was reported as satisfactory.

## Collisions, groundings follow widespread European fog

LONDON (AP) — Eight ships were involved in collisions during the night around the fog-shrouded coasts of Europe. A ninth went aground.

Distress reports flashed in to harassed coast guard stations to climax 48 nightmare hours of shipping chaos.

The 10,687 - ton American freighter Ocean Evelyn, registered from New York, and the Dutch vessel Amstelhoek collided off England's Kent coast. Both were groping slowly through the blanket of fog, and neither vessel was badly damaged, but two seamen aboard the American ship were injured.

The 12,720 - ton Norwegian tanker Ralla and the 10,056-ton West German freighter Bochum crunched together five miles out in the narrow Straits of Dover. One German seaman was killed, another injured. The Bochum was badly holed and tugs stood by, waiting for the fog to lift.

Off nearby Dungeness the British ships Beech Hill, 7,150 tons, and Formality, 410 tons, collided. The Beech Hill, damaged above the waterline, anchored to await assistance.

A royal navy auxiliary vessel grounded at Dungeness. Another ship waited to tow the stranded vessel off at high tide.

In the Baltic, the Finnish motor coaster Berny sank after a collision with the Panamanian steamer Tyne. The Tyne picked up the Finnish crew.

The four collisions made a total of at least 14 aground in Europe's murky shores in the last 48 hours. Most were in the busy English channel.

## B. C. PACKERS SCHOLARSHIP WILL ASSIST FOUR STUDENTS

The British Columbia Packers Limited scholarship of $400 for a Prince Rupert Senior High school is for one student from each of the next four graduating classes, it was learned yesterday.

In a story February 8, and an editorial February 9, The Daily News gave the impression that the scholarship covered one student for four years of university.

A letter from D. A. Baxter pointed out that it is a $400 scholarship to be awarded to four different students, one student from each of the next four graduating classes from the Prince Rupert High school.

"The scholarship, therefore, is designed to assist such student in his or her first year of university," Mr. Baxter said.

The scholarship will be awarded after consultation with the District 52 School Board, to the student with the highest all-round standing, in scholarship, leadership and participation in school extra-curricular activities.

## Government auto insurance plan proposed in legislature session

VICTORIA (CP)—A Social Credit backbencher and a CCF member supported proposals for a government auto insurance scheme and a broadening of the provincial superannuation plan Thursday.

But that's about as far as agreement went between opposition and government as five speakers rose in the budget debate in the legislature.

Bert Price (SC-Vancouver-Burrard) spoke favorably of the Saskatchewan government auto insurance scheme and suggested that B.C. should investigate the possibilities of a similar plan.

The Social Credit whip also suggested that the government's superannuation program, now serving municipal and provincial employees, be broadened to take in others outside those governmental fields.

Tony Gargrave (CCF-Mackenzie) supported both suggestions, but said he would have the superannuation scheme set up somewhat differently than the present operation.

He would have a crown trust company established to handle funds of a portable-type pension scheme. Employers and employees would contribute under individual agreemnts and the employee would be able to retain his pension benefits when and if he moved from one company to another.

## Second grain ship expected shortly

A second grain ship is expected in Prince Rupert February 22 at the Canadian Government grain elevator to load grain for Red China under the recent agreement with that country.

The MV "Castor" left Wednesday carrying 13,000 long tons of specially dried grain for a Red Chinese port. The drying of the grain below Canadian standards of moisture delayed the ship's sailing by some days. This portion of the agreement was ultimately waived.

## Shoplifter given one year

A one-year jail sentence was given to James Sidney Gee of no fixed address when he appeared in police court this morning before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on a charge of theft over $50 (shop-lifting).

The charge was laid February 8 about 5:30 p.m. when Gee had stolen more than 60 pairs of socks and a pair of pants, with a total value of about $110, from the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's Co-op store on Third Avenue.

RCMP told the court that Gee had a lengthy criminal record. Gee had pleaded guilty to the charge February 9, the day after the offence was committed.

## World News Briefs

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — Souvenir hunters have created a shortage of South Africa's new one-cent coins only two days after a change in the coinage system, a government spokesman said here Thursday.

LONDON (Reuters) — A northern Rhodesian negro nationalist leader Thursday night accused Britain of selling the interests of non-whites in the Rhodesian federation down the river. Harry Nkumbula, president of the Northern Rhodesian African National Congress, said the British had a two-faced attitude toward racial discrimination.

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — The Belgian and American embassies were attacked Thursday night by thousands of angry Nigerians in protest against the slaying of Patrice Lumumba, former Congo premier.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy sent Congress recommendations Thursday for an emergency program for feed grains for 1961, designed to halt the piling up of surpluses, to raise producer income and to cut government farm outlays.

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's crime went up an average of 4.5 per cent in 1960 compared with the previous year, according to police department figures. The department report, released Thursday, said it was the seventh straight year of crime increase in the city.

Prince Rupert has now gone 763 days without a fatal traffic accident.

## Charge dismissed

A charge of assault causing bodily harm against Michael Ferrara of the St. Elmo Hotel was dismissed in police court this morning by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

RCMP said the charge was laid following an incident February 14 when Christine Patrick of Prince Rupert was assaulted.

## WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness Saturday morning with showers in the northern portion in the afternoon. A little warmer in the north tomorrow. Winds becoming southeast 25. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 28 and 42.

## TIDES

Saturday, Feb. 18, 1961 (Pacific Standard Time)

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| Low | 00:30 | 3.3 feet |
| | 21:55 | 2.7 feet |


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