MEDAL FOR KING

GENEVA (AP) — King Olav of Norway has been awarded the 1961 Fridtjof Nansen Medal for outstanding services on behalf of refugees, the United Nations high commission for refugees announced.

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Bennett says BC Power not to sue government

OKANAGAN FALLS (CP)—Premier Bennett indicated Wednesday night that the government of British Columbia will not allow the B.C. Power Corporation to sue it for larger compensation for the expropriation of the B.C. Electric Company.

"If this went to court shareholders might not know for years what they would get," he told a Social Credit party meeting.

"The $38 a share would be frozen. What would they say then about the Social Credit government? There would be chaos everywhere.

"We did what they did in Britain — took the market price. If it had been done any other way Social Credit would have been a laughing stock and there would have been chaos."

WANTS TO SUE

B.C. Power, which held all the common shares of B.C. Electric before the takeover of the huge power utility August 1, has petitioned the attorney - general for leave to sue the government for $225,000,000 compensation, more than double the $110,985,045 it received.

The $38 referred to by Premier Bennett is the government's offer for each common share of B.C. Power, which operates under a federal charter and cannot be expropriated by the provincial government.

Of the takeover generally, Mr. Bennett said: "I earnestly and honestly believe that when everyone realizes what it involved and how this transaction came about, they will be 100 per cent behind our movement.

"We did what we thought was best. I am sure it will give the greatest dividend ever from Social Credit."

COLUMBIA PROBLEMS

Mr. Bennett had little new to say on the problems of Columbia River development.

He told his audience of about 90 people: "We say it would be ridiculous to pay the costs of bringing back to B.C. all our share of the power generated in the U.S. under treaty, which we would not be able to use.

"It would cost us about 6½ mills per kilowatt hour — very expensive power. We can produce a lot of power far cheaper than that.

"How foolish can the federal government get, taking a political line on this? We follow no political line at all."

The premier said B.C. could sell all its power at five mills although it cost only a little more than 2½ mills to produce. All the rest was profit and would pay all the costs of treaty dams, producing 2,000,000 horsepower free for B.C. users from the Mica Creek dam.

The U.S. gets great benefits under the treaty, he said.

'DON'T BE SCARED'

"Don't let anybody tell you in a month or two the U.S. will run away. They won't. Don't let anybody scare you. And they'll pay us five mills."

B.C. wants development of both the Peace and Columbia rivers immediately, he said, to bring in development unparalleled in North America.

"We live in an inflationary world. If we leave one river for 20 years, our costs would be doubled. We will never develop them as cheaply as now."

British lampoon establishment

LONDON (CP) — An illuminated sign switched on in dingy, garlic-scented Greek Street in Soho today, bringing political satire cabaret to Britain for the first time.

The light belongs to London's first satirical night club, named The Establishment—a term it is going all out to lampoon. The establishment is a term widely applied to Britain's unseen power elite.

Roughly modelled on San Francisco's "Hungry I," the club that catapulted Mort Sahl to fame, the new venture will bring the same iconoclasm, pitched at a high cerebral level, to a city that has conspicuously lagged behind Paris and Berlin in late-night egg-head entertainment.

Co-owner of the club is tall, handsome Cambridge graduate Peter Cook, one of the four stars of Beyond the Fringe, a zany revue that has been playing to packed houses ever since its opening early this year.

Off-beat and highly disrespectful about the upper classes, the revue is a symptom of a growing trend in post-war Britain — a spikey, irreverent disowning of long-accepted social standards.

One of the best things in Beyond the Fringe is Cook's caricature of Prime Minister Macmillan. Wearing a plastic mask for the occasion, he gives a lethal portrayal of well - bred, fumbling fatuity that makes true - blue Tories choke and chuckle by turns.

Cook may well thrust his scalpel even deeper in the twice-nightly performances at The Establishment, for British night clubs, unlike theatres, are not threatened by the Lord Chamberlain's censoring pencil.

Cook's partner is Nicholas Luard, 24, also a Cambridge graduate.

Cook's first reaction against tradition came at his posh public school, Radley.

"People started beating me up for no reason whatever except that they were older," he recalls.

Luard, a milder rebel and ex-Coldstream Guards officer, grew disillusioned with his father's profession of merchant banking when he found most corporations reserved their directorships for the "right" people.

ADVERTISING IN THE NEWS BRINGS RESULTS

Portuguese blame Congolese rebels for commencement of local fight

LUANDA, Angola (Reuters)—Six months after it broke out, Portuguese settlers here are still at a loss to explain how the African revolt in this territory took them so completely by surprise.

No one apparently had any idea of the growing unrest that erupted into an open independence rebellion in mid-March.

Settlers and officers in the field, looking back on events preceding the revolt, have at last built up a picture of what they believe happened.

They say that over a period of months or a year, groups of Africans from the neighboring former Belgian Congo infiltrated the north of the country and started indoctrinating the local population.

Some of the leaders were Angolans, as is the head of the rebel party in exile, the Unao Das Populaciones da Angola (Union of Angolan Peoples), who lives in The Congo.

BAKONGOS ACTIVE

Most were members of the big Bakongo tribe, which spreads, with no respect for white man's maps, across the Angolan border into the former Belgian and French Congos.

Their declared aim was "independence," to drive out the Portuguese.

Witch doctors were enrolled to administer oaths and bind the army together with magic. One oath entailed drinking of a concoction of water and gunpowder, which initiates were told would make them immune to white men's bullets.

Political organizers keyed their speeches to a level readily understood by the illiterate villagers, promising them: "You will have the white men's women, their cars and their bank accounts." Apparently the white man's bank account was considered inexhaustible.

SCORNED WARNINGS

The Portuguese seem throughout to have been oblivious to what was going on around them. Some settlers are said to have been warned by African employees, but they seem to have paid no attention to the warnings.

In the first few days of the rising alone, about 500 Portuguese met their death.

After the first shock, the survivors went beserk and exacted wholesale reprisals in various parts of the country and even in Luanda itself. Thousands of Africans were killed by the rebels or by Portuguese.

Many thousands more fled into the bush, and about 180,000 escaped to The Congo. The north was denuded of labor.

At the time, the Portuguese army had only about 2,000 white and 5,000 African troops in the country, 14 times the area of Portugal.

RECKLESS ATTACKS

The settlers had to fend for themselves, falling back on the bigger settlements and barricading themselves in churches and other big buildings, as wave after wave of crudely-armed Africans launched reckless attacks against them.

In the second phase, the rebels developed guerrilla tactics. Smaller, more disciplined groups launched surprise attacks on lonely settlements, melting away into the bush if they met determined resistance.

With half the country in the north empty of all Portuguese, the rebels began to concentrate on the destruction of the economy. Their main targets were the 300 to 400 coffee plantations which are Angola's biggest source of wealth.

Today, the economy of the north is virtually at a standstill.

British buy Ontario fruit

LONDON (CP)—Experts foresee a lush future for Ontario peaches in what they describe as an "insatiable" British market.

In an unprecedented experiment, some 35 tons of selected red freestone peaches from Blenheim and Vineland, Ont., have been shipped to Britain. And the results are encouraging.

By fortunate timing, the Canadian fruit reaches Covent Garden and other marketing centres just as the peaches from Italy's Po Valley, the main supplier to the British market, are ending their run. So it appears that Canada can take over where Italy leaves off.

"I'm extremely enthusiastic about our prospects," said Ted Marritt, director of market development for the Ontario government. "We've got something to learn about packaging, but there's no question about the size of the potential market here."

In the next few weeks Marritt will hold talks with representatives of the British fruit trade to decide on the size of next year's shipments. Marritt dscribed this year's consignment as "just a drop in the bucket" in relation to the vast British market.

Britons apparently tend to consider peaches as something of an exotic fruit. Sales are mainly in southern England, the northern preference being for apples.

The shipments came in cold storage by boat to Liverpool. Two shipments of about 10 tons apiece came from orchards at Blenheim, which previously has sent small quantities to Britain, and the rest from the Ontario Fresh Peach Growers' Marketing Co-operative in Vineland.

Marritt said the fruit arrived in "excellent condition." Later there were problems caused by lack of cold storage facilities and rough handling by dockers, particularly in London. In some cases, Marritt said, the wholesale price here was $3 for an amount which would sell in Canada at about 75 cents retail.

"This was relatively a pioneer shipment," said Marritt. "When we learn how to package these things properly, I can see no reason why we can't keep this market supplied. We can extend the British peach season by six to eight weeks with relatively no competition."

The strong Italian competition ends about Sept. 1. With Ontario starting to pick in volume about mid-August, the Canadian fruit would arrive here in mid-September.

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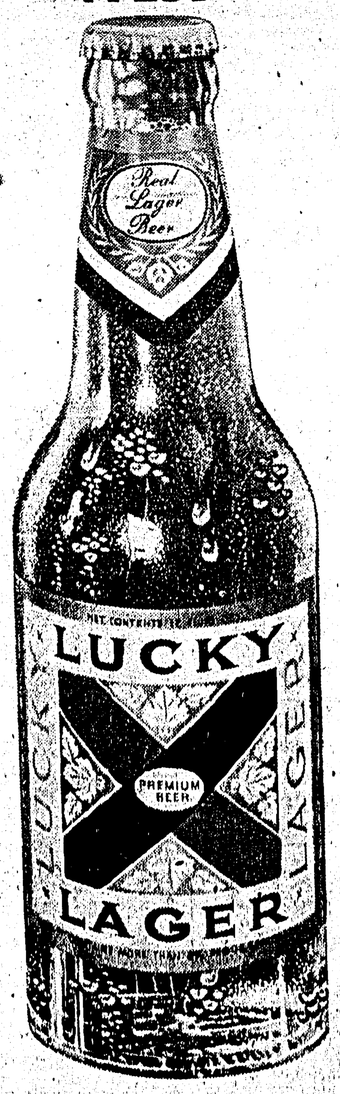

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