Major crime figures show 1960 increase

OTTAWA (CP)—Serious crime surged sharply upwards in Canadian urban centres in 1960.

In communities with a population of more than 25,000, serious crime cases increased by 12.6 per cent over the previous year.

Big increases were recorded in the number of murder, breaking and entering, theft and robbery cases reported by police departments. A large proportion were in the two cities of Montreal and Toronto.

Crime statistics for 1960 were issued today in a report by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. However, the bureau noted that the information published left much to be desired in the way of completeness and uniformity.

The report listed a total of 118 murders in Canadian urban centres with populations of more than 750, compared with 91 in 1959. Among large cities, there were 23 murders in Toronto, 18 in Montreal, six in Vancouver and four in Edmonton.

ROBBERIES UP

Robberies in 1960 totalled 3,237 compared with 2,877 the previous year. The figure included 879 cases in Montreal, 762 in Toronto, 320 in Vancouver, and 115 in Edmonton and Winnipeg.

The number of thefts increased to 59,299 from 144,999. Toronto listed 33,277 thefts, Vancouver 14,212, Montreal 13,265 and Edmonton 8,072.

Breaking and entering offences increased to 50,112, from 46,360. Of these 8,138 were in Toronto, 4,933 in Montreal, 4,698 in Vancouver and 2,216 in Winnipeg.

The report showed a fluctuation in sex crimes. Offences of indecent assault on females increased to 1,567 from 1,405, but rape offences declined to 250 from 321.

Toronto recorded 350 indecent assault offences, Edmonton 109, Winnipeg 87, Hamilton 70, Vancouver 51 and Montreal only eight.

However, 42 rape cases were listed in Montreal, compared with 26 in Vancouver, 25 in Toronto, 16 in Winnipeg, 10 in Edmonton, and only three in Hamilton.

Other tables showed that offences against persons increased by 5.2 per cent and against property by 10.3 per cent.

ASSAULTS INCREASE

Obstructions and assaults on police officers increased to 1,821 from 1,726; offences of forgery and fraud rose to 14,857 from 13,010; and assaults causing bodily harm increased to 4,779 from 4,642.

Traffic enforcement statistics showed that offences under the Criminal Code increased by 17.4 per cent in communities of more than 25,000 population.

During 1960 a total of 588,133 persons were arrested or summoned under provincial highway traffic acts, and 183,642 under municipal bylaws. There were 2,780,899 parking violations.

MOVIE COLUMN

Michener novel for filming

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Like to see Hawaii in two evenings? It's possible, but as of now you'll get the film in one sitting.

Faced with the task of putting the immense James Michener novel on the screen, producer-director Fred Zinnemann toyed with the idea of doing it in two complete movies. His backers, United Artists and the Mirish Company, went along.

Now United Artists has changed its corporative mind. The present concept is a one-evening movie. That is the reason for the change of writers from a two-evening man, Daniel Taradash' From Here to Eternity, Picnic to Dalton Trumbo Spartacus.

"It's possible that we might go back to the two-evening idea —if we get a tremendously exciting script," said Zinnemann From Here to Eternity, The Sundowners.

Meanwhile, he will not make his movies until he has the script in hand. "I am in no hurry," he said. "Films like Hawaii take time; Ben-Hur was on the planning boards for 10 years at MGM. I think it is a mistake to start making commitments with actors before you have a fairly complete script."

Paul Newman should feel rosy. The Hustler and Paris Blues are the No. 1 and 2 box office draws . . . The trend is over? Only two comedy records among the top 50 albums on this week's charts.

Groucho Marx was happy with his dramatic debut on G.E. Theatre. So happy he invited all the set workers to lunch at his expense. A sound man told me it had never happened to him before in 30 years of labor in the studios.

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Empress hotel shows change

VICTORIA (CP) — The elegant Empress Hotel reflects a change in Victoria that is attributed to the tourist dollar.

The city which has long prided itself as being a "little bit of olde England," is becoming more like any other North American city.

It's happening despite efforts by city officials to retain identifying symbols of Victoria's old world charm — cluster lights, flower pots, horse-drawn buggies for tourists.

These things often come under criticism as either holding up progress or presenting a public hazard.

City fathers have resisted pressures to make any changes but they cannot prevent commercially - owned establishments such as the Canadian Pacific's Empress from taking steps to attract a new type of tourist.

PUT UP SIGN

The hotel stands like a palace facing the harbor, its walls covered with ivy and its grounds beautifully manicured.

The first move was to announce the name of the hotel in large letters above the main entrance, giving the same effect as an English pub installing a neon sign.

The management then decided to convert one of the wings into a motor lodge.

A few years ago the city attracted the luxury class of tourist who wanted something a little different.

"But now the luxury class tourist finds Bermuda, England, The Bahamas and the Continent just as close," said one antique dealer. "Now we are getting the one-day trippers."

Guests who have used the Empress for many years have differing opinions of the new look.

"Well," said a businessman from Vancouver, "I must say it shocks me to see women in shorts and slacks wandering around the lounge. It just doesn't go with the atmosphere of the place. This is one of the most dignified hotels in the world and I wouldn't be seen dead around here in shorts."

MORE LIVELY

Mrs. Lucille Bunten, a visitor from Saskatoon, disagreed.

"It is more alive than it used to be. There are more young people . . . more of a cosmopolitan atmosphere."

Cyril Chapman, the manager, insists the standards of gracious living have not been affected by the motor lodge.

This type of accommodation is intended for travelling holiday-makers and we expect them to dress more informally. All the hotel facilities are available to them, so it is natural that people in holiday attire should be seen in the lobby.

HALLOWE'EN REMINDER — Which face would you prefer? The choice is simple, that of Suzanne Pleshette (left) of course. With the traditional carved pumpkin head she is an attractive reminder that the night of witches and goblins is only a matter of a few days ahead when the cry of "Trick or Treat" will become the password for a night. Suzanne is starring in a film shortly to be released called "Lovers Must Learn".

Cuba attacks island churches

HAVANA (Reuters)— Cuba's propaganda organs are pouring more vitriol into their anti-church campaign.

The anti - clerical campaign has been stepped up since an open clash between 3,000 parading Catholics and police in Havana September 10 in which a 17-year-old boy was shot and killed.

The clash followed a series of disturbances against the banning of the church's annual charity procession.

The government newspaper Revolucion blamed "counter-revolutionaries" for "trying to make out that the regime persecuted religious believers." It said some demonstrators carried a United States flag.

Main burden of the blame was put on the auxiliary bishop of Havana, Most Rev. Eduardo Boza Masvidal. With 131 other priests, he was deported September 17. It is believed about 150 priests now minister to Cuban Catholics.

Car given porter for carting bags

BUFFALO (AP)—Edward D. Parence, a porter at Buffalo international airport, helped a customer unload four pieces of luggage from an automobile Tuesday, then got a "tip" to end all tips.

"The car is yours," said Jack E. Teehan of Auckland, New Zealand.

"You're kidding," said Parence.

Teehan handed over the keys, signed the title transfer, waved goodbye and took off with his wife for the long flight home.

During the negotiations it turned out that Teehan, who said he was a broker and real estate man, had been touring the U.S. for several weeks. He bought the car, a 1955 model, in Florida for $750 but had no further use for it now that his trip was over.

Police err in snatch

COPENHAGEN (Reuters) — Red-faced Copenhagen policemen had some tall explaining to do here today.

A police officer was questioning a suspected burglar in his second - floor office Tuesday night when the man made a dive for the door and got away.

The officer pressed an alarm bell to warn constables in the police station below to intercept the suspect.

The eager constables rushed came racing down the stairs, camer acing down the stairs, and hustled him into a cell over his violent protests.

Sometime later they found out that the man they "arrested" was their superior officer, who had set out in pursuit of the suspect after giving the alarm.

The suspect hasn't been seen since.

FAMED PSYCHOLOGIST

The first psychological journal, "Mind," was founded in Britain in 1876 by Alexander Bain, noted Scottish philosopher.

New times set for CNR trains

Changes in Canadian National Railway schedules from Prince Rupert east and west have been announced by the company.

The new schedules will be as follows: Eastbound train No. 196 departs 7:30 a.m. daily except Sunday; previously this train left the city at 7 a.m. Westbound No. 195 will arrive at 10 p.m. instead of the previous time of 8:30 p.m. There will be no westbound train Mondays.

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Dance hostesses make 1,000 yen per hour in Japanese cabarets

TOKYO (AP)—So, having enjoyed the company of a charming nightclub hostess for an hour or so, you wave for the bill.

It looks all right until you get to an item that says: hostess charge—1,000 yen.

"What!" you might exclaim, outraged at being made to hand over the equivalent of $2.77 for the pleasure of 60 minutes of her company.

Sure you danced with her, bought her a couple of drinks. And she probably turned on the charm—the more charming because of the broken English—to inflate your masculine ego.

Besides, it didn't seem like 60 minutes.

That's the whole point. If that's the way you felt, she did her job well.

JOBS ATTRACTIVE

At 1,000 yen an hour, the charge at the top clubs, a good hostess averages 5,000 yen an evening, which with days off comes to around 130,000 yen ($361) a month. This in turn is about 10 times more than what she'd earn in a daytime office job.

But most take on the profession from the simple need to make a living. That tearful line about having to support an invalid mother, or pay for a brother's education, isn't always bunk.

TIRING WORK

"No experience necessary," proclaim the newspaper ads for hostesses. But any seasoned gal will tell you it's a tough job that calls for an infinite supply of charm, patience—and quick thinking.

So six months later you'll go back to the same nightclub, and out of the milling humanity a happy voice will sing out:

"Hello! Long time no see!"

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Anyway, what's another thousand yen or two?

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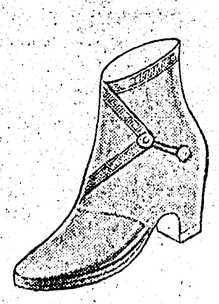

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