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HAROLD RYAN GRANTED NEW TRIAL

Convicted of Murder Gets Reprieve

Court of Appeal Finds That Jury Was Allowed Undue Liberty

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Closure Renewed
Case of New Fire Menace

VICTORIA (CP)—Another forest fire closed this year, was Wednesday for Vancouver Island.

Reach Plane Wreck Today

CAMPBELL RIVER—It will be this afternoon, it is now expected, before a Royal Canadian Air Force land rescue team of seven men will be able to reach the wreckage of an aircraft which was sighted on Sunday by a Pan-American Airways plane on its way from Seattle to Alaska.

Americans Fear Third World War

SOUTHAMPTON—Americans, says Anthony Eden, who is back from a month's visit to the United States, are perhaps more fearful about the possibility of a third world war than are the British.

Legion Foresees Discrimination

STRATFORD, Ont.—A charge of discrimination has been laid by the Stratford branch of the Canadian Legion. It is alleged that the Federal Government will make a ruling that war veterans may have to forfeit part of their veterans allowances in order to receive the new old age pension.

Many Dutch Immigrants

MONTREAL—The Dutch ss. ... completed her third voyage from Holland recently ...

Visit is Going on

ON—A Buckingham spokesman said last ... in spite of the contest of the King's health, ...

Verdict of Acquittal

Second manslaughter charge here was dismissed in supreme court assizes today following verdict of not guilty by the jury. Bernard Thomas Kirby had been charged with manslaughter in connection with the death July 16, of Tom Pete, near Evelyn, B.C.

Britain Foresees Conservative Win

Prime Minister Confirms Election Date—Odds Favor Tories 6 to 4

LONDON (CP)—Great Britain will hold its national election October 25, giving Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister, his long-awaited chance to make a comeback as leader after six years of socialism. Prime Minister C. R. Attlee gave official news of the election date last night in a news broadcast.

Action on Housing is Demanded

VANCOUVER (CP)—Call for federal action to meet the housing shortage was issued Wednesday by the Canadian Congress of Labor Convention.

Red Tune is Changed

Communists Now Asking for Resumption of Truce Talks

TOKYO (CP)—Communist war leaders Thursday switched tactics and proposed an immediate resumption of Korean truce talks at Kaesong—even before their charges against the Allies were cleared up.

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In Korea—THE COLONEL



There shouldn't have been any danger from mines, because the battalion's tanks had already been over the road twice. . . but "The Colonel" and his driver had reckoned without the inefficiency of the Chinese.

By JOCK CARROLL

Of all the soldiers I saw in Korea, the Colonel was the last man I expected to see killed. Not because a battalion commander is not supposed to take risks—but because the Colonel was a professional soldier. The most efficient professional soldier I ever saw.

The only time I ever met him was in a Korean hut he was using as headquarters. I walked in with a transportation problem and he had it solved in two minutes.

"First," he said, "you'll need transport to airfield. My driver will be free in half an hour. That takes care of that. Then you'll want to get on the twelve o'clock courier—I'll see to that right now. Correspondents have a No. 2 priority."

He called one of his officers. "Martin—get Mr. Carroll a reservation on the twelve o'clock plane. Phone Nightingale to have a jeep meet the plane. And when my driver returns from B Echelon, have him wait outside. That's all, thank you."

During this the Colonel had continued, without interruption to write a letter. He brushed aside my thanks.

"No trouble, no trouble. Sit down. Can talk to you while I'm doing these letters. No time will be wasted. Next of kin letters. Sad business. Tell them all the same thing, of course. Your son died bravely in the performance of his duties. The end was quick and merciful. Chaplain present."

The Colonel finished a letter, folded it neatly across the middle, then twice more so that it fitted exactly into the top envelope from the stack at his left hand.

"What else can I do? Dear Mrs. Jones—your son, because he was an inefficient soldier—has just had top of his head blown off!"

The Colonel shook his own close-cropped head and began another letter. "No. Would never do. But that's what does it, you know. Nine times out of ten. Inefficiency."

He picked up a casualty report, and read a name off. "Walking along a ridge-line. Sniper. Naturally. How could they miss against the sky? Here's three more. Mortar. Platoon advancing across a rice paddy. Mortar shell bursts in front. They hit the ground. Second mortar shell bursts behind. And they stayed there! Next shell right in the middle. Naturally."

The Colonel looked at me. "You see it? Mortar bracketed them. Then killed them. Simple. They know how mortars work. Only way to handle mortars—ignore them. Keep going. Don't let them get a range."

The Colonel sighed. "Inefficiency. Break a man's heart. Here's two more. Killed by one of our own grenades. Man threw it—didn't shout 'Grenade!' Two of his comrades were standing up. Killed by fragments. Effective at thirty yards, you know. As far as you can throw it. Have to hit ground after you throw it."

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