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Huge Black Market Found

Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars of Goods Involved in Huge Waterfront Thefts at Halifax

HALIFAX — A huge waterfront theft ring stretching from Halifax docks into inland Canada and involving hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of merchandise has been uncovered by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, it was disclosed today.

Existence of a black market organization which specialized in wool and almost exclusive in sensitive British textiles was revealed by an intensive six weeks' investigation by Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers in Halifax, Toronto, Montreal and intermediate centres along the focal point of the probe in Halifax.

Value of loot in textiles alone amounts to "several hundred thousand dollars," the R.C.M.P.

There have been no arrests have been made. The police said they have obtained evidence pointing to involvement of a considerable number of persons in the ring. A booty was obtained from ships landed in Halifax by business firms in Halifax and Montreal are among those who are being investigated.

The titles of the firms involved in the ring are being withheld for the time being.

AND POWER ACTS HERE

Appointment of committee urged by Fishermen's Union—Ship Wreck Picket Supported

At a meeting on Sunday night of the Fishermen's and Allied Workers' Union passed a resolution urging the city council to have the British Columbia Water Commission appoint a sub-committee in connection with the matter of power in this area.

Another resolution passed by the meeting supported the "Jobs for All" Association in its picketing of Canadian National offices in demand for continued activity at the local shipbuilding plant.

SPINACH EATERS
Centuries before America was discovered, the Chinese were eating spinach.

SCORE PERISH IN BLAST IN NEW ORLEANS

Apartment Building Levelled By Blast in Residential Area of Southern City

NEW ORLEANS — A terrific explosion followed by fire levelled a three-storey apartment building in a downtown residential area here today, killing an undetermined number of persons and injuring a score of others.

It was estimated that 20 or more of the persons, all Negroes, lost their lives in the blast or fire while a score of others were injured.

Cause of the explosion is not determined.

STEEL MILLS ARE REOPENING

NEW YORK — The steel strike officially ended for more than 380,000 C.I.O. steel workers Monday but only a handful were back in the mills, beginning a slow process of re-reading the furnaces for full-scale production. Meanwhile, negotiators, trying to find common ground between General Motors and the C.I.O. United Auto Workers, were balking during the weekend by the union security issue.

A United States Steel Corporation spokesman said it will take three or four weeks to attain full production after a four-week stoppage by 750,000 steel workers.

The firms, which settled with the union on a basis of an 18 1/2% hourly wage increase, are compensated by a \$5 a ton boost in the selling price of steel.

NEW YORK PAPER WANTS TO KNOW

NEW YORK — The New York Times demanded to know Monday what the United States government was doing in regard to checking espionage activities in North America. It charged that American influence had been brought to bear on Prime Minister Mackenzie King of Canada to discourage him from taking action along these lines in Canada.

Local Tides

Wednesday, February 20, 1946			
High	4:02	20.5 feet	
	16:14	18.9 feet	
Low	10:13	6.0 feet	
	22:20	5.6 feet	

DEVELOPMENT OF PEACE RIVER AND PRINCE RUPERT WITH TRANSPACIFIC

By PAGE RIDEOUT

When the Grand Trunk, Canadian Northern, Grand Trunk Pacific and Intercolonial railways were brought together to form the Canadian National system it moved a number of what were main lines off the map.

The Canadian Northern main line between Edmonton and Winnipeg is now

run in two at what was Warman Junction. The two ends are now end up at Saskatoon and are used as local branches. The Prince Albert and Winnipeg line has become local to the extent it is served by one passenger train making three trips per week. Therefore it is not needed. In fact the line is a bit of surplus property of the Canadian National organization which would be none the poorer if the line were disposed of.

Even there was an imposter being its presence on a locality it is the C.P.R. in Prince Albert. They use nearly 100 miles of the C.N.R. track, two bridges, the little station and yards. The C.P.R. itself has but 60 miles of track northwest of Prince Albert which legalizes its presence in the C.N.R. territory. It has its line surveyed to Lac La Biche, the Northern Alberta Railway. If this line were completed, it would make a connection between Prince Albert and Peace River Country. But will the C.P.R. ever do such a thing?

By the \$1,500,000 deficit report which Vaughan is placing on the record of the Railway Committee of the Northern Alberta Rail-

LOGGERS WANT WAGE INCREASE

VANCOUVER — Harold Pritchett, district president of the International Woodworkers' Association (I.W.O.), said Monday he had received the last of letters from fourteen locals, representing the membership among the province's estimated 30,000 woodworkers endorsing the 20c an hour wage increase, the 40-hour week and stiffer closed shop agreements in 1946 agreements which come before the employers in March.

Banking Official and Woman In Espionage Ring

Eldorado and Spy Probes Are Linked

Prime Ministers King and Attlee Consulting

ARREST NUMBER STILL SECRET

Round-up of Conspirators With Russian Government Spreads to Various Cities

OTTAWA — The exact number of those being held in custody as a result of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police countrywide investigation into the espionage conspiracy of a foreign power corrupting Canadian officials still remains an official secret. The Associated Press says that one of those arrested is an official of rank close to that of deputy minister.

It is also reported that one of the suspects arrested in the R.C.M.P. roundup last Friday was a young woman on the staff of the cipher branch of the external affairs department. The report comes from an Ottawa newspaper, the Morning Journal. Police are said to have taken a large amount of papers from the woman's room, leaving behind a copy of Tolstoy's "War and Peace" and a Russian-English dictionary. Authorities at the R.C.M.P. barracks have refused to confirm or deny that a woman is among persons held for questioning.

At the same time, the Associated Press in an Ottawa dispatch declared that one of the men held in the probe is one of the highest top-ranking civil servants in the land.

Rumors are that the arrests have spread to various cities and Washington dispatches said that the capital was "intensely aroused" by the Ottawa exposure of leakage of secret information.

Both United States and British governments are still silent.

JEW CRISIS IS FORESEEN

VIENNA — A United States member of the Anglo-American Palestine Inquiry, Bartley Crum, is predicting a wave of suicides if European Jews are not permitted to leave refugee camps and settle and rehabilitate themselves. Crum declares that a grave emergency exists and tension is so high that the Jews may even try to fight their way into Palestine.

BIG INCREASE POLICE BUDGET

Vancouver Commission Is Asking for Almost a Half Million Dollars More

VANCOUVER — The Vancouver police commission yesterday called for an increase of police estimates for the year of \$467,000 over last year, a total of \$1,600,000 being budgeted. The commission calls for 166 additional members on the police force, a special policemen's division, new cars and motorcycles and a new police boat. The police commission receives its appropriation from the city council in its estimates for the year.

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert—Fresh to strong southeast winds, reaching gale force over Hecate Straits. Cloudy and mild with occasional light rain in afternoon.

Peter Parkvold was sentenced to seven days in jail and his driver's licence was revoked for three months when he pleaded guilty before Magistrate W. D. Vance in city police court Monday to a charge of driving while intoxicated.

New Turn In Investigation; Black Market Uranium Gone

Bulletins

STORM IN VIENNA

VIENNA—Four persons were killed and 200 were injured as a 90-mile gale swept Vienna. Buildings were blown down and many persons were rendered homeless.

MISSING FROM BOAT

VICTORIA—Roy Davies of Ganges in the Gulf Islands has been missing since he disappeared on Sunday from his 38-foot cruiser from which he was fishing.

U. B. C. PLEBISCITE

VANCOUVER — A plebiscite is being held among students of the University of B.C. as to whether political parties should be allowed to organize as clubs on the campus. The Labor-Progressives had sought to organize.

LONG JAP JOB

TOKYO—Premier Shidehara said today it would be 1966 before Japan could be rebuilt. Foreign trade restoration was essential, he declared.

STORMY CAMPAIGN

BUENOS AIRES — Shots rang out and rotten eggs were hurled at a boisterous campaign meeting here last night.

FELL FROM FERRY

VANCOUVER—A Chinaman fell overboard from the West Vancouver ferry at 10:30 this morning and was fished out unconscious after having gone under twice. He was taken to hospital where he was later reported to be doing well.

OLD GLORY TORN DOWN

BOMBAY — A mob of Indians Monday night tore down an American flag from the United States information service in Bombay and burned it in the street. The official in charge of the office says he is awaiting instructions concerning filing of a protest to the Indian and British governments.

MADE CHURCH PRINCES

VATICAN CITY—The Roman Catholic Church yesterday created 32 new cardinals—the largest and most cosmopolitan group ever raised to the purple in 1900 years of church history. Among the new princes of the church is James Cardinal McGuigan, archbishop of Toronto and first English-speaking church dignitary to represent Canada in the College of the Cardinals.

CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES

OTTAWA—A royal commission is being appointed to study salaries in the federal civil service. It has been said that a range of \$5000 to \$10,000 is not high enough for top-ranking civil servants.

IRAN TURNS TO RUSSIA

Cabinet Minister Resigns And Pro-British Chief of Staff Dismissed

TEHRAN—One of the Iranian delegates to the Moscow conference between Iran and Soviet Russia has resigned from his post as a cabinet minister. Meantime, the chief of staff of the Iranian army, General Arfa, has been dismissed. Arfa is described by left-wing publications as being pro-British and is accused to reactionary tendencies.

RUSSIA QUITE NON-COMMITTAL

MOSCOW — The Moscow radio has broadcast the statement made last Friday by Prime Minister Mackenzie King telling of a leakage of information in Ottawa. No comment was made. Ottawa observers declare the Moscow radio likely took off broadcasting the statement until it was definite that Russia would be named as the power involved.

COUNTER CHARGE IN HOTEL CASE

Former Accountant Says He Was Ordered By Proprietor To Falsify Books

VANCOUVER — Frederick Whyte, former book-keeper of the Grosvenor Hotel here, testified under protection of the Canada Evidence Act at his own trial yesterday that he had been ordered by the owner of the hotel to falsify the books of the hotel. He told an Assize court jury that he had been instructed by E. G. Baynes, under an implied threat of losing his job, to alter the books so that Baynes would not have to pay such a high income tax.

Whyte is accused of stealing \$28,000 from the hotel company between January 1944 and December of last year. The money was allegedly taken in the way of shortages on daily cash returns.

UNITED NATIONS APPOINTMENTS

Important Posts Are Filled—Announcement by Secretary General

LONDON — Secretary General Trygve Lie announces four appointments to the United Nations secretariat as final items of business disposed of following adjournment of the security council.

The new appointees are Abraham H. Feller of New York who will be general counsel for the secretary general with the rank of director; Arkady A. Sobolev of Soviet Russia, assistant secretary general in charge of the department of security council affairs; Adrian Pelt of the Netherlands, assistant secretary general in charge of the conference and general services; and A. D. K. Owen of Britain, executive assistant in the office of the secretary general with the rank of director.

TAKE OVER "OLD LADY"

LONDON — The chancellor of the British exchequer, Hugh Dalton, signed papers Monday to formally nationalize the Bank of England. Transfer of the 250-year-old bank was completed in yesterday's formalities.

MOTHER OF ALEX PATON IS DEAD

VANCOUVER — Mrs. Anne Paton, mother of Alex Paton, Coalition member of the provincial legislature for Vancouver-Point Grey died during the week-end after an illness of 18 months. She was 86 years of age.

SPY RING ROUND-UP

No members of the Department of External Affairs, past or present, are involved in the spy ring, it was stated authoritatively in Ottawa today.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King is informing Progressive Conservative Leader John Bracken of particulars of the investigation.

Minister of Justice St. Laurent said today that a public statement on the progress of the investigation would be issued as soon as it was possible to do so.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police throughout Canada are checking up particularly on quarters sympathetic to the Communist party.

An official at Ottawa said that there had been contact from Canada with a French Communist organization which had planned the establishment of a base on the east coast.

Declarations, having to do with plans for the establishment of an atomic research plant in Britain have been removed from Montreal.

Big 'Phone Strike Off

At Least One Labor Dispute in United States Is Settled For Time-Being

NEW YORK — When 1000 long distance telephone operators in Philadelphia, who had left their jobs, returned to work today following agreement on the basic issue of promotion methods, a nation-wide strike of telephone operators was obviated for the time being at least although there is still some discontent on the question of wages, a threatened dispute over which may yet disrupt telephone services—both local and long distance.

In Philadelphia the 1000 operators left their jobs and virtually halted long distance to and from that city. A country-wide sympathy strike was threatened if the dispute was not settled within 24 hours. The settlement came in time.

In Memphis, Tennessee, Joseph Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, said a majority of fifty independent unions, comprising the National Federation, favored a strike of its claimed 250,000 members in support of demands for increased wages.

INFORMATION LEAKAGE—CORRESPONDENCE SUBJECT

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King has been in communication with Prime Minister Clement Attlee of Britain regarding leakage of secret information in Ottawa but the British government leader does not intend to make a statement on the matter he told the House of Commons today.

LEAKS ALARM UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C.—United States Army sources expressed alarm Monday at the manner in which secret information in regard to atomic energy was leaking out. The leakage, becoming most widespread during the past four weeks, might endanger this country's economic leadership.

NEW GOV'T IN BELGIUM

BRUSSELS — The Socialist premier—Achille Van Acker—has resigned to make way for the formation of a new government by the Right Wing Catholics—who are pledged to return King Leopold to the throne—won the largest number of seats in Sunday's election.

PUBLIC ASKED TO SUBMIT IDEAS ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT HERE

Strong Delegation to Be Sent to Victoria to Press For Attention—On Various Important Matters

All people in Prince Rupert who are interested in the industrial development of the port and district and who have any constructive ideas to offer as to how that development may be more efficaciously brought about are being invited to present their suggestions in writing to the Prince Rupert Industrial Committee. These representations are to be in the hands of the mayor by February 28 in preparation for a general meeting to be held March 5 by which time they will have been consolidated for consideration by the gathering. Following the general meeting it is planned to send a delegation to Victoria before the opening of the next session of the Legislature to present the strongest possible case for the implementation of recommendations having in view the postwar industrial development of this area.

Among the matters upon which it is suggested representations from the public at large might deal are shipping subsidies, aids to navigation, removal of Ripple Rock, export of grain, coal export facilities, utilization of warehouse storage space, dockage, dry dock contracts, highway development, survey of Groundhog coal fields.

CANADIANS ISOLATED

AMSTERDAM — The Canadian occupation forces area in Germany has been practically isolated by washed out bridges due to floods. Actual damage in the Canadian area was small, but because of transportation break-downs in surrounding areas, the leaves of Canadian occupation forces have been cancelled for the paowweek.

THREE KILLED IN CROSSING CRASH

BRANTFORD, Ont. — Three brothers were killed and their father injured in a collision between a truck and a train near Brantford, Ontario, yesterday. The dead are: Andrew Kowalchuk, and his brothers Harry and Lorne.

Temperature
(Last 24 Hours)

Maximum	49
Minimum	44