



**Ruth Roman.** Hollywood's busiest actress, next to be seen in "Barricade" for Warner Bros., goes immediately into a starring role in "Lightning Strikes Twice" at the same studio. Look for her in U.S. Pictures' "Rock Bottom."

## Statue Theft Causes Siege

PANAMA — The daring theft of the million dollar statue of Costa Rica's patron virgin has brought the little Central American country to a virtual

state of siege, travellers have reported.

They said the jewel encrusted gold image of Our Lady of Los Angeles was stolen Friday from the basilica at Cartago, 20 miles southeast of San Jose. The thieves murdered the church watchman.

Rewards totalling more than \$600,000 have been offered by individuals and business houses.

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### THURSDAY—P.M.

4:00—CBC Opera Stars  
4:15—Stock Quotations & Int.  
4:30—Adventure Story  
4:45—Western Five  
5:00—Here and There  
5:15—Tale of Toronto  
5:30—Keyboard Console  
5:45—Young Man With a Song  
5:55—CBC News  
6:00—Canada at Work  
6:15—English Favourite  
6:30—Musical Varieties  
6:45—The Inside Story  
7:00—CBC News  
7:15—CBC News Roundup  
7:30—Eventide  
8:00—CBC Round Table  
8:30—Record Album  
9:00—Easy Rhythm  
9:30—CBC Vancouver Concert Orchestra  
10:00—CBC News  
10:10—CBC News  
10:15—Focus  
10:30—Winnipeg Drama  
11:00—Weather Report  
11:04—Fish Arrivals  
11:16—Sign off

### FRIDAY—A.M.

7:00—Musical Clock  
8:00—CBC News  
8:10—Here's Bill Good  
8:15—Morning Song  
8:30—Music for Moe's  
8:45—Little Concert  
9:00—BBC News and Com'ry  
9:15—Morning Devotions  
9:30—Sunrise Serenade  
9:45—Famous Voices  
9:59—Time Signal  
10:00—Ellen Harris  
10:15—Carson Robison  
10:30—Melody Time  
10:45—TBA  
11:00—Kindergarten of the Air  
11:15—Roundup Time  
11:30—Weather Report  
11:31—Message Period  
11:33—Rec. Int.  
11:45—Scandinavian Melodies  
12:00—Mid-Day Melodies

## Another Attack On B.C. Exciting Living Place

THOMPSONVILLE, Conn. — Four gunmen, their faces hidden behind gas masks, slugged and robbed three Brinks guards of \$15,000 in the pay room of the Bigelow and Sanford carpet factory. The men, all believed to be armed with shot guns, apparently escaped in an automobile after they tied the guards. January 17 a band of masked gunmen held up the Brinks Inc. offices in Boston and escaped with \$1,700,000 in cash and cheques.

## Bob Hope Wants To End Contract

HOLLYWOOD — Bob Hope wants to be released from a \$15,000 weekly radio contract that has four more years to run. The comedian disclosed that he has asked Lever Brothers to let him go after he completes this season June 13. The beef?—The sponsor won't let him tape record his show.

Dr. R. W. Ball, manager of the Cellulose division of the Celanese Corporation of America, New York, and D.G. Stenstrom, timber consultant from Vancouver arrived in the city on the Prince George yesterday on one of their periodical visits to local operations.

12:15—CBC News  
12:25—Prog. Resume  
12:30—P.C. Farm Broadcast  
12:55—Recorded Interlude  
1:00—Concert Hour  
2:00—B.C. School Broadcast  
2:30—Records at Random  
2:45—Needlepointers  
3:00—The Music Box

British Columbia, a province of sagebrush, rolling hills, mountains, great rivers and lakes, whose resources have hardly been scratched, is destined to become one of the most exciting places to live in, declared J. W. K. Melville, on the executive council of the Vancouver Board of Trade and publicity agent for the Home Oil Company at Vancouver, who spoke to members of the Gyo Club at a luncheon in the Civic Centre yesterday.

With a rapid interesting talk, he skimmed over 100 years of B.C. history, which he called "immediate history," and explained to members that recent discoveries lead geologists to believe that one time—about 30 to 40,000 years ago—an oriental race inhabited British Columbia. He gave an account of domination, of this western coast by Spaniards, Russians, Americans and, finally, by the British, whose strong influence was through the Hudson's Bay Company.

Phases of development in this province make a glorious romance, he said. He paid tribute to the young Scots which left their country and built the foundation on which the present great province stands.

Speaking of population, he said that 100 years ago, B.C.'s population was less than 200. Figures now stand at 1,114,000. Last year, he continued, 5000 people came to live in this province and an additional 4,000 are expected to settle here this year.

The economy of this province sprang from agriculture and the gold rush in the late 80's, Mr. Melville stated.

In the last seven or ten years, a

## Reds Announce War Bill Cut

BERLIN — Russia announced a sharp cut in East Germany's war preparations bill. The news touched off a big Communist propaganda campaign extolling Soviet "generosity and helpfulness." Anti-Communists and Allied officials labelled the cut as an empty gesture and "phony bookkeeping" aimed at countering the recent announcement that occupation controls would be relaxed in Western Germany.

## Canadian Cavalryman Honored in England

MOTTISTONE, Isle of Wight — The Bishop of Portsmouth yesterday dedicated a memorial to the late Lord Mottistone, leader of a Canadian Cavalry brigade in the first World War.

tremendous stride of progress of basic industries was noted, the speaker said. In 1941, production was 220 million. In 1949, it sprang to 703 million.

He pointed out that secondary industries in this province, such as manufacturing have to be fully developed so that the province can manufacture most of her products, if she so wishes to reach her ultimate destiny.

The speaker was introduced by Frank Skinner and thanked by A. M. Hurst.

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