

## Labor To Remain In Office In Britain

### Carry On Despite Loss Of Majority

Margin is Now Only Eight Over  
Other Parties Combined  
LONDON (CP)—Latest returns from 621 of the constituencies in the British election show the party standing:

Conservative	315
Labour	295
Liberal	8
Other	2
Total	620

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### Curling Pin Saved Life

Double Tragedy Narrowly  
Averted in Downtown Killing

Constance McMasters, shot in the right temple by Chinese Frank Mah in a downtown rooming house yesterday, is alive today because of a curling pin. The bullet, from the gun of the Chinese, who later shot himself, entered her right temple but was deflected and ran along the outside of the skull. The woman was never unconscious. After being shot, she ran down the stairs of the King George Hotel where city ambulance rushed her to Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Dr. L. M. Greene, attending the woman, stated that the only time she was unconscious was during the operation when the bullet was extracted.

Not much is known of the woman's background, but that she once worked in a Chinese restaurant in Terrace and had been here for some time. She had been in the company of the Chinese but left him about a month ago.

The woman is alleged to have said that she was forced at gunpoint to go to deceased's room and he had demanded that she return to him. On her refusal, the shooting occurred and the woman went screaming from the room.

Body of Frank Mah, was viewed by a coroner's jury in the B.C. Undertaker's chapel early this afternoon. A .32 old model revolver was used in the tragedy.

### Cdr. Beard Talks Money

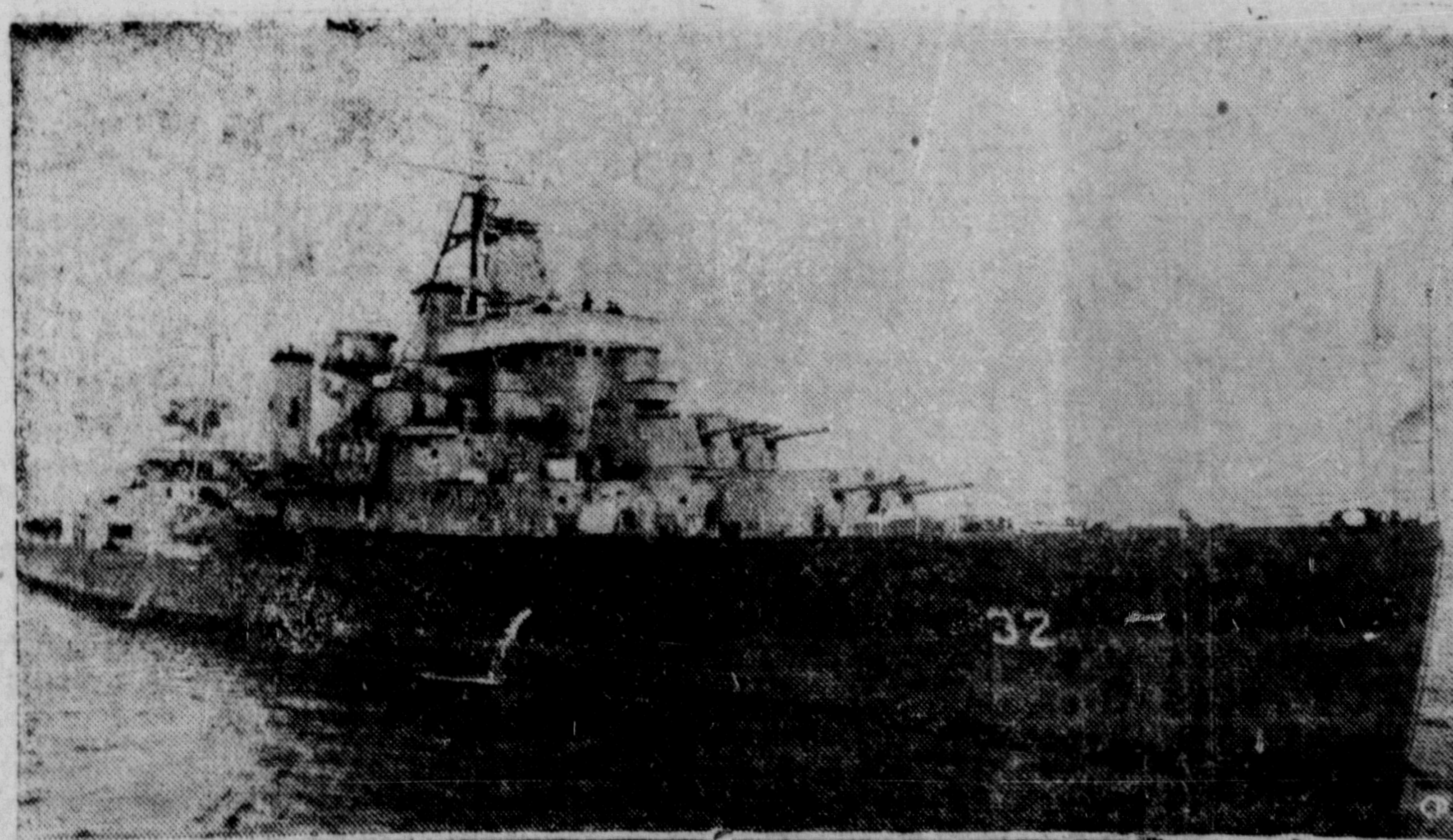
VICTORIA, B. C. — Cdr. C. T. Beard, Coalition member for Esquimalt, asked the Legisla-

ture yesterday if British Columbia could afford the "luxury" of an unbalanced budget. He suggested a cut in expenditures so as not to load future generations with debts. He did not prophesy a deficit on the budget, however.

At the same time Cdr. Beard asked for more spending on highways, expansion of rural electrification by the British Columbia Power Commission.

### Strangling Of Christianity

ROME—Fred Sparks, a correspondent from the United States, has returned from a visit to Yugoslavia. He was there for ten weeks. He calls Tito a dictator and says Christianity is on trial in Yugoslavia. He reports a priest beaten to death by drunken youths. Nuns have been evicted from a convent. Children are taught to chant "there is no God." Churches are not being closed for this, Tito thinks, might mean a national blitz. It is planned, instead, to strangle Christianity slowly.



TRAINING CRUISER—The 8,000-ton cruiser Ontario is being used by the Royal Canadian Navy to train recruits and naval reservists. Three Prince Rupert men, Edward Daves, Archie McLeod and E. Neilson, left last night to join Ontario for a cruise. Built at Belfast and launched as H.M.S. Minotaur in 1943 for the Royal Navy, Ontario was transferred to the R.C.N. in 1945. She mounts nine six-inch guns, eight four-inch anti-aircraft guns and six torpedo tubes. This is a recent R.C.N. photo of the cruiser, which has a peacetime complement of 730 officers and men. The Ontario has a top speed of nearly 32 knots, is 155½ feet long and has a 63-foot beam. (C. P. Photo)

### Haitian Exposition Features U.N. Work



Thousands of persons from all over the world are expected this year to visit the International Exposition at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of that city. The exposition features a special United Nations exhibition, dramatizing the activities of the world organization. Above is one of the U.N. pavilions under construction in the Haitian capital.

### Unemployment Serious Matter

VICTORIA, B. C. — Unemployment in British Columbia is becoming a problem of major proportions. Arthur J. Turner, C.C.F. member for Vancouver East, told the Legislature yesterday. He asked for prompt action. Hand-outs, doles, charity, odd jobs were no answers. There must be planned work to alleviate a situation which could not be solved under the capitalist system, he said. Turner charged British Columbia with "consistently avoiding" its responsibilities regarding housing. He said that money losses to the government on low rental subsidies must be treated as social service expenses.

C.C.F. members marched into the Chamber wearing red roses in their lapels to mark the victory of the Labor party in the British election.

### Plane Crashes On Ootsa Lake

BURNS LAKE—Jimmie Morgan of Ootsa Lake narrowly escaped death when obliged to make a crash landing on Ootsa Lake in Tweedsmuir Park. Fortunately he was not injured and the plane was not greatly damaged. He recently returned from Vancouver with this plane which he purchased in partnership with Ernie Harrison of Wistaria for the purpose of hunting wolves which are becoming a scourge in this district.

### Prairie Train Service Is Back

WINNIPEG—J. P. Johnson, vice president of the Western Region, Canadian National Railways, stated in Winnipeg yesterday that, as a result of the conversion of coal locomotives to oil burning fuel, the railway is now in a position to restore previous normal service between Calgary and Edmonton, and between Edmonton and Saskatoon.

On trains numbered 11 and 12, oil burning locomotives will be operated between Saskatoon and Edmonton, where the service was cut from six days a week to tri-weekly.

On trains 13 and 14 between Edmonton, Camrose and Calgary the service had been cut from three days a week to twice a week, and on trains 25 and 26 between Edmonton, Drumheller and Calgary, service was cut from three days a week to twice weekly.

The normal service, as effective before the retrenchment, will be restored Monday, February 27.

### Speaks For Sweepstakes

VICTORIA, B. C. — Tom Uphill, veteran Labor member for Fernie, urged in the Legislature yesterday that sweepstakes for hospitals be legalized in order to help meet mounting hospital costs. He said he had introduced such a resolution in 1938. It had been approved unanimously but nothing more had been done about it.

Uphill said there were half a million more people in British Columbia now, fewer beds, but more patients under the hospital insurance plan.

He said that social service costs were now over \$30,000,000 and wondered what the government would do when business tapered off.

Mr. Uphill congratulated Madam Speaker but saw in her elevation a tendency to relegate men to the background.

### Bill to Clean Up Milk Supply

VICTORIA — Minister of Agriculture Harry Bowman, in the Legislature yesterday, introduced amendments to the Milk Act, which would stop farmers with unsanitary barns from shipping milk for human consumption. It would provide for inspectors who could force dairymen to clean up where the Act and its standards are being violated.

### THE WEATHER

Synopsis  
Rain was falling this morning over most of southern British Columbia as a slow moving disturbance off the Washington coast moved inland. Skies are mostly clear in the northern sections of the province and only a few showers are expected in these districts during the day. Little change in the weather pattern is expected in the northern and central districts over the weekend while slow clearing should take place in the southern sections Sunday.

Forecast  
North Coast Region—Cloudy with scattered showers today and Sunday. Winds light. Continuing mild. Lows tonight and highs Sunday—At Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 34 and 45.

Okanagan—Lillooet South Thompson Region—Intermittent rain today. Cloudy with scattered showers Sunday morning. Sunny during the afternoon with a few clouds Sunday evening. Continuing mild. Winds light. Lows tonight and highs Sunday—At Penticton and Kamloops, 34 and 45. Lytton 38 and 40.

Kootenay—North Thompson Regions—Cloudy today and Sunday. Intermittent snow and rain mixed this morning. Kootenay region, changing to intermittent rain this afternoon and evening. Intermittent rain overnight with occasional showers Sunday. A little milder. Winds light. Lows tonight and highs Sunday—At Cranbrook, 33 and 40, Crescent Valley, 35 and 43; Revelstoke, 34 and 43.

### Flash

ANOTHER FOR LABOR  
LONDON—W. K. MacMillan today retained Western Isles, remote Scottish constituency, for the Labor party, raising Labor's slim working margin in the new House of Commons to ten.

CLOVERLEAFS CHAMPS  
VANCOUVER—The Dominion champion Vancouver Clover Leafs won the intercity basketball championship by default. The Eagle Time Club refused to play at a changed location. The teams had been tied a game apiece in the best of five series. Last night's was to have been the third game. The Eagles said they would appeal to the Canadian Association if necessary.

### NORTHERNERS ARE YOUNGEST

VICTORIA — Newspapermen have decided which is the youngest member of the Legislature.

The distinction goes to Frank Calder of Atlin, who is three months younger than Jack McRae, the member for Prince Rupert.

Both are 34 years of age.

### Communities Needing Food

RENTA, B. C. — Ten pounds of butter were flown into this community of 300 on Lower Arrow Lakes by a light mail-laden plane. The food, arriving yesterday, was the first to reach the area in more than a week.

"It won't go far," said a resident.

This community, with Deer Park and Broadwater, have been isolated since warm weather broke on the lake, making it impossible to deliver by sleigh on the ice. The villagers are low on staples and cattle and poultry food.

### Rate Finding On Wednesday

OTTAWA — The Board of Transport Commissioners final decision on the railway's application for a 20 percent boost in freight rates will be handed down next Wednesday, March 1, it was learned today. The board was instructed earlier this month by the Supreme Court of Canada to review its previous decision to grant the railways partial relief—eight percent.

### TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver		Beattie	
Bayonne	.04	Bevcourt	.30
Bralorne	9.25	Hobbs	.12½
B. R. Con	.03	Buffalo Canadian	.08
B. R. X	.06	Consol. Smelters	96.00
Cariboo Quartz	1.42	Conwest	1.12
Congress New	.24	Donald	.55½
Hedley Mascot	.26	Eldora	.29
Pacific Eastern	.05	East Sullivan	5.15
Pioneer	3.30	Grant Yellowknife	6.10
Premier Border	.03½	God's Lake	.31
Privateer	.13½	Hardrock	.34
Reeves McDonald	2.00	Harricana	.05½
Reno	.02	Heva	.06½
Sheep Creek	1.13	Hoseo	.08½
Silbak Premier	.37	Jacknife	.07½
Vananda	.12	Joliet Quebec	.68
Salmon Gold	.06	Lake Rowan	.05½
Spud Valley	.03	Lapaska	.04
Oils—		Little Long Lac	.52
Anglo Canadian	3.95	Lynx	.16½
A. P. Con	.22½	Madsen Red Lake	3.00
Atlantic	1.42	McKenzie Red Lake	.54
Calmont	.48	McLeod Cockshutt	2.91
C. & E.	7.10	Moneta	.35
Central Leduc	1.10	Negus	1.50
Honie Oil	11.00	Noranda	70.00
Mercury	1.01½	Louvicourt	.16½
Okalta	1.80	Pickle Crow	1.88
Pacific Pete	4.35	Regcourt	.04
Princess	3.48	San Antonio	3.60
Royal Canadian	.06	Senator Rouyn	.27½
Royalite	9.25	Sheritt Gordon	2.34
Toronto		Steele Rock	2.42
Athona	.09½	Sturgeon River	.21
Aumaque	.12½	Silver Miller	.67
		Upper Canada	3.35

### Ruckus In Night Club

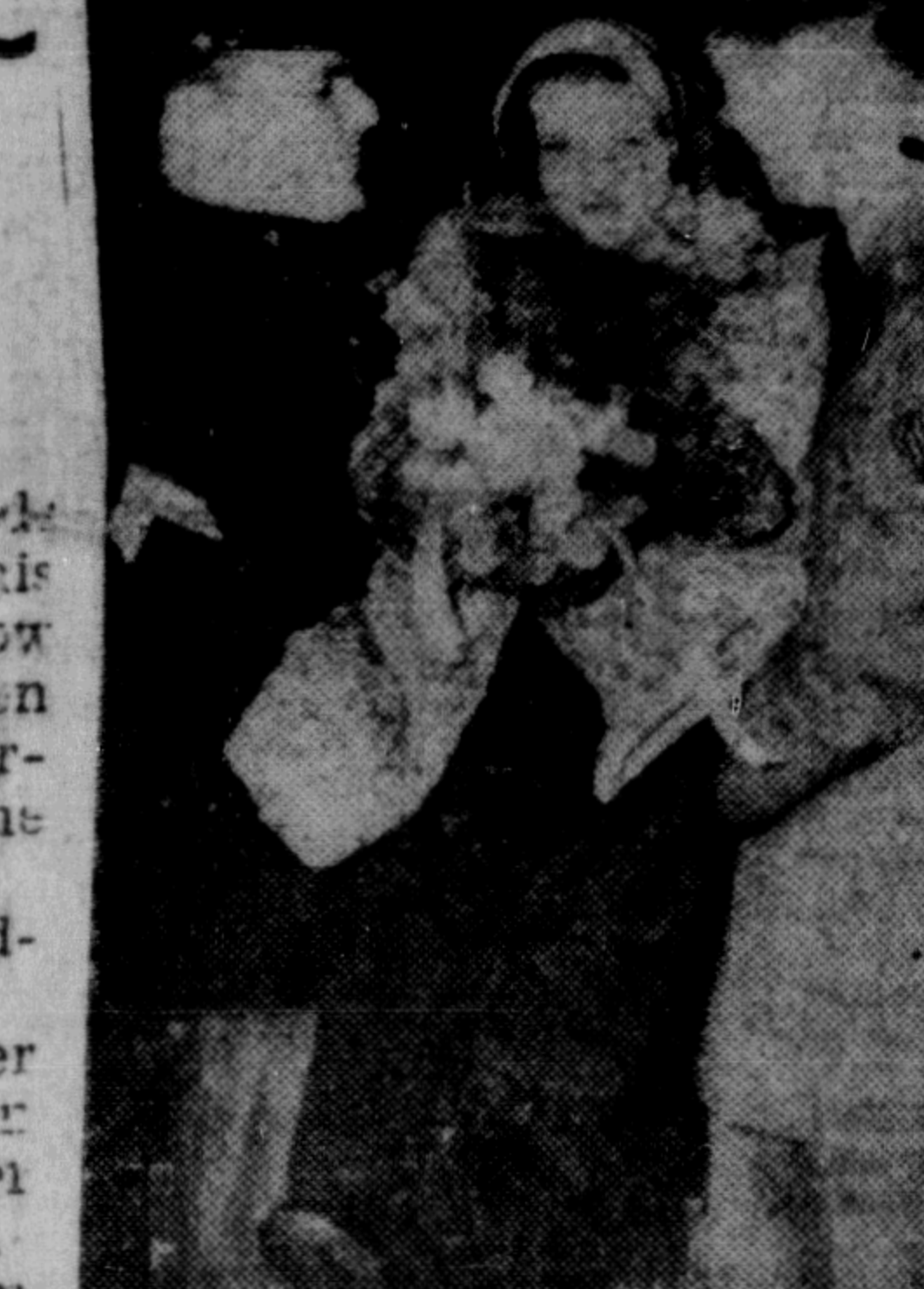
Blazing Battle Between Police  
And Bandits in New York Spot

NEW YORK — Police and bandits fight a blazing gun battle in a Greenwich Village night club early today. When the smoke of battle had cleared, five persons were wounded and scores of patrons were cowering under their tables. A bandit suspect, a detective, two entertainers and a guest were injured.

Police said that three hold-up men were captured by officers who chased a taxicab the men had commandeered.

Entertainers, Jean Evol, 52 and Bobby Dell, 36, suffered wounds in their legs. Paul Kulp of Ford's New Jersey, a guest, was critically injured in chest and leg. James Ford of Philadelphia was wounded in the stomach and was arrested.

The battle broke out in the Moroccan Village Club when a detective interrupted an attempt by bandits to rob the club and more than 100 patrons. The detective was on routine patrol.



CANADIAN GIRL IS U.S. GUEST OF HONOR — Newfoundland paralytic victim, Marion Hawco, 9, is shown as she was greeted by a four-man honor guard on her arrival in Washington. Along with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the child was an honored guest of a U.S. department of defence radio program. Marion, stricken with polio two years ago, was sent to Warm Springs, Georgia, for treatment by a fund-raising campaign by U.S. personnel at the Newfoundland air base.

WRONG GAME  
SOUTH BENFLEET, Essex, Eng. — Arthur Sparks, 15, released a swan from a rabbit trap on Canvey Island here.