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## Woman Beaten, Robbed By Purse Snatcher

CITY BATTLERS VICTORIOUS IN PROVINCIAL TOURNEY

### Screams Bring Neighbors to Scene

The fifth woman victim of a marauding purse-snatcher was knocked down and beaten last night in a vicious one-sided struggle before her purse was ripped from her arm.

Mrs. Ruby Speller, waitress at a city cafe, pursued the fleeing attacker down Sixth Avenue West after people came out of their houses following her repeated screams for help.

She saw the stocky figure disappear on Fulton Street around the Seventh Avenue corner.

Mrs. Speller said time of the attack was near 12:30 a.m. She was on her way home to the Palmer Apartments on Seventh Avenue, following the end of her shift at the downtown cafe.

"I was walking on Sixth Avenue, in front of the Salvation Army, when I heard running steps behind me.

"I turned to look and saw this man coming towards me. Because it was dark ahead, I ran toward him and I screamed. I

tried to dodge him but he caught me and threw me to the street," said Mrs. Speller this morning.

"I tried to get away from him and I screamed some more. He put his hand over my face and with the other hand tried to tear my purse away.

"Then he put his foot on my face and wrenched the purse, and I think both straps of the purse which were over my arm broke. He ran fast to Sixth and Fulton."

Mrs. Speller said her attacker wore a cloth mask over his face and wore a light brown tweed overcoat. On his head was a slouch snap-brim hat.

She guessed his age about 35 to 40, about five-foot six inches tall and about 170 pounds.

### Face Swollen and Bruised

In her purse, she said, was about \$12 in cash, a check and some valuable papers. Her face was swollen and bruised from the beating.

The frightened woman, still trembling from her experience today, said she thought her assailant was wearing black boots with which he stepped on her face.

When she ran screaming after the man, a taxi stopped on the street and picked her up, at the same time using his radio phone to call police.

RCMP arrived within minutes and scoured the area but without result.

Mrs. Speller is the fifth woman to be assaulted in a similar fashion in that area in the last three weeks but the others escaped with less brutal handling.

Most money obtained by the attacker, who police believe is the same man in all instances, was from a European Flood Re-

lief canvasser last month who lost \$30 to the grab-artist.

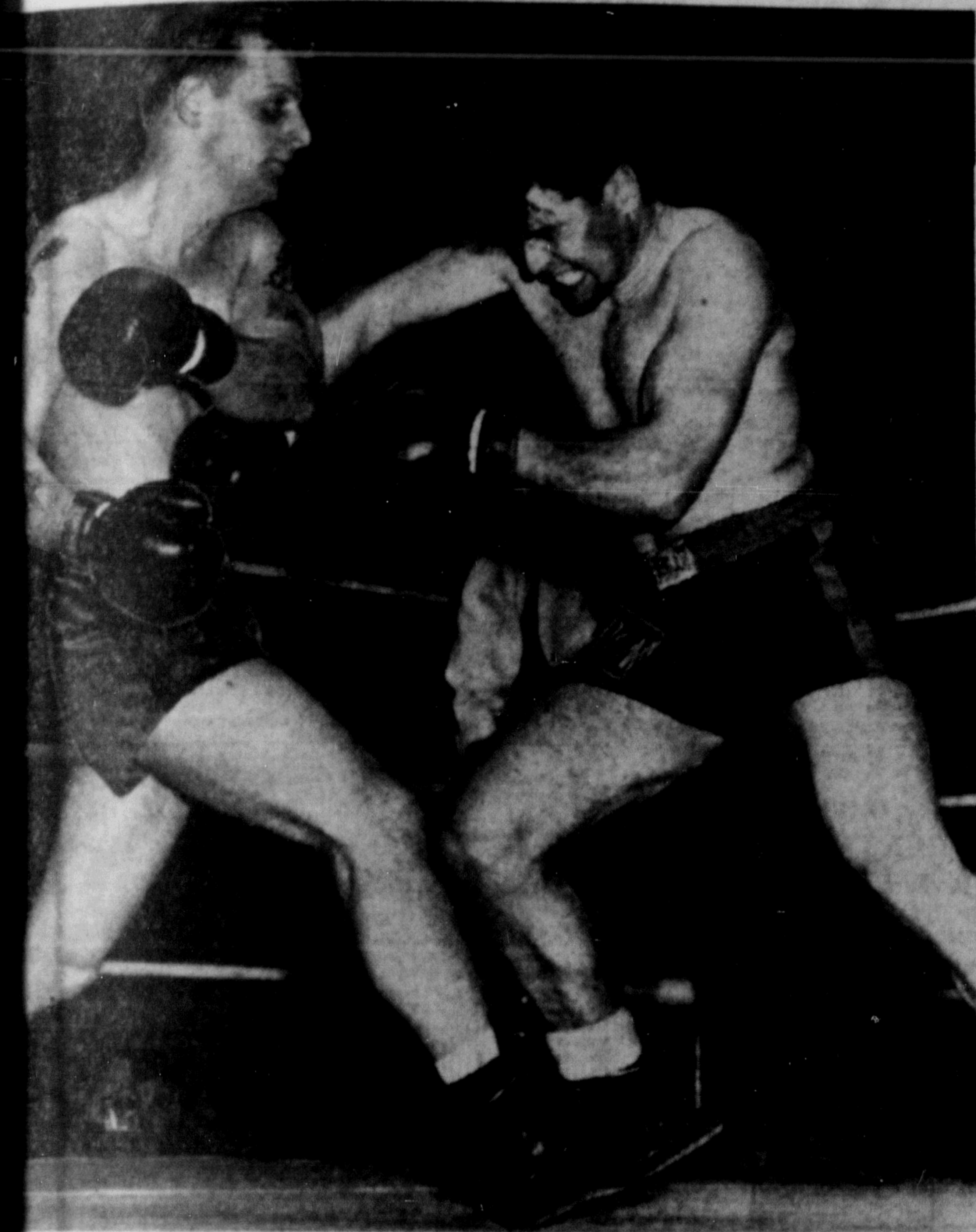
Following the first two or three onslaughts, RCMP asked city officials to have the overgrown cinder paths between Fifth and Eighth Avenue in the vicinity of Tatlow streets cleared.

In this neighborhood all the attacks have occurred.

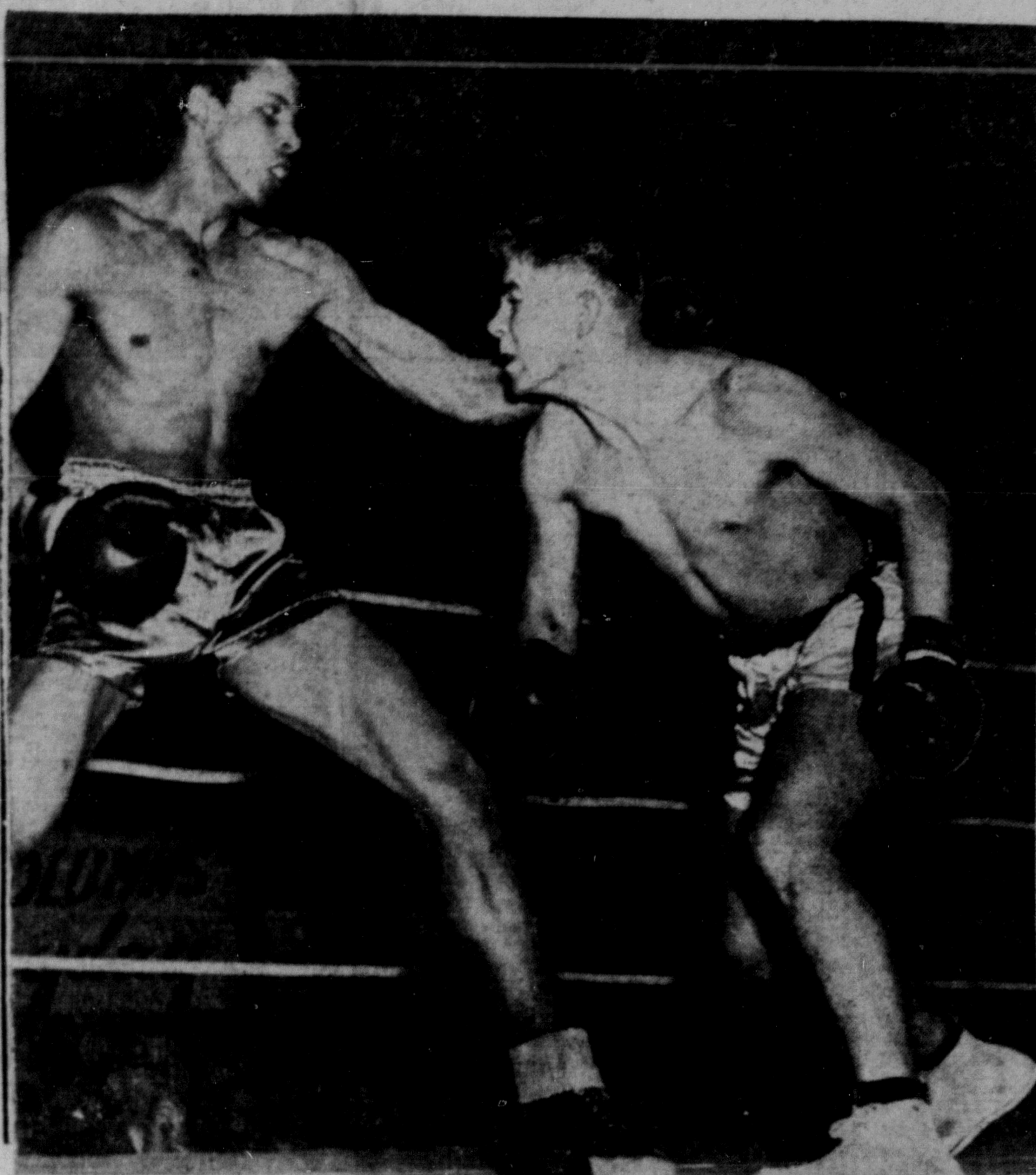
Additional street lighting has been installed and the brush cleared, said a city official today. RCMP have continued to patrol the area but so far the sneak-attacker has eluded them.

Mrs. Speller said she was worried more about the purse than its contents. She hopes it will be found by someone and returned to her. Here is its description:

A brown reptile leather purse, about 12 inches long and seven inches deep with a full-length zipper, and two straps, which Mrs. Speller believes were broken during the struggle.



(L) CARLSON crushed his opponent Elwood Leslie of Victoria RCN in the Golden Glove final. Carlson won last year. Carlson is one of three Prince Rupert boxers to retain his crown against the pick of B.C. amateur Not shown in this group is Andy Marshall, middleweight winner.



BATTLING BILL MORRISON at Prince Rupert Elk's Athletic Club got the unanimous nod of Golden Glove judges Saturday night over Andy Pete Anderson of the Victoria Fire Department. Fighting for the first time in the lighthweight division, the three-time Golden Gloves champion ducks after nailing Anderson with a terrific right which threatened to spill his mouthpiece.

## Prince Rupert Boxers Repeat Triumph Year Ago in Golden Gloves

VANCOUVER.—The boxing team from Prince Rupert did everything but steal the show here Saturday night as the Daily Province Golden Gloves finals were run off in 10 weight divisions.

Repeating his triumph of a year ago, Prince Rupert heavyweight Glen (Tiny) Carlson boxed his way to a clever TKO win over the Royal Canadian Navy's Elwood Leslie in the heavy final, but only after a rugged battle that saw Leslie make many bull-like rushes that called on all Carlson's science to repel.

In the 178-pound final there was another slashing contest with Prince Rupert's Bill Morrison standing off Victoria's Pete Anderson throughout the match. The unanimous decision of the judges went to the clean-cut Morrison.

Andy Marshall of Prince Rupert took the 165-pound division crown after a see-saw bout with Leo Ius of Vancouver's Western Sport Centre. Ius staggered Marshall several times, but Marshall weathered all storms to make port safely by turning the tide with a terrific right hand punch that finished Ius for the night.

The trophy for most successful coach on the Golden Gloves, a magnificent replica of a boxing

ring, went to Prince Rupert coach Joe Ward.

The popular mentor was raised to the shoulders of his proteges after the presentation as a dozen photographers' cameras flashed.

Winner of a fine consolation award was Prince Rupert's Chuck Place, who made a fine showing though finishing on the losing end.

Other champions: 132 pounds, Ray Shanks, RCN; Gerry Boucher, PMBA, 118; Buddy Palmer, Haney, 119; Earl Vance, Honey-moon Bay, 125; Tommy Palmer, Haney, 139; Des Archer, Burnaby, 145; Dave Codville, PMBA, 156.

Codville was the winner of the annual Golden Boy award.

### 21 Saved After Boat Capsizes Off Ladysmith

LADYSMITH, B.C. —A fishing vessel jammed with passengers capsized and sank off Ladysmith Saturday night and 21 of the 23 persons it carried were rescued by two men in a commandeered rowboat.

Dumped into the cold water, 150 yards off the Government Wharf here were 23 Indians who had piled aboard a fishboat for a 10-mile voyage to their homes at Kuper Island.

The craft, which also carried a heavy deckload of lumber, was making a turn when it capsized, going under almost at once.

Two Nanaimo men, Ralph Jones and Cassel Alec, made three trips in a rowboat to pick up the struggling passengers, rescuing all but a boy and an old lady. RCMP credited the men with averting a major tragedy.

Drowned were six-year-old Earle August, son of the fishboat's owner, and Mrs. Lucien Peter, 75, both of Kuper Island.



WINNER'S AWARD is being presented by Alf Cottrell, sports editor of The Vancouver Province, sponsors of the Golden Gloves, to Glen Carlson, heavyweight champion. A leather jacket and satin robe, like that pictured, also were won each by Morrison and Andy Marshall, two other Prince Rupert 1953 champions.

### Tenders Being Called For Naval Arsenal Near Victoria

VICTORIA —Tenders for the first phase of a multi-million dollar naval arsenal, 23 miles southwest of here, at Rocky Point, were called Saturday by J. L. Adams, regional engineer for Defence Construction Ltd.

The naval arsenal project calls for the erection of 30 buildings for magazines and 11 for naval stores. A report last year indicated the arsenal would cost about \$4,000,000 and that its construction would employ a considerable labor force.

The defence department is reported to have acquired between 12 and 15 square miles in the East Sooke area to allow for isolation of the arsenal.

### RUSSIAN COMPOSER SERGEI PROKOFIEV DIES

VANCOUVER.—Sergei Prokofiev, 62, one of Russia's three greatest composers, has died of a cerebral stroke, it was disclosed. He died last Wednesday.

### Stalin's Body Entombed in Lenin's Mausoleum

Malenkov Says Government's Chief Task is to Prevent New World War

By THOMAS P. WHITNEY

MOSCOW.—The body of Joseph V. Stalin was entombed today in Lenin's Mausoleum on Red Square in the Soviet Union, said his successor, Soviet Premier Georgi M. Malenkov, in a funeral oration said his new government's policy is one of peace.

Malenkov declared that the Soviet Union desired international cooperation and business with all countries, and that his government's task was to prevent a new world war.

He also called on the Soviet people to say farewell to the man who, in 29 years as head of the Soviet government, had become a god to them.

The vast throng stood silent as military bands played Chopin's Funeral March and the cortege made its slow way to the rostrum at the mausoleum. On the rostrum were party and government leaders, top Communists from Russia's allies—including Chinese Communist Premier Chou En-lai—and diplomatic representatives.

At noon, the hour of interment, every steam whistle in the Soviet Union blew for five minutes and big cities across the country rocked with artillery salutes in Stalin's memory.

The bodies of Lenin and Stalin will lie in the mausoleum until construction of a vast new pantheon—shrine of Communist "immortals"—is built for them and for other dead Soviet leaders.

Malenkov's oration, his first pronouncement of his new government's program, said he supports the doctrine of Lenin and Stalin that capitalist and socialist countries can long live in peaceful "co-existence and competition" with one another.

### Alcan Film Ready Soon

A film showing the first stage of the Aluminum Company of Canada development at Kitimat and the completed dam on the Nechako river will be released towards the end of April, George Vincent of Alcan said here today.

Organizations interested in seeing this film should write to Robert Muir, Aluminum Company of Canada, Vancouver.

Entitled "Prelude to Kitimat," the film is produced by Lew Parry Film Productions, Vancouver, in sound and color and will run for 30 minutes.

Mr. Vincent, who leaves today for Terrace to speak to the Board of Trade there, returns to address the Rotary Club here at luncheon on Thursday.

## Britain, U.S. Tighten Blockade Against China

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

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WASHINGTON.—Britain and the United States today planned to seek prompt help of other free countries in tightening the economic blockade against ocean shipments of useful war goods to Communist China.

First move informants said, will be taken through a secret international group which has headquarters in Paris and which is concerned with preventing the flow of strategic goods into Communist countries. Members of this group are American and European countries and Japan. Its existence is known unofficially but operations are secret.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Britain and State Secretary Dulles, winding up a round of political and economic talks here Saturday, announced the new steps, primarily by Britain, to disrupt maritime shipments of strategic goods to Chinese Reds.

A communique quoted Eden as promising that Britain would set up a new licensing system for ships registered in the United Kingdom and Colonies to prevent such ships from carrying to Red China strategic materials from non-British countries.

Eden added that the British government has decided to make certain no ships of any nationality carrying strategic cargoes to China should be refueled or supplied in a British port.

Third point Dulles and Eden agreed upon was that the "U.S. and British governments will concert efforts to secure the co-operation of other nations in measures designed to exclude shipments of strategic material to the mainland of China."

### Tito Enroute To England

BELGRADE (CP)—The Yugoslav government announced on Sunday that President Tito is enroute to Britain in a move involving economic, political and defensive measures.

### 23 Killed in Camp Riot

PUSAN (CP)—A riot by 2,000 rebellious North Korean prisoners-of-war was quelled with tear gas and gunfire on Saturday night.

United Nations command said Sunday night the prisoner-of-war compounds on Yonchon Island, where the uprising occurred, was as "quiet as we can expect it today."

Several UN guards were hurt by a barrage of stones hurled by the prisoners, but none of the injuries was serious.

A statement released through UN command headquarters in Tokyo said Allied guards fired on the mutinous prisoners under the emergency plan designed to prevent a threatened mass breakout.

Altogether, four compounds were whipped into mass hysteria and rock-throwing before gas and bullets brought peace.

### WEATHER

Forecast

North Coast Region: Cloudy with sunny periods today and Tuesday. Scattered showers. A little cooler.

Winds northwest 15 today; light Tuesday.

Lows tonight and highs Tuesday—At Port Hardy, 37 and 45; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 32 and 45.