

Penitentiary Terms Given

NANAIMO, B.C. — Two youth-ful jewel robbers were sentenced to 2½ years in penitentiary for a \$13,353 jewel store robbery in late February, two years for two car thefts, 2½ years for three breaking and entering charges, and six months for a camera theft. All breaking and entering charges. sentences are concurrent.

Campaign Widens Race Gap

By ARTHUR GAVSHON

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The battle cries of white supremacy which dominate the South African general election campaign have widened the gulf between races. Fear and passion stalk the land over this issue as the tempo of campaigning nears its April 15 climax.

Law-abiding supporters and opponents of the government alike seemed distressed as musclemen continued to break up opposition meetings with eggs, tomatoes and stones.

The race-proud government of Prime Minister Daniel Malan meantime sent shivers down the nation's spine by charging non-white leaders have threatened to "kill all European . . . train armies in the night . . . shed blood . . ."

Non-white leaders themselves deny the charges, asserting they have forewarned the use of violence as a method of political struggle.

Basically all whites in this strategic chunk of the British Commonwealth want the same thing—maintenance of the present master-servant relationship. Their prosperity and comfort depend on it.

The Nationalists frankly favor a stern rule to sort and separate the races, to keep non-whites "in their places" and so "save white South Africa."

Their solution, for example, to attack mounting native crime: Hire more cops, build more jails. The United party, led by J. G. N. Strauss, has promised to try to take race relations out of party politics if it is elected.

Malan's opponents broadly represent the interests of industries and big business. In general, there is the basis of the conflict in their race politics with those of the Nationalists, who mainly speak for Agrarian landed interests.



PICKETS AND POLICE BATTLE outside the strike-bound hatchery of Swift Canadian Company at Stratford, Ont. The truck in the background had 16,000 newly-hatched baby chicks which the company moved out after a scuffle with the pickets. The 61 employees of the plant went on strike for higher wages.

Winch Questions Authority Of 'Caretaker' Government

VICTORIA (CP)—The CCF has raised another constitutional issue in British Columbia.

Harold Winch, the CCF leader, says the Social Credit government is a caretaker government and has no power to rule by order-in-council on controversial matters. He says it would give the Social Credit party political advantage.

Premier W. A. C. Bennett takes issue with this. He says his government is not a caretaker government and is carrying on in office until the June 9 election "without any strings."

Mr. Winch, himself regarded as a constitutional authority, protested the government plans to decontrol milk prices May 1. It would have to be done by order-in-council.

"It would be unconstitutional," said Mr. Winch. "The milk decontrol plan was a controversial issue in the legislature. It was never decided by the vote of the House."

The government was defeated on the floor of the House last week and on Saturday the lieutenant-governor proclaimed dissolution of the legislature.

DEFENDS RIGHT

Premier Bennett on Thursday defended the right of his cabinet to bring about price decontrol through order-in-council.

"What Mr. Winch says might have been true if we were a caretaker government, but we are not," said Mr. Bennett.

"When I was called upon to form a government, I did so without any strings whatsoever. When the House was dissolved, it was on the same basis.

"No motion of non-confidence was moved by any member of the opposition parties at any time during the session." The defeat, he said, was on a matter of policy—dealing with education costs—not on a want-of-confidence motion.

"The action of all opposition parties following the House vote clearly showed that the government was expected to carry on exactly the same basis as prior to the session."

HAS BACKING

After defeat of the government, the House, by unanimous consent, passed a \$94,000,000 supply bill and 54 other bills.

Mr. Bennett has the backing of some constitutional authorities.

One, a former speaker of the House, said dissolution didn't affect the right, responsibilities and duties of government.

Another expert said Mr. Bennett has the right to deal with milk under terms of the Public Utilities Act.

Lieutenant-Governor Clarence Wallace tangled with a constitutional issue last week when the government was defeated.

Premier Bennett asked for dissolution and an election. Mr.

Winch sought to form a new government.

Mr. Bennett got the nod. The CCF bid was rejected.

Teacher Group Opposes School Grant Proposal

VANCOUVER — B.C. Parent-Teacher Federation disagrees with the provincial government's proposal to base its school grants on what each separate municipality got last year.

In a statement issued, the P-TA says it wants grants based instead on "definite per capita units," that is, on per pupil enrolled and per teacher employed, regardless of what any municipality might have received some time in the past.

In addition, the federation wants grants based on "average," not "minimum" expenditures practised here or there.

The statement also emphasized that its objections to government policy, the so-called "Roston Formula," were made to the premier and to the education minister.

Federation pleasure is expressed in the statement, however, with four policies for which it had asked, and which are embodied in the new act. They are:

A uniform mill-rate on property for school purposes.

Uniform in respect of assessments.

Payments of government grants from consolidated revenue.

Payment of grants direct to school boards.

Basing of grants on the pupil-teacher unit, the statement added, would "automatically provide continuing equity between provincial government and local authorities."

Atomic Power Operates Model U.S. Submarine

By FRANK CAREY

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's first known version of an atomic power plant to propel a submarine has been placed in operation, the U.S. atomic energy commission announced Thursday.

The device—a working model of one that eventually will power the navy's atomic sub, the Nautilus—was set in operation on dry land at the AEC's testing station in Arco, Idaho.

The AEC said the "prototype" power plant—that is, the land-locked version of a sea-going type—has "successfully entered its first phase of operations" and will eventually be brought to "full power."

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Into the tension of the Khyber Pass marches a young soldier disgraced in the eyes of the British Army and of his father—but not in the eyes of his friend nor in the heart of the girl he loves. His heroism in a crucial battle between the Midland Fusiliers and the raiding Afghans saves the day for Captain Dion Lenbridge and for England.

Peter Lawford enacts the disgraced soldier, Richard Greene his friend, and Janice Rule the girl who never loses faith in Dion in "Rogue's March," M-G-M's excitement-packed adventure drama which opens at the Totem Theatre Monday.

Filmed in the tradition of "Kim," with its story shifting from the colorful England of Victoria's day to the turbulence of fighting on the borders of India, "Rogue's March" packs a dramatic wallop in every reel as it unfolds its narrative of the young captain who is accused of treason, who at a stirring trial is unable to refute the treacherous evidence of a clerk in the Intelligence Department and who is drummed out of the service.

Escaping his guards, Dion joins the Victorian Rifles as a Private and in India is ultimately once again brought face to face with his father who has disowned him and the girl who has never given up hope for him. And in the story's valiant climax, Dion is able to vindicate himself and to save the lives of the two people he loves most.

Father to Hang For Slaying Daughter

KAMLOOPS, B.C. — Kosaburo Masuda, 60-year-old handyman charged with the shotgun slaying of his 17-year-old daughter, was convicted Thursday of murder at the assizes here.

He was sentenced to be hanged June 23. Mr. Justice J. V. Clyne pronounced sentence.

The daughter, Mrs. Lily Eng, was killed last Aug. 7 as she slept beside her husband, John Eng, in the family home here.

Masuda had quarrelled with his son-in-law, a Chinese, and when he fired through the bedroom window, he told police, the shot was intended for Bing Masuda is a Japanese.

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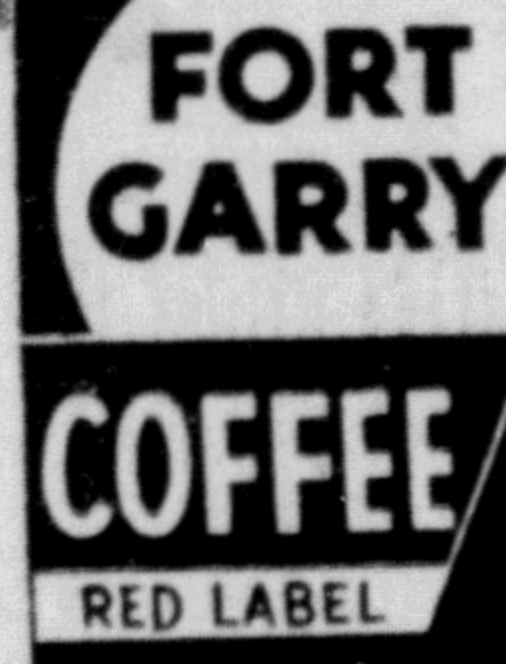
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