

Law-Making Not Function Of Magistrate Says Scow

A magistrate's announced plan to bar all Indians from beer parlors at Burns Lake has brought a reply from the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, pointing out that a magistrate's function is to interpret legislation, not make it.

The press release from A. J. Scow, business agent of the Brotherhood, says that Magistrate Saul added a new twist to judicial functions when he said of

Indians being barred from beer parlors. "What's the difference between interdicting them all at once and one at a time."

Noting that the normal function of a judge is to take every case on its own facts and then to apply the law, Mr. Scow says: "If the case is allowed to stand, it will establish a precedent hitherto unknown in the mechanics of British justice. Its application could have no limits... it could even apply to other minority groups such as Irishmen."

"Our people are not asking for special beer parlor privileges," he said, "and we have no objection to being punished for doing wrong. But to be deprived of a privilege for the alleged wrongs of someone else is beyond all reason and undemocratic."

The report ends with the expressed hope that the findings of the attorney general will disprove reports on the case and that established common law rules will still be applied in every court.

B.C. Rivers Still High, Within Banks

VANCOUVER (P)—British Columbia's rivers continued to run fast and full Monday and, thanks to a series of cool nights, continued to run within their banks.

The official word on the B.C. flood situation came out of Victoria, where a provincial government spokesman said: "There is very little change... The rivers are still running full."

River-watchers throughout the mountain valleys of the interior reported a slackening in the rate of rise despite a warm rain that was general over most areas.

Slight increases in the levels of the Columbia and Kootenay rivers were reported.

Across the border in Idaho the "watch and wait" continued—the wait for the Kootenay to drop to a safe level and the watch for weak spots in the earthen dikes.

Families in one district had to watch for an added hazard—snappers tunnelling into the dikes.

Fight thousand acres in the valley near Bonners Ferry have been flooded, but it appeared the 30,000 still dry could be kept that way. No water has yet hit the town itself.

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Good Weather in East Helps Canadians Mark Victoria Day and Queen's Birthday

Canadians marked Victoria Day, the former queen's birthday, and the nation's official observance of Queen Elizabeth's birthday, in traditional style with fireworks, flags and 21-gun army salutes in many cities.

The House of Commons at Ottawa sat as usual. Prime Minister St. Laurent said it would be a mark of the country's devotion to the Queen to consider "Her Majesty's business." Members opened the session with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

The Queen's actual birthday is April 21, but May 24 was designated as her official birthday by

the federal government to enable Canadians to take advantage of warmer weather and an already established national holiday.

WEATHER MIXED
Warm sunny weather was general in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta, but overcast skies or rain hampered ceremonies in some of the other provinces, especially in British Columbia.

The Maritimes reported rain, but the sun was warm in Ontario and Quebec, with temperatures in the 70s and low 80s. Holiday-seekers loaded their cars with lunch hampers, fishing tackle

Newsman on Race Track Payrolls

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (P)—The Providence Journal-Bulletin today says it found the names of 26 reporters from nine newspapers and two wire services on the 1953 payrolls of one or more of six major New England race tracks.

The newspaper said track payrolls listed them as receiving a total of \$30,000 for services arranged from publicity work to duties which track officials sometimes found hard to describe.

Included in the 26 total were 11 sports writers listed by the Journal-Bulletin in an April story as receiving \$12,000 in payments from Rockingham race horse track in Salem, N.H.

The Journal-Bulletin said the 15 others were distributed as follows:

The Boston Record-American: three sports writers and one photographer; the Boston Globe, two photographers; the Quincy (Mass.) Patriot-Ledger, three sports writers; the Boston Herald, one sports copy editor; the Attleboro (Mass.) Sun, one sports columnist; the North Attleboro Chronicle, one editor; the Taunton (Mass.) Gazette, one sports writer; the Revere (Mass.) Journal, one editor, and the Dedham (Mass.) Transcript, one editor.

Among the newspaper men listed on the 1953 payroll of the Bay State raceway harness racing track was Albert L. Martin, editor of the North Attleboro Chronicle and brother of Joseph W. Martin, (Rep. Mass.), speaker of the United States House of Representatives who is publisher of the Chronicle. Albert Martin, listed for \$60-a-week payments, said he wrote features for the track.

The paper says Kenton D. Blandin, in part-time sports columnist for the Attleboro Sun, received \$10 a day. Blandin commented: "I work for all I get. I get all I work for. If the Providence Journal has a better job, I'll take that one."

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Nurse Who Knew 40 Nights of Terror At Dien Bien Phu Only "Did Duty"

HANOI (P)—Genevieve de Galard Ferrabe declared today that tending French wounded in 40 terror-filled nights and days in the fortress of Dien Bien Phu was the "most formidable experience of my life."

"It opened new horizons to me of courage and devotion to duty while French soldiers and officers were so brilliantly fighting and dying."

Facing a battery of 50 correspondents from nine countries, photographers and television representatives, the heroic nurse in her first mass interview said: "I only did my duty."

The most "dangerous and dramatic moment" of the long, savage battle for the French Union fortress in northwestern Indochina's jungles came on the night of March 30-31.

"It was then that the Vietminh hurled over thousands of mortars and heavy artillery projectiles and there were hundreds of French wounded and so many dying."

"To me it was so dramatic and tragic, for so many of the wounded had to wait for so many hours in line in the underground bunkers in terrible pain before I could help them."

The French high command meanwhile said it hopes to wind up their airlift of wounded out of Dien Bien Phu within the next three days.

HITS RECORD
The slow mercy shuttle hit a record high Monday when 150 casualties, including the first

batch of French officers and some Viet Namese, reached Lungprabang. They were relayed by Dakota transport to Hanoi's Lannes hospital after first aid treatment there.

That brought to 572 the total airlifted from the captured fortress so far. There are 313 yet to come, but with good weather the French expect to complete the operation by Thursday night.

The Vietminh put gangs of coolies to work today on Dien Bien Phu's main airstrip so big transports can come in and speed the mercy lift.

Miss de Galard, telling reporters of her experiences, said: "Those big attacks in the second mass assault the Vietminh made upon the fortress caused so many casualties. It was the first time in my life that I had seen so many wounded at one time."

"It was just awful for us because there were so few doctors to help the wounded and I was the only woman nurse there."

"Today I feel a mixture of joy and a little sadness. Why? Because I am in Hanoi. Sadness, because I was ordered to leave and I had to leave behind so many wounded and people who worked with me and who needed my help."

She says she planned to return to her home in Paris "within a few days to see my family and for a rest." But she intends to go on with her work as a nurse. Her service in the French Air

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