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By The Canadian Press
SEOUL — The wary United Nations command the Communists to get down to business if starting new negotiations to end the Korean war are sincere.

General Mark Clark, UN Far East command, said he would re-open suspended armistice talks if the Reds agree to exchanging sick and wounded prisoners.

UN in effect, told the Communists to come up with an official version of Monday's radio proposal by Red premier Chou En-Lai.

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RE (AP) — A top official of the International Union of Marine Workers is expected to lead a delegation to the B.C. Fishermen's Association.

The candidates base their platform on four main points, objectives they hope to reach if elected:

1. The end of antagonism between the Fisheries Association of B.C. and the union across the negotiating table.

2. The possibility of peaceful but firm bargaining by union men who want to reach a price agreement that will be in the best interests of the fishermen at the same time being equitable to the domestic market at the consumer level.

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Great Manhunt Ends In Britain With Arrest Of Trucking Clerk

Suspect Charged With Slaying Wife

LONDON—One of Britain's greatest—and most celebrated—manhunts since before the turn of the century, came to a quiet close in the London suburb of Putney early today.

A Putney police station officer approached a man on the street—asked him to remove his hat—then arrested him as the much-wanted John Reginald Christie.

Christie—a 55-year-old rather meek clerk wanted in connection with the death of at least six women—surrendered without a struggle.

He was formally charged with the murder of his wife, Ethel, 54, whose body was found concealed in the "House of Murder."

Thus, a manhunt that has been compared to the search for infamous "Jack the Ripper" over 60 years ago, came to a close.

Constable Thomas Ledger recognized Christie from police photographs which had been distributed throughout the country.

At Christie's former home in the London suburb of Notting Hill Gate, police are still searching the premises for other victims of a sadistic (sex) killer.

So far, the officers have discovered six, and possibly seven bodies, on the premises, all of them women, and all strangled.

Four bodies—including that of Christie's wife—were found sealed beneath floors and in walls of the modest home. Another two—and possibly a third—have been unearthed in the garden behind the home.

As news of Christie's arrest spread today, crowds began to gather outside Putney police station.

Christie was questioned by chief superintendent Tom Barrett of Scotland Yard for several hours before he was charged.

When Christie was arrested, a pretty girl policewoman in off-duty clothes was walking London's back streets as live bait in an effort to lure the fugitive stranger from hiding.

**Election
Set For
June 9**

VICTORIA — Premier W. A. C. Bennett announced today the British Columbia provincial election will be held Tuesday, June 9. Nomination day will be May 19.

Announcement of the election date is the climax to a chain of fast-moving events which started a week ago with the defeat of the minority Social Credit government on the floor of the Legislature.

The preferential ballot system will remain in effect as will the advance polls and absentee ballots. The system was first used in B.C. in the June 12 election last year.

Election wheels already are in motion with four major parties making plans for conventions and nominating meetings.

The CCF will have to choose a new leader. Which has tendered his resignation and it will be considered at the provincial convention opening in Vancouver April 10.

The Social Credit party is expected to contest each of the 48 seats. Progressive Conservatives will have a candidate in all constituencies with exception of Fernie, where veteran Tom Uphill, Labor, will seek re-election.

Premier Bennett may make the education costs issue the main plank in his Social Credit platform. He will also, as he did a year ago, campaign against the CCF's socialist program.

At the dissolution, the standing was: Social Credit 19, CCF 18, Liberal six, Progressive Conservative two, Labor one. Two seats were vacant in the 48-seat House.

**Air Cadets
Wear Uniforms**

Air cadets of 559 squadron here will wear their uniforms to school tomorrow, April 1, in commemoration of Air Force Day. The RCAF was formed 25 years ago tomorrow when units of the Royal Navy Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps combined.

There are 50 cadets in the city's squadron.

Overdue Plane Safe, Undamaged

JUNEAU—An Alaska Coastal Airlines plane, reported overdue earlier Monday on a flight from Juneau to Sitka, has been found safe and undamaged, U.S. coast guard reported today.

The coast guard cutter Cahoonne said the Grumman amphibious plane had landed because of bad weather at the Todd Packing Company, cannery at Peril Straits, southwest of here, after covering about two-thirds of its flight to Sitka Sunday.

The Cahoonne said 10 persons aboard the plane are safe and comfortable.

Market Lack Forces Fish Values Down

Lack of markets for canned salmon in Great Britain and a deteriorated fresh and frozen fish market in the United States combined to cause a reduction in the value of all species of fish to fishermen last year.

This was summed up by a directors' report today at the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association, which considered conditions in the fishing industry today "as critical as any encountered since the hungry thirties."

The reduced earning power of fishermen which accompanied the market fall was not accompanied "by a similar trend in general economy . . . and it has not been possible to reduce the overall expense of handling the members' product," says the report.

Meanwhile, fish production by members at 13,500,000 pounds last year was an increase of 750,000 pounds over 1951 and close to \$3,500,000 was realized from the fish and vitamin oil industry.

The store and bakery operated by the association yielded \$723,000.

Marlin Erickson, president of the Association, conducted the meeting which opened yesterday at the Canadian Legion auditorium.

He welcomed visiting officials T. H. Sorensen, general manager of the Fishermen's Co-operative Federation in Vancouver and B. Johnson of Victoria, member of the board of directors of the Fishermen's Co-op in Vancouver.

Prince Rupert Co-op secretary, Ken F. Harding, gave a brief outline of membership meetings held outside the city during the past month and advised the 100 members attending that conditions in the coming year would remain "serious" at present market outlook.

-WEATHER-
Synopsis
Cool moist air covers all regions of the province. Unsettled showery weather will persist today with skies clearing this evening.

Forecast
North Coast Region: Cloudy today and Wednesday. A few rain periods tonight. Showers snow or rain today. Rain Wednesday commencing in the afternoon. Milder.

Wind southwest 15 today and tonight, increasing to 25 before noon Wednesday. Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy and Prince Rupert 32 and 45; Sandspit 28 and 45.



HIS HEAD BOWED AND HIS EYES CLOSED, Sgt. Ray Scrutton of the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, stands with his hands "resting on his arms reversed" during the regiment's memorial service for Queen Mary in Toronto. Queen Mary was the famous unit's honorary colonel-in-chief.

Queen Mary Laid to Rest In Simple Burial Service

WINDSOR — Queen Mary went to final rest today in a tomb with 10 British monarchs.

In a simple burial service at St. George's, private chapel in the House of Windsor, the coffin of "Grandmother England" was lowered slowly through the chapel floor to rest temporarily in a chancel.

Later, the coffin of the gentle Queen, whose long life spanned the Victorian, Edwardian and Georgian periods, will be taken to the royal tombhouse to lie beside the coffin of her husband, George V and the bodies of two of the Queen's sons — George VI and the Duke of Kent, killed in a war-time air crash.

Queen Mary, who would have been 86 in May, died last Tuesday night.

At the climax of the service, the present Queen sprinkled earth on the coffin of her grandmother. Then the Queen returned to her place beside Queen Mother Elizabeth.

The Queen was the first to do personal obeisance in the final solemn moments of the service.

A moment later, came the Duke of Windsor. He bowed deeply and walked out into the sunshine with shoulders stooped.

All day Monday, crowds filed silently through Westminster Hall to pay last reverent homage to the Queen.

By afternoon, 4,000 persons an hour, damp from intermittent rain, were entering the hall where the Queen lay in state.

By the time the body was removed for funeral service at St. George's Chapel, about 100,000 went to say farewell to the 85-year-old Queen.

Thinning ranks of European royalty arrived early for the funeral, including former King Umberto of Italy.

DAVE ABEL

Dave Abel To Play In Salem

Dave Abel, popular 25-year-old receiver in amateur baseball here has been signed on for the season by Salem Senators, it was learned today.

Abel left earlier this month for training at the St. Louis Browns' spring camp near San Francisco. Salem is a farm club of the Browns and a member of the Western International League.

Meanwhile, former battery mate of Abel's—Dick Letourneau—is taking spring training with Vancouver Capilanos, also a member of the WIL.

VANCOUVER — Twelve sacks were slit open and their contents strewn about a mail car when the Canadian National Railway train No. 3 from Toronto reached here.

N. Carolina Passes Bill To Bar Press

RALEIGH, N.C. (CP) — The North Carolina legislature has passed a special bill permitting it to bar the press and public from meetings of the joint appropriations subcommittee.

The issue came to a head when the subcommittee decided to go into closed session. Newspapers refused to leave because the law required that the meetings be public.

Thursday the legislature rushed through a measure to permit closed meetings.

North Carolina newspaper today criticized the action. The Durham Morning Herald called the action "a sordid chapter in North Carolina's history."

The Greensboro Daily News asked "what is there to hide?" The Raleigh News and Observer entitled its editorial "The Public Be Damned."

**Leader of Millions in India
May Turn to Communism**

By SELIG S. HARRISON
NEW DELHI (AP)—The man who drafted India's three-year-old constitution claims democracy is not working in India.

Communist dictatorship "seems just around the corner" to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, former law minister in Prime Minister Nehru's cabinet and a leading spokesman of India's 60,000,000 "untouchables."

In an interview he said "this caste government in India is literally driving the untouchables and 50,000,000 aboriginal tribesmen into the arms of communism."

There is talk in the capital that Ambedkar is poised for a major switch in his political line. He said he has not yet decided what to advise his followers, "but generally speaking I am convinced communism will be the only way out for us and probably for all India."

"If the Pandit Nehru isn't going to prevent communism and if America won't persuade him to do something for my untouchables, then what else can I tell them?"

"Americans are a happy people. They can talk about democracy. We can only weep about it."

Ambedkar, 60-year-old bitter critic of Nehru, stalked out of the government in the fall of 1951 with high hopes for his scheduled Caste Federation in the Indian general elections.

He charged that Nehru's Congress party had done nothing to improve the lot of the outcasts, whom he described as "worse off than under the British."

Only two scheduled Caste Federation deputies won election to the Parliament and a handful more in state legislatures. Ambedkar himself failed to win a seat in the Lower Chamber. Later he received Nehru's approval for a seat in the non-elective Upper Chamber where he occasionally comes to glower at Congress benches.

Nehru partisans say Ambedkar's virtually total flop in the 1951 elections has embittered him and led him to desperation.

"In America, democracy is good," he ruefully observed. "In England it's good. But I don't like Americans insisting that democracy is good for the world. The world may be in different conditions."

"Whether you like Russia or not, you cannot do without collective farms and many other aspects of their system in this country."



WHILE 5,000 PERSONS WATCHED SPELLBOUND, a persuasive policeman talked a discharged CBC television sound-effects man out of a night-time leap from the 300-foot level of CBC's transmitting tower for television station CBLT in Toronto. Joseph Lacasse, 26, (circled) called off his threat to leap when detective Bob Miller reminded him of his pretty girl friend. Lacasse was held on a charge of causing a disturbance and remanded for mental examination.

Jarvis H. McLeod Dies Returning to Rupert

Prince Rupert's first customs collector who arrived here from the Klondike gold rush fields died in Vancouver yesterday. It was learned here today.

He was Jarvis Hartley McLeod, 69, a well-known personality and ardent sportsman here who arrived in the city in 1909. He retired in 1950.

Mr. McLeod had returned to Vancouver a few days before his death from Glendale, California, where he and Mrs. McLeod spent the winter. He was due in Prince Rupert within a few weeks.

An active member in the Rupert Rod & Gun Club for many years, Mr. McLeod was the local delegate to the B.C. Fish and Game Council and worked ardently in the interest of conservation of fish and game.

He was a charter member of the Talmple Lodge No. 58, AF & AM.

Born and raised in Bruce County, Ontario, Mr. McLeod moved west with his family early in life. Seeking adventure he took part in the Klondike gold rush and entered customs service while in the Yukon.

Following World War I, he was awarded the Member of the British Empire medal for devoted service. He took an active part in Prince Rupert's social and business functions and was widely known in the district and much of the northland.

Besides his wife, Jean, he is survived by five daughters, Mrs. A. E. Norris, Nelson; Mrs. J. Donahue, Juneau, Alaska; Mrs. H. V. Sweeten, Aymer, Que.; Mrs. William Patchell, New Westminster; Mrs. J. Eastwood, North Vancouver; three sons, Archie and F.L.L. J. H. McLeod, Vancouver; E. H. (Ned) McLeod, Prince Rupert; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. from Center & Hanna, Vancouver.

**Fishermen to Ballot in First
General Membership Elections**

Over 100 fishermen in Prince Rupert will be marking the first time before May 1 along with members of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union of America (UFAWU) to determine their policy of negotiating with the operators in the fishery industry.

The candidates have filed that they will oppose the executive which has held sway over the UFAWU since 1948.

The candidates in a publication which has avowed themselves "unbiased" by the pro-Communist union contend that the industry has been unfairly treated.

Mr. Goddard of Stevenson, who is opposing Alex Gordon of Vancouver for the post of business agent, described himself as a leader of a membership revolt against the present executive.

"For the first time in 14 years, leadership of the pro-Communist union will be contested this month," he said in Victoria at a meeting.

No official support of these candidates so far has been declared in Prince Rupert, but unofficial opinion has been registered in many circles.