

Monday, March 18, 1953	Standard Time
3:00	23.0 feet
15:28	20.4 feet
9:29	1.8 feet
21:32	5.0 feet

3 Hotel Fire Victims Tentatively Identified

List of Roomers Shows 4 Missing

Three of the five bodies found in the ruins of the fire-ravaged King George Hotel, destroyed early Sunday, are believed to have been identified.

They are listed as Henry Morgan, Alec Megetto, 60, and Thomas Rizuk, 46.

A fourth, a woman, is believed to be a Mrs. Peters.

They are the only four unaccounted for in a list of 51 occupants compiled today by Theodore (Fred) Prystay, proprietor of the rooming house.

The fifth body is believed to be that of a visitor, one of two persons listed as missing here since the blaze.

RCMP said that because remains of victims are so badly charred, "positive identification may never be made."

The ruins are being probed further and all ashes sifted.

An inquest will be ordered following completion of the search, coroner George Dawes said this morning.

Little is known about Morgan, one of the three male victims believed to have been trapped in the fire. He was rooming with a survivor, Jim McLean, who

says he has not seen his roommate since.

Rizuk, 46-year-old miner, had been out of hospital for five days following an appendectomy and recovery from pneumonia. He had been employed by Polaris-Taku Mines at Tulsequah.

He was described by his physician as five-foot, 10-inches tall, brown hair, long, thin face, and well-built.

Third man, 60-year-old Alec Megetto was a steady roomer there, said Mr. Prystay. An old-timer in the city, he had been employed as a laborer by Mitchell & Currie construction company for 20 years. He retired about three years ago. He was known to have saved his money and carried several thousand dollars on his person. He told friends he did not believe in banks.

He was robbed of \$700 two years ago.

Owner Saw Magetto on Street

Mr. Prystay said that shortly after the fire alarm was sounded at about 2:15 a.m. Sunday he saw Megetto on the street.

"Then I saw him rush inside again to his basement suite. He must have tried to get his money."

A body was recovered from under a bed in the location of Megetto's room.

Police said a man named "Peters" told them he believed the woman's body was that of his wife. Peters said he was in Terrace during the week-end at the time of the fire, looking for work.

This was confirmed by Mr. Prystay, who said the Peters were registered in room 2 of the basement, where a woman's body was found.

Following is the list of roomers who lived in the King George at the time of the fire, as compiled by the proprietor:

Basement—Gus Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Peters (Mrs. Peters missing), Henry Morgan (missing), Jim McLean, Moon (a Chinese), Alec Megetto (missing), Angus Campbell, Mr. Christolm, Dave Mooney, Wong Bing, Wong Yen, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kowal and five-year-old daughter Monica.

Main Floor—Sandy Munroe, Lloyd Wilson, William Jackson, Adam Kuznych, Mr. Pidgeon, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mintenko, and the owner's family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prystay, sons Victor, 15, and Roy, 12, and one-year-old grandson, Peter.

Three others living on this floor have not been named but are accounted for.

Seguin Sentence Increased

VANCOUVER — Henry Seguin, 35-year-old Ontario murder suspect, today had a five-year prison sentence increased to 20 years by the B.C. Appeal Court.

He was convicted at Williams Lake, B.C., on a charge of wounding bank manager Leonard Hillier during an attempted holdup. He was also charged with shooting at an RCMP officer when he was surrounded and captured by a police posse north of Williams Lake.

In county court, he was sentenced to five years.

Attorney-General Robert Bonner appealed the sentence.

Seguin's appeal for a new trial, made prior to the attorney-general's appeal, was dismissed by the court.



THE JAGGED ROCKS and pounding surf at Petit Passage near Digby, N.S., ended the career of the Halifax fishing vessel Lena, driven ashore in a heavy gale. The 58-ton craft brought four refugees from Finland to Boston in 1950.

Red Cross to Bear Cost Of Relief to Survivors

Help for some 45 survivors of the King George Hotel fire who lost most or all of their possessions continues to be offered from many sources.

More than 15 of the survivors reported to the city hall yesterday, others to the Salvation Army. Rooms were provided for all, as well as clothing and meals.

The Canadian Red Cross Society will handle all costs incurred in providing such relief for the burned-out, Stan Saville, branch president here, told Mayor Harold Whalen this morning.

Cost of assistance given by the Salvation Army also will be borne by the Red Cross, said Mr. Saville.

A fund started yesterday with a \$10 donation by Mayor Whalen got another boost today with a similar donation by John McNaughton at the Daily News office, where additional donations may be made.

The fund is designed to aid rehabilitation of the survivors. Volunteer helpers have donated clothing and offered rooms. The fire department stated that some clothing is still available at the fire hall.

Meanwhile a move has been started to establish a disaster committee.

"An experience like this demonstrates the need for some permanent arrangement whereby we can be assured of bedding and other essentials at a moment's notice," Mr. Saville said.

"While the Red Cross is always ready to give its full financial support in such an emergency it is anxious to do more than that. It's hope is to be able to provide a personal supervision by which the victims of a disaster will at once be assured of shelter and all the comforts necessary at such a time."

Tito Meets Queen In Palace

LONDON (CP)—Marshal Tito met Queen Elizabeth in Buckingham Palace today, serving as a clear sign to the world—the Kremlin included—that the Yugoslav dictator has made the grade socially in the west.

It also marked the first time the Queen has sat across a luncheon table from wartime's Communist guerrilla chieftain-turned-dictator.

Tito drove to the palace after taking in the British Museum and the ancient Tower of London. A heavy police guard surrounded him on his visit to the tourist sights.

"The people of Prince Rupert have time and again proved their willingness to help those in distress, and I feel sure they would support a program of this sort. It would necessitate formation of a committee or some permanent group whose personal services would always be available in the event of an emergency. The Red Cross would do everything possible to support and assist such a committee.

"As it is now, we cannot even be certain that beds will be available, although it is remarkable and wonderful how quickly volunteers come to the rescue."



LADY ROSEMARY SPENCER-CHURCHILL, 23, is one of six girls chosen to carry the Queen's 20-year train in the Coronation. Pictured at a meeting of the Heythrop Hunt at her parent's home, Blenheim Palace, Lady Rosemary is daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough. She also is the cousin of Prime Minister Churchill and the sister of the Marquis of Blandford, one-time beau of Princess Margaret.

Five Bodies Were Uncovered

PHOTOGRAPH BY LARRY STANWOOD

Atomic Explosion Heralds Dawn Rugged Nevada Mountains

BOMB SITE, Nev. (CP)—The big blast came at 5:20 a.m. The detonation, from a 300-foot tower, was not nearly as spectacular as last year's invitational shot.

'SHOOTING' AROUSES TENANTS IN APARTMENT

Remaining sirens and sharp reports around 9:30 last night at least one city resident who telephoned the Daily News this morning to ask about the "shooting."

General Leader Hits Back Statements by Somers

OTTAWA — E. T. Kenney, Columbia Liberal leader, Monday at a speech by Minister Robert Somers, which the minister described as "disastrous" for the federal government's deal in the Aluminum Company of Canada.

Election May Come in Fall

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent said Monday the record of his Liberal government will be submitted to the Canadian people "within the next few months."

Thieves Raid Terrace Store

RCMP here said today Skinner's General Store, about five miles east of Terrace, was broken into and robbed of a quantity of cigarettes and other small items.

Churchill Rejects Hungary Offer

LONDON — Prime Minister Churchill flatly rejected a Communist proposal to barter a British business man in a Hungarian prison for a Communist girl guerrilla held by the British in Malaya.

Rebel Liberals Break Away From Yoshida

TOKYO — Rebels have broken away from the Liberal party of Premier Shigeru Yoshida and formed their own Japan Liberal Party to fight the election called for April 19.

Another Red Leader Sick

BERLIN — East German President Wilhelm was reported suffering today from pneumonia and pleurisy, the same malady which took the life of Czech President Klement Gottwald last week.

Powerful A-Bomb

LAS VEGAS—The United States figures that the potential enemy, presumably Russia, may have developed atomic bombs at least three times more powerful than those dropped in Japan.



VETERAN TRAPPER ANDY TYSON adds to his bag of wolves with two victims at Tyson Lake, about 30 miles southwest of Sudbury, Ont. So far this season he has snared 28, six more than last year's total of 23. He challenges a proposal to use poison to kill wolves, claiming his snares are more effective. Incidentally, he already has earned \$700 bounties this winter at \$25 a wolf.

WEATHER

Synopsis: A mass of cool moist Pacific air will give variable cloud and frequent showers to most sections of the province.

Forecast

North coast region: Cloudy with showers today. Intermittent rain tonight and Wednesday. A little milder. Winds southwest 20, backing to southeast 30 tonight and becoming southwest 25 again Wednesday afternoon.

Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 37 and 45.