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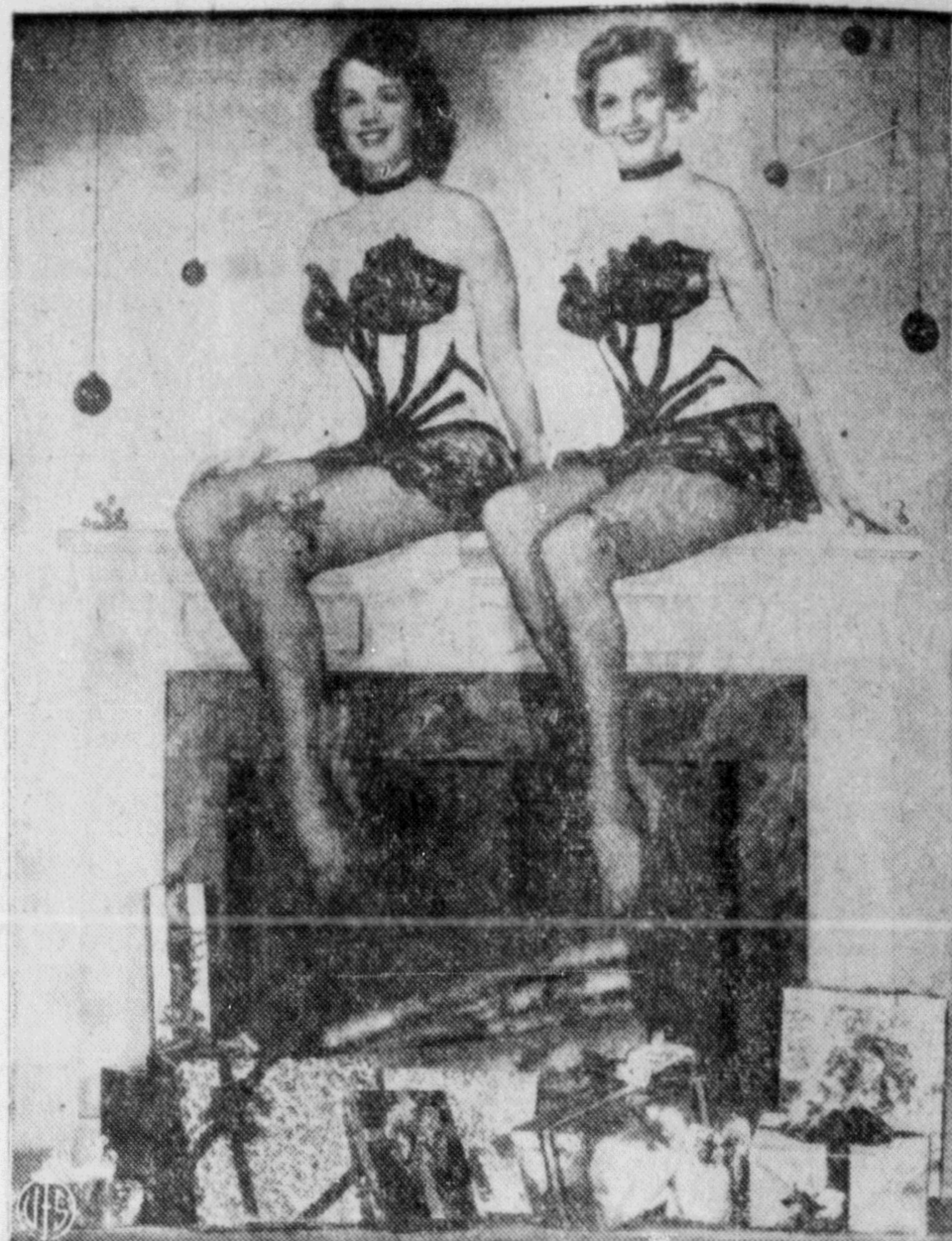
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Christmas stockings than Anita Gordon (left) and Joan Morgan?
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U.S. Capital Available For Peace River Block

NEW YORK—Premier W. A. C. Bennett said today American capital is ready to increase its stake in B.C.'s Peace River block.

The Social Credit Premier and two of his cabinet ministers wound up a two-day visit to New York for discussions with Wall Street bankers and investment concerns.

"We've been successful in enlisting further private investment in development of natural gas and oil fields of the Peace River section of B.C.," the Premier said in an interview.

Premier also reported "great interest" here in plans to extend the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Prince George to Dawson Creek and from Squamish to Vancouver.

"We believe the time is ripe now for further development of the Peace River section of B.C.," he said. "Development of gas and oil makes it imperative that the rail connection between Vancouver and the Peace River be completed."

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BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Old "Saws" Often Need New Twist
There is an old bridge axiom, "Aces are for killing kings." Like all other such old saws, this one is not completely reliable. To it should be added the words, "at the right time."

In today's deal Mr. Dale correctly decided he didn't have quite enough to come into the bidding freely after Mr. Keen's overcall. When his partner doubled for a takeout he was still a little too weak to do anything but make a minimum response in diamonds. However, when Mr. Champion kept right on with a bid of two no-trump, he was happy to go on to game.

Mrs. Keen opened the jack of spades. Mr. Abel played his lone king—and Mr. Champion played the deuce. The play looks somewhat sensational, but actually it was based on the simple rule I have suggested for use in determining whether it is necessary to hold up. That is, you do hold up unless the number of stoppers you have in the danger suit is one more than the number of times you have to use the lead.

In this hand Mr. Champion saw two sure winners in spades, three in hearts and three in clubs. That totalled eight. He needed at least one trick in diamonds for his contract. To get that trick he had to knock out the ace and king of that suit. In other words, he had to lose the lead twice.

The hold-up, then, was necessary. To prove it, suppose the ace of spades had been played at trick one and a diamond led. Mrs. Keen would win with the king of diamonds and persist

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable

North		East	
(Mr. Dale)	S-7 6 4 3	(Mr. Abel)	S-K
H-A 7	D-J 10 9 5 2	H-J 10 9 8 3	D-A 7
C-Q 5		H-10 9 8 7 3 2	D-K 8 6
West		South	
(Mrs. Keen)	S-J 10 9 8 5	(Mr. Champion)	S-A Q 2
H-6 5 2	H-K Q 4	H-K Q 4	H-K Q 4
D-A K 8 6	D-Q 7 3	D-Q 7 3	D-Q 7 3
C-J	C-A K 7 4	C-A K 7 4	C-A K 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1C 1S Pas. Pas.
Dbl. Pass 2L Pass
2NT Pass 3N All pass

in spades until the queen was knocked out. Since she still held the ace of diamonds, there would be no way to prevent her from regaining the lead later to cash the rest of her spades.

As it was, Mr. Abel could not lead a spade at trick two. He returned the jack of hearts and Mr. Champion won with the queen and fired a small diamond. That lost to the king. But Mr. Champion was now one jump ahead of the opposition. He won the spade return with the queen and knocked out the ace of diamonds. At this point he still had spades stopped and in fact all the rest of the tricks were his.

Escapee Says Reds Hold 24 Who Want To Go Back Home

PANMUNJOM (CP)—A South Korean captive who fled from a pro-Communist prisoner compound said yesterday that Red leaders are holding three and perhaps four Americans and 20 South Korean prisoners who may want to go home.

The young soldier said compound leaders have stalled Allied explanations to prisoners who refused repatriation because they fear "defections."

He named four Americans who might come home if given an opportunity but the names were withheld by military authorities to prevent possible reprisals.

Far East command censors later permitted identification of one, Cpl. William A. Cowart of Monticello, Ark., because of prior publication in the United States.

The Indian custodial command said meanwhile one of the 22 non-returning Americans wanted to hear "come home" explanations, but later changed his mind and now is standing with the others against repatriation. He was not named.

The South Korean crawled through barbed wire surrounding the compound holding prisoners listed as pro-Communist and asked an Indian guard for repatriation. He was returned to the United Nations command the same day.

There was some official skepticism over the report of Pfc. Kim Mun Du, a 22-year-old soldier captured by the Reds in the summer of 1951.

The Indian command, which guards unrepatriated prisoners in Korea's neutral zone, has said all of the Americans and the one British prisoner appear to have firm political convictions.

The UN command has said repeatedly it will interview any of the prisoners who will leave the compound. But there are only six days left before the Dec. 24 deadline for talking with prisoners who refused to return home.

Allied officers have said there appears to be little hope that interviews with the remaining South Koreans and the Americans and Briton will be held before the deadline.

Soldier Faces Murder Trial

MORRISBURG, Ont. (CP)—2nd Lieut. Peter Ernest Robin Balcombe of London, Ont., was committed for trial here Friday on a charge of murder in the knife-slaying of pretty 22-year-old Marie Annie Carrier of Belleville, Que., a member of the CWAC reserve.

Balcombe was committed following preliminary hearing.

Baffled Scarborough Police Label Kidnapping "Fantastic"

TORONTO (CP)—"Bizarre, fantastic. Nothing about it adds up, no matter how you look at it." That's how Detective-Inspector Harold Adamson of suburban Scarborough township describes the disappearance two weeks ago Sunday night of 17-year-old Marion McDowell.

He and fellow officers have checked and re-checked more than 200 persons, have driven more than 20,000 miles, have poked through thicket and farm, and have followed every tip, lead or suggestion. They have found nothing worthwhile.

The township's 10-man detective force has worked 20 hours a day since James Wilson, 19, walked into the Scarborough

police office dazed and bleeding and said a tall masked man forced his way into the car in which he and the girl were sitting on a lovers' lane, slugged him and the girl unconscious, then, a short time later, drove away with the girl in a car trunk.

"In practically every investigation, some concrete starting point is found," Insp. Adamson said Friday. "So far, we have turned up no such point in this case. We have considered every possible theory, yet each one is untenable in the face of the known facts."

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