

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**  
Thursday, December 24, 1953  
(Pacific Standard Time)  
4:04 19.9 feet  
15:45 20.2 feet  
9:53 8.0 feet  
22:17 4.1 feet

**Prisoners  
Shout Down  
Broadcast**  
Group Chant Red  
Songs in Unison

PANMUNJOM (AP)—American war prisoners embraced communists, chanted Red songs, shouted and linked arms with fellow captives in a swirling dance today, drowning out last-minute broadcast appeals to return home.

The United Nations command broadcast a few hours before the midnight deadline explanations to balking prisoners, ending efforts to woo home Americans, one Briton and 10 South Koreans who stayed with the Reds.

The Communists, who have pressed repeatedly for an extension of the explanation period, asked to interview more prisoners from the Communist south camp on Thursday. But the neutral nations repatriation commission said that the explanations end tonight.

The commission, however, approved a request from the Communist Americans and the British to meet Allied and Red correspondents Thursday at their compound. Loudspeakers outside the compound were to broadcast 12 times—four to each of the 22 Americans, the Briton and 77 South Koreans who were not interviewed individually. All of the 250 South Koreans interviewed earlier elected to stay with the Communists.

The broadcasts were greeted with wild demonstrations as the prisoners danced, sang, shouted and cheered in unison. Correspondents standing outside the compound were identified from pictures Sgt. Richard Gordon of East Providence, R.I., and British marine Andrew Condon previously had identified as leaders of the anti-Korean prisoners.

**Troops Try  
To Unsnarl  
Mail Tangle**

PARIS (Reuters)—Troops rushed today to Paris railroad station early today to try to unsnarl the tangle of Christmas mail clogging the platforms as a result of a strike by postal workers. The mail piled up after postal workers and loaders walked off their jobs Tuesday night in response to a three-day "warning" strike call from both Communist-led and independent unions. Handling of Christmas packages and the New Year's cards traditionally sent by the French is expected to be disrupted.

The government's growing labor woes also included a strike by airport workers which has brought international air traffic almost to a standstill, and a walkout by 80 per cent of France's tax collectors. The Communist-led General Confederation of Labor and Independent Unions have been pressing the government to double its Christmas bonus of 400 francs (about \$28.60).

**Sorry, No Comics!**

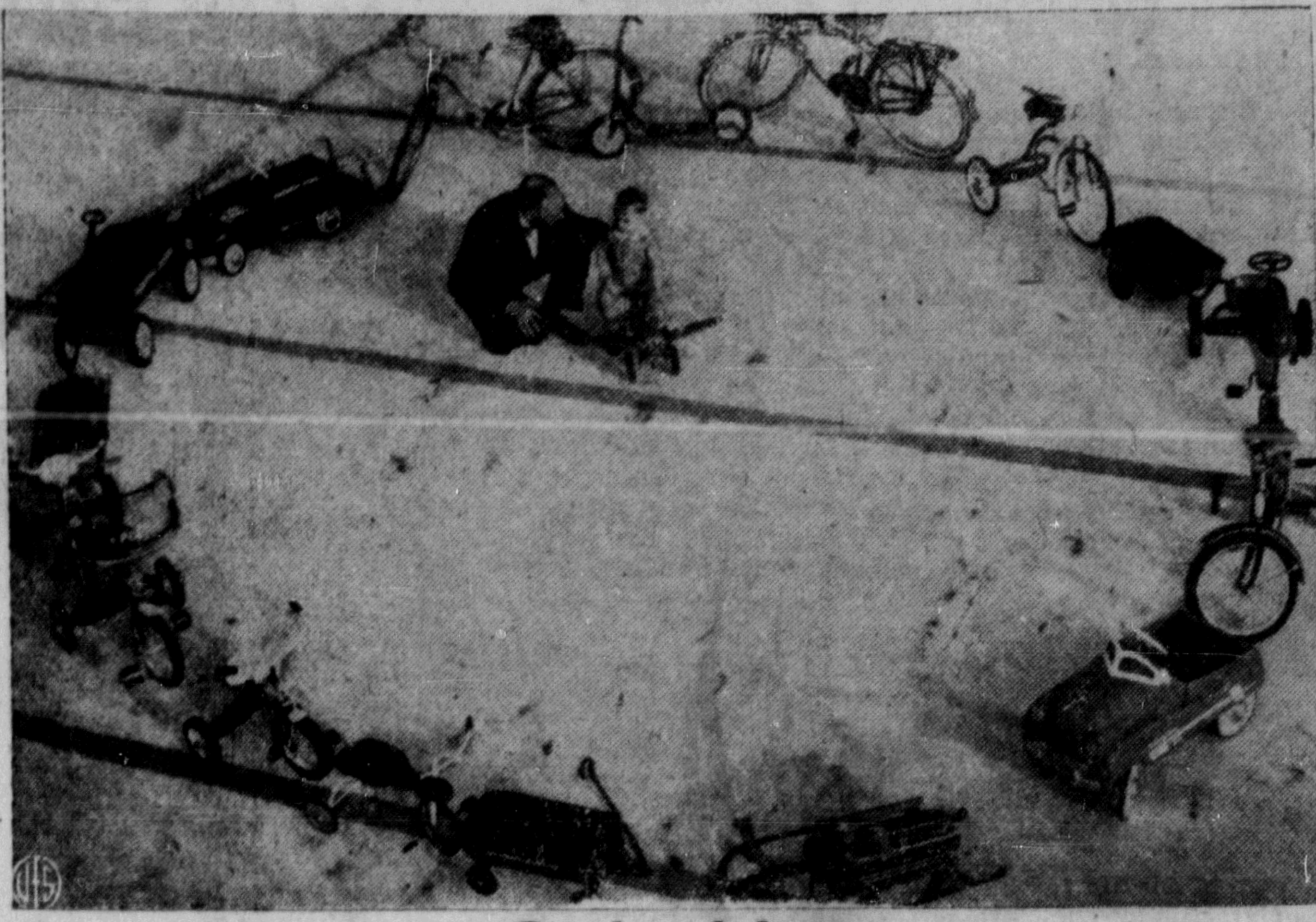
There are no comics in today's paper. Due to the Christmas mail tangle, the comics failed to arrive in time for publication today.

**'MIKE' PEARSON NEWSIEST  
CANADIAN FOR FOURTH YEAR**

For the fourth year in a row L. B. (Mike) Pearson was the newest Canadian on the pages of his country's newspapers. Bow-tied Mike held first place easily over Igor Gouzenko who finished second in a Canadian Press poll of newspaper telegraph editors. As minister of External Affairs, Mr. Pearson was a central figure in the controversy that blew up over the efforts of U.S. Senate committees to question Mr. Gouzenko. On the world scene the newest figure was the Queen, with Sir Winston Churchill second. Others mentioned were Eisenhower, McCarthy and Malenkov.

**The Daily News**

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**Circle of Joy**

A DREAM OF BOYHOOD MATERIALIZES before the eyes of two-year-old Raymond Geist of Chicago, as J. T. Callahan, a B. F. Goodrich Company executive, tells him that Santa Claus will bring him new transportation toys for each of the next 10 years. Some of the toys which are destined to be Raymond's are shown here. The boy will get the gifts each Christmas to commemorate his becoming the one-millionth person to ride the world's first moving rubber sidewalk at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry.

**Metlakatla Leader Awarded  
Queen's Coronation Medal**

"For outstanding service to your people in connection with the fight for enfranchisement of Metlakatla of which you have been the leading protagonist."

With these words Peter Leighton, 69, today was given a singular honor—the Coronation Medal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, by F. E. Anfield, Indian Superintendent.

The ceremony took place in the office of the Indian Affairs Department in Prince Rupert. The award carries with it not only the appreciation of the Crown for services rendered, but also significance for every Prince Rupert citizen, since the life and background of the medal recipient is closely interwoven with the entire of civilization in the north and the foundation of this city.

For 10 years, Mr. Leighton has led the fight for the complete enfranchisement of Metlakatla, his home village; a fight against administrative red tape, against political opposition, against lack of understanding and sometimes against sheer ignorance.

The case of Metlakatla's proposed enfranchisement is not yet closed. It is stalemated in a tangle of red tape and politics. But today, one of the foremost exponents of freedom in a free Canada was recognized for his efforts and that of his followers.

Leighton was born in Metlakatla. His father was a boy in Port Simpson when the first missionary stepped ashore amidst the Tsimpshean nation. He was the now-famed William Duncan who founded Metlakatla by leaving Port Simpson with a group of converts on May 25, 1862.

The Leightons accompanied Father Duncan, as the lay missionary soon became known to the natives and the elder Leighton was appointed Duncan's "right-hand" man.

Tragedy struck young Leighton five years after he was married. Death first took his wife in 1920, and in the same year, he lost three of his four children. His remaining son, Richard Lewellyn Leighton is in Vancouver where he moved after serving in World War Two with the Royal Navy.

Peter Leighton likes to talk to his friends, or to anyone, for that matter. Those of opposed opinion often state that Leighton speaks loosely, but his stories and philosophies have the color of experience and his simple translation of reality makes them ring with truth.

And his keen sense of humor is not without the sharp point of satire:

"The native is a funny fellow, you know. When he tries to become a white man, he looks more like an Indian; when he acts natural, he often makes the grade as a white man."

Leighton takes it as a matter of course that he is not as sturdy and of good health as he might be. He now lives in Prince Rupert because he is under regular medical care. He has been told by his physician to "take things very easy," but he can be seen almost every day walking along the waterfront, stopping to look at the fishing vessels or passing the time of day with acquaintances.

But until the end, he says, he will maintain that the Indian of Canada must become integrated with the rest of the populace.

"No one can halt the path of progress. Today we are a liability, to the government, but tomorrow we shall be an asset. We will become a part of this country again, not as aborigines, but as citizens."

"It means our survival as individuals."

**RARE SNOWFALL MAY GIVE  
HOLY LAND WHITE CHRISTMAS**

JERUSALEM (AP)—The Holy Land expects a white Christmas for the first time in 29 years. Snow that fell during the last few days is expected to last through the Christmas week-end.

**Nativity Scene Takes Prize  
In Jaycee Light-Up Contest**

The realistic Nativity scene in Wrathall's Photo Finishing window has won the Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas light-up trophy.

The Jaycee light-up committee announced winners of the annual contest today and presented the trophy and other awards.

Wrathall's window took first prize in the business category, with Fashion Footwear placing second. In the residential competition, Alex Mitchell of 232 Fourth Avenue West placed first, and Norman Moorehouse, 673 Fourth Avenue East took second prize.

The trophy along with cash and merchandise prizes were presented today to Mrs. John Comadina for designing and building the window display which includes miniature stable with mother and child, worshipping shepherds and wise men, angels amid fluffy clouds and even a camel and palm trees.

Mrs. Vicki Intermela received cash and merchandise prizes for the second place Fashion Footwear display, praised by the

judges for use of merchandise in an attractive Christmas decor.

Mr. Mitchell received a \$20 award for his home display which featured a flood-lit Santa and his sleigh and reindeer on the lawn, decorated trees on the porch and many colored lights around the house.

Another Santa, this time in the chimney, along with the three wise men silhouetted in a window and another clever arrangement of colored lights won the \$10 second prize for Mr. Moorehouse.

Light-up committee chairman Gerry Woodside termed this year's contest the most successful to date, turning Prince Rupert into a "Christmas city," and hoped that in future years the project would gain more support.

**Police Probe  
Sawmill Fire**

CRESTON, B.C. (CP)—Investigation is under way into a fire Tuesday at Creston Sawmills Ltd. here, which police said appeared to be a case of arson.

RCMP said they found a can containing diesel fuel beside the burned walls of the building which held logs coming from the mill pond.

Police credited alertness on the part of the night watchman at the plant and an automatic sprinkler system with preventing spread of the blaze.

**Cow Bay Floats Break  
Endangering 15 Boats**

**Broken Section  
May Be Abandoned**

Danger to the entire Prince Rupert fishing fleet during winter gales drew closer yesterday when 15 boats were sent adrift with a huge section of Cow Bay floats.

After weeks of battering by wind and waves, a complete section of the floats broke away late yesterday and drifted 100 yards from shore.

The tug Charles R. Currie got a line onto the float and edged it back to the dock where it was tied for the night.

The boats lashed to the section were taken by owners to other berths on the crowded remaining section of the float, originally built in 1916.

Provincial government engineer Bill Meighen said today original plans to re-anchor the ancient float were out of the question and that the broken section could not be replaced.

In the past year both Prince Rupert city council and the provincial government have sought action from the federal government which had announced its intention of taking over responsibility for the floats.

It is believed that a westerly wind of gale proportions would provide a threat of damage reaching into thousands of dollars to the fleet now berthed at the reduced floats.

Last December city council wrote to the provincial government describing the "deplorable" condition of the Cow Bay floats and seeking repairs by the province as nothing had been done by the federal government towards taking over the berthing area.

**NO DECISION**

Council was informed in February, 1953, that federal government estimates hadn't been brought down and no decision had been reached as to whether the Dominion government would take over the floats.

The city council again made a plea to the provincial government, advising N. M. McCallum, chief engineer of the provincial public works department, of the federal government position and asking that the floats be put in useable condition before the summer fishing season began.

In March Mr. McCallum wrote saying he had asked Mr. Meighen to make necessary repairs, which were done last summer.

In March, George Hills, MLA for Prince Rupert at that time, brought the question of the floats up on the floor of the House at Victoria and questioned the minister of public works as to what was being done.

**Police  
Overpower  
2 Convicts**

RICHMOND, Ind. (AP)—Richmond police overpowered in a hotel room early today the last two of 13 long-term convicts who escaped from Southern Michigan prison last Saturday.

Captain John Rizio of the Richmond police said the two men admitted they are Roman Usiondek, 37, psychopathic killer, and Robert Dowling, 33, a burglar.

Rizio and three other policemen cornered the two in a hotel room after discovering their escape automobile on a Richmond street Tuesday night.

They were taken to the Richmond city jail for questioning. Capt. Rizio said the men arrived in Richmond Tuesday night. Their car, with Michigan licence plates, was noticed on a downtown street at 1:30 a.m. It was littered with cigarette butts and bread. A check with Michigan police showed it was stolen.

The occupants were traced to a downtown hotel. Capt. Rizio and three officers knocked on the door of their room. Dowling opened the door, then went to a bureau to get what he said were his identification papers.

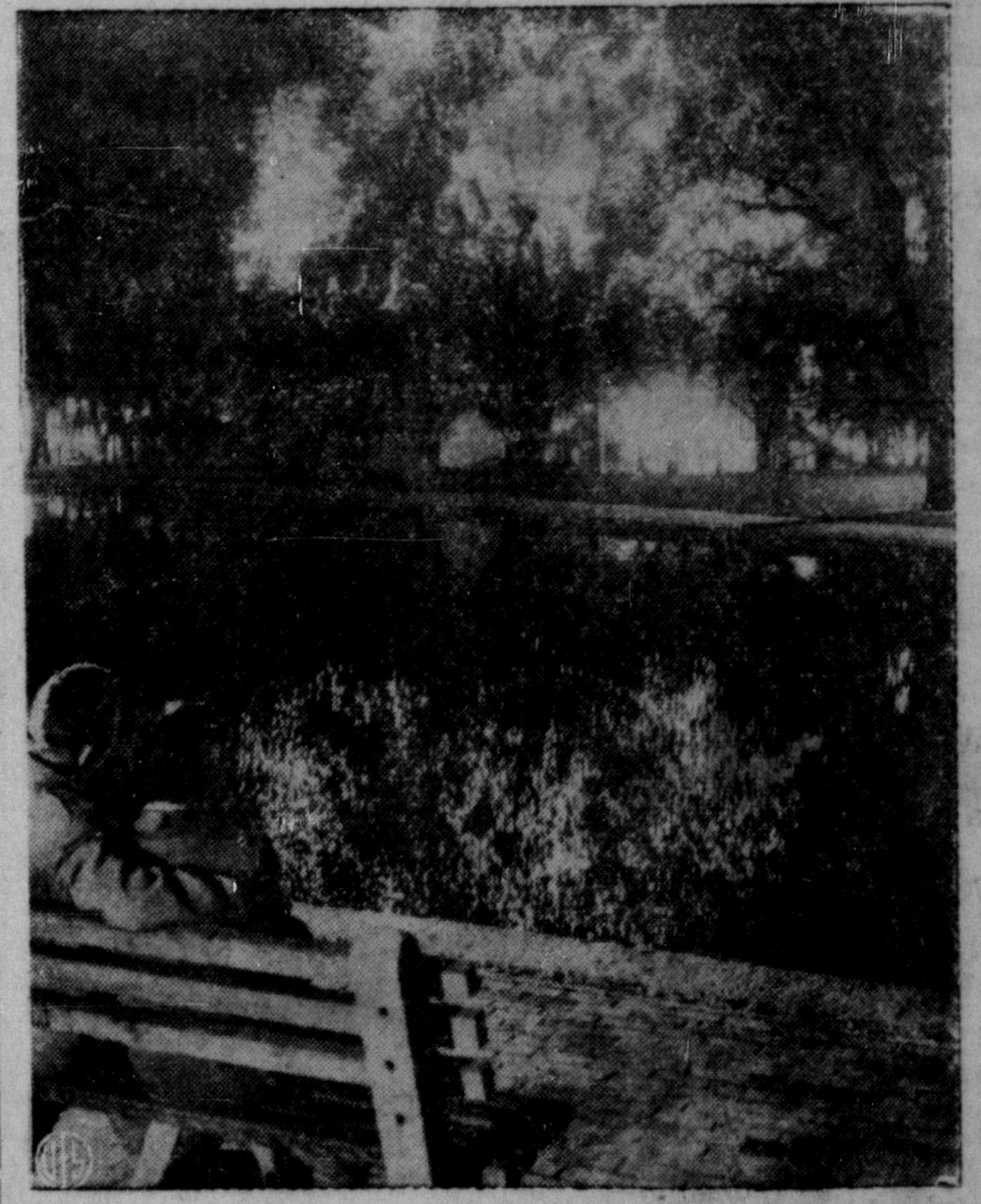
Rizio said Dowling reached under a hat and pulled out a .32 revolver. Rizio grabbed his wrist and overpowered him.

The three other officers grabbed Usiondek.

**Municipalities  
Get \$5.7 Million**

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia's 113 municipalities will get a \$5,750,000 Christmas present. Finance Minister Einar Gunderson Tuesday announced grants totalling \$5,750,000 will be distributed to the municipalities before the end of the year. The money represents the municipalities' one-third share of the B.C. three per cent sales tax. The sum is \$750,000 more than the amount distributed last December.

(Amount to be allotted to Prince Rupert was not announced.)



LOUNGERS IN THE BOSTON COMMON gaze up at an elm tree aglow with blue lights. Each year, a new distinctive type of Christmas decor is unveiled there.

**Maoris Dance Welcome  
To Queen in Auckland**

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—Grass-skirted Maori warriors danced a welcome today as the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived in the royal liner Gothic for a 38-day visit to New Zealand.

Despite a drizzling rain, half a million New Zealanders lined the streets and cheered themselves hoarse as the royal party drove from the docks through the city's main street to the town hall.

The Queen was greeted by Governor-General Sir Willoughby Norrie and other officials as she stepped from the Gothic's gangplank into the drizzling rain wearing a light, chartreuse-colored dress.

After inspecting a guard of honor, the monarch and the duke were rushed to the city hall where the Queen stood on an open-air balcony to receive the acclaim of the crowd.

**ACCEPTS RAINCOAT**

The Queen refused the loan of a raincoat during the dockside ceremony but gratefully accepted another one offered at city hall by Prime Minister Sidney Holland.

Four New Zealand naval ships and 2,000 small craft swarmed around Auckland's island-studded gulf in welcoming the royal couple to this smallest and most remote of the dominions.

It was a grey morning with gusty winds and rain. As in London on Coronation day, tens of thousands of eager citizens elbowed each other for a glimpse of the Queen. Some people paid as much as £50 for a "room with a view" of the 10-mile procession through Auckland.

**BULLETINS**

VERSAILLES (CP)—Senator Rene Coty tonight was reported unofficially to have been elected president of France on the 13th ballot.

MOSCOW—The Soviet government newspaper Isvestia announced tonight that Beria and the other six accused of high treason have been sentenced and already executed.

EDMONTON—Alberta's minister of agriculture, David A. Ure, 43, was killed today along with James Mitchell, a livestock promoter for the provincial government. The two men were killed in a highway accident 40 miles west of Edmonton on the highway to Jasper.

Sirens, ships' whistles and bells set up a mighty roar of welcome as the Queen and the duke stepped ashore.

In her reply at city hall to Holland's address of welcome, the Queen said:

"There is a measure of sadness in the circumstances which surround my visit.

"My father would have come here in 1939 had it not been for the outbreak of war, and he was prevented again from coming by his illness in 1948.

"I have inherited the duties and responsibilities which he bore with such courage and I am heartened by the fact that I have also inherited the loyalty of his peoples all over the world.

"I shall always endeavor to retain and deserve that loyalty."

**Gold Mine  
Strike Near  
Settlement**

TORONTO (CP)—Settlement of a 12-week strike involving 1,500 employees of Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines Limited at Timmins today awaited only ratification of a union-company agreement reached here Tuesday.

Union officials announced in Timmins Tuesday night that the employees, members of the United Steelworkers of America (U.S.W.A.), will consider the agreement tomorrow night.

But in Toronto, C. H. Millard, national director, said the union likely will ask for a meeting with Hollinger officials here either today or Thursday to put the general terms of the agreement into contract language. The local membership in Timmins will then hold a meeting, probably Sunday, to ratify it, he said.

The agreement is seen as pattern for settlements which would start a back-to-work movement for 4,200 miners in northern Ontario and northwestern Quebec.

**St. Laurent Home  
For Christmas**

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent left Ottawa Tuesday for Quebec City where he will spend Christmas with his family. Trade Minister Howe, senior cabinet minister, will be acting prime minister in Mr. St. Laurent's absence. The prime minister is scheduled to return to Ottawa Jan. 4.