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Trio Faces Murder Charge As Priest Shot To Death

Police Find Guns, Knives in Locker

BRANDON, Man. (CP)—Three brush-cut Montreal youths today were charged jointly with the murder of a Roman Catholic priest whose bullet-pierced body was found Sunday in his automobile, six miles north of Brandon.

The three, Guy Ferrangne, 18, Claude Paquin, 17, and Gerard J. Yvon de Tormencourt, 17, were remanded one week. Ferrange the only English speaking member of the group carried navy discharge papers. The others also said they had been discharged from the navy.

The victim was the Rev. Alfred Quirion, 44, of St. Edouward, Alta.

Police said that robbery was believed the motive for the slaying.

Father Quirion is believed to have picked up the trio near Portage La Prairie.

The priest's body was found about 4 p.m. Sunday slumped in his car, which was in a ditch five miles east of here. Father Quirion had been shot once through the right side of the body and twice in the right arm.

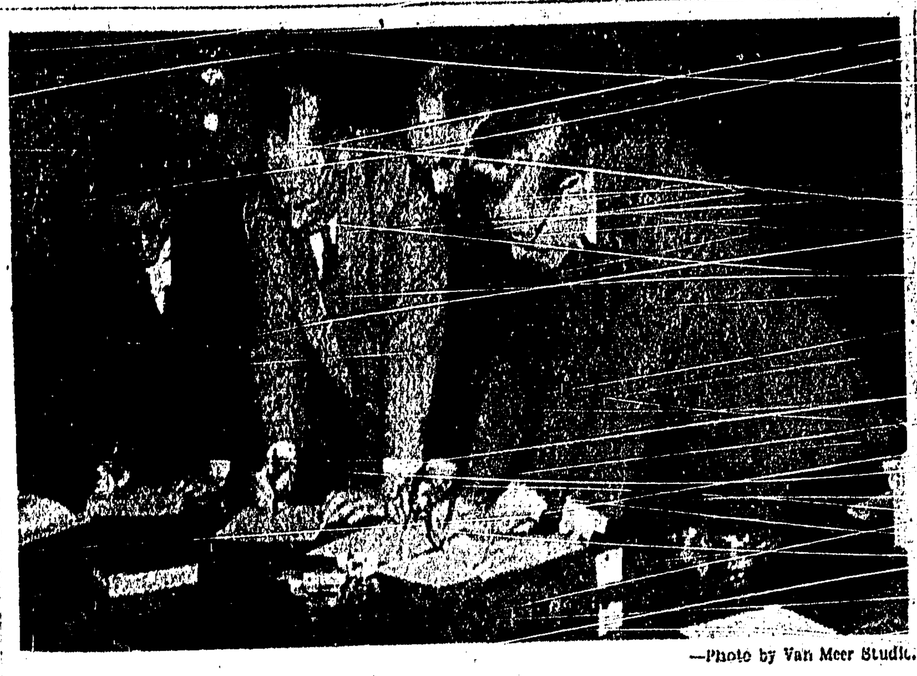
Two hours after a passing motorist made the discovery, and after RCMP had issued a general alarm and set up road blocks, the three men were arrested in the Brandon Canadian Pacific Railway depot.

Police said a railway locker which they opened with a key being carried by one of the men contained two revolvers, a pistol and two hunting knives.

One of the slugs recovered from the 44-year-old priest's body has been sent to the RCMP laboratory at Regina for ballistics tests.

Father Quirion was returning to the little Alberta settlement after driving a group of seminarians to Winnipeg. He was scheduled to arrive home tonight, at the town 100 miles northeast of Edmonton.

Police said Father Quirion had been at St. Edouard for about five years. He was believed a native of Quebec province.



—Photo by Van Meer Studio.

FOUR ALDERMEN elected to council in December sign oaths of office after being sworn in by City Clerk R. W. Long at a statutory meeting of the city council last week. Shown signing are (l. to r.) Alderman Kay Smith, Ald. Norton T. Youngs, Ald. A. Don Ritchie and Ald. Gerald P. Woodside.

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are of the struggle be- mocracy and dictator- said. "Those constant by Nicaragua to inter- Costa Rican internal have got to be ended all."

Rica charges that So- deliberately trying to armed overthrow of the ican government, and plan is to land the air in remote parts of ca to make the invasion local uprising.

bels are said to be most- ers of former president Guardia, who went e in Nicaragua after defeated him in a revo- 1948.

Drop in Grain Price Differential Hailed as Step in Right Direction

VANCOUVER (CP)—A unionist has hailed a reduction in price differential for wheat between Vancouver and the Lakehead as a "step in the right direction.

Grain dealers confirmed Saturday the price differential set by the Canadian wheat board to Vancouver buyers has been pared to one cent a bushel across the board.

J. I. Guest, who heads a joint committee on grain for the international longshoremen and grain handlers committee, said the reduction is in line with the recommendations of his organization to the Canadia. wheat board.

Ottawa officials indicated when the committee appeared before them that there was little hope for a differential reduction.

Dealers said Saturday, however, that the reduction will be of little immediate benefit to the movement of grain through Vancouver to European markets.

They blamed high west coast shipping rates which, they say, will still make it impossible for Vancouver to compete with the east coast. They said they depend now almost entirely on oriental shipments for grain movement through Vancouver.

The differential was set at seven cents last February to give Lakehead shippers a better competitive position against Vancouver. Since then it has been steadily reduced until it was finally set at one cent Friday.

But dealers said Vancouver may begin to benefit from the reduction when ocean freight rates come down.

Large shipments of lumber, apples, salmon and other B.C. products have produced a temporary rise in shipping rates, they said.

Labor Body Raps New LRA At Convention

VANCOUVER (CP)—The B.C. Federation of Labor wound up its 11th annual two-day convention here Sunday with a stinging attack on the government's new Labor Relations Act.

The act was described as the "most vicious piece of labor legislation in North America" as delegates were urged to get out and campaign for changes in it.

The Social Credit government was charged with "political trickery" and "inertia" in its policies toward labor and the unemployment problem.

Earlier, the delegates were told the political situation in B.C. is "dangerous" and that labor must be "on the alert" in dealings with government and management.

More than 120 delegates, representing 50,000 Canadian Congress of Labor members in B.C., met to formulate their legislative program for 1955.

In their report to the convention, federation officers said "the political situation in British Columbia is dangerout. We have a political party in power which decries political parties, then proceeds to commit offences that bring politics into disrepute.

"The people can have no confidence in a government," the report added, "when top government officials release statements and then a few days later . . . deny the statement issued by their colleagues.

Charles Walls of Victoria, secretary-manager of the BCFL, supported a resolution urging government subsidies to alleviate the declining incomes of B.C. farmers.

"We certainly will have to do something to get the farmer back on his financial feet," he said. "It's a problem that won't wait forever."

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD . . . expresses hope.

Red Radio Says U.S. Pursuing War

TOKYO (AP) — Peiping radio heralded the last day of scheduled talks between United Nation's General Secretary Dag Hammarskjold and Red China's Premier Chou Enlai with one of its bitterest blasts against the United States.

The propaganda broadcast heard here, appeared to bode little good for Hammarskjold's long journey to talk over the release of 11 American airmen captured during the Korean war and charged with spying by the Chinese Communists.

In one of its longest tirades, the radio accused the United States of abandoning attempts to solve world problems peacefully and openly taking the road to war.

"The danger of war is increasing," Peiping said. It claimed the U.S. "is pursuing its plans for war" in both Europe and the Far East, "stepping up the rearmament of Japan and rigging up a Northeast Asia aggressive alliance."

The New York Times, in a dispatch from New Delhi, said India has made clear to Peiping she favors an agreement leading to quick release of the airmen. The dispatch, by Times correspondent A. M. Rosenthal, quoted qualified sources as saying Indian authorities have indicated it would be politically wise to make such a settlement whether Peiping's spy charges are justified or not.

The dispatch said the Indians have avoided publicizing this stand, feeling their efforts to mediate might be hampered if Red China got the idea the Nehru government was trying to put on pressure. It added that it was believed some reports have been received from Peiping but that the general impression in New Delhi was that the Chinese had not revealed what they intend to do about the fliers.

Mercy Trip Almost Completed

WINNIPEG (CP) — An RCAF mercy mission into the Arctic to bring a sick Eskimo child to Winnipeg is expected to be completed sometime today.

The ski-equipped Dakota landed at Admiralty Inlet Saturday night and evacuated the child from Arctic Bay, Baffin Island. The child was taken to Resolute Bay and the party was scheduled to reach Churchill, at 10 p.m. Sunday.

The child, suffering from appendicitis, was to stay in the Churchill hospital overnight. The child will be operated on at the St. Boniface Hospital.

The plane also carried another Eskimo girl back to her home at Arctic Bay. She had been receiving treatment at the Brandon sanitorium.

The plane left Winnipeg Thursday on the 4,000-mile round trip and landed at Arctic Bay Saturday night on a 40-inch thick ice strip which was lit by burning oil-soaked toilet tissue in small cans on top of oil drums.

Prospector Found Dead

An elderly prospector is reported to have taken his own life near the northern B.C. town of Bennett, RCMP at subdivision said today.

Dead is Theodore Bernard Van Ralj, 68 who was found dead of gunshot wounds believed to have been self-inflicted.

Ralj, a Dutch emigrant and prospector is not known to have any next of kin. He is reported to have been dead since December 19, 1954. Police only received news of the death last week when word came down from the tiny settlement just south of the Yukon border.

Officials Continue Gem Search

PRESTWICK, Scotland (Reuters)—Inside a roped-off piece of grassland, just off the main highway of the airport here, a search will go on for another two weeks for about £1,000,000 worth of diamonds, missing since an airliner crashed Christmas Day.

So far, about 300 have been recovered, and experts put their value at about £15,000.

The cordoned-off area is guarded day and night by security police, and searchlights sweep over it during darkness.

No fortune-seeking Scot has the faintest chance of picking up any of the wealth in dull, uncut stones that lies scattered and trampled under in the soft soil.

The diamonds were on their way to American dealers from London in a British Overseas Airways Corporation Stratocruiser which overturned and burst into flames as it came in to land. Twenty-eight people were killed.

The diamonds were in 40 sealed packets. The mailbags carrying them were destroyed in the flames which followed the crash, and the diamonds trodden into the soft ground by rescue workers.

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ts were warned today their eyes on their speed- and not try to judge the their cars themselves.

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do it to save your life lives of others," Magis- he told the accused be- ing him $25 and costs. hould make a habit of your speed every block he magistrate said.

Constables Schroeder ne both testified that had been clocked for half peeds varying from 40 es per hour.

who pleaded not guilty, t he definitely did not 40 miles an hour but that he might have down a hill at 35.

he admitted that, the te said, he would have him guilty.

Also fined for speeding was Hugo Carl David who pleaded guilty to exceeding the 25 miles per hour limit on Sixth Avenue East. He was fined $20 and costs.

Remanded until 2 p.m. January 18, on a charge of impaired driving was Kenneth Welsh. The charge arose out of an accident November 22, 1954, when a car driven by the accused was in collision with a parked car on Sixth Avenue West. Welsh had pleaded not guilty at an earlier court appearance.

Quota Increase For Polio Fund

VANCOUVER (CP) — The B.C. Polio Fund, following an emergency meeting, announced here Sunday it had increased this year's fund objective $50,000 to $300,000.

The group said the action follows the recent announcement that 40,000 school children in B.C. will be given the new Salk Polio Vaccine this year.

President Wally Foruson said the cost of administering vaccine to every person in the province would exceed $1,000,000.

"If vaccine tests prove successful, the Polio Fund will share the cost," he said.

The campaign opens January 21, and closed February 10.

WEATHER

coast region: Variable today mostly overcast with rain beginning noon Little change in ture Winds light today theast 30 Tuesday. Low and high Tuesday at rdy, Sandspit and Prince 35 and 42.

y Fails to Reach Verdict Trial of Carnival Worker

WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) male jury deciding the murder suspect Lawrence Saturday failed to reach ment and was discharg-

t is on trial for his life, with the September, angulation slaying of 12- Donna Lee Corbett of B.C.

s convicted last year, but trial and change of von- his case was taken to tish Columbia Court of

year-old carnival worker, formerly of Edmonton, and all witnesses were ordered to "remain until the pleasure of the court is known."

Crown prosecutor Douglas McNeill said he would make application Monday before Mr. Justice Harold Melfnes to have the case heard for the third time at the spring assizes at Prince George.

The jury went out at 12:15 p.m. PST after hearing nearly two hours of charge by Mr. Justice H. Melfnes. It returned at 4:35 p.m. and reported it could not reach a decision.

ONE HUNDRED AND THREE CANDLES, one for every year of her life, shine on Augusta Rossi's birthday cake in Bologna, Italy. Wide-eyed with wonder is her great-granddaughter Silvia, who is only seven months old. Signora Rossi is Italy's oldest schoolteacher and is still in possession of her faculties. She was feasted by four generations of her family and many of her ex-pupils in Bologna, where she has spent her entire life.

Japan Calls Halt to Import Of Iron Ore From B.C. Island

TOKYO (AP) — Kyodo news service reported today that Japanese iron and steel manufacturers have decided to halt import of iron ore from Texada, B.C., in the fiscal year beginning next April 1. Texada is 50 miles northwest of Vancouver.

Kyodo said the action would reduce the import of Canadian iron ore to four or five per cent of the total imported by Japan, as compared with the current 40 per cent about 1,000,000 tons.

Kyodo said Japan would import only 200,000 tons of iron ore from Canada through Vancouver, in fiscal 1955.

The report could not be confirmed from other sources.

Kyodo, Japan's major news agency, said the iron-steel makers decided to stop importing Texada ore because it has risen in price to $18 to $19 a ton from $14.

It said recently developed iron mines in Southeast Asia are selling ore for from $13 to $14 a ton.

(A similar move by the United States government last month saw a U.S. contract cancelled with the Western Tungsten Copper Mine Co., Ltd. Cancellation of the contract which called for sale of the Canadian tungsten brought about closure of the Red Rose Mine.)

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Meanwhile, from Vancouver, Canadian Press reports a B.C. Research Council engineer as forecasting development of an iron and steel industry in B.C. "easily within five years."

"It must come almost certainly," said Dr. G. P. Contractor, who has authored a comprehensive report on establishing an iron and steel industry in the province.

"There is tremendous potential. . . there is a tremendous market for steel in the B.C. area," he said.

Dr. Contractor said a major prerequisite is the locating of greater iron ore reserves.

Strenuous efforts are underway now to find more," he said.

Local Fishermen Urge Dogfish Liver Subsidy

A recommendation that the prices support board place a subsidy on dogfish livers was unanimously endorsed here Sunday afternoon by the Fishermen's Local of the United Fishermen's and Allied Workers Union.

The move originally pushed by the Prince Rupert Fishermen's the Skidegate local of the Co-Operative association and UFAWU is designed to encourage fishmen to catch more of the large predators which are cutting down on the edible species of fish.

Tom Parkin northern representative of the UFAWU said the meeting believed that if the government would subsidize the catching of dogfish, as it aids other industries, the benefits would be felt throughout the entire Pacific coast fisheries.

In recent years, he said, the price for dogfish livers has dropped so low that it wasn't conductive for fishermen to bother with the shark type predators. Consequently the dogfish population has increased to an alarming degree.

The fishermen's meeting also asked the federal government to do what it can to bring about a reduction of tariffs placed on spring salmon by the United States government.

"There is a shortage of spring salmon in the United States," Mr. Parkin said, "and a lowering of tariffs would help both the U.S. market and the B.C. export of salmon."

The meeting endorsed a request of the Fishermen's Co-Op for gear sheds and other port facilities for fishermen on the Prince Rupert fishermen's wharves and also for the city to take over management of the fishermen's float amenities.

The local also repeated its request that the federal government install marine ways in the now defunct Canadian National Railways shipyard to facilitate repairs for the fishing fleet.

The fishermen felt there is still time to provide repair facilities to offset the loss of the drydock sold last year to the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredge Co., of Seattle.

Also endorsed was a Skidegate local move for fishermen to help fight poaching that has been going on in the Queen Charlotte Islands area. The union agreed to sign a pledge to help reduce illegal fishing and pledges will also be distributed in the district for further signatures.

The meeting also endorsed the application of Charles Ryal to attend the University of British Columbia extension department courses now open to fishermen. The course lasts from March 15 to 25.

Executive Committee Silent On Findings of CCF Oustings

VANCOUVER (CP) — Officials of the CCF declined to comment Sunday on the findings of a five-man party executive committee which met Saturday to hear the case of 23 officers and members suspended from the North Vancouver CCF Association.

The suspensions were ordered after the North Vancouver group sponsored a public meeting addressed by Rod Young, former CCF member of parliament who resigned the party following a dispute last July.

"I know nothing whatsoever of what the findings of the committee were," said Frank McKenzie, provincial CCF president.

"The committee will in all likelihood prepare a written report which will take a little time to prepare. It will be turned over to the provincial executive."

Mr. Young resigned in the face of suspension and trial by the party's executive after declaring at a public meeting that he was "proud to be called a communist."

Following his resignation, the executive warned all provincial CCF groups they would be suspended if Mr. Young was associated in any way with any party meetings.

Ex-Policeman Now Magistrate

Ross A. Clayton, former RCMP sergeant with Prince Rupert subdivision has been appointed a stipendiary magistrate and judge of small debts course for Vernon and district it was learned here, today.

Mr. Clayton who came to Prince Rupert in 1952 received an RCMP long-service and good conduct medal in the fall of 1953 after 22 years in the force. He and Mrs. Clayton left Prince Rupert with their two sons November 4, 1954.