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IS A CLOSE-UP of the new surface-to-air guided missile Nike displayed on Ottawa's ...ent Hill in connection with the 100th anniversary of the Royal Regiment of Canadian ...y. The Parliament buildings are in background of this photo. (CP Photo)

Interior Man To Stand Trial In Rifle-Slaying of Neighbor

Evidence in Court Brings Commitment

A 38-year-old interdict was committed for trial for murder at Hazelton yesterday afternoon after a preliminary hearing in connection with the May 21 rifle slaying of an elderly next door neighbor.

Charged with the murder of 60-year-old Ernest Harris, also an Old Hazelton reserve Native, is Peter Green, who sat stolidly through four hours of the hearing before Magistrate Charles Henry Drake in the Hazelton RCMP detachment office.

With T. W. Brown, QC, of Prince Rupert examining the witnesses the story of the night of the fatal shooting was unfolded.

PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN

Photographs showing the hole in the window of Harris' one-story home only a few feet from that of the accused; others showing the spot where Harris fell when hit in the hip with a 30-30 rifle bullet and pictures of the beer case-littered basement of the Old Hazelton Hotel where Green was arrested were shown the court. Also produced was Green's 30-30 rifle which was found propped up against a post a few feet from him after he had been traced by police in an all-night search the morning of May 22.

Witnesses testified that Green, an interdict, had entered the beer parlor of the hotel earlier on the night of May 21 and had ben ordered out. He had drawn a knife when someone tried to eject him and he had been forcibly removed from the beer parlor by several miners.

Evidence was introduced to show that Harris had been felled by a shot fired through a window of his lighted living room as he rose from a chair. He staggered into a bedroom and collapsed.

A ten-year-old nephew, Raymond Harris escaped in the darkness and brought aid, but the elderly man died in hospital at 3:30 a.m. May 22.

SITTING ON STEPS

A police search for Harris which ended at 7:30 that morning disclosed the wanted man on the basement steps of the hotel. Below him on the basement floor and in the basement storeroom, cases containing every type of beer had been opened and sampled. Police testimony showed that Green, when arrested was still able to walk out under his own power.

Green was remanded in custody, following the hearing, until such a time as he comes up for election.

Cause of Fire In Old Hotel Said Unknown

NELSON, B.C. (CP)—A coroner's jury ruled Monday that a hotel fire which claimed six lives here early Friday was of unknown origin and no blame could be attached to anyone.

The six-man jury recorded that "every possible effort was made to save lives and subdue the fire by the Nelson fire department and local citizens."

Basil Nixon of Vancouver, deputy provincial fire marshal, said the blaze started in the northwest corner, within a 15-foot radius of two apartments in the 35-room hotel.

One victim of the $85,000 fire, Mrs. G. W. Edey, 66, lived in one of the nearby apartments.

Police chief Robert Harshaw said all but one of the bodies have been identified. The unidentified body, charred beyond recognition, is believed that of J. T. Price, 89.

Three bodies identified by x-rays of the dental structure were those of Rudy Symington, 10; Mrs. Margaret Sinclair, 73, and Miss Haruml Shimoto, 21. Mrs. Sinclair was the mother of Ian M. Sinclair, Prince Rupert.

Mrs. Edey was identified by a son from her clothes.

The other, Quentin McDonald of Creston, B.C., was identified by a key in his pocket which opened his carpenter's tool box.

Drug Addict Sent to Jail

VANCOUVER (—Eddie Jones, a gaunt-looking 28-year-old salesman who failed in his search for a cure to his drug habit Monday was sentenced to two years in jail for possession of narcotics.

Jones, who has served three terms for possession of drugs, gained wide publicity about two years ago with a series of articles detailing his efforts to shake the drug habit.

...ur U.S. Airmen ...ed by Red China

By FORREST EDWARDS

...ONG KONG (AP) — Four American fliers re... by Communist China after more than two ...mprisonment reached Hong Kong today. Less ...ree hours later they took off for Hawaii and ... with their families.

...en shot down in the ...ar appeared tired but ...f subdued, spirits. They ...ters at the airport that ...been "well treated."

...llowed the same route ...n as did Sqdn. Ldr. A. R. ...acKenzie of Montreal, ... down in the Korean ...cKenzie who later told ...g imprisoned American ... Communist prison ...as freed at the Mong ...der last fall.

...INWASHED

...O W D. Simpson, who ...he fliers at the Com... order said their men... ...ude "was extremely ...and they gave no evidence of being brainwashed."

The four, all jet fighter pilots, are Capt. Harold Fischer Jr., 28, of Swea City, Iowa; Lieut. Lyle W. Cameron, Lincoln, Neb.; Lt.-Col. Edwin Heller, 36, Wynnewood, Pa., and Lieut. Roland W. Parks, 24, Omaha, Neb.

"We are all terribly glad and happy to be free," Cameron told reporters. "What more can we say."

The four arrived just after noon by train from Canton at the border village of Shungchun. They crossed into British territory at 10:33 p.m. PDT. Less than three hours later a special air force transport took off with them.

...Have Checkup in Hawaii

...Force officials indicat... ...ne would fly direct to ...here the men will have ... checkup. Air Secre... ...ld Talbott announced ...plane will fly their ...atives to Hawaii for a ...

... were not permitted ...n the four, who said at ...d they were first told ...they were going to be ...

...ST CLEANUP

...fused to say where ...been held prisoner in ...American authorities ...they believed the men ...most of the time in ...Manchuria.

...hen were dressed in Communist blue trousers and faded blue, collarless shirts when they crossed into Hong Kong territory at the Lowu bridge. They changed to new white shirts and light grey slacks at the Fan Ling jockey club, enroute from the border to the airport.

LONG WAIT OVER

The clothes had been bought for them by an air force greeting party headed by Simpson, U.S. air attache in Hong Kong, who told them: "I welcome you in the name of the U.S. government and the American people. We have been waiting a long time for this."

"So have we," one of the men blurted out.

...s Ready on Special Plane

... Simpson what he ...Heller said, "lead me ...The air attache said ...15 choice ones on the ...en dinner.

...D EXPULSION

...s announced its de...ence the airmen ...ght in a Peiping radio ...which said they had ...cted by a military ...of "intruding" into ... The court ordered ...ted the broadcast ...broadcast was Peip... ...nouncement of any official action against the fliers.

The men said they had been told they were being expelled.

Following the Peiping announcement the U.S. state department expressed hope for early release for 11 other American fliers and 41 civilians detained by the Reds.

The other American fliers are survivors of a B-29 crew whose plane crashed Jan. 12, 1953. The Communists announced last December they had been convicted of espionage and sentenced to prison terms.

Train Run Launches New Era

A new stage in the development of nothern communications will be reached tomorrow with the departure from here of the first train to make a daily run between Prince Rupert, Terrace and Kitimat.

While no special ceremony is planned, the occasion marks a major step in bringing the new smelter town of Kitimat into closer touch with other communities of this district.

Leaving here at 8 a.m. daylight time on a daily schedule, the tain will arrive at Terrace at 11:15 a.m. and at Kitimat at 1:30 p.m. On the return trip it will leave Kitimat at 5 p.m., reaching Terrace at 6:50 p.m. and Prince Rupert at 10:20 p.m.

The twice-weekly run between Terrace and Kitimat, operating Tuesdays and Fridays, will be cancelled after today.

"At this point all our plans for the future of the service must be tentative," K. L. Robertson, CNR general passenger agent here, said. "We have no way of telling just now, whether there will be sufficient demand to continue the service on a daily basis. However, we are very optimistic that it will be successful."

The new train will be made up of three units.

Powered by a diesel-electric motor, the first car will also have space for baggage, mail, express and 22 passengers. This will haul two coaches with accommodation for 64 and 52 passengers.

CNR officials on the first run tomorrow will be Mr. Robertson and W. O. Phillan, master mechanic on the northern line who is responsible for the training of crews in diesel operations. Delegates from the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce are also scheduled to make the trip to meet members of the Vancouver Board of Trade arriving at Kitimat aboard the Prince George that afternoon. Members of the Terrace Board of Trade will embark en route for the same purpose.

In an informal ceremony, Mayor George Hills will be on hand to see the train off. Engineer on the first run will be Vic Hanson.

INDIANS IN BELGRADE

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (— A party of 12 Indian members of parliament arrived Monday by Russian plane from Moscow to spend 12 days in Yugoslavia as guests of the Yugoslav parliament.

Queen Declares Crisis

Eden Given Wide Powers

By HAL COOPER

LONDON (AP) — The Queen today signed a Royal proclamation declaring a national emergency to take effect tonight in strike-torn Britain.

The Queen, vacationing at Balmoral Castle in the Scottish highlands, gave Prime Minister Eden wide-spread powers to deal with the rail and the dock strikes slowly paralizing the country's economy.

The full force of the country-wide railroad strike hit Britain today, amid speculation of the national state of emergency.

Sizing up the situation after the Whitsun weekend holiday, some plant managers began laying off workers for lack of transportation to deliver finished products. Others warned that they would be forced to follow suit within days.

Officials agreed Britain's booming economy would be hurt badly if the strike continued for even a few days.

London was threatened with the worst traffic jam in its history. Hundreds of thousands of suburbanites who normally ride to work in trains converged on the city afoot or by automobile.

Long lines of trucks carrying goods ordinarily moved by rail added to the congestion.

...etropolitan police called in special constables to help deal with the expected 700,000 commercial vehicles and private cars—four times the normal daily flow.

All central London was declared a no-parking zone. Hyde Park and Regents Park, on the western outskirts of the business district, were thrown open for parking to handle the overflow.

Meanwhile thousands of Whitsuntide holidaymakers were stranded overnight at bus and railroad stations as 70,000 striking locomotive engineers stayed off the job. In addition more ships arrived at British ports to join the idle 190 vessels already sitting at deserted docks.

The 18,000 members of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers union have refused to return to work in a dispute with the 80,000-member Transport and General Workers Union.

Yesterday a leader of the striking railwaymen declared "the country will break before we do."

MONTREAL (— Canadian National Railways announced today appointment of Alton V. Johnston as their chief engineer. He succeeds R. O. Stewart who resigned today. Mr. Stewart will be retained as consulting engineer.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD Marrello Assunta looks a little bewildered as he is escorted by the coat collar through Toronto's Union Station under tow of Constable Bill Constable. Marrello, clinging to pop bottles, became separated from his Italian parents who were among 425 immigrants arriving in Toronto by boat train. He was later re-united with his parents. (CP Photo)

Boards Join Forces To Save Totem Poles

A joint committee of the Museum and parks boards to study means of saving the city's totem poles was formed last night at a meeting of the two organizations.

The committee will consider plans for preserving and storing the valuable relics of native art until a suitable location can be found for their display.

Bob Eby, Parks Board chairman, reported that permission had been received to store the poles in the Seal Cove hangar until further arrangements could be made.

However, he said, that due to the poor condition of the poles and the need for careful handling, the cost of moving them to that site might run as high as $150 apiece.

DETERIORATING RAPIDLY

Charles Balagno, parks board member, estimated that the poles were between 80 and 90 years old and stated that, in their present locations exposed to the weather, the poles were deteriorating rapidly.

Dr. R. G. Large, chairman at the meeting, emphasized that it was imperative to get the poles indoors immediately and that plans for their further disposition could be made later.

Appreciation was expressed of the interest shown by citizens in contributing to the "Save-The-Totem Pole" fund which now totals $40 and is being collected at The Daily News office. It was felt that while the amount was small in comparison to the total expence that would be required, this was a situation in which "every nickle counts."

EXAMINE POLES

After the meeting members of the two boards made a tour of the poles to observe their condition. Those appointed to the joint committee were Grady Lewis and Dr. Large, for the Museum Board, and Hugo Kraupner and Mr. Balagno, for the Parks Board.

Latest contribution to the Totem Pole fund, was $2 received from Carl Hickerson, superintendent of Superior Public Schools, Pinal Country, Superior, Arizona.

Mr. Hickerson wrote The Daily News saying that "some day I hope to be a citizen of British Columbia. Here is a bit for the Totem Pole fund."

Only Two Boats In With Halibut

Two vessels only sold their catches on the Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange this morning a total of 40,000 pounds from Area 2.

The United States boat Frisco landed 22,000 pounds and the Canadian halibutter Relief 18,000 pounds.

Individual quantities of each size of halibut, with the price in brackets are as follows: Frisco—mediums 15,000 (12.0); large 7,000 (10.5); chicken (0.5) sold to Atlin Fisheries. Relief—mediums 13,000 (12.0); large 2,000 (10); chicken 3,000 (0) sold to B.C. Packers.

In addition, the Co-Op boats Arctic and Strafen landed 23,600 pounds and 22,000 pounds respectively.

Teletype, Wire Circuits Cut At Kamloops by Big Snowfall

A freak, 10-inch fall of heavy wet snow in the Blue River country, north of Kamloops, cut telegraph and teletype communications to Prince Rupert last night.

The Canadian National Telegraphs were unable to send or receive telegrams until service was restored at 12:45 p.m. today.

The interruption in service, which occurred at approximately 3:30 this morning also blacked out The Daily News teletype, cutting communication with news services supplying national and international news.

With no telegraph service to fill in the hours of lost copy, the News had to complete its world and B.C. coverage by telephone.

Claims Firms, Government In Conspiracy

VANCOUVER (—A top British Columbia labor leader said here Monday that employers and government are "conspiring to defeat" the labor movement by strait-jacket legislation.

Dan Radford, president of the B.C. Federation of Labor (CCL), made the charge in an address that highlighted the opening session of the four-day Canadian convention of the United Packinghouse Workers of America CIO-CCL.

In other business the 150 delegates went on record as favoring the proposed merger of the Canadian Congress of Labor and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and brought in resolutions calling for establishment of a strike fund and a guaranteed annual wage.

Unidentified Woman Killed

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP)—A woman named Renee, but not identified further, was killed here during the weekend when she was run over by a CPR train.

RCMP said the woman was between 40 and 45. Only clue to her identity was the name she scrawled on a chit of beer which she left as security for a restaurant bill shortly before she was killed.

NEW DELHI (— Friends of Tenzing Norgy say the conqueror of Mount Everest has refused an invitation to take part in a Communist world youth festival at Warsaw in August.

...yer Denies "Middleman" Charge

...A C. Tempers flared ...n forestry commis... ...s here Monday when ...al Gordon Gibson ...ancouver lawyer with ...middleman in forest ...t licence applica...

...-up came as F. C. ...resenting B.C. Forest ...amined Mr. Gibson ...submitted to the ...Thursday.

...around town that ...ed one to see if you ...st management li... ...son said after two ...e land.

The lawyer said the remark was a "vicious, irresponsible statement . . . an attack on me." Mr. Munroe told the commissioner Chief Justice Gordon Sloan that he often acted for C. D. Shultz and Co., a firm of forestry consultants and in turn for their clients, one of which was B.C. Forest Products.

"If Mr. Gibson meant to say I have influence with the government then I say it is a diabolical lie," Mr. Munroe said. "I have no more influence than any other lawyer in B.C."

He mentioned Mr. Gibson's charge that the disappearance of the Clayoquot working circle near Alberni into the forest management licence of B.C. Forest Products "is I sincerely believe, a particularly vicious example of big business, and big business alone, having the ear of the government."

He asked who was guilty of "vicious" conduct in granting of the BCFP licence, including the former Clayoquot working circle.

"I put all the blame on the government," Mr. Gibson replied.

He said that in eliminating the Clayoquot working circle, the government "stole it from the little fellow who had nothing and gave it to the big company. He charged that Premier Bennett, in the cabinet appeal hearing on the BCFP licence, "disregarded the appellants."

WEATHER

Forecast

North Coast Region—Variable cloudiness today with a few showers this evening and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Light winds tonight, becoming westerly 20 tomorrow. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 40 and 52.

$3,850 SET FOR QCI WORK BY B.C. POWER COMMISSION

Special To The Daily News

VICTORIA—The British Columbia Power Commission has authorized $3,850 for distribution system work this year in the Queen Charlottes power district.

The money has been appropriated to various capital additions, improvements to existing facilities and general maintenance.

Altogether the commission will spend more than $2,000,000 this year on distribution systems in its 20 power districts throughout the province.