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Former Gambler Tells Inquiry No Payoffs Made To Mulligan

Protection Refused For Key Witness

VANCOUVER (CP)—A former city gambler today denied before a royal commission here that he had paid off Police Chief Walter Mulligan in return for protection of his bookmaking practices.

Pete Wallace, further told Commissioner Reginald H. Tupper, that he had never discussed any payoff arrangements with any policeman.

Wallace had been named early at the hearing inquiring into charges of graft in the 750-man Vancouver police force, as the man who had made a series of $500 payoffs to Det. Sgt. Len Cuthbert.

Cuthbert, former head of the gambling squad, was in the witness box for six days, during which he swore repeatedly, that he had taken payoffs from Wallace and had shared them "on a 50-50 basis" with Chief Mulligan.

NEVER MET CUTHBERT

In answer to commission counsel J. G. A. Hutcheson, who asked if the gambler had ever met Cuthbert to pay him $500 and bottles of whisky, Wallace said:

"I never made that kind of money in my life. No. I never met Cuthbert at any time to pay him any money.

"Was there ever a discussion with Cuthbert concerning a payoff or dividing the city into east and west?" asked Mr. Hutcheson.

"No . . . not in front of me," Wallace said.

Wallace said the first he knew about either the discussion or that he was supposed to have paid Cuthbert money was what he read in the newspapers.

PARSLOE ILL

Earlier this morning a request that a key witness be placed under protective custody was denied today by Commissioner Tupper.

Terry Parsloe, 48-year-old security officer for the Powell River Company, and former RCMP staff sergeant, was to have been the first witness but illness prevented his appearance.

"I request he be ordered into protective custody," said Neil Fleishman, counsel for Ray Munro and the Toronto tabloid Flash.

"I am in receipt of such information which I have turned over to the RCMP," Fleishman told Mr. Tupper.

"It is outside my power to order him into protective custody," replied Commissioner Tupper.

INQUEST POSTPONED

Meanwhile police were checking a new development in the death of Supt. Harry Whelan.

The inquest into the officer's death, which had originally been set for 11 a.m. Tuesday, has been postponed indefinitely, RCMP officers said.

The postponement came following a report that Whelan had a mysterious visitor minutes before he was found shot to death Friday morning.

Beating Victim Threatened

VANCOUVER (CP)—Police said Saturday that a former Winnipeg man, victim of a savage beating here June 12, has been threatened by the underworld.

Police said two unidentified men had visited the suburban Burnaby home of Mrs. Charles Kinna, grey-haired mother of Thomas Kinna, and had offered her son $2,000 "to keep his mouth shut."

The 29-year-old Kinna was savagely beaten June 12 and in police court here a week ago identified five men as his attackers.

The five, committed for trial in higher court on charges of attempted murder are Robert Tremblay, 32; Lucien Mayer, 40; Charles Talbot, 36; James Magren, 28, and Marcel Frenette, 28, all of Vancouver.

Mrs. Kinna said in an interview that two men visited her home Wednesday and told her they "represented a certain party."

They told her to see her son in hospital and tell him to "forget about testifying or you know what will happen."

She said they had returned the following day and offered to pay her son $2,000 if he refused to testify.

Kinna, who suffered two broken legs and other injuries in the beating, was released quietly from hospital Friday. He had been under police guard for the eight weeks he was in hospital.

FAILS IN SWIM — Exhausted Shirley Campbell is held by coach Max Hurley in this dramatic photo taken after Shirley's attempt to swim across Lake Ontario failed. She was pulled from the water 22 hours, 27 minutes after she set out from Youngstown, N.Y. (CP Photo)

Two Cabinet Ministers To Pay Visit To City

Two federal cabinet ministers will visit Prince Rupert this fall, E. T. Applewhaite, MP, said here today on his return from Ottawa.

Public Works Minister Robert Winters plans to make a trip to the northern B.C. coast in September, while Transport Minister George Marler is scheduled to come here in October, Mr. Applewhaite said.

"The purpose of their visits will be to bring themselves up to date on the important industrial developments out here and to study certain projects that are of concern to their particular departments," Mr. Applewhaite explained.

He recalled that Mr. Winters made a similar trip four years ago, while for Mr. Marler it will be the first visit since his appointment to the cabinet.

ON-SPOT-STUDY

"Mr. Marler is particularly anxious to make an on-the-spot study of the proposed airport for Digby Island," Mr. Applewhaite said. "This has received a good deal of careful consideration in Ottawa over the past several months and, without indulging in too much optimism, I believe the prospects look most promising at this point."

He expressed the hope that the city would do everything possible to show its readiness to support the project and would continue to stress the need for an airport on its own merits.

Commenting on the overall picture for north-central B.C., Mr. Applewhaite said the opinion in Ottawa was that it was "extraordinarily good."

He pointed to the Frobisher project for the Atlin area and the Granduc mining development at Stewart as sources of new activity that will stimulate trade and employment in this whole section of B.C.

CONCERN FELT

Mr. Applewhaite added, however, that concern was felt over the difficulty of shipping companies in maintaining profitable operations along the coast. Referring to the Union Steamship tie-up, he said a word of praise was due the post office department for ensuring that isolated points were not deprived of their mail delivery.

"Within a week of the time that regular shipping stopped, these points were being served by an improvised system of planes, packers and other carriers," he said. "But getting their heavier supplies to them still remains a serious problem."

Post Office Robbed Of $100,000

PORT COQUITLAM—A wide-scale manhunt was organized by RCMP today following the theft of more than $100,000 in cash and money orders in one of the largest post office robberies in Canadian history.

RCMP said the thieves broke into the Port Coquitlam post office around 3 a.m. today and carted away a safe containing about $100,000 in notched money orders, (negotiable after forgery), $14,500 in money orders of various denominations, and $1,556 in cash.

About half of the notched money orders and $3,000 in stamps were recovered when police found the safe, a few miles from this Fraser Valley mill town, 15 miles east of Vancouver.

Police said they believed a truck had been used to transport the safe after thieves had gained entry into the post office through a rear window.

— WEATHER —

Cloudy with a few showers today and Tuesday. Sunny periods in the afternoons. Remaining cool. Light westerly winds. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 52 and 60.

Peaceful Use Of H-Bomb Stressed

Messages Sent By U.S., Russia

By FRANK CAREY

GENEVA (AP) — Indian scientist Homi J. Bhabha today opened the first international atomic energy conference with the prediction that the way may be found to harness the titanic energy of the hydrogen bomb for peaceful use.

Bhaba, president of the 72-country scientific parley, said such a solution might be found within the next 20 years.

"When that happens," he said, "the energy problems of the world will truly have been solved forever, for fuel will be as plentiful as heavy hydrogen in the oceans."

The opening session aso received a message from President Eisenhower, whose historic address before the United Nations General Assembly in December, 1953, inspired the atoms-for-peace program now being worked out by the international organization and the present conference.

The president's message, brought by chairman Lewis L. Strauss of the U.S. atomic energy commission, reaffirmed the American pledge to "help find ways by which the miraculous inventiveness of man shall not be dedicated to his death, but consecrated to his life."

Recalling his address before the UN, which is sponsoring this conference, Eisenhower declared: "The atom stands ready to become man's obedient, tireless servant, if man will only allow it."

In other messages sent by world leaders, Premier Bulganin said Russia hoped the conference would mark "an important step toward the development of international scientific co-operation in the field of the peaceful uses of atomic energy."

In London, Prime Minister Eden described the conference as a "splendid example of world-wide co-operation for peaceful purposes." French Premier Edgar Faure said he hoped "peaceful competition" in the development of atomic energy would improve world living standards.

Prime Minister Nehru of India also sent a message in which he said the conference would, "I hope, turn peoples' minds still more from the evil aspect of the misuse of this great force which has come into man's hands and show the way to peaceful progress and co-operation."

Man Charged After Shooting Of Young Boy

MERRITT, B.C. (CP) — Bobby (Butch) Sahara, 13, was shot in the neck and Jack Cairens, 30, charged with attempted murder here Friday night following an encounter for which RCMP said they could find no motive.

The boy was reported in good condition today in Nicola valley general hospital.

Police said young Sahara was on horseback, gathering the family cows on the outskirts of the city when "Cairens called him over. He pointed a gun at the boy and the shooting occurred." RCMP said they did not know what led to the shooting as "there was no argument."

Cairens was due to appear on the attempted murder charge this afternoon. Police were holding a 22-calibre rifle.

RESTS AFTER ATTEMPT — Shirley Campbell takes a cup of tea during breakfast after regaining strength from her unsuccessful attempt to swim Lake Ontario. The 19-year-old challenger had hoped to break the record of 20 hours and 46 minutes held by Toronto's Marilyn Bell, the only person to conquer the lake. (CP Photo)

Agriculture Out Of Step With Economy Says Walls

Special To The Daily News

TERRACE — In the midst of relatively prosperous times in Canada, agriculture today finds itself out of step with the rest of the country's economy, members of the Terrace Farmer's Institute were told Saturday last.

Speaking to the Institute was Charles E. S. Walls, secretary-manager of the B.C. Federation of Agriculture, here on the first leg of a province-wide tour for the purpose of investigating river bank erosion.

"Our trouble" said Mr. Walls, "partly stems from the fact that in all of North America we are now in the midst of a transition period from a predominantly rural economy to that of becoming mainly industrial nations. This, history shows us, is a transition which most of the older nations passed through over a century ago."

Although the cash income of B.C. farmers has remained fairly stable over the past five years, there still is a feeling of dissatisfaction among the majority of B.C. farmers, he said.

"The answer lies in our 'net income'," said Mr. Walls, "for last year, after paying for feed, farm help, taxes and so on, the farmer had only a 35 per cent net income." "In the same period across all Canada," continued Mr. Walls, "farmers averaged 64 per cent of their cash income as 'net'". The cost of production in B.C. is 22 per cent higher than that of Canadian farmers as a whole, and this is the major problem that B.C. farmers have to contend with.

The answer, he said, lies partly in obtaining parity prices for agriculture, but parity prices should not be confused with floor prices.

"Prices supports," said Mr. Walls, "properly applied can prevent excessive ups and downs in farm prices to the advantage of producer and consumer."

"Most important of all, support prices generally should be established at stop loss levels so that in no sense will they be an incentive to increased production and the amassing of unsaleable surpluses." "However," continued Mr. Walls, "it is my personal belief that price support is at best a temporary palliative and that any long term policy of improving agriculture's position cannot solely be based on Government subsidy."

"One of the principal factors holding back agriculture in this country," he said, "is the lack of an adequate system for farm financing."

In the province of British Columbia the net income per farmer last year was $2,000, yet the average capital investment was $16,000. "And yet," said Mr. Walls, "present lending agencies attempt to handle farm loans on the same basis that they employ for other commercial loans.

"It may surprise you to know" he said, "that out of 26,000 farmers in B.C., almost 12,000 fall into the category of part-time farmers." He put this down to the fact that whilst most of them are experienced farmers it is necessary for them to work out on other jobs in an attempt to build up the necessary capital in order to farm properly on a full time basis.

Salmon Catch Improving

Improved catches of pink and humpback salmon are reported by the Dominion Fisheries office here with 60 seiners in Ogden channel averaging 500 fish up until last Thursday while catches from another 70 seiners have averaged 100 fish, mostly pinks.

Fishermen report a good run of humpbacks through Ogden channel, and there is some improvement in other areas. A few sockeye are still being caught although the season is over, it is reported.

Socreds Name Candidate

LILLOOET, B.C. (CP) — Don Robinson, an engineer, on the Pacific Great Eastern railway, was nominated here Saturday as the Social Credit candidate in the Lillooet constituency by-election.

Outlook Good For All Crops Around Terrace

Special to The Daily News

TERRACE — Crop prices for the remainder of the year may be lower than last year, the Terrace Marketing Board was told at its last meeting.

Speaking to the meeting was William Brandis, secretary-manager of the board who said, however, general conditions should favor an easy disposal of all Terrace crops as Kitimat and Prince Rupert should be able to absorb much of the local produce.

In a general management review, E. Shaw, chairman said that in his opinion the proper functioning of the marketing board required sufficient produce to supply the market and good co-operation from all members. Without these conditions, he said, a board of management would be unable to operate.

Members felt that while there were still many difficulties to overcome in the future, the outlook for farmers in the Terrace area and the successful operation of the marketing board, continues to look satisfactory.

A vote of confidence in the present board of management followed a lengthy discussion of marketing board procedures.

Man Unharmed In Fishboat Fire

A fisherman escaped without injury and only minor damage was caused this morning in a fire at 8:55 a.m. aboard a gillnetter tied up at the Home Oil Co. dock.

Owner Chester Bolton was attempting to start the motor of the fishboat Marlene Ann when a back-flash started a fire aboard the vessel. City fire department was alerted but Bolton put out the fire with a carbon dioxide extinguisher he carries aboard the boat.

Percy Stanley Funeral Held

Funeral services for Percy Stanley, 36-year-old Kincolith fisherman, who was drowned last December 1 when the fishboat Porcher 66 foundered in a 60-mile-an-hour gale off Ryan Point, 12 miles northwest of Prince Rupert, were held Saturday afternoon at Ferguson's Funeral Home.

Mr. Stanley's remains were discovered March 25 and were forwarded to UBC for study.

Canon Basil S. Proctler officiated at the service at which the hymns "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me" and "Rock of Ages" were sung.

Besides his wife, Ramona, he is survived by four sons, Harry Wilfred, William Edward, Melvin Thomas, and Hubert Percy; five daughters, Rose Carol, Mary Louise, Wilma May, Winnifred Phoebe and Frances Gertrude; also a brother Murphy Stanley.

Mr. Stanley was one of three men aboard the Porcher 66 when it was driven ashore. Ralph Clayton, 41, owner of the boat was also lost and his body recovered December 23.

Third crew member, Howard Lincoln, 30, clung to the mast of the Porcher 66 for 16 hours before he was rescued by a passing fishboat and brought to Prince Rupert suffering from exposure.

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ck-Car Crash Clinton Fatal

The Canadian Press

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Sheriff Robert Borthhe was riding in a car B.C. men, Emanuel of Salmo and Fred Prince George, when he was involved in a collision. Eight persons and one man killed. B.C. persons were hurt to interview. Five in the second car, all Wash., suffered cuts

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hour in a liquor suppose in February of John Vandal, 527 Avenue West, pleaded morning in police another charge of supIndian with an intoxwas fined $300 and default of payment to six months in jail.

said they had arrested in possession of liquor and had been told that been obtained at the Rupert Steam Baths. A the premises revealed of liquor. Vandal, police in charge of the prem-

pearing in police court Szewczynski, who guilty to driving on street July 23 without and attention. The ne-who was driving without whose car went off was fined $50 and default sentenced to in jail. Henry Bauer, ded guilty to theft of Robert Jackson August fined $50 and costs or one month in jail.

Ground Party Presses Search For Lost Plane

WINNIPEG (CP) — An RCAF ground part continued its search today in the Manigotagan area of northwestern Manitoba for a T-33 jet trainer missing from the Gimli Man., station since July 25.

RCAF officials said the ground search, conducted by Flt. Lt. W. A. Dragan of Vancouver, covered four strips 2½ miles long and 400 yards wide during the weekend without uncovering any trace of the plane, piloted by PO H. F. Walsh, 18, of Victoria.

Meanwhile, three boats were scheduled to continue today to tow mine detectors through 34 feet of water near where an oil slick was found on Lake Winnipeg near Elk Island