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**THIS IS THE BARBER SHOP** in Oakalla prison where three convicts held a guard, Ernie Loveless, hostage with a razor at his throat. The convicts finally released the guard to Bruce Larsen, city editor of the Vancouver Province, after the newspaper man promised them his paper would carry as much of the convicts' story as it could legally publish. The newspaper put out an extra edition after the guard was released. (CP Photo).

## Two of Convict Trio Placed in Death Cells

VANCOUVER (CP)—Two of three desperate convicts who held a guard as hostage at Oakalla prison Monday have been placed in death cells for security.

Robert Tremblay and Marcel Frenette were placed in the cells, the only place in the crowded prison where greater security is possible than in the west wing where they and Charles Talbot seized guard Ernie Loveless and held him with a razor at his throat.

The other death cells hold three condemned men and one whose death sentence has been commuted to life imprisonment.

Punishment of the three men will be left to the higher courts and will not be undertaken by prison officials, Warden Hugh Christie said Thursday.

"They could face charges with penalties a lot more severe than I could give—even attempted murder," he said.



**BRUCE LARSEN**, 29-year-old city editor of the Vancouver Province, sits at his typewriter after he convinced three convicts they should release their hostage, guard Ernie Loveless of Oakalla prison near Vancouver. The three had just been told they had lost their appeals against 20-years sentences for attempted murder of a former drug addict. (CP Photo).

## Soviet-Japanese Talks On Salmon Watched Here

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada is watching with interest the Russo-Japanese talks under way in Moscow on the rich salmon fishery of the northeast Pacific.

The talks stem from Russia's action in March in closing off the Sea of Okhotsk and waters up to 400 miles off the Siberian coast to Japanese salmon fishermen. Previously, the area provided the Japanese with some 500,000 cases of salmon annually, about one-quarter of their entire Pacific catch.

Ottawa, while admitting interest, is not taking sides in the dispute.

One authority said Canada recognizes Russia's argument that the salmon in the newly-prohibited area are spawned in Siberian rivers and are the result of Russian conservation measures. On the other hand, Japan's vital need for fishing space to feed her growing population is recognized here.

**MAY SEEK AMENDMENT**

Japan is a party with Canada and the United States to the north Pacific fisheries convention. It is felt here that even if the Japanese are crowded they would not push over boundaries laid down in the convention, but might try to have the treaty amended in their favor.

Aim of the 10-year-convention signed in 1952 is conservation of the main Pacific species—salmon, halibut and herring. Under it, the 175th meridian, which practically cuts the Pacific into equal halves, forms a provisional line. The Japanese agreed to fish only west of the meridian and Canada and the United States east of it.

Officials here say that up to now the Japanese have lived up to the strict letter of the convention. In research they were doing more than their share in trying to determine whether salmon caught in the mid-Pacific are spawned in Asiatic or North American rivers.

**SUBJECT TO REVIEW**

The 175th meridian provisional line is subject to review in 1957 but could be reconsidered sooner.

Informants here expect that if the Russo-Japanese question is not resolved the Japanese will bring the matter up at the next meeting of the north Pacific fisheries commission, which administers the convention. The meeting is scheduled for Seattle in November.

Government fisheries chiefs have obtained a copy of the text of the Russian closure decree and have been giving it close study.

## Labor Party Gains in U.K.

LONDON (Reuters)—Results of municipal elections throughout Britain today showed a strong swing toward the Labor party, which claimed a net gain of 213 town councils of England and Wales and 57 more in rural and urban districts.

The Labor party announced that in contests held Thursday in 513 boroughs it wrested control from opponents in nine contests and lost its own majority in five others.

In the 23 metropolitan boroughs of London, Labor on re-rolls declared so far maintained its control of 19 and claimed a net gain of 23 seats.

The contests outside London were for the re-election of only one-third of the councils. When the seats filled were next contested three years ago, Labor made 379 gains.

Sociologists say the present results do not represent anything like a landslide. In previous post-war elections throughout Britain, both the socialists and their opponents have at times made gains of 1,000 seats or more.

But they claim their successes demonstrate that a large part of the local electorate is linked by the policies of Sir Anthony Eden's Conservative Government, and by the present high cost of living.

## Radio Interview, Lectures To Conclude "Safety Week"

A 15-minute radio interview, a draw for prizes and a continuation of lectures and demonstrations on first aid will wind up the observance of Forest Products Safety Week at the Watson Island plant of the Columbia Cellulose Company, a company spokesman said today.

Safety Week will officially end at midnight tonight, D. J. Dossell, personnel superintendent announced. It will see six pairs of safety boots awarded safety-quiz prize winners and an announcement made of the week's no-accident record winner.

Mr. Dossell, along with Robert Kelsey, company safety supervisor and Donald Loy, safety representative of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers Union (IBU-APL) will be interviewed over station CPMR on safety of the pulp plant at 6:30 p.m.

The CUC plant's own "no-accident" record for the safety week was nullified Wednesday and Thursday when laborer Frank Mrazek and pilot plant assistant William E. Sundberg were injured at work.

# Terrorists Claim Two Britons Hung "As Necessary Reprisal"

## 500 Rebels Killed This Week

### Algiers Drive French Continue

ALGIERS (AP)—Military and unofficial reports indicated today that the French have killed more than 500 Algerians this week in their drive to check the new nationalist offensive against European farms and settlements.

Some French newspapers in Algiers estimate rebel losses since last weekend at up to 1,000.

**FEW FRENCH DEAD**

The French have admitted only a handful of soldiers killed and slightly more wounded. In addition, 20 European farmers, wives and children were reported slain in western Algeria last weekend in the initial phase of the new nationalist offensive.

The surge of rebel activity continued unabated. Nationalist bands ranged through the vast central North African territory with torch and machine-gun. The French concentrated on vast military sweeps in western Algeria, where 40 farms were burned early this week, and in the area north of Constantine, east Algeria, where some 45 settlements and farms were attacked Tuesday and Wednesday.

**ATTACKS CONTINUE**

The French army reported clashes with the rebels Thursday night in the mountainous Kabylie region in northeast Algeria and near Algiers itself.

The village of Rivet, only 15 miles southeast of Algiers, was under fire for almost an hour. Six rebels were killed in the skirmish.

At least seven rebels were reported killed in the scattered Kabylie fighting, where 20 French outposts were attacked Thursday.

**STIFF BATTLE**

Another stiff battle was reported in progress near the east Mediterranean port of Philippeville. Rebel losses were described as heavy.

The French defence ministry put out a communique in Paris Thursday night deploring the "alarmist" character of reports in France's newspapers.

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**DICK BEDDOES**, (left) Vancouver sports columnist was among the missing today so far as the Prince Rupert District Senior Baseball association's pre-season banquet scheduled for tonight was concerned. According to Arthur Murray, (right), city senior baseball commissioner, Beddoes arrived at Vancouver's international airport early this morning en route to Prince Rupert to find that arrangements for his air passage had not been completed. His missing the flight to this city, brought cancellation of tonight's banquet and also postponement of opening of senior baseball season here until May 20. Season will start as scheduled in Terrace. Mr. Murray said that he hoped that arrangements can be made for the pre-season banquet and Mr. Beddoes visit can be made for next week.

## Lakes, River Shipping 75 Per Cent Tied Up

Nearly one-quarter of Canada's Great Lakes-St. Lawrence river fleet was either at dock or heading for an unseasonal tieup today because of a wage strike by lake seamen.

At midnight Thursday, 12 hours after the Seafarers' International Union (S-I-U) called out the men from two shipping companies, 14 ships were tied up at ports from Quebec City to the Lakehead.

The other, owned by Colonial Steamships Ltd., was tied up at Kingston, and the 20-man crew paid off in apparent retaliation for the union strike order.

The remaining 50 freighters owned by the Upper Lakes and Paterson firms were steaming for the nearest ports, where their crews were to form picket lines. The companies belong to the seven-firm Lake Carriers' Association.

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The other companies besides Colonial are Canada Steamship Lines, Hall Corporation of Canada, Mohawk Navigation Company and Beaufort Steamship Ltd. These five are also negotiating wages with the union.

Unions and company representatives and federal mediator H. Carl Goldenberg were to meet again in Montreal today in an effort to settle the contract dispute.

E. Macaulay Dillon, association counsel, has told the union it "regards a strike against two of its members as a strike against the association."

No violence was reported in any ports.

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## Utah Squads Execute Two For Slaying

POINT OF THE MOUNTAIN, Utah (AP)—Volunteer firing squads executed two men at dawn today for a murder they committed more than six years ago.

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**ACTRESS KIM NOVAK**, who has taken the whole coterie of internationalists at the Cannes Film Festival by storm, seems to have added Aly Khan to the list of her admirers. Here, they're navigating through the crowds on the dance floor of the Broomfield cabaret. (Anybody here seen Rita?)

## Leaflets Signed By EOKA Leader

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Reuters)—The Cyprus terrorist organization EOKA claimed today to have executed two British soldiers as a reprisal for the hanging Thursday of two Cypriots sentenced for terrorism. The EOKA claim was made in leaflets distributed in Nicosia today.

The leaflets gave the names of the soldiers as Cpl. Gordon Hill and Cpl. Ronnie Shilton.

The leaflets said: "These two men, our prisoners since November, 1955, and April, 1956, respectively, were hanged as a necessary reprisal for the judicial murder of Michael Karoalis and Andreas Demetrious, prisoners and victims of British military dictatorship on this Greek island."

The leaflets said both soldiers were hanged Thursday and buried secretly.

**SIGNED BY DIGENIS**

Youngsters distributed the leaflets—written in both English and Greek—in the streets in the Greek quarters of Nicosia.

The leaflets said both soldiers "Digenis," reputed leader of the EOKA, for whose capture the British authorities have offered a reward of £10,000.

After saying "May God have mercy on their souls," the leaflet added: "We do not hate British soldiers, but we are determined to be free. We are compelled to use for our freedom the same means that are used by the occupation forces for its suppression."

The leaflets did not state where the executions had taken place or where the bodies were buried. But they added: "Their bodies are not being returned to their own people."

The bodies of the two Cypriots hanged Thursday were buried in a Nicosia prison cemetery.

**MOURNING CONTINUES**

British authorities reported Hill missing last December, but scoffed at reports by the EOKA that they were holding him as a hostage. His mother several months ago wrote to the Queen asking that authorities negotiate for his release.

Shilton was reported missing last month. There had been no previous EOKA claims about him.

Cyprus meanwhile was in mourning for the second day running for the two executed terrorists. Shops stayed shut in the Greek section of the city and few people were at work. Only food stores remained open—as they must by law.

Terrorists attacked a British military vehicle on a main road between Famagusta, Nicosia and Larnea by detonating electrically a mine as it passed by.

The vehicle was damaged by the explosion but no one was hurt.

## City Man Suffers Wounds

A Prince Rupert man is in "fairly good" condition in Prince Rupert General Hospital after being admitted early this morning suffering from stab wounds to the stomach and arm.

Injured is Michael Postuk, 37, of 621 Fulton street.

Police in Prince Rupert reported today they are bringing back from Terrace a man who has been charged with assault with intent to wound in connection in the stabbing.

"Police were called to the Fulton street address at 4:15 a.m. today, where Postuk was found to be suffering from a penetrating wound in the upper abdomen and lacerations to the back of the left arm.

The injured man was taken to hospital by police.

The RCMP here did not disclose the name of the man they are holding in connection with the incident.

Postuk, a former city taxi-driver, had been employed in Kitimat until returning to the city about a month ago, police said.

## Fisherman Dies After Boat Fire

Adam Collins, 44-year-old fisherman from Skidegate Mission, died last night at the Queen Charlotte Island centre as a result of fire aboard his boat, RCMP in Prince Rupert reported today.

Cause of the fire and other details of the mishap were not contained in the brief message received by RCMP sub-division last night, but the blaze may possibly have started from a cigarette igniting Collins' blankets, police said.

## Hoedown Set

Novel entertainment with a western flair will be presented tonight for Prince Rupert audiences when the Civic Centre stages its "Hillbilly Hoedown" featuring all local artists.

The stage show of western songs and fast-paced patter will feature Freddie Lang, on violin; Lon Knutson, guitar; Abe Doehl, electric guitar; John Doehl, guitar and Jim Cumming, bass.

Stage setting was designed by Mrs. Robert Hill.

## Trades and Labor Council To Ask Speedup by Doctors in WCB Reports

Delays of up to nine weeks in the forwarding of progress reports of injured workers from Prince Rupert doctors to the Workmen's Compensation Board in Vancouver were reported to delegates at a meeting of the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council last night.

"TLC president E. P. O'Neal told delegates that the matter had come up for discussion at an executive meeting Wednesday and the labor group's officers wanted to find out where the fault lay.

"There's a certain laxity and it's working a hardship on members," Mr. O'Neal said.

The TLC president said that in one instance a worker had not received a compensation cheque for nearly 10 weeks. Mr. O'Neal said he had approached the Compensation Board in Vancouver where officials informed him that they had not received the final progress report on the case.

"We were referred to the Medical Association here for the progress report," Mr. O'Neal said.

Angus Macphoe, TLC director, suggested that a letter be sent to the Medical Association asking a speed-up in forwarding progress reports to meet the specifications of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

J. S. Hunk, carpenter's union representative said that some enquiry should have been made by the WCB after no report was received after nine weeks.

"It may work a hardship on doctors to get out the reports or the board may be at fault, but the inconvenience is not to be compared with that of a man waiting nine weeks for a compensation cheque," Mr. O'Neal said.

## WEATHER

Cloudy at first but mostly sunny this afternoon. A few clouds Saturday morning becoming cloudy in the afternoon. A little warmer tomorrow. Winds light. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy and Prince Rupert 35 and 55; Sandspit 40 and 55.