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200 Convicts Freed in Raid By Terrorists

NAIROBI, Kenya (Reuters)—Bugle-blowing anti-white terrorists sprung a surprise attack on Lukinia prison near here Friday night and released 200 Mau Mau convicts.

Firing their guns and shouting weird cries as they broke through the barbed wire around the camp, the well-armed terrorists gang, numbering about 40, overpowered the surprised guards and hustled most of the Mau Mau convicts out of the camp.

Following the attack, 27 African prison guards were missing, but seven of them turned up at the prison later.

At dawn today, 1,000 troops and security police were sent to the area, about 23 miles southwest of here in an intensive hunt for the missing convicts.

DOGS JOIN HUNT

Planes searched for signs of the terrorist gang and the escaped convicts, while dogs led ground forces in a widespread search.

Government officials after announced that 19 Mau Mau convicts were recaptured. They said the raid was the biggest and most successful attack to date on a prison. It apparently had been planned well in advance.

First reports said the native prison guards were completely overwhelmed when the surprise attack began. Many of them fled from the onslaught.

Terrorists also launched raids on the Nairobi area Friday night, attempting to steal food and clothing from several suburban stores, and police believe the raids may have been part of a master plan to provide the escaped convicts with food and clothing.

WEATHER

Unsettled weather continues in store for the province today as a minor disturbance drifts over the province from the northwest. A driving wedge of cold air has brought the first flakes of wet snow to the Yukon this morning but the major thrust of the outbreak will remain east of the Rockies and have little influence over B.C. Some improvement in the pattern of weather is expected tomorrow particularly in the more northerly parts of the province where partial clearing is expected.

Forecast

North Coast Region—Rain in the southern part, otherwise cloudy in all areas today with a few showers. Cloudy with sunny periods Sunday. Little change in temperature. Winds light except northwesterly 15 in the Queen Charlottes tonight and Sunday. Low tonight and high Sunday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 50 and 60.

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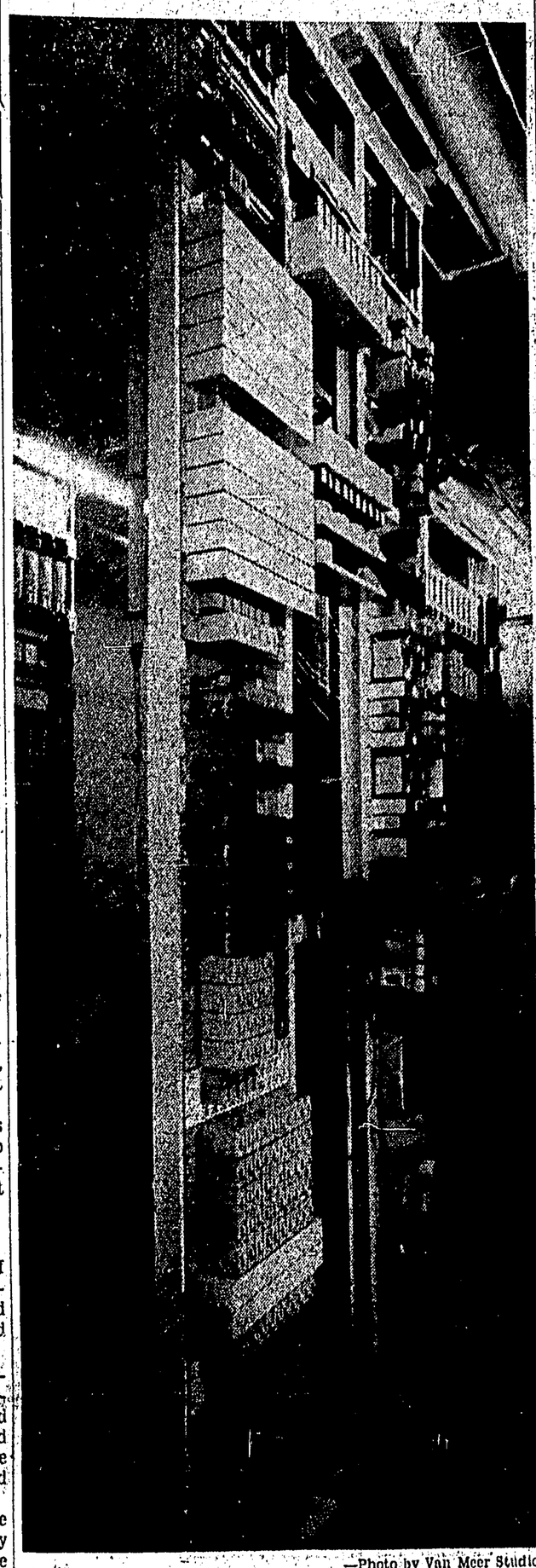

—Photo by Van Meer Studio.

..... Takes Over Calls Tonight

ELECTRO-MAGNETIC "brain" which filters and meters long distance calls in new automatic dial system for city will take over at midnight tonight is shown above in the left foreground. In ba to the right of relay rack is radio telephone equipment, while at extreme right is the toll train. Off to the left can be seen end rack of second selectors, the mechanical device which is part of system to select numbers dialled.

Dial Telephone System To Be Launched Tonight

All In Readiness For Big Cut-Over

Midnight tonight will see Prince Rupert take an important step in its progress as a growing community when the cut-over from manual to dial operation of the Prince Rupert Telephone system takes place.

Mayor George Hills at a ceremoney in the new exchange building at Third Avenue and Second Street, will push a button to sound a siren marking the actual cut-over at one minute past midnight.

A minute or two earlier, Bruce Love, brother of Ernest Love, who was the telephone company's first telephone manager, will have pulled the switch cutting off the old manual system.

Mirst major call on the new $675,000 automatic dial system will be made by Mayor Hills when he places a long-distance call to B.C.'s ex-Premier T. D. Pattullo in Victoria.

Mr. Pattullo was an alderman on the Prince Rupert city council that took over the telephone company from a private concern in August, 1910

After 12:01 a.m. Sunday morning, Prince Rupert telephone subscribers will be able to place calls by the dial system.

Subscribers have been asked by city and telephone officials not to place any calls after 11:50 tonight until after the cut-over.

For a week now, telephone employees have been briefed on operations up to the cut-over.

WAITING CUT OFF

Ten minutes before cut-over time, all calls on the switch board will be checked and subscribers warned of the impending cut-over. If any insist in making immediate calls they will be told that they will be cut off if the connections are still up at cut-over time.

If it is an emergency call the call will be monitored to see that it is authentic. No long distance calls will be put through 15 minutes before zero hour.

Two minutes before zero hour the dispatcher will establish the control circuit to the manual office and will check that everything is ready in both manual and automatic offices.

When all is clear the dispatcher will tell his assistant to "start the cut."

The assistant dispatcher will then ask Mr. Love to pull the fuses, killing the manual switchboard. Four men will then cut the jumpers on the main distributing frame and the dispatcher will ask Mayor Hills to blow the siren. At the siren signal the blocking tools will be pulled and al lines will be tested for dial tone. Troubles will be listed and cleared, and after the line has been checked the official calls can be made.

STARTED IN 1951

The cut-over ceremony will see the realization of a plan begun by the 1951 city council under Mayor H. F. Glassey. A special meeting was held in November, 1951 to hear the report of H. P. Mahoney, chief consulting engineer of Automatic Electric Ltd.

The telephone system was approved by the ratepayers of this city on September 11, 1952, 764 to 78.

The old manual system was orginally set up by a group of local citizens who got together in 1909 to form a telephone utility anl hold the company until the city was incorporatel in May 23, 1910.

CITY TOOK OVER

On June 10, 1910, Ald. T. D. Pattullo moved and Ald. Naden seconded a petition that the City of Prince Rupert purchase from the Prince Rupert Telephone Company all interest in the telephone plant, pole lines and system then in course of construction.

On August 9, 1910 a by-law in favor of the city taking over the system passed 170 to 9 and the system, then one of the most modern on the Pacific coast, started operating August 15, 1910.

The telephone office and exchange of that day was on Third Avenue in the Co-Operative Real Estate Company office. The exchange was moved to the City Hall in 1917.

Preceding the cut-over ceremonies tonight a reception and dinner will be held in the Legion Auditorium for civic, telephone and government officials and guests.

WHILE PAPA MONKEY enjoys a quiet game of poker with the boys, he takes care of his baby-sitting problem by leaving his tail over the edge so Junior can swing. The character at lower right? He just lost all his peanuts in the game, and he's begging patrons at the Paris Zoo to ante up some more.

Canadian Catch Tops U. S. Haul

VANCOUVER (CP)—There were indications Friday that the Canadian sockeye catch will exceed that of the United States this season, considered the best in 41 years.

Although figures released by the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission showed the American catch at 4,777,000 fish compared with 4,587,000 for the Canadians, the Canadian figure was expected to exceed the U.S. total after the property escapement passes the fishing area in the Fraser river.

Group Urges Compulsory Military Plan

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Canadian Infantry Association has urged the federal government to institute compulsory military training in Canada.

The recommendation was contained in a resolution passed at the conclusion of the association's three-day convention here. Attending the meeting were 35 top-ranking officers representing 2,000 militia infantry officers from the 10 Canadian provinces.

Brig. F. T. Atkinson of Quebec City, past-president of the association, said the resolution called upon the government to adopt "some form of compulsory service to keep the militia functioning efficiently."

BCE Forms New Company

VANCOUVER (CP)—Formation of a new subsidiary company, the British Columbia Engineering Co. Ltd., was announced today by President A. E. Grauer of the British Columbia Electric Company.

Mr. Grauer announced the appointment of Dr. Harry L. Purdy as executive vice-president and Thomas Ingledew as vice-president and executive engineer for BCE. Mr. Ingledew will also be president of the new company.

The company will handle heavy engineering and hydro-electric projects for the BCE and for outside clients.

The company combines BCE's Engineering Co. Ltd., which designed and supervised the building of the Alcan development at Kitimat.

Rocks Lead Boxla Finals

PETERBOROUGH Ont. (CP) — Victoria Shamrocks far from happy that Canada's top lacrosse event is being played in an outdoor bowl, showed last night that they don't intend to let the surroundings make too big a difference.

The western champions jumped into the lead in the best-of-seven final for the Mann Cup and the Canadian senior lacrosse title by defeating Peterborough Trailermen 8-4 in the series opener.

A crowd of 4,000 packed Miller bowl and saw the Shamrocks display little sign that they were handicapped by the dirt floor of the fact that the opening game was twice delayed by rain. The westerners, who have always played on a hard surface floor, were in full command throughout the close-checking fray.

The second game will be played here tonight.

Houde Quitting Civic Politics

MONTREAL (CP) — Camillien Houde the rotund, amiable Mr. Montreal, Friday announced his retirement from municipal politics for health reasons.

His statement threw the Oct. 25 civic elections wide open. Two candidates already have announced they will try for the highest post in Canada's biggest city, and more are expected.

Ships Pile Up In Heavy Fog In Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—The season's first fog yesterday was blamed for a pileup of shipping traffic at the First Narrows in Burrard Inlet.

A tanker, a heavy tug and a loaded car barge tangled with a dip dredge but no one was injured and damage to all vessels was not extensive.

The dredge was one of two engaged in deepening and widening the First Narrows under Lions Gate Bridge. The area was the scene of a marine mishap last fall, when a CPR and Union Steamship passenger vessel collided in fog.

Forfeiture of Membership Promised Restless Tories

VANCOUVER (CP)—Forfeiture of membership in the Progressive Conservative Association of British Columbia waits any members who join federal riding organizations, it was announced here Friday.

Decisions taken at a recent meeting of the executive were made public in a press release reporting the adoption of a resolution condemning the plan of national leader George Drew to create federal riding associations in B.C.

The resolution said: "The officers stated that persons, who join the Ottawa-inspired organization will forfeit membership in the Progressive Conservative Association of B.C. and its constituent and affiliated bodies."

The resolution also said: "The officers . . . look upon the Drew plan to create federal riding associations that are responsible only to him as contrary to the interests of B.C. Conservatives and a violation of the constitution of the party in this province."

POLES ASK ASYLUM

AMBLE, England (Reuters)—Three Polish seamen gave themselves up to police here today and asked for political asylum.

They are believed to be crew members from six Polish fishing vessels which took shelter off the coast of Northumberland during a gale Friday.

Court Reserves Sentence After Guilty Plea Heard

Two city men, charged with breaking and entry and theft of cash register from Heppner Motors August 7, elected trial in a higher court this morning when they appeared in police court before Magistrate W. D. Vance.

Charged are Lawrence Harry Iveson and John Aaron Slemans. Iveson is also charged with theft of cigarettes from Island City Builders.

Preliminary hearing in the two charges was set for 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 21.

On a charge of taking a car without the owner's consent from behind Heppner Motors the same night the other offences are alleged to have taken place, Iveson pleaded guilty. Sentence was reserved until the day of the hearing on the other counts. Iveson is remanded n custody. Slemans is free on $500 bail.

W. H. Doodson Dies in South

Word was received here today of the death last Sunday of William H. Doodson, formerly of Prince Rupert and Smithers. Mr. Doodson, who died at his home in South Burnaby, at the age of 67, was one of the early residents of this city. Before the First World War he was in business here with the late George Frizzell, ater he moved to Smithers to go into the meat-packing business in partnership with the late John Sealy, and then returned to open a meat market in Prince Rupert.

Mr. Doodson is survived by his wife, son and daughter, Mrs. T. W. Collison of Smithers, and by four sisters, one of whom is Mrs. Ethel Walton, formerly of Prince Rupert. Interment took place Wednesday at the Ocean View cemetery.

Union Accepts Canners' Bid

VANCOUVER (CP)—Fishermens union announced Friday that the majority of 700 fresh fish workers in the province voted to accept a 10 to 15 cent hourly wage hike offered by the canning companies. The union said that the acceptance will indefinitely postpone a strike vote scheduled for Monday.

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t here a month to marry John a teacher at school. She was at the school Jamaica unexpectedly this week.

Miss Holtz said she and her fiance went ahead with the wedding and she stayed in a small cottage until the ceremony took place. She said she will join him after he leaves his job this December.

She said that before leaving Jamaica she obtained permission from the Canadian authorities to live in Canada and got the "blessing" of the school authorities for her marriage to Hewitt, whom she met while he was teaching in Jamaica.

Miss Holtz added that the school headmaster, G. P. Kaye, agreed to give her away and hold a reception at his home. But at the last minute he cancelled arrangements for the wedding ceremony and gave Miss Holtz five days to leave before the schoolboys got back, she said.

At Shawnigan lake, Mr. Kaye declined to comment on the charge.

In a telephone conversation he referred a reporter to a governor of the school who hung up when the reporter started to question him.

Mr. Hewitt confirmed his wife's charges, but declined to comment further until the headmaster had commented.

Shawnigan lake is about 35 miles north of Victoria.

—Photos by Van Meer Studio.

..... Gone But Not Forgotten

Old system of plugs and jacks shown above in picture of the old "local" board will be a thing of the past tonight on local calls when switch-over is made at midnight to the new automatic dial system. Vanishing from the scene is time-honored "number pul-leese" of switchboard operators (left to right) Norma Johnson, Polly Astoria, Ella Childs, Audrey Sklapsky and Olga Duncan. Only steady "hummm" of dial tone will greet subscribers when they lift the receiver.