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## Bomb Kills 6 As Bar Burns

### Cocktail Lounge Funeral Pyre As Gasoline Throw, Ignited

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A makeshift gasoline bomb turned a quiet neighborhood bar into a funeral pyre for at least six persons shortly before midnight Thursday night.

The coroner said six persons died at the scene on a quiet street in south-central Los Angeles. A woman died later and at least five others were injured.

Police said the bomb apparently was thrown through the front door of the Club Mecca by three men who had been ejected earlier when they tried to dance with one of the cocktail bar's regular women customers.

Assistant Fire Chief R. A. Williams said the men sloshed a bucket of gasoline or some other highly inflammable liquid onto the floor and then threw a match in after it.

"It went up like a blowtorch," said the bartender, Larry Fenlon, 24, who escaped uninjured but the back door.

"Others weren't that lucky. One male customer rolled into a corner where firemen later found his blackened, charred body."

Two other bodies were found crumpled on the floor. The bodies of three other customers were found in the washroom, apparently overcome by smoke.

Inside, the small cafe was a blackened ruin. The 20-foot-long bar was a charred wreck. Shattered, blackened bottles stood in front of a smoke-obliterated mirror.

The three men who threw the improvised "Molotov cocktail" escaped in a car amidst a barrage of gunfire from a passer-by. Vernon Waggy, 24, told police he was walking down the street when he saw the men begin running as the explosion and flames shattered the front of the cafe.

"I pulled out my .32-calibre automatic which I carry for protection and fired at them—I think I hit one," Waggy said. Police said there were three bullet holes in front of the cafe.

Art Hartner said he was driving home when he saw the cocktail lounge belch flames onto the sidewalk.

"The whole place was a wall of flames and I saw a girl stumble out on the sidewalk," Hartner, a truck driver, said. "She was all on fire; her hair, her clothes, even her shoes."

"I wrapped her in my coat and tried to beat out the flames as

FOR ALGOMA PARK

Ducks of the money the board

has earmarked in this year's

estimates, is slated for Algoma

Park where the commissioners

hope to spend \$32,000 on six

main projects.

At other parks, the board has

allocated the following amounts

for work this year:

Westview \$42; Roosevelt Park

\$3,183; McClymont \$9,355; Gyro

\$800; Casey \$2,025; Alder \$400;

Tennis Courts \$200.

The proposed expenditures at

Algoma Park include a consider-

able amount for the lopping for

Little League fields A and B.

Amount was not released by

the parks board as tenders are

being called for the project this

week and it is feared the esti-

mates might influence the bids.

Other major estimates include

\$4,400 for the construction of a

culvert drain and \$9,000 for the

garbage fill contract with the

city, creek diversion (\$2,050).

Gyro — Construction of new

bleachers and dismantling of old

ones (\$800).

Casey Hill re-location teeter-

totters, wading pool backfill,

coloring cement for wading pool

(\$2,025).

Alder—Removal of playground

equipment to Old Borden Street

School site (\$100).

Tennis Courts—Cleanup and

painting of lines (\$200).

Next highest amount is slated

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see POOL PLANS TOO FLIMSY

Completion date for the de-

velopment of the two areas—186

feet by 242 feet and 171 feet by

170 feet, has been set at 60 days

after the contract is let. Penali-

ty of \$10 per day will be levied

for every day of uncompleted

work after the time limit. Specifi-

cations of plans can be obtained

from superintendent of works,

C. J. Chisholm.

Estimate of the park field de-

velopment was not released for

publication as commissioners

felt the amount might influence

the bids.

Both areas are to be graded

and compacted and sloped ap-

proximately one per cent towards

the creek which bounds the

area on the south side.

A certified copy of 10 per

cent of the total tender is re-

quired for submission with each

bid. The successful tender shall

have the deposit held as security

until acceptance of the com-

pleted project.

Progressive payments on the

project will be made.

Lowest tender submitted will

not necessarily be accepted.

Tenders for the installation of

troughs, grading and surfacing

of two baseball fields in Algoma

Park will be called for tomorrow

by the parks board announced

last night.

Bids will not be received by parks

board secretary, Bruce Sinclair

at City hall until 8 p.m.

April 30.

**The Weather**

A few clouds overnight and

Saturday. Clouding over Satu-

rday afternoon. Intermittent rain

Saturday evening. Little change

in temperature. Windy yesterday

and this morning decreasing to 20

this afternoon and to light over-

night, then breaking to 20 Saturday afternoon. Low to-

night and high Saturday at Port

Hardy and Prince Rupert, 10

and 30.

SNATCHED FROM nearly half

a million contestants to serve

as entry boy on the replica

of the historic Mayflower dur-

ing its trip from Britain to

the United States, 17-year-old

Joseph Munny of Waltham,

Mass., smiles at his good for-

tune on the arrival at London

Airport. He'll be the only Ameri-

can member of the crew

which will sail the new May-

flower to the U.S. in April,

on a voyage expected to last

from four to six weeks.



## Public May Be Asked To Back Both Museum, Swimming Pool

### Proposed Pool Plan "Too Flimsy" — Large

Dr. R. G. Large, chairman of Prince Rupert Centennial Committee, warned City Council last night that if the proposed Civic Centre swimming pool is adopted as the centennial project on its present "flimsy basis" of volunteer labor, he and his committee would resign.

Dr. Large's report stated:

"First of all, I am not against an indoor swimming pool for Prince Rupert. In company with Mr. Norton Youngs, I have been one of its chief advocates from the very beginning of our Civic Centre movement. I believe wholeheartedly in the idea and will support a movement for its realization at any time. We have needed a pool for many years, it is my opinion the time has come to go ahead and get one."

Secondly, I want to clarify my position and the position of my committee. It was appointed by the Mayor and is, in effect, a sub-committee of the city council. We are answerable to you for our actions and we look to you for the necessary financial backing to carry out our duties. We are also answerable to the provincial government through the Central Centennial Committee, by virtue of the fact that certain of our members have been appointed by them and a large part of our finances are obtained from the provincial government.

We are charged with certain duties which may be briefly stated as follows: (a) to plan and carry out suitable celebrations to commemorate 1958; (b) to record the history of the district if it has not already been done; (c) to erect a permanent memorial to mark the 100th birthday of the province.

Your committee has recommended that a museum be built as a Centennial project. Certain groups in the city are loudly demanding we build a swimming pool as our project. Let me deal with the latter suggestion first.

Briefly, it has been proposed to build an indoor swimming pool behind the Civic Centre to be an integral part of that building. It is being designed by Columbia Cellulose Company Limited, industrial engineers, who very commendably, are donating their services. Construction is to be supervised by a volunteer committee of engineers and others and the building is to be put up without a contractor and largely by volunteer labor. The estimates, preliminary only, total \$104,000 for materials. If we figure labor as a similar amount—a conservative estimate—we arrive at the finished product valued at \$200,000. How is this to be financed? Donations from industry \$30,000, a money bylaw for \$75,000 and volunteer labor for the balance.

Now let us look at this as a Centennial project. The regulations require that: (a) the project shall be approved by the municipal council; (b) the money in excess of the provincial grant must be guaranteed locally; (c) as chairman, I have to sign the documents certifying that all the requirements have been met; (d) the City Clerk has to submit a similar certificate for the city council.

I have had some little experience in the administering of public funds for the erection of public buildings. In the building of this centennial project the committee finds itself in much the same position as the Board of School Trustees putting up a school building. We are an agent administering funds supplied by the provincial government and the municipal council. Ordinarily in the use of such funds the agent has certain safeguards. First, the employment of a certified architect who is required by law to perform certain duties. Secondly, a contractor who posts a bond that he is qualified to complete a contract.

Under the proposed scheme we have no architect. We have volunteer engineers who are under no legal compulsion or control. This is not said in any derogatory sense. These men are doing the best job they can, but we have no assurance of permanency or responsibility. The Chief Engineer, Mr. Galton, has said the building would have to be completed by the end of this year as he was not interested in tying himself down for a greater length of time. Men who are employees of a large concern are obviously subject to transfer at any time.

In place of a contractor we have a volunteer committee, again with no legal responsibility. They may have the best intentions in the world, but if they run into seemingly insurmountable obstacles, or they throw up their hands in the middle of the project. This might well be the result if they find it difficult to keep a steady flow of volunteer labor.

I do not believe it is possible or preferable to put up this building with approximately \$100,000 of volunteer labor. I would never consider for a minute putting my signature to a document guaranteeing to the provincial government for grant purposes that all additional funds, half of which was volunteer labor, had been provided. I doubt very much whether the Mayor or City Clerk would do it either.

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