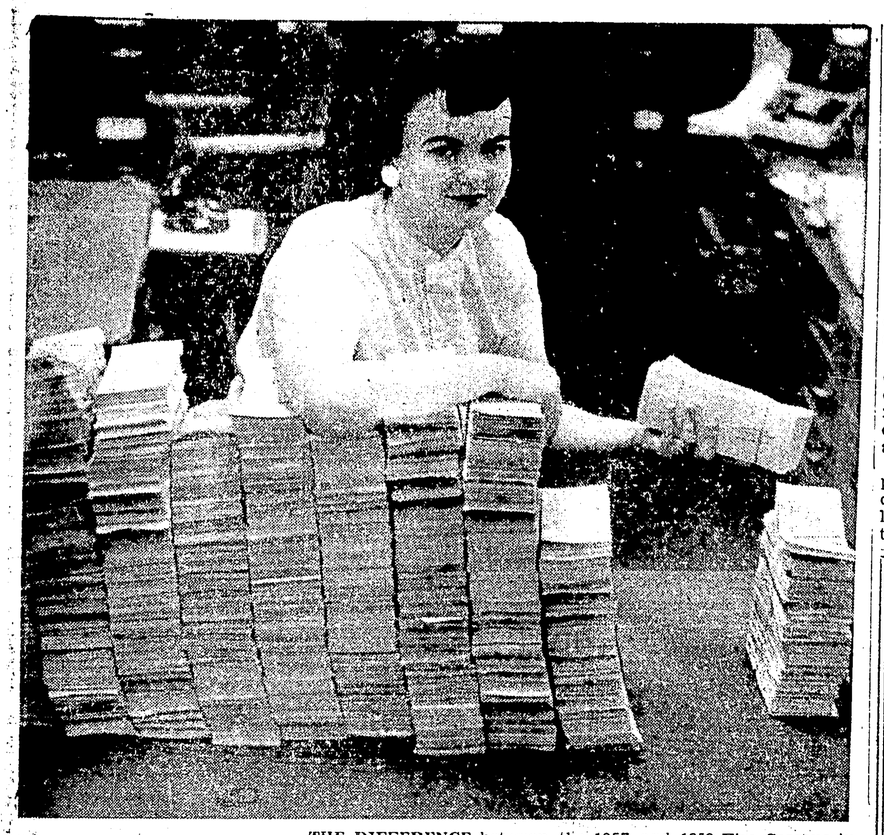

THE DIFFERENCE between the 1957 and 1958 Fire Seasons in B.C. is dramatically shown by comparing the small pile of 1957 fire-fighting discharge pay cheques on the right with the mountainous 1958 pile on the left consisting of 39,000 cheques totalling approximately $2,000,000. These cheques do not include additional millions of dollars for hire of equipment and purchase of food and other necessities. Mrs. Pat Savory, B.C. Forest Service Headquarters Accounts Division clerk has been busy for weeks on the job of tabulating these cheques.

CPA official defends plans

OTTAWA (CP)—R. B. Phillips, Canadian Pacific Airlines operations vice-president, says he can run a daily transcontinental air service "forever" with just seven aircraft.

That remark, made during a heated battle before the air transport board, brought accusations from J. G. Edison, counsel for the publicly-owned Trans-Canada Air Lines, that CPA doesn't know its aircraft management business.

The fight between the two companies came as CPA presented financial evidence in connection with its bid for a slice of TCA's long-held cross-country air monopoly.

Mr. Edison charged that CPA's proposed operational estimates did not include sufficient allowance for aircraft depreciation; that it showed too small an amount for general administration; that it showed no item to cover the cost of passenger meals.

He estimated also that on CPA's proposed flight schedule, all of the company's planned piston-driven Douglas DC-6B aircraft to be used on the Vancouver-Montreal route would be in the air daily at 1 p.m. At that hour all aircraft would be flying leaving none on the ground for reserves, overhaul or maintenance.

"How long do you think you can operate on a route of this kind with seven aircraft on that basis?" he asked Mr. Phillips.

"Forever."

"For 20 years?"

"Yes . . . They (the planes) would operate. They might not be too competitive in 20 years but I think the DC-6Bs that exist today will be quite capable of operating 20 years from now."

How would CPA service the aircraft? That was no problem, Mr. Phillips countered. They could be serviced during stops.

"I think we are being pretty practical about the whole thing," he added. "I don't want to get into an argument with you but the route can be operated with seven aircraft."

"I suggest you need more than seven aircraft," Mr. Edison said. "I suggest you don't know your business in coming here with this application on this basis."

BIG DROP

Gross value of South Africa's 1958 wool production is estimated at £47,600,000, compared with £67,200,000 the previous season.

Prison rehabilitation praised by convict

OTTAWA (CP)—An anonymous prisoner, recalling the words of the judge who sentenced him, says rehabilitation could return men "bordering on genius" to fruitful lives.

The prisoner writing in the current issue of Montreal's St. Vincent de Paul federal penitentiary publication, Pen-o-Rama, recalls the remarks of Judge Wilfred Lazure before sentencing him in Montreal Superior Court.

"If you applied the ingenuity and initiative your criminal activities show you to possess, you could without doubt succeed in any walk of life or any enterprise you chose to enter.

"It is to be regretted that this court does not possess a means to orient your natural resourcefulness. You could then be a credit to society instead of a liability."

The prisoner continues with his post-sentencing story:

"At the time, the learned jurist's words made no impression upon me. Maybe this was because I was young, uneducated and inexperienced. Or maybe I was in no mood to heed the recommendations of a man about to sentence me to the penitentiary . . .

"A little older, if not much wiser, I often ponder those words . . ."

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BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

The approach of most bridge textbooks to the subject of defense is something less than practical. They seem to concentrate on things like defeating a redoubled grand slam by some subtle and brilliant play. Such plays are beautiful to watch and exciting to execute. But they come up so seldom.

What about situations like the following, which come up practically every time you play? Your partner opens the bidding with a spade, the next player bids two diamonds and you double . . . Or you and your partner reach a 4-spade contract, an opponent comes in with an obvious sacrifice of five clubs and partner doubles. How do you defend to your side's best advantage in these common, garden-variety cases?

I propose to go into that subject beginning with tomorrow's column. But first let's look at today's hand which is the exotic or textbook type of illustration on defensive play.

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH
Miss Brash
♠ 6 5
♥ K 8 5
♦ K Q 10 7 3
♣ K 3 2

WEST
Mrs. Keen
♠ Q J 8 7 3
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 2
♣ Q 9 8 6

EAST
Mr. Abel
♠ K 10 2
♥ J 10 7 4 2
♦ 8 6 5
♣ 10 5

SOUTH
Mr. Champion
♠ A 9 4
♥ A Q 6
♦ A J 4
♣ A J 7 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	6 NT	All Pass

Opening lead: Seven of spades.

Mr. Abel

Mrs. Keen led the seven of spades and Mr. Abel put up the king. Mr. Champion saw that he had eleven winners in top cards—one spade, three hearts, five diamonds and two clubs. The twelfth trick would be available if the queen of clubs was on his right.

Rather than bank everything on the club finesse, Mr. Champion decided to give himself the added chance of a squeeze. To set up the squeeze possibility, he conceded the first trick.

Mr. Abel returned the ten of spades and Mr. Champion won with the ace. Now he led all of his diamonds and all of his hearts, getting everybody down to three cards. In his own hand he had left the ace and jack of clubs and the nine of spades. Dummy had its original three clubs. Mr. Abel's holding was immaterial.

Mrs. Keen had to play to the tenth trick from a holding of the queen of spades and three clubs to the queen. She had to retain the spade or else Mr. Champion's nine spot would win. Therefore she discarded a club. The last three tricks were then taken in the club suit.

Mr. Abel was the culprit in this deal. He should have returned the deuce of spades at trick two—not the ten spot. His ten would have taken care of the threat of Mr. Champion's nine. Mrs. Keen could have thrown away all of her spades and held onto three clubs to the queen. Thus the squeeze would not have developed and the slam would have been defeated.

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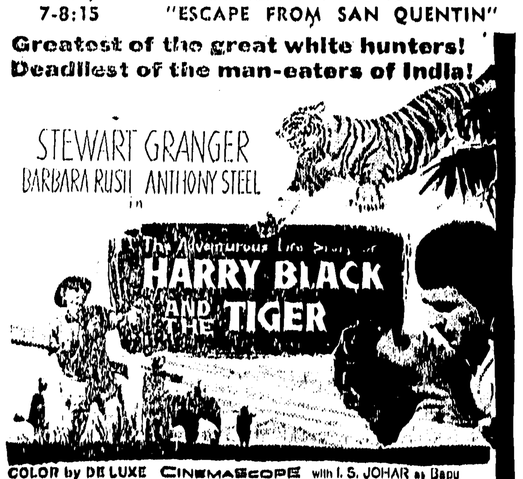

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