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HAVANA, Cuba (AP)—A Cuban airliner carry-

ing 28 persons vanished in eastern Cuba Wednesday

night and was presumed to have been seized in flight

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diverted in flight by rebels

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GRIM-FACED AND HARASSED are Robert Sommers, right, and H. Wilson Gray, as they ride through rainy Vancouver to the Assize Court. Both Sommers and H. W. Gray were convicted of conspiracy and accepting bribes in connection with forest management licences. Sentences were scheduled to be handed out by Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson this afternoon.

# 30mmers, Gray await sentence

By H. L. JONES

Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (CP)—Robert E. Sommers, 47, they say when you face death on the other half of the mile-ed still being held. former B.C. lands and forests minister, and H. Wilson Gray, 46, timber firm executive, today awaited sen- now." tence for conspiracy and bribery.

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See SOMMERS

Magee High school, Vancou-

way, director of the division |

Also up for sentence before, ternoon were Gray's firms, Pa- five of seven counts, disagreeing Always remember that." cific Coast Services Limited and in two; convicted Wilson Gray

Evergreen Lumber Sales, also on eight of 10, disagreeing in convicted on the same charges. two; found Schultz and his firm For the firms it will probably not guilty on four of nine bri mean a fine and for the men ery counts, disagreeing on five, jail terms—just how much is and acquitted John Gray on went in also. Five minutes later subject to legal interpretation two of four counts disagreeing between the old and the new on two. Criminal Codes of Canada. The OTHER VERDICTS indictment which brought their conviction was switched from the new to the old code halfway jury foreman Eric Miller also too smoked a cigarette. through the trial. Mr. Justice announced these verdicts: Pa-

from counsel on the question. LONGEST TRIAL This is the 80th day of Canada's longest criminal trial, one that has seen a record number of legal tangles and other complications, and one that could have political repercussions in Social Credit British Columbia. Political opponents already are calling for the resignation of Premier Bennett's government. But it is not to be the last of the case. Appeals are expected, For others-54-year-old Charles 200

for John Gray, brother of Wil-i \* VANCOUVER OF --- Sentences on Robert Sommers and H. W. Gray and the firms involved in the bribery and conspiracy charges have been put off

D. Schultz, his timber engineer-

ing firm of the same name, and |

until next Thursday. Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson said the arguments beard today were so complex that a

quick decision could not be son and a Pacific official, there

will be new trials. The jury was not able to agree in some cases. three women who pendered millions of words of testimony from
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## Accused resigned

were lawyers, men accused of of Thule, Greenland. bribing a minister of the Crown.

half-smoked cigar aside and the cigar had burned an oblong

cused, lounged in a room directly To a crowded, hushed court, across from the court room. He

At 2:30 p.m., in the court

Lumber Sales guilty on two of "Well, here we go, John," said

jucts not guilty on five of six Gray. They moved off to meet their fate.

Moments later Schultz and Gray learned that they had been acquitted on a total of six counts alleging they bribed Robert E. Sommers while he was minister, of lands and forests. Schultz won acquittal on four counts and Gray on two. The jury disagreed on five other counts against Schultz and on two against

you always feel pretty calm," he long, mile-wide floe.

His lawyer, Walter Owen,

Wilson was to hear argument clific Coast, guilty on eight of room, Sheriff's officer Bob nine bribery counts with a dis-Drummond shouted: "Gentleagreement on one; Evergreen men!"

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At 2:20 p.m. as the jury filed into the court room to deliver its verdict, Mr. Owen laid his

and interested bystanders.

three counts with disagreement Schultz to Gary. on the other; B.C. Forest Prod-

scar in a wooden sign.

John Gray, another of the ac-

"Yes, here we go," echoed

the complement of the Inter-active throughout the area. national Geophysical Year sta-

ov rebel agents.

known as Drifting Station A. Batista's regime. Castro also broke in two Sunday under the opposes President-Elect Andres pounding of an unseasonable Rivero Aguero, a Batista choice people shuffled expectantly polar storm. The island was 960 who is to take office Feb. 24. outside a third-floor room at the miles northeast of Barrow, Al- The first plane to disappear Vancouver court house. There aska, and 600 miles northwest a Cubana DC-3 seized on a

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completed, the 11 air force men, Viscount turbo-prop plane pulsed on a cigar and waid: Cupningham a Barrow expert to Varadero Beach, 87 miles east) "Never mind, Charlie, you still on the polar regions, had to of Havana." Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson this af-case. It convicted Sommers of have a great number of friends. make a dash by small boat. All but three of the 20 persons to the conviction of the convicted sommers of have a great number of friends. across 1½ miles of open water aboard were killed when the

ing to the U.S. naval base Guantanamo Bay. The plane carried a crew of three.

The plane was on a flight from Havana to Guantanamo, ANCHORAGE, Alaska With stops scheduled at Man-Twenty-one men, marooned zanillo, on the southeast coast, when a violent storm broke their and Holguin. All the stops were bleak Arctic Ocean ice island in Oriente Province, the strongin two, awaited rescue today as hold of activity by rebels led by polar winds tore at their tiny, Fidel Castro. The plane left Manzanillo but never arrived at The Alaskan Air Command, Holguin, about 70 miles to the

ready to make its rescue move northeast. as soon as the storm abates, Although government soldiers said the 21 men who made up hold Holguin, rebel bands are

Castro has embarked upon a tion are in no immediate dan-systematic campaign to disrupt transportation in an effort to The 10-foot-thick ice island, overthrow President Fulgencio

flight from Cayo Mambi to Mao The 21 men were on the Bay, landed at Cananove and campsite—half of the island some of the 14 passengers were Charles Schultz, one of the when it broke apart. The rescue allowed to return to their accused, leaned against a door was complicated because the homes. The crew of three and jam smoking a cigarette. "Well, 2,000-foot aircraft runway was a soldier passenger were report-

Last Saturday night four rebsaid. "I guess I'm that way right; Before the rescue could be el gunmen seized a four-engined nine scientists and Rev. Tom its 45-minute flight from Miam

from their half of the island to gunmen forced the pilot to at the runway half, where rescue tempt a landing on a small airplanes could pick them up. strip near Preston.

### SCOUTS LIGHT BULB CAMPAIGN SUCCESS SAYS COMMISSIONER

Light bulb drive staged by city Boy Scouts and Cubs Monday turned out to be most successful as about 90 per cent of the total bulbs on hand were sold to Prince Rupert householders, Scout Commissioner Arthur Williamson reported

Mr. Williamson said that the Scouts and Cubs called on city residents between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Monday and sold about 7,000 100-watt and 60-watt bulbs.

He said the drive would have been even more successful had the boys not run out of 100 watt lamps, leaving them only 60 watt bulbs. The 100 watt lamps were in greater

demand, he said. Mr. Williamson said that the Scouts made about \$450 profit on the drive which will be distributed among the five groups in the district including Port Edward and Miller

The commissioner expressed his thanks to the people who supported the drive and persons who donated their time in helping the boys with the sale.

"Next year we'll make sure we don't run short of 100 watt lamps," he said.

## Junior Chamber groups to present resolutions to premier tomorrow

A delegation of British Col- a view to permitting live music time has already been acted school board. umbla and Yukon Junior Cham- in licensed premises. J. A. SPRAGGE, executive as- was announced here today. | tificiation to be validated an- port of the proposal. and continues until noon Sat- | urge:

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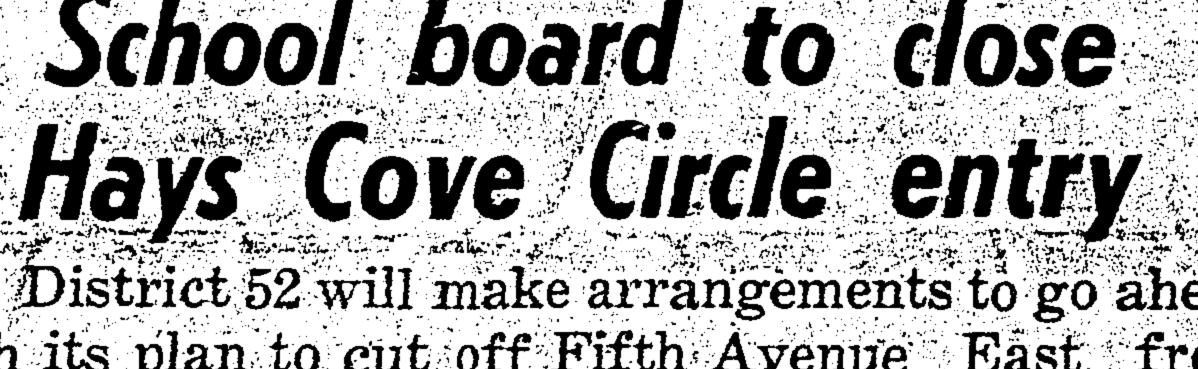
of the BOTF; Dr. C. B. Con- | to a three-man board. 

| ber of Commerce representatives | • The institution of five-year | The provincial Jaycec executive | John Bateman, president of | Estimated cost for a lunch | is slated to meet with Premier "permanent" licence plates for ratified a proposal made by the Roosevelt Park PTA will be in- room to be added would be ap- City council was informed of the W. A. C. Bennett and the B.C. motor vehicles in the province B.C. government to the federal formed that while such a move proximately \$20,000 which could ternoon. Three days' notice of

fornment Liquor Act 1953" with fonted to the government at this on Saturday.

upon by the provincial Jaycees. However, Mr. Steele and Mrs. would have to study it. Cabinet tomorrow in Victoria it together with a form of iden- authorities and voiced their sup- cannot be considered at present not be included in the forth- the start of work in the down-

in its final verdicts Wednesday which starts tonight at 8 p.m. adopted at the June 1958 con- The advanced poll shall be parts of the province will as- room to Roosevelt Park school activity room or lunch room at and won discharge from the at Booth Memorial High school | vention of the Junior chamber, opened by the Returning Offi- semble in Vancouver for their could not be considered while all. cor at the Municipal Hall and fall board meeting. The meet- Conrad school was without an "Looking ahead," Mr. Harding It brought in its final deci- urday. Other feature guests | • Enforcement of existing kept open during such hours ings, scheduled for November activity room which could serve said, "the board hopes, after the ston in the form of 57 verdicts are Dr. Brock Chisholm, for- laws regulating the disposal of as are appointed in the bylaw 8 and 0 will be attended by the as a lunch room. In the bribery phases of the mer director of the UNWIIO, litter on B.C. Highways. on the Friday and Saturday following members from Prince | He said that there was defin- erect a two-room school in Sec-The printing of verbatim immediately precoeding polling Rupert: J. S. Burns, provincial itely a problem at Roosevelt tion 2, an addition at either tor of elementary education | reports of legislative proceed- day." | past president; G. P. Woodside, Park school, where with a school King Edward or Rossevelt Park The provision of adequate provincial president; S. R. C. population of 451, between 240 schools, in which case it would The institution of 60 mph juli facilities in the more pop- Mackcod, secretary-treasurer and 250 pupils stayed for lanch probably be two classrooms built of the BCTP curriculum comspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Ruprettees X XI gottom of a function of a function of the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Ruprettees X XI gottom of a function of the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and and R. R. Whiteley, Prince Rupspeed limits on B.C. highways ulated areas in the interior and areas in the interior other places in British Colum-|ert president and district rep-|Steel and the vice-principal but lunch room to be used for other resentative for the North Const- the students had to sit on the purposes such as a library, muver: II, N. Parrott, president one-man Liquor Control Board One further resolution deal- Skeem area, Mr. MacLeod and activity room floor as there was sie room and projection room." ing with the extension of rail Mr. Woodside left today for a problem of setting up chairs! The building committee could Oovernment reconsidern-| service to Pine Point, NWT, | Victoria, Mr. Burns and Mr. | and tables and taking them | not recommend addition of a



District 52 will make arrangements to go ahead with its plan to cut off Fifth Avenue East from Hays Cove Circle, the trustees decided at their monthly meeting. Trustee A. J. Dominato, told the board that he

had made a detailed study of the traffic problem involved and that instead of making a cul-de-sac of Sixth Avenue East where it meets Hays Cove circle, as was originally planned, it had been decided that there was so much traffic to the front of the high school that Seventh Avenue East entrance to

Hays Cove Circle would have to be left open. As a result it was proposed to erect a stout fence cutting off Fifth Avenue East from Hays Cove Circle. Traffic would be able to come and go either from Sixth Avenue East or Seventh Avenue East, corners of which will be considerably widened.

He said the students "must have more playground space and closing of the Fifth Avenue entrance would provide this.

### SCHOOL'S BID REJECTED

## Other needed projects set before lunchroom

tion to the school of a lunch their lunch. room, was reluctantly rejected. However, he said it was a pro-

It had appeared at first that Harding said. The board agreed.

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Request from Roosevelt Park a lunch room would have to be school principal J. H. Steele and built or a policy would have to Wonchuk had weaved to the

the board will keep the project coming school referendum this town area was given.

new Sent Cove school is built, to

HAPPY YOUNG MAN on the receiving end of congratulations is Jordan Genga (centre) who won \$140,000 Saturday in the Cambridgeshire handicap at Newmarket, England. Congratulating the 21-yearold Toronto youth are (left to right) Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Oddo Genga, his parents.

## Impaired charge dismissed

A charge of driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs against William Wonchuk, of 1225 Water street, Prince Rupert, was dismissed by Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in city police court this morning.

But he was convicted of driv-

ing while his driving licence was suspended, and was fined \$25 or in default of payment, ordered to be jailed for 20 days. He denied the first charge but pleaded guilty to the second. His licence was suspended in

He admitted he had been drinking beer on Hallowe'en night, but denied that this impaired his driving ability. Answering police evidence that

Wonchuk's car swerved and weaved across the road, defence counsel A. Bruce Brown, said the road in question was rutted and Wonchuk had simply driven to avoid the holes in the There was no suggestion that

also the school's PTA for addi- be set regarding children taking wrong side of the road, Mr.

PRINCE GEORGE (P-Inland Monday night by the District 52 blem, not of one school, but all Natural Clas Co, says it will begin work on installing a gas distribution system here Friday.

Cloudy Friday with rain boolification though animity change in temperature. Winds southeast 15 Friday morning, increasing to southeast 30 Friday afternoon. Low tonight and high Friday at Princo Ruport 38

Friday, November 7, 1988 (Pacific Standard Time) High ...... 00:51 20.1 foot 22:23

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