

New Murder Hearing Started For Hladiy

State Asphyxia Cause of Death

The new trial of George (Gregor) Hladiy, charged with the murder last summer of Josef Panok, his fellow immigrant, opened here this morning on the second day of the spring Assizes of the Supreme Court of Ontario. Mr. Justice Ferguson is presiding at the sittings, which will also hear evidence presented on two other murder cases.

The indictment was read this morning to the accused, who appeared thinner and paler than at his first trial during the September Assizes, when he was found guilty by a 12-man jury and sentenced to be hanged. Hladiy wore the same brown striped suit and pink shirt, and stood with his eyes blinking and downcast as interpreter, Michael Olynyk, translated the charge against him.

Hladiy was then asked "How do you plead? Guilty or not guilty?"

"Not," replied the accused. Dr. A. E. Allin of Fort William, provincial pathologist, was the first witness, he testified that he had performed a post-mortem on the body of Josef Panok on August 9, 1952.

Panok died of asphyxia, due to strangulation the witness declared.

The Hladiy re-trial commenced with the calling of a panel of 18 jurors, one of them a woman. Of these 18, four were challenged, and two set aside, including the woman juror, Mrs. Evelyn Williamson, of Oliver Township, who was returned to the jury panel.

The 12 men selected for the jury were then told by Mr. Justice Ferguson that they must dismiss from their minds anything they may have heard of this case before entering the court-room. He said that it would be foolish for the jurors to discuss the case among themselves before the end of the trial, for they would then be making up their minds about certain things beforehand.

The presiding judge declared that the 12 jurymen would be held incommunicado for the duration of the trial and that they were to hearken to the evidence against the accused, and to decide whether he is guilty or not.

A NEW-COMER
Crown Attorney E. D. Wilkins addressed the jurors, telling them that in order for the accused, a new-comer to Canada to obtain a fair trial, they must remove from their minds anything previously



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heard or read on the case.

The crown attorney described briefly the circumstances of the case, from the time the accused came to Canada from Europe, where he had been in the same Displaced Persons camp as Joseph Panok, Mrs. Panok and the couple's child.

Mr. Wilkins told the jury of Hladiy's efforts to bring the Panoks to Canada, and of the initial harmony between the Panoks and Hladiy this relationship culminated on July 26, 1952, when Hladiy returned home alone and Panok was never seen alive again. On August 9, 1952, the body of the deceased was found in the McIntyre River, weights attached to the body and a rope tied around the neck.

The Crown Attorney touched briefly on the accused's actions following the disappearance of Panok, these actions including futile attempts to arrange for Mrs. Panok's return to Germany. (Mrs. Panok is now in Germany).

Dr. Allin, who testified at the previous trial declared this morning that he had performed a post-mortem on the body of the deceased on August 9, 1952, at Ever-

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Nazism Never Coming Back Germans Told

Bonn (AP) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer told the West German Parliament today he wanted to "assure Germany and the world that Germany will never again return to Nazism."

He pledged that his government will keep a close watch on all traces of neo-nazism and work to stamp them out.

ANSWERS FURORE

The chancellor rendered a statement on the political furore caused by two Allied actions alleging that resurgent nazism threatens democratic government in West Germany.

These were the arrest last Thursday by British officials of seven former leading Nazis on suspicion of plotting to seize power, and the publication during the week-end by United States officials of a survey which purported to show a significant rise in neo-nazi and nationalist sentiments.

The legislators cheered when Adenauer protested that these two Allied actions had "raised much dust abroad."

He reiterated his claim that the U. S. - sponsored poll "does not present a true picture" of the German political situation.

He said he was being informed by British authorities about evidence against the arrested Nazis. Therefore, he hesitated to criticize the action while the investigation was still proceeding.

NO THREAT

"However," the chancellor added, "you all know that Foreign Secretary Eden told the British House of Commons that these arrests do not intend to imply that there is an immediate threat to democracy in Germany. That's what I also have contended."

"But I also agree with Mr. Eden that the activities of the remaining die-hard Nazis can not be ignored. I assure you and the world that our government will in future move sharply against any traces of



HOME AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Mrs. J. D. Taylor left, president of the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations and Mrs. G. C. McAuley, vice-president, both of Hamilton, Ont., are here today to conduct a training school for members of home and school associations. Sponsored by the Port

Arthur Home and School Council in conjunction with the Ontario Federation of Home and School, sessions are being held this afternoon and tonight in Port Arthur and in Fort William Thursday.—News-Chronicle Photo.

Railways Seeking Further Rate Boost

OTTAWA (CP)—A new freight rate tangle, involving a railway bid for a further rate boost of seven per cent, was to go before the board of transport commissioners today for possible simplification.

Confronted with three phases of a railway case all pointing at higher freight charges the board's chief was trying to get the carriers to drop one \$45,000,000-a-year application temporarily to avoid complications.

Mr. Justice John D. Kearney, chief commissioner, called counsel for the railways and provincial governments before the board after the railways inserted a sudden seven-per-cent rate increase into an already com-

INCREASE

The new one did. It called for an "immediate" increase, with hearings to be set for Jan. 29. It was based on the fact the Canadian Pacific Railway—the board's "yardstick" line for rates—has not been earning up to the amount of a formula laid down by the commissioners in a decision a year ago.

In the nine-per-cent application pending since July, the proposal

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