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Mrs. Desmeules Committed for Trial On Evidence at Preliminary Hearing

The most revealing evidence in yesterday's preliminary hearing of Mrs. Marie Desmeules, 37, charged with the murder of Miss Susan Thoms 121 Myles street, on the night of June 29, was that submitted by Chief C. E. Watkins before Magistrate Russell in city police court.

Chief Watkins stated that he had examined a kimona worn by the accused on the night she was taken into custody and found marks on one sleeve which appeared to be blood.

Questioned by S. H. Davis, counsel for the accused, who at the start of the trial informed the court that he was acting only for the preliminary hearing up to that time, Chief Watkins said that the kimona in question was taken to Toronto, by Inspector George Marr to be examined by experts.

Questioned further he said that the marks appeared to be blood.

"Did you search further for blood-stained clothing?"

"I looked around," he said. He added that he saw a rack with other dresses on it but did not see any with stains on them.

"Did you ask the accused anything regarding the fire in her kitchen stove?"

"No." "I saw Constable Turner endeavoring to take a stick of wood out of the stove and the accused tried to shove it back in," he added. "However, Constable Turner removed the stick."

"That's a Lie"

"That is a lie," interjected the accused from the witness box breaking a stoicism maintained by her throughout the hearing.

"Were you present at the time?" questioned Mr. Davis.

"Yes, I was on one side of Constable Turner and the accused was on the other side," replied Chief Watkins.

In evidence Chief Watkins stated that he visited the scene of the murder at about midnight on the night of June 29 and found the body of Miss Thoms in bed. He stated that he had known Miss Thoms for about 30 years.

He added that a wood fire was burning in the accused's kitchen stove and he saw Constable Turner remove a piece of firewood from the stove and it was birch. He said there was considerable embers underneath but they were not from birch wood. Beside the stove was a pile of split jackpine wood.

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Seek to Divide Palestine Into Four Districts

LONDON, July 31 (CP) — Viscount Addison today disclosed Anglo-American experts proposed to divide Palestine into four areas and leave to inhabitants of a Jewish province thus created the problem of deciding how many of their wandering fellow Jews could migrate to the Holy Land.

The four areas, he told the house of lords, would include an Arab province and a Jewish province, and each "would have the power to limit the number and determine the qualification of persons who might wish to take up permanent residence in their territories."

In addition to the Jewish and Arab provinces, said Lord Addison, Dominions secretary, the joint commission of experts proposed to establish a district of Jerusalem and a district of Begeb.

The latter section is a piece of desert land lying in southern Palestine in which Jewish migration was permitted under the 1940 Palestine land transfer regulations.

Lord Addison opened a Palestine debate held simultaneously in both houses of parliament.

He also announced that the British government had dissociated itself from a bitter anti-fraternization letter written by Lt.-Gen. Sir Evelyn Barker to British troops under his command in Palestine.

Gen. Barker's action has been referred to Field Marshal Montgomery, chief of the Imperial general staff, Lord Addison said.

City At Standstill

JERUSALEM, July 31 (CP)—Civic life in the modern all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv was at a standstill today as an unprecedented manhunt by 20,000 British Tommies went into its second

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Brompton Plans New Buildings

Commencement of construction of two large modern buildings complete with steam heating and other conveniences each comprising 30 rooms and plans for construction of a further 75

Priority System For Automobiles To End Tomorrow

OTTAWA, July 31 (CP)—Canada's year-old car priority system, disrupted by a combination of low automobile production and a lively black market in the priority certificates, will end Aug. 1.

This announcement came last night from Reconstruction Minister Howe who said the system became unworkable when the car shortage and increased demand brought about a situation where enforcement was costing more than the system was worth.

For the man-in-the-street with a "new-car" gleam in his eye, the announcement apparently spikes any hope he may have had of buying a new model for many months.

Mr. Howe said the trade had become a "firm" order to fill first the orders of those now holding priority certificates—and there is a backlog of some 60,000 unfilled certificates.

In an interview last night Mr. Howe said there had been widespread illegal traffic in priority certificates.

He gave no details and declined comment regarding possible action against traffickers. However, other sources disclosed that at least 500 of the precious buff-colored forms have been sold at black market prices, some reaching as high as \$500.

He expected the first-come-first-serve system of the future to work out because the trade could be trusted to take care of deserving cases and kill the black market. There was no rationing system in the United States and the free system was working satisfactorily there.

The motor vehicle controller would give "most careful consideration," on the basis of evidence submitted, to urgent cases which might arise after Aug. 1 and, if justified, would issue a certificate direct from Ottawa. Applications filed before July 1 would be screened immediately and certificates

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Seek to Outlaw Atomic Weapon

NEW YORK, July 31.—(AP)—Delegates to the United Nations Atomic Energy commission were called into session today to recon-

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