

IMMIGRANT, 33, CHARGED WITH MURDER OF FRIEND

TWO HELD IN PORT ARTHUR MURDER CASE



MRS. MARGRET PANOK



GEORGE GREGOR HLADY

Held as material witness in connection with the death of her husband, Josef Panok, 34, whose weighted body was removed from the McIntyre river on August 8, is Mrs. Margret Panok, above, left. She is 39 years of age. At right is George Gregor Hlady, 23, who this morning appeared in Port Arthur police court charged with the murder of Josef Panok. Both Mrs. Panok and Hlady were remanded in custody to August 23 for preliminary hearing at the request of P. V. Ibbetson, crown attorney.

Widow Held As Material Witness

In Port Arthur police court this morning, George Gregor Hlady, 33-year-old Ukrainian immigrant, was charged with "unlawfully murdering Josef Panok at or near the city of Port Arthur on or about July 26."

Panok's 29-year-old wife, Margret, was charged with being a material witness "not likely to give evidence unless compelled to do so."

At the request of Crown Attorney P. V. Ibbetson, who said Hlady had not yet time to arrange for defence counsel, Magistrate Russell granted both a remand to 10 a.m., August 23 for preliminary hearing.

Hlady sat with a sober, impassive expression as the charge of murder was read to him by an English-Ukrainian interpreter. Tall, slim with curly black hair, he wore a pink shirt open at the neck over which was a grey gabardine slipper jacket.

Mrs. Panok, a comely 29-year-old brunette, heard the material-witness charge read through a German-English interpreter. She wore a fawn gabardine top coat over a dark blue dress trimmed with white.

The Panok's five-year-old daughter, Karin, is being cared for by a private family in Port Arthur.

The body of Josef Panok, slim, dark 34-year-old German immigrant, was recovered from the McIntyre river mouth Friday morning, August 8, by Det. Sgt. Joe Radford and Constable Don Deakin, of the Port Arthur police after it had been reported by a dredge crew of the Thunder Bay Harbor Improvement Company.

The body was found to be trussed around the neck, face and ankles with a rope to which were tied two iron railway riser plates each weighing 23 pounds. The arms and hands were free.

After several days of intensive investigation, Chief T. A. Connor, of Port Arthur, announced that Panok's death was a case of "cold-blooded murder."

Charges of vagrancy were laid against Hlady, and Mrs. Panok. They were held pending the arrival home last week-end of Crown Attorney P. V. Ibbetson.

Hlady was one of thousands of persons taken from the Ukraine to Germany for forced labor by the German army retreating before the Russians late in the last war. At a little town near Hannover he became acquainted with the Panoks.

Hlady came to Canada and Fort William in Dec., 1950, secured work as a C.P.R. section hand and assisted the Panoks to come out and join him the following year. He roomed with the Panok's at 745 Simpson street and got Josef a job working with him on the railway. Panok disappeared on July 26.

Pay Dispute At Lakehead Stalemated

WINNIPEG, Aug. 20. (CP) — Negotiations aimed at settling a wage dispute at Lakehead terminal elevators were broken off here today with no agreement reached.

A spokesman for the Lakehead Terminal Elevators Association, the operators, said: "We're back where we were before this talk started." The terminal workers were represented at the negotiations by Frank Hall, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks (A.F.L.).

Mr. Hall said shortly after the talks were called off that he was leaving at once for the lakehead to meet with terminal workers and report on the negotiations.

He said the workers now wanted to take a strike vote, probably "within a week."

A spokesman for the operators said the union asked for a 40-cent-an-hour pay increase instead of the 16 cents recommended by a conciliation board, a 40-hour week instead of the 44-hour week recommended, and a compulsory check-off instead of the voluntary one recommended by the board.

Some 15 elevator companies with plants at the Lakehead are involved, along with about 1,500 workers.

A spokesman for the Lakehead elevator workers said today that a special meeting of the workers will be held on Thursday. No date has been set for a strike vote, and no further action will be taken locally until Frank Hall, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks arrives from Winnipeg.

Grain Stocks Here Mount

Stocks of all grains in store at lakehead elevators continue to mount, the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, statistics branch, reported today. Latest figures show grain stocks have increased by more than three million bushels in the last week.

Grain stocks at the close of business August 14 totalled 43,949,026 bushels, compared with 40,842,478 bushels for the week previous and 33,829,469 bushels for the same week a year ago.

Receipts for the week amounted to 12,514,623 bushels; shipments by lake totalled 9,161,896 bushels, and shipments by rail 302,272 bushels. For the same week a year ago, receipts totalled 8,794,632 bushels; shipments by lake, 9,888,441 bushels, and shipments by rail, 999,767 bushels.

Americans Attacked

TEHRAN, Iran, Aug. 20. (AP) — In a renewal of assaults on United States military personnel, six Americans, including two lieutenant-colonels, were attacked today by red-inspired Iranians as the Americans drove through Tehran streets.

One of them, Sgt. Paul Goodwin of the U.S. embassy staff, was struck on the arm by a cabbage. Army officials said he was the only

15 Involved In Transfer, Says McIvor

About 15 employees of the statistics branch, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, will be affected in the transfer of the office to Winnipeg. Several staff members will remain at Fort William, and junior clerks will be given an opportunity for employment in other branches of the civil service at the lakehead, Rev. Dan McIvor, M.P., said this morning.

Mr. McIvor met with members of the Board of Grain Commissioners at Winnipeg yesterday afternoon to discuss the transfer of the office. Considerable opposition to the transfer was raised in Fort William business and civic circles. Following a discussion with the grain board, Mr. McIvor said he felt convinced "Fort William will not lose in the end."

On July 31, the grain commission had 391 employees at the lakehead. Although the statistics office will be removed to Winnipeg, Mr. McIvor stated he received information that all inspection work will be done at the lakehead, which, he said, means the removal of Winnipeg car inspectors here.

Cause for the transfer of the office to Winnipeg was the fact that the board has been harassed for the past three years by grain people interested in more complete and earlier statistics.

"In my report to Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, I'm going to press for a federal building here, which I think is an outstanding need," said Mr. McIvor.

TOT INJURED IN COLLISION WITH CAR

A six-year-old girl received a bruise to her forehead yesterday afternoon when she ran out from the sidewalk into the right front of a car.

DEFENCE PRODUCTION VITAL

Gregg Urges Labor Go Easy on Strikes

By John Leblanc (Canadian Press staff writer) WINNIPEG, Aug. 20. (CP) — Canadian labor has before it an appeal from the federal government to go easy on strikes that could slow defence production.

Labor Minister Gregg, in putting it up to the convention of the big Trades and Labor Congress of Canada yesterday, urged "mutual concessions" by labor and management to keep industrial harmony.

"In these critical times," he said, "when the free nations of the world are striving to hold their lead in the production race over those who would destroy all freedoms, our production should not be interrupted, impeded or interfered with for even a short time."

Mr. Gregg called particularly on the 602,000-member T.L.C., the country's biggest labor body, to help "ensure this necessary industrial harmony" and prevent "potentially dangerous delays" to Canada's production machinery.

The minister mentioned no particular labor disputes, and his admonition was not received as bearing on any specific one, despite the fact it comes in the middle of another deadlock between the railways and the 125,000 men of their non-operating unions.

However, it was addressed to a convention attended by delegates from the main bodies engaged in the rail dispute, international AFL-TLC unions representing

Tourist Flow To Lakehead Shows Upsurge

Tourist traffic to the lakehead this season is greater than was recorded for the whole of 1951, it was reported last night at an executive meeting of the Fort William Chamber of Commerce.

Registration at the city hall tourist bureau up to 11 o'clock last night totalled 7,600 cars carrying 54,529 tourists. Last year 6,619 cars were listed for 31,724 tourists.

Wallace Bryan, tourist chairman, was commended by the executive for his splendid work in the promotion of the tourist trade.

A. F. Hawkins, acting secretary, stated he had received many tourist compliments on the service rendered by the tourist staff. A second and additional supply of 5,000 maps is required after distribution of the original 10,000.

Geoffrey Spencer chaired the chamber safety committee, which completed the city survey. Recommendations tabulated will be sent to the safety committee of city council, service clubs, fraternal organizations, chamber members as well as all others interested in the safety movement.

The meeting under the chairmanship of John Andrews, president, accepted an invitation of the officers of HMCS Griffon for a harbour cruise in a Fairmile training vessel. About 50 members will leave at 7:15 p.m. Thursday from the subway dock.

Plans were laid for the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce annual conference, Sept. 18-19 in Fort William.

Sunbather Seeks \$50,000 Damages

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 20. (AP) — Mrs. Beulah Young, Detroit

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