

the Pacific Coast since October, 1937—when the huge narcotic conspiracy of Gordon Lim resulted in a Canadian mission being sent to take evidence in the Far East—may stem from operations of the same gang, waterfront observers said.

They based their supposition on the fact that the same methods now are being used by the gang, whose activities ranged all over the Pacific, with headquarters in China.

They pointed out that the ring, knowing ships from the Far East call at all Pacific Coast ports for cargo, leave the "dope" hidden on the ship until an opportune time presents itself to remove it at one of the coastal calls.

They suggested that the ring extended all along the Pacific Coast from Vancouver to San Francisco.

Police said that 415 pounds of opium was discovered on the Manoeran yesterday hidden in several packages cased in a winch. They refused to divulge details of the discovery. They also would not reveal whether the opium, which has a legal value of \$46,650, was discovered by police investigators checking the vessel or dry-dock workers repairing it.

R.C.M.P. said the ship carried Indian seamen and Dutch officers.

Police said that the prevailing black market opium price on the west coast was \$8 for five grains. There are 7,000 grains to a pound of opium.

Asked if arrests were contemplated (Continued on Page 7, Column 5)

## Jury Returns 8 True Bills

At the opening of this morning's session of the fall sittings of the Supreme Court of Ontario held in the district courthouse, Port Arthur, the Grand Jury, with Roy D. Piper, as foreman, brought in a true bill of murder against Max Von Matt.

True bills also were brought in on three rape charges, one for indecent assault, two for manslaughter, and one for assault.

Joseph Harold Murphy, Conrad Ramsey and Richard Butler and Jack Swain.

Charged with indecent assault is Russell Murray King, Gerard Boulet and James McKie are charged with manslaughter and John Olynick is charged with assault.

When the true bills were presented His Hon. Mr. Justice McRuer informed the grand jury that they could now proceed with the inspection of public buildings and submit their report later.

## Radio Too Costly For Fort Frances

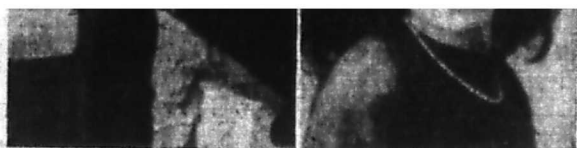
FORT FRANCES, Oct. 10 (CP)—A CBC survey of radio licence holders in the Fort Frances area has followed the town's chamber of commerce's request that CBC programs be fed into the area through the local radio station. It was learned yesterday.

While residents wondered whether those of their number unable to produce licences would be penalized, A. D. Dunton, chairman of the board indicated in a reply that the programs would not be available.

He said that to feed CBC programs through the Fort Frances station would be "badly complicated" by the "high cost involved."

## U.S. MAKES NEW OFFER

LONDON, Oct. 10.—(Reuters)—The United States has made a new offer which promises a reopening of deadlocked negotiations on tariff preferences enjoyed by Britain in commonwealth countries it was learned today.



Thirty hours after being slugged with a blunt instrument, Mary Morrison, 18-year-old Toronto sales clerk, died. She was beaten into unconsciousness in her Berkeley St. home. She never regained consciousness to tell how she sustained a serious head and skull fracture. Charged with the murder of Mary Morrison is Ivan Cowden, part-owner of the house where the girl's mother lived. He is shown with his shielding face.

## Footed the Bills 4-day Winnipeg Spree By Martin is Recounted

### Mink Coat, Silver for Elizabeth

OTTAWA, Oct. 10. (CP)—Canada's gift to Princess Elizabeth on the occasion of her marriage to Lieut. Philip Mountbatten next month will be a selection of inscribed antique silver and a mink coat made of Canadian wild mink skins, Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced yesterday.

The prime minister said the cabinet had learned through Princess Alice, the Countess of Athlone, that the Princess needed silver for "setting up house?" especially for her table.

Princess Alice will make the selection for the government.

"The gift will be suitably inscribed to indicate that it has been presented by and carries with it the best wishes of the government and people of Canada."

The mink coat will be of Canadian skins and Canadian workmanship.

The story of a four-day drinking party held in Winnipeg, and during which Charles (Chuck) Martin footed the bills, was revealed in evidence at this morning's session of the fall sittings of the Supreme Court of Ontario being held in the district courthouse, Port Arthur. His honor Mr. Justice McRuer is presiding.

Evidence given this morning at the murder trial of Charles Martin was submitted by two Winnipeg taxi drivers and a 17-year-old Winnipeg girl, who described that Martin always footed the bills for the taxi fares and the bottles of spirits which were purchased to hold the party. On more than one occasion Martin paid a taxi driver \$15 for a \$3.90 bottle of rye whiskey.

Evidence also was produced this morning to the effect that Martin on several occasions during the four-day drinking party said that pretty soon he would be having a noose around his neck and people would see his name in the headlines.

First witness called this morning was William Simpson, of Winnipeg, taxi driver, whose office was on Main street about a half block south of the C.P.R. station.

Witness testified that he first saw Martin on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 11, when he came into the taxi stand between one and 2.30 o'clock. Martin asked for a cab and when Simpson told him he would be right out, the accused already was sitting in the front seat of the cab.

"In Awful Hurry"

Simpson informed the court that the accused seemed to be in an awful hurry. At the time he was wearing a parka and high boots.

"I asked him where he would like to go and he informed me to just drive anywhere as it was too cold to be walking," said Simpson. "After we had proceeded a short distance, Martin asked me if I could get him a bottle of liquor. I told him I would drive him to the liquor store. He told me to get it and he would pay me what he paid in the east—\$15 a bottle."

"He said not to be afraid he wouldn't pay me. He produced a pigskin wallet and started to thumb over a roll of bills. He again told me not to worry as he had the money to pay for the bottle. He then gave me \$15, a new \$10 bill and a new \$5 bill," said the witness.

He said that he got the bottle of liquor, and put it on Martin's lap. Martin started to open the bottle but he told him not to.

"Do you want to have me arrested, I asked the accused," witness said. Witness said that Martin asked him if there was some place they could go to have a little sing-song and drink the bottle. "I told him I could take him to a place so I drove him to a Winnipeg home."

Questioned by Mr. Snyder, crown (Continued on Page 9, Column 1)

To the south, reliable sources said, Egyptian forces were preparing to move into the Sinai desert, and Saudi Arabian cavalry was reported crossing into Egyptian territory at the invitation of the Egyptian government to participate in cordoning off the Holy Land with a ring of steel.

Emir Maqid Arslan, Lebanon's war minister, said "of course we cannot disclose the movements of our forces," but sources close to the war ministry estimated a mobile force of 2,000 Lebanese soldiers reached the Palestine frontier before dawn today.

A resolution adopted last night by the Arab league council called upon Egypt, Trans-Jordan, Syria and Lebanon—the four states which border on Palestine—"to take military precautions on Palestine boundaries."

(At Lake Success, N.Y., spokesmen for Britain and for the Jewish agency for Palestine minimized the importance of the Arab league action. The Jewish agency spokesman called it obviously a "propaganda threat" timed to coincide with United Nations deliberations on the problem of the Holy Land's future.

(British sources said the Arab countries would not be able to muster any major military force unless given considerable time. Hector McNeill, minister of state, declared, "I can't believe that these responsible governments are permitting such irresponsible behavior.")

### Britain Supplies Arms

LONDON, Oct. 10. (CP)—A foreign office spokesman said today Great Britain was continuing to fulfill her contracts to supply arms and military equipment to certain Arab countries despite their decision to recommend military action in event of British withdrawal from Palestine.

He said the British intention to withdraw from Palestine in the absence of an Arab-Jewish settlement was "quite unaffected" by the threat of five Arab state premiers to mass their troops along frontiers of the Holy Land.

The premiers of Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt and the Trans-Jordan decided in Beyrouth yesterday to take "specific military action" and mobilize all possible military aid for Palestine to meet the "Jewish threat."

### RED CROSS SENDS PENICILLIN

TORONTO, Oct. 10.—(CP)—The Canadian Red Cross, "in view of the conditions in the refugee camps" in the dominions of India and Pakistan, will send an immediate shipment of penicillin by air, it was announced today.

### Vescio Hearing Continues

## Practically Certain From Same Gun, Ju

WINNIPEG, Oct. 10. (CP) — Royal Canadian Army Service Corps work sheets today occupied proceedings at the preliminary hearing of Michael Angelo Vescio, 22, of Port Arthur, charged with the murders of two teen-aged Winnipeg boys last year.

The hearing is into the alleged slaying of 13-year-old George Robert Smith. Another into the murder of 13-year-old Roy McGregor will be heard at the conclusion of young Smith's.

The deaths in February and September, 1946, so terrorized Winnipeg residents that a ban on late-closing of entertainments for juveniles and a temporary curfew were enforced.

Sgt. Thomas A. Moir, of the R.C.A.S.C., testified that Vescio was a member of his platoon. Work tickets showed Vescio worked the day shift Sept. 17, 1946 (Smith was killed the night of Sept. 18, 1946).

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