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### CHARGES ARE READ

## False Contracts Poor Highways

Details of charges read in Fort William Magistrate's Court this morning against A. M. Mills, former highways division engineer here disclosed that the Crown's case against Mills and four other highways employees will be based in large measure on false contracts, and construction of sub-standard highways.

An unconfirmed report said the sections of road involved in the alleged contract mismanagement are the new 70-mile, seven million dollar Atkocan Highway, and the 60-mile highway from Marathon to Terrace Bay on the north shore of the Lake. Sections of the latter road are said to have cost up to \$350,000 a mile through the more rugged territory.

Payroll padding thus becomes an "insignificant" part of the highways swindle, said one source.

The charge against Mills also revealed that the Crown alleges the irregularities at Fort William have been occurring since 1949.

The three Lakehead men charged with fraud and conspiracy were remanded until Jan. 23 without plea. Cash ball of \$1,000 for each was renewed.

Two other men, being brought here to face similar charges, have not arrived yet, and did not appear.

The lengthy charges revealed for

the first time what directions the Crown would bring evidence in the case. Included in one charge were allegations that construction work was reported completed, when nothing was done, and progress reports were altered.

About 20 spectators attended the brief hearing, which followed regular Magistrate's Court. It took 15 minutes for Magistrate C. D. LeMay to read the charges, and renew \$1,000 cash ball for Arthur M. Mills, 60, Port Arthur, former division engineer; Douglas M. Cutting, Fort William, former highways chief clerk; and Donald Gandier, Fort William, former clerk with the division here.

Mills was charged with two separate offences, while Gandier and Cutting were charged jointly with Thomas Ayres, Bracebridge, Ont. and Watson Turner, Cochrane (the two men who are still to appear in court) with conspiracy with intent to defraud.

The amount of money involved in their case, according to Toronto reports, was about \$18,600. No mention was made in the charge of the methods of conspiracy alleged.

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KURT MEYER

## Meyer Might Help Build German Army

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OTTAWA (CP)—A German war criminal, Maj.-Gen. Kurt Meyer, to be freed soon from a life term in prison, may play a vital role in a new German army.

He was highly regarded in the German army during the Second World War and at 33 became its youngest divisional commander.

The West now is looking for ways to rearm Germany as a partner in Western defence and may have its eye on Meyer as a likely reorganizer of German military strength.

Defence Minister Claxton last month attended the North Atlantic Alliance council meeting at Paris and may have discussed Meyer's case with NATO military leaders. Any military appointment for Meyer, however, probably would

## Two-De Ends in

OTTAWA (CP) — A two-ounce increase in first class postage rates was approved in the preliminary Commons approval by all three opposition parties.

By a vote of 49 to 34 the Commons Friday night passed a motion preliminary to a bill to implement the increases. The motion was then introduced.

Progressive Conservative, Liberal and Social Credit members voted together against the motion, which was supported by the Liberal Opposition Leader Drew, ending the debate in its second day.

Charged that the postal boost was "the payoff on the political deal that was offered last spring" before the general election, the government knew it would lose when it removed the stamp on cheques then.

### HIGHEST IN WORLD

He said the increase will make Canada's letter rates the highest in the world. The rate for a two-ounce letter would be five cents, compared with three cents in the United States and twopenny slightly more than three pence for two ounces in Britain.

Postmaster-General Cote revealed that his department is faced with increased expenditures of a \$13,500,000 a year and should go its own way. The higher rates would yield an estimated \$15,000,000.

The increased expenditures required for wage increases, shorter hours for postal employees together with improvements in rural delivery.

The changes in letter rates make postage five cents, instead of the present four, on the source of mail between different postal districts and four cents

### FIRST IN HISTORY

## Police Department Has Deputy-Chief

The Port Arthur police department will have a deputy-chief for the first time in the department's history on Feb. 1. It was announced today in a Police Commission release.