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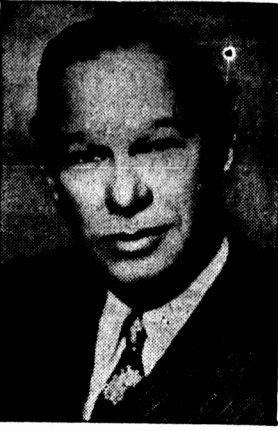
NEW YORK, Dec. 15 — (CP) — Paramount Pictures, Inc., has purchased the movie rights to a novel now being written by Lionel Shapiro, formerly of Montreal, at a price which may run to \$200,000.

The price consists of an option for \$10,000, \$65,000 on completion and a maximum total of \$200,000 depending on sales.

The book, entitled "Sealed Verdict," will be a story of post-war Germany, including the war crime trials.

Shapiro, a native Canadian, started newspaper work with the Montreal Gazette, came to the United States for that paper in 1938 and was its war correspondent in the Italian campaign. He covered the western Europe campaign for his present employer, the North American Newspaper Alliance, and for Maclean's Magazine, Toronto.

He now is in New York completing his novel which will be published in late spring or early summer by Doubleday and Company. He will return to Europe in January to resume his assignment.



Col. C. G. Power Sees Threat To Personal Liberty

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 — (CP) — "Fascist inclinations" in Quebec and "bureaucratic tendencies" at Ottawa, former air minister C. G. Power said last night, are symptoms of a decline in individual freedom which the people themselves must recognize and halt.

Speaking at a civil liberties meeting called to protest Quebec's measures against Jehovah's Witnesses, Mr. Power said human liberty was achieved by a slow, painstaking march from precedent to precedent, and could be destroyed in a day by the writing of precedents in the opposite direction.

Premier Duplessis' cancellation of the liquor licence of Frank Roncarelli, Montreal restaurant operator, who set bail for large groups of arrested Jehovah's Witnesses, might in itself seem to be comparatively insignificant, Mr. Power said. But it was vitally important because it evidenced the trend of present day government in this country.

A crowd of about 1,000 attended the meeting in the Monument Nationale auditorium. Police asked a noisy group of about 50 youths to leave early in the proceedings, and later a group of about 200, said to be Labor Progressive Party supporters, were refused admittance. Harry Davis, 28, was arrested for refusing to move on when ordered to by police outside the hall.

Sydney Man Has Novel Rat Trap

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 12 — (CP) — One of the most novel rat-removers since the Pied Piper of Hamelin led rodents to a watery grave is suggested by Sanitary Inspector Chisholm of Sydney.

Ordinary sticky fly-paper is the answer, he says. Place in an appropriate spot on the floor and when the rat (or mouse) steps on it he gets tangled up as badly as if he were a fly. Then he can be despatched in the morning.

An extensive development programme for William R. Warner & Company and Richard Hudnut Limited was recently announced at a dinner given by the executives in honour of G. A. Poirier, Chairman of the Board governing this world-wide organization, and Elmer H. Bobst, President and General Manager of the parent organization in New York City.

Mr. Bobst expressed his delight with the progress of the Canadian companies. Plans have been approved for a building programme which will permit them to give their customers better service and provide space to manufacture a greater number of products. This building programme will be in effect the opening of several new plants: Parfums Massenet, a line of French perfumes; Courty, quality men's toiletries; Bathasweet, beauty bath preparations; Rayno, the largest selling cream shampoo in a tube.

The expansion plans of this organization are evidence of its confidence in the future of Canadian business.

Experts Take Dim View

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 — (CP) — Joey, leader of the east side toughies, turned up a dirty nose today at the suggestion from Sydney, N.S., that fly-paper—the ordinary household variety—could be used to entangle and trap him and his kind.

"They gotta think up something better than that in New York, eh, better?" two-foot-long Joey chortled to his mate.

But Joey, one of an estimated 2,000,000 black, brown and grey rats inhabiting New York City from the battery docks to the Bronx, is a veteran of the eternal warfare against humans and has escaped from traps more potent than fly paper.

Rodent exterminators also took a dim view of Sanitary Inspector Chisholm's suggestion. "They've been using what they believe to be better methods for years and haven't made much of a dent in New York's rat population—so numerous that they brown varietals can be seen any day in summer running in the open in Central Park.

Conflicting Views On Moves Against Jehovah Witnesses

MONTREAL, Dec. 13 — (CP) — The Canadian Register, English-language publication of the Roman Catholic Church, in an editorial today expressed disagreement with the action of Premier Duplessis in cancelling the liquor licence of Frank Roncarelli, restaurant owner who has provided bail for several hundred Witnesses of Jehovah charged with illegal distribution of literature.

"Although we agree with Mr. Duplessis' general aim (to restrain the activities of the Witnesses of Jehovah) we disagree most strongly with the methods he has adopted to achieve that aim," said the editorial.

"The wrongs don't make a right and we do not like to see the legal and administrative machinery of our province forced to serve the purpose of retaliation in kind. . . . Mr. Roncarelli has long been known to us as the main supporter of the Witnesses of Jehovah in Quebec. Insofar then as the Witnesses are found by our courts to be engaged in blasphemous, seditious, or otherwise illegal activities it is possible that a case might be brought against Mr. Roncarelli as an accomplice, but this is for the courts to decide.

Here, the practice is for exterminators to place long planks over with pitch pest known rodent runways. The rats get caught on the pitch and plank and are disposed of in incinerators. "Traps? No good," said the exterminator.

Joey grinned in agreement.

"If existing laws are not adequate to meet the situation, then the way is always open to make further statutory provision, but we cannot approve of the anticipation of the judicial decision, neither can we condone the punitive use of the discretionary power by an executive branch of our government. . . ."

Convicted Of Manslaughter

MONTREAL, Dec. 13 — (CP) — William S. Aoom, night club entertainer, was convicted today of manslaughter in the slaying of his friend Lester Velez. Mr. Justice Wilfrid Laune announced he will sentence Aoom Dec. 20.

Velez, a boxer from North Merick Long Island, was slain in a theatrical rooming house early last Sept. 30, Aoom, who had been appearing at the Samovar in midtown Montreal, claimed the killing was an accident arising from an argument. Aoom's home was in Providence, R.I.

KILLED BY SAW

LUNenburg, N. S., Dec. 13 — Albert Elsqnq, 59, of nearby Pentz, was killed today when a piece of wood he was cutting on a circular saw was hurled back at him, piercing his stomach and severing a main artery. Elsqnq was working in the Lunenburg Foundry Ltd., carpenter's shop at the time of the accident.

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One of Rare Speeches

It was one of "Chubby" Power's rare political speeches since he left the Mackenzie King cabinet on the conscription issue and some quarters took it as a political indication that the former air minister would be more active politically henceforth.

He said he remained a Liberal and had no quarrel with his leaders, but that he felt his having not had any active party association for more than two years gave him greater liberty to protest undemocratic actions "with equal earnestness and with equal vigor whether they are perpetrated by friends in Ottawa or political enemies in Quebec."

"Surprisingly enough," he said, "this country's two warring authorities, whose discordant views have almost become a by-word in the body politic, have apparently found common ground in the methods and procedures to be followed in the prosecution of those considered to be enemies of the state. Ottawa and Quebec, seemingly irreconcilable on any other subject, both have resorted to extraordinary

Radiant Heating Is Investigated

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 — (CP) — Canada's National Research Council, turning from war to peacetime experimentation, is investigating the merits of radiant heating, a newly-developed plan in which the source of heat is in the floor rather than in conventional radiators.

Two houses have been built by the Research Council at its laboratories on the Ottawa-Montreal road east of here. One of them is an ordinary frame dwelling with concrete foundations. The other has no foundations and rests on a concrete slab.

Results of the project, begun last May, will be made available to heating engineers and home owners who wish to try radiant heating.

One of the houses is heated by a grid of 1-1/2-inch pipes in air spaces under the floor and the other has

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