

Canadians Escaped Miners With Assistance Of Woman

TORONTO (CP)—Two Canadians reported to have been taken hostage by rebellious miners at Siglo Veinte, Bolivia, actually eluded the miners with the aid of the woman proprietor of their staff house. It was learned here.

The story of their escape was brought to Canada by Herbert H. Cox of Toronto, vice-president of Prospection Limited, a firm that has been doing geological and mining survey work in Bolivia since 1960.

The Canadians, Raymond Brousseau, 28, of Cobalt, Ont., and Aurelio Falardeaux, 34, of Ville Marie, Que. were employed as diamond drillers by one of Prospection's subsidiary contractors, Heath and Sierwood Limited of Kirkland Lake, Ont. Mr. Cox said Brousseau and Falardeaux managed to elude the leftist tin miners for six days after their initial escape in the staff house, where the miners three times sought them during the night of Dec. 6-7.

As Falardeaux related the story to him later, said Mr. Cox, Brousseau and he were sought along with other foreigners as hostages because the miners became enraged at the arrest by the government of two leaders of their Communist unit.

MINERS ARMED
Falardeaux told how a number of armed miners came to the staff house about 9 p.m. and asked the woman proprietor, "Where are the Canadians?" She told them the Canadians had left, and the miners went away.
But they returned in a more hostile mood about 11 p.m. and a woman met them while the Canadians hid beneath a bed. The miners entered and flashed a

light about the darkened rooms, but left without making a thorough search.

About 3 a.m. the miners, now drunk and enraged, returned to the staff house, shouting for the Canadians. At the woman's insistence, Falardeaux and Brousseau hid in a small attic. Armed with rifles and dynamite, the miners forced their way into the staff house and searched it but did not go up to the attic. Falardeaux later told Mr. Cox he believed the miners were frustrated enough at that point to use their guns.

After their experience in the staff house the two Canadians stayed hidden in three different places during the next days while making their way to La Paz, Bolivia's capital. They arrived there Thursday night.

LEFT FOR REST
Mr. Cox said he could not reveal their hiding places after they left the staff house, or how they finally reached safety. The pair left Friday for a rest in Lima, Peru.

Two other Canadians in Bolivia were said to have escaped from the miners, who took 19 hostages, including four Americans, in the Catavi mining area 180 miles southeast of La Paz.

Mr. Cox said that James McNamee, 20, of Kingston, Ont., a geologist for Prospection Limited, was asked by the miners to go with them to the Catavi area but simply turned them down and made his way to La Paz.

Robert Morrison, 37, of Toronto, said that the miners were seeking foreign hostages and escaped by driving away over back roads. Morrison is a geologist conducting a survey for the United Nations in the Catavi area.

Norwegian Captain Recounts 8 Days On Raft; Eight Die

NAMOS, Norway (AP)—The captain of a Norwegian freighter told here how he survived for two days on an open raft while eight companions died in the brutal cold or were swept to their deaths in raging seas.

Early frost-bitten when picked up Sunday by a fishing boat off the Norwegian coast, Capt. Ove Johansen, 63, will recover, said doctors at Namdal Hospital. Others of the 11-man crew are dead or missing and presumed dead.

Johansen said his 850-ton Jo-netta was hit by a giant wave Friday. Deck cargo began to give way and within minutes the little ship sank.

"There was not even time to think of using the radio," he said.

Eight of the crew made it to the raft with the captain but a wave that night washed four men overboard. Two died of the cold Saturday morning. The survivors spotted several fishing vessels and some larger ships but none saw them in the freezing seas.

SHOUTED FOR DAYS
"I shouted and shouted for two days," Johansen said, "I can't see how I managed to keep it up. I can't see how I can still be alive."
Sunday he saw a fishing boat.

FISH CANNERY HAS NEW ROLE

STEVESTON, B.C. (CP)—Workers at the big Steveston Fish Cannery couldn't believe their noses.

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The idea was that of flour miller Eugene Grezmiel, who brought the 3,220 tons at a bargain price after it got a dunking when the grain ship Irish Rowan, taking it to Japan, was involved in a collision with another ship in Vancouver harbor Nov. 27.

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Explained Mr. Grezmiel here: "Fish driers seemed the most logical way of salvaging such a large quantity of wheat. The work began Friday and the results have been excellent."

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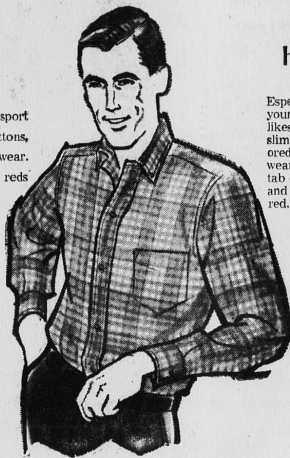


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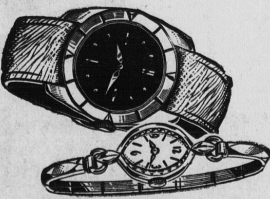
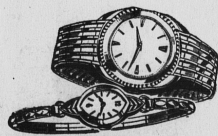
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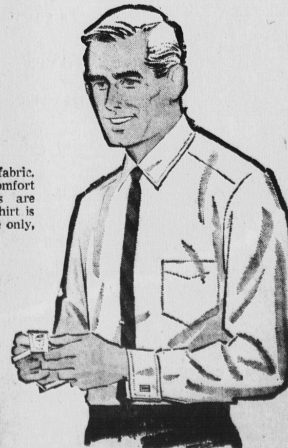
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