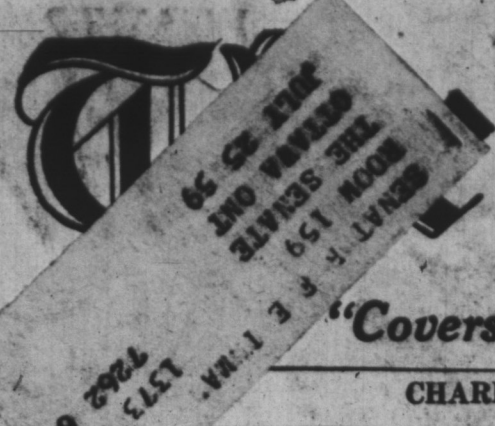


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Suspect Respected Citizens Behind Robberies In Canada

TORONTO (CP)—Who was behind Rene Martin, 32 of Montreal when he helped rob the Brockville, Ont., Trust and Savings Company of millions of dollars in stocks, bonds, cash and jewelry last May?

A group of supposedly respected citizens, possibly connected with banking? And is this group behind other crimes in Canada?

These and other questions will be discussed by Attorney-General Roberts of Ontario and Police Chief Wilmet F. Young of Brockville Monday.

Martin, arrested in Montreal 48 hours after thieves broke into the trust company's vault, gave police no names. He pleaded guilty in November and was sentenced to 12 years.

JUST A WORKMAN
Mr. Roberts called Monday's meeting after Chief Young reported to the Brockville police commission that Martin was just a "workman."

"There is no doubt the Brockville Trust Company break-in and theft was the work of a highly organized group of criminals," his report said.

"The persons actually committing the theft were only workmen employed by a supposedly respected persons, many holding positions of trust. It is alarming and unfortunate that such a group is masterminding serious crimes and hiding behind the cloak of respectability."

The report was made Wednesday and Mr. Roberts said Friday that if the charge is true, every man in the Ontario Provincial Police's criminal investigation branch "will be turned loose on it."

The chief refused to expand on his statements Friday other than to say: "You can't work on a

No Inflationary Crisis, Claims

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Fleming maintained today that there is no justification for anyone saying there is an inflationary crisis in Canada.

He was replying in the Commons to Paul Martin (L—Essex East) who sought government comment on a statement by James Muir, president of the Royal Bank of Canada, to the effect that Canadian prices are inflated to such dangerous proportions that Canadian goods are being forced out of world markets.

Criticism By C.C.F. Marks Windup Of Speech Debate

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons throne speech debate closed Friday with a strong criticism from the CCF of the effect of United States laws on Canadian companies.

Hazen Argue, CCF house leader, said there is growing evidence that U.S. law is being used to curtail or control operations of Canadian subsidiaries of U.S. parent companies.

He presented a motion—technically one of non-confidence in the government—calling for a special Commons committee to investigate the extent to which "Canadian companies are made subject to United States law and business policy."

Speaker Roland Michener ruled the motion out of order, however, on grounds it did not take the traditional form of challenging Canadian government policy.

END DEBATE
The House then ended the 10-day throne speech debate by voting 176 to 6 in support of the customary motion for an address thanking Governor-General Massey for reading the throne speech at the session opening Jan. 15. Only the CCF group voted against it.

The government forced the roll-call vote after a single voice from the CCF party said "nay" to the motion on a voice vote.

"Dare to be a Daniel," said H. W. Herridge (CCF—Kootenay West) as he stood to vote.

The Liberal Opposition's position has been that the vote on the motion of thanks to the Governor-General does not imply confidence in the government.

DEFENDS CAMPAIGN
Finance Minister Fleming, one of the last speakers in the debate defended last summer's huge campaign to convert \$6,000,000,000 in wartime victory loan bonds into longer-term government bonds. He said 90 per cent of bonds had been converted.

Canada now is "deriving great and timely benefits" from the conversion loan, he said.

Mr. Argue's main point of at-

case like this for months without coming to certain conclusions."

HIGH OFFICIALS?
Mr. Roberts said "there are certain aspects that lead to suspicions that certain people, perhaps high bank officials, may have been connected with such a robbery."

"I have had suspicions that such masterminds have been working in the United States but

we have no evidence of operations here."

The chief's report said the loss in the robbery was \$3,500,000 in bearer and registered bonds, \$6,000,000 in stock certificates, \$15,000 in cash, an estimated \$25,000 in jewelry and an undisclosed number of valuables.

A total of \$912,000 in bearer bonds, \$680,000 in registered bonds and all the stock certificates have been recovered.

Red Missile Aim Tops, U.S. Told

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Soviet Lunik's performance indicates Russian intercontinental missiles could strike at American targets with pinpoint accuracy.

Government scientists who told this Friday to inquiring senators also said the Russian space shot shows the Soviet Union has achieved a substantially greater rocket thrust than the United States.

Dr. T. Keith Glennan, head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, cautioned against doubting Russia's claim to have sent the Lunik past the moon and into orbit around the sun.

He said he has seen some of the Russians' scientific work at first hand and "I'm inclined to believe they did send this device beyond the moon."

Glennan and several other scientists of the government space agency testified before members of both the Senate space committee and preparedness subcommittee, who are trying to find out how the U. S. is doing in the vital space and missile races with Russia.

Glennan told the senators: "I don't think we're back of the Russians at all, except in propulsion. We're at least as good as they are, except in propulsion."

ACCURACY ESTIMATE
The estimate of Russian missile accuracy was made by Dr. Homer Lee Stewart, a scientist with NASA.

He said the Russians must have tried at least to come close to the moon. The distance by which the rocket missed the moon demonstrated guidance "good enough for a user weapon."

"It was good enough to guide an intercontinental ballistic missile to a target with a 15- to 20-mile circle of error," Stewart said.

An ICBM is planned to travel more than 5,000 miles. Assuming such a weapon is armed with a hydrogen warhead, it could do heavy damage if it struck within 15 or 20 miles of its intended target.

GROTSWOHL IN MOSCOW
LONDON (Reuters)—An East German government mission headed by Premier Otto Grotswohl arrived by air in Moscow, Thursday on its way home from Peiping, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Identified among the dead were Cecil Smith, pilot of the craft; M. G. Weeks, a part owner; and crew members Frank Mooney and Dennis Vickery, all of Greenville, Miss., home port of the barge. Among the four others missing and presumed dead, was Charles Anderson of Greenville.

RED CHINA DEAL
That had been after reports that Ford of Canada had been prevented from trying to sell 1,000 vehicles to Communist China.

But since then, Aluminum Company of Canada had been unable to make a sale to China, Mr. Argue said. And the B. F. Goodrich Corporation of Akron, O., had made impossible a likely sale of conveyor belting by its Canadian subsidiary to Red China.

He said it was "embarrassing and degrading" for Justice Minister Fulton to have gone to Washington this week after all the government assurances that Canadian law would govern Canadian business.

ANTI-TRUST CASE
Mr. Fulton went to discuss Canada's protest against a U.S. anti-trust case in which several Canadian subsidiaries are named as co-conspirators in an alleged attempt to restrict trade in radio and television receiving sets.

The Canadian government has said the actions of the companies, through their patents pool, Canadian Patents Limited, are not contrary to Canadian law.

Mr. Fleming said the government has taken and now takes a serious view of inflationary forces in the economy and that it welcomes evidence of the public's concern about inflation.

But the danger was not new and what must be taken account of was the fear of inflation.

NOT COINCIDENCE
J. A. Richard (L—St. Maurice-Lafleche) said it is not just coincidence that economic problems come whenever there is a Conservative government, that was happening now as it had hap-

pened under Conservative prime ministers Bennett and Borden and even in the 1890s before Liberal prime minister Laurier defeated the Conservatives.

Yvon R. Tasse (PC—Quebec East) said that years ago Quebec City lost its dominant position as a port because of construction of rail lines and the might regain its role as a terminal port with completion of the St. Lawrence River and development of winter navigation on the lower St. Lawrence River.

Two planes out of London Airport Friday after a 39-hour standstill was a British Overseas Airways flight to Montreal. Another BOAC flight to New York left a few minutes later.

Hundreds of air travellers spent Thursday night in hotels waiting for the fog to lift.

British railroads cut their services by 10 per cent and automobiles crawled along icy, fog-swathed highways.

Atmospheric tests made in London and Liverpool showed the smog was worse today than on Thursday.

WARNING ISSUED
Elderly people and those suffering from chest complaints were advised to remain indoors to avoid the fate of some 3,500 victims of the "killer smog" of 1952.

The fog blanket hit channel shipping. Two ships collided, but all aboard were saved.

Off Rotterdam a motor barge sank on Thursday night after a collision with a 692-ton vessel.

WAVES HAMPER RESCUE

Danish Liner Is Sinking After Striking Iceberg



ATTENDING THE annual meeting of the P.E.I. Trawler Owners' Association which concluded sessions at the Queen Hotel yesterday were L-R Seated: Laurie Gordon, Murray Harbour; George Roach, Souris; A. MacNeill, Murray Harbour; A. L. Outhouse, Souris; Francis Doucette, Rusticville and E.M. Gorman, Standing; P. H. Carroll, Manager, Alberton Industries Limited; Harold Doucette, Rusticville; Raymond Griffin, Montague; Jim Harris, Murray Harbour; F. A. Campbell, Loan Board; John Proskie, Fed. Dept. of Fisheries; Premier A. W. Matheson; E.A. Gallant, Souris; William Harris, Murray Harbour; Richard Power, Souris; Alfred MacDonald, Souris; and Roland MacDonald, Souris. Not present at the time photo was taken were Jacques Gallant, Souris; Art Peters and Paul Gallant of Souris.

Five Colliers Close In C.B.

SYDNEY (CP)—Five Cape Breton colliers worked their last shift for at least a month Friday and 4,100 miners began a short-time period that may last three months.

Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, producer of about 90 per cent of Nova Scotia's coal, closed the mines because of lack of markets. Mountainous stockpiles here and at St. Lawrence River terminals have left the company with 1,200,000 tons of unsold industrial coal.

ROLAND MACDONALD OF Souris was elected president of the Prince Edward Island Trawler Owners' Association at the annual meeting of the organization held at the Queen Hotel from Monday to Friday of this week.

Richard Power of Souris presided at the sessions which were held in conjunction with a short course sponsored by the provincial department of fisheries.

Other officers elected for 1959 were: William Harris, Murray Harbour, vice-president and

secretary-treasurer.

The meeting was attended by the captains and mates of the province's 13 fishing druggers, John Proskie, market and economic services of the federal department of fisheries and Eugene Gorman, deputy minister of fisheries for the province.

Among the topics discussed were: Fisheries regulations, inspection regulations concerning boats and plants, the condition of the fisheries resources, government assistance policies to fishermen and the economics of the fishermen's operations during the post year.

The total catch of ground fish last year ran over 10 million pounds worth over \$300,000 to the fisherman. The average catch per dragger was over 750,000 pounds with a value of \$22,500 per dragger. The boat owner spent an average of 112 days at sea for an average net earning of \$4,400.

U.K. Tories Lose Member

LONDON (Reuters)—An irate Scot broke with fellow Conservatives in the House of Commons Friday and announced he would sit as an independent.

Sir David Robertson, 68, a Conservative member of Parliament for 20 years, said he was protesting the Conservative government's handling of unemployment in the Scottish Highlands. He has been demanding new industry in the area to check the drift southward of unemployed Scots.

Fire Takes Nine Lives

GLEN ELLYN, Ill. (AP)—A fire which quickly raced out of control destroyed a landmark used as a nursing home and killed nine persons Friday.

Eight of the dead, all patients, were trapped by a collapsing roof of the Glen Ellyn Acres nursing home on the outskirts of Glen Ellyn, a suburban community 30 miles west of Chicago.

SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—A four-day royal commission inquiry into the Springhill mine disaster ended here Friday after 37 witnesses told the story of how a cave-in took the lives of 75 men last Oct. 23.

Commission Chairman Donald McInnes of Halifax said "We have a big task on our hands but we'll deal with it the best way we can."

He said the commission "is very conscious of the three disasters which have struck Springhill, and of the great spirit and tenacity of purpose of the citizens. We hope that good economic conditions will be restored to you."

This hard-luck Cumberland county town in northern Nova Scotia was the scene of a 1956 mine explosion in which 39 men died. A spectacular fire in 1957 wiped out half the town's business district.

INVESTIGATE STRESSES
Harold Gordon of Sydney, chief of coal operations for Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, which closed its operations here after the disaster, said "underground stresses and their actions should get the fullest investigation possible."

His company proposed to "bore a hole in the pavement in the bump area to determine how deep the strata was affected." A bump—upheaval of the mine floor—

Ship's Radio Goes Silent

HALIFAX (CP)—A little Danish ship on her maiden voyage smashed into an iceberg off southwest of the collision scene, Greenland Friday and radioed she was sinking slowly in the pitch-black, icy blackness of the North Atlantic.

Ships within call moved swiftly to the bleak area but were buffeted wildly by the heavy seas in a hazardous, suspenseful rescue effort.

The U.S. Coast Guard in New York said messages it received indicated there were 130 persons aboard the stricken 2,875-ton Hans Hedtoft.

But Denmark's Greenland department said in Copenhagen there were 95 persons aboard the vessel—40 crew members and 55 passengers. The passengers were all Danes and Greenlanders, the department said.

THREE SHIPS IN AREA
Three ships were said to have reached the area of the Hedtoft but they were fighting 60 mile-an-hour winds and 20-foot waves in their effort to aid her.

They were identified as the German trawler Justus Haslinger, the German cargo ship Johanna Kreuz and an unidentified Faeroe Island trawler.

The Johanna Kreuz was said to have a spotlight aimed at the Danish ship but there was no word of how close the rescuers actually were to the vessel.

The spotlight report came by way of Copenhagen, but there was no actual confirmation that the Hedtoft still was afloat.

In a roundabout report, the coast guard in New York said its cutter Campbell, about 200 miles southwest of the collision scene, had been in contact with the German ship as saying she had searched the scene and found nothing.

The Campbell said her last contact with the Hedtoft was at 4:08 p.m. EST.

The Faeroe trawler later reported she was running into difficulty herself in the battering seas and asked the two German ships to be ready to assist her.

BLINDING STORM
Nine smaller ships set out from Greenland through a blizzard to try assisting the sinking ship but the Greenland navy command said three of the nine had been forced to drop anchor because they found it impossible to navigate in the blinding storm.

The weather station here said there was little hope conditions would improve before Sunday.

The Greenland navy said all radio contact with the Hedtoft was lost at 7:52 p.m. EST Friday night. Until that time the Greenland radio station at Prins Christians Sound had been in contact with the ship.

But messages from the ship gradually grew weaker and weaker, apparently indicating the emergency transmitter was fading out.

LAST MESSAGE?
Two radio operators in Greenland said they thought they heard (Continued on page 2 Col. 4)

Rocket-Firing Team Is Headed By Prince Edward Island Man

CHURCHILL, Man. (CP)—A Nike-Hercules anti-aircraft rocket was successfully fired for the first time in Canada at 2:41 p.m. CST Friday at this launching base on the frigid shore of Hudson Bay.

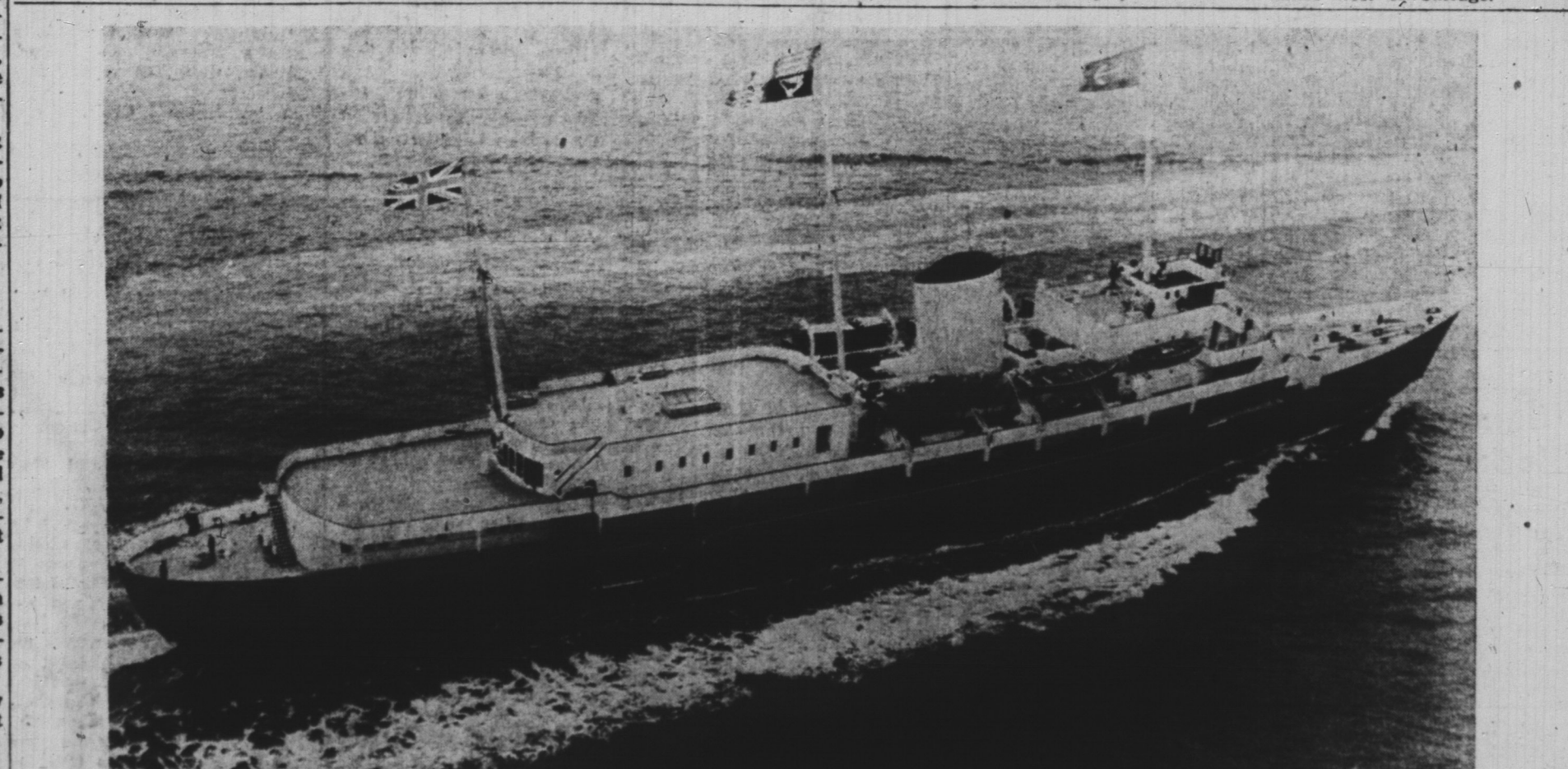
Col. N. J. W. Smith commanding officer of the Fort Churchill joint services base said he believed the shoot was most successful.

The screaming rocket dropped its booster motor within plain sight of the spectators in the clear and frosty sub-Arctic sky and then left a vivid smoke trail as it roared away to the east in a ground-guided hunt for a jet-powered drone target launched a few minutes previously by a four-engined Lancaster bomber from the air force testing establishment at Cold Lake, Alta.

The missile successfully intercepted the drone over the tundra, east of Churchill on the southwestern shore of Hudson Bay, 610 miles north of Winnipeg.

The Canadian-American team was trained last summer in Texas and New Mexico and took part in test firings last September, but this was the first time the Hercules was fired in Canada.

The Canadian group, about 75 members of the Royal Canadian Artillery, were headed by Maj. Varnon Gay of Prince Edward Island.



ROYAL YACHT SERVES IN PEACE AND WAR
The Royal Yacht Britannia, which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness Prince Philip will be travelling to Canada for their Royal Tour, was built with a view to serving Britain in peace and as a luxury craft in peace time, and as a hospital ship in war. Used by the Royal Couple the ship can also be quickly converted. (See story Page 5).