# Murder Of Canadian Diplomat Is Investigator's Nightmare

By JOSEPH NERBONNE

SAIGON (AP)—The brutal killer who put a gory end to the promising career of a young Canadian diplomat on the Indochina armistice commission is still at large more than three months after the murder that rocked the usually placid capital of Saigon.

The target for the assassin's blade was Lucien Cannon, a 38-year-old career officer in the Canadian diplomatic service who had the rank of second secretary, but who actually headed the Canadian side of the mixed armistice team in Saigon. He had served in Buenos Aires and in the external affairs department in Ottawa before arriving in Indochina in January.

Married, with two children, Cannon had to leave them in Ottawa as the Canadians on the commission serve the relatively short period of nine to 12 months and do not bring their families with them.

**QUICK TRAGEDY**

Friendly and well - liked, the handsome diplomat hardly had time to get settled in Saigon before the murderer tracked him down and escaped, leaving no important clues.

Shortly after arriving, Cannon visited Hanoi, capital of Communist-held North Viet Nam and the headquarters of the three-power (India, Canada, Poland) commission still supervising the Indochina truce three years after the fighting stopped.

The commission is not generally taxed with work these days and, being athletic, Cannon found plenty of time to swim and play tennis at Saigon's fashionable French-run Cercle Sportif, where the Vietnamese capital's foreign colony gather to gossip and play.

On the evening of April 11, Cannon, a native of Quebec City, and a group of 14 Canadian friends assembled for a farewell dinner to a departing colleague. They drove to Cholon—Saigon's twin Chinese capital — to eat at the most popular Chinese - run restaurant, the Arc en Ciel.

**PLEASANT MEAL**

After a lavish meal including the local specialties of baked duck, cranes' eggs and shark's fin soup, the whole party went on to the Tabarin, a Saigon night club boasting a Philippine orchestra and pretty Vietnamese and Chinese taxi-girls.

The group settled into the Tabarin for a few beers and to watch the attractive Chinese dance by in gowns split to the thigh and the more modest Vietnamese dressed in long tunics, split at the waist and billowy silk trousers. A few girls joined the Canadians at $1.25 an hour.

One by one the party broke up and Cannon left, most think, about midnight. He was alone, his friends believe, but none can say for sure.

From this point, Vietnamese detectives handling the case found a complete blackout as no one saw the diplomat after he left the night club. They frankly admit it's the toughest case they've handled in years.

**BACK TO COMPOUND**

Cannon is thought to have taken his big, black French Citroen directly back to the commission compound reserved for high officials of the three nations.

The compound was guarded by Vietnamese sentries but they do not remember seeing his car come in and they did not record his car number as they were supposed to do.

Cannon entered his French-style villa, leaving it unlocked, and apparently went directly to bed. At six the next morning (April 12) his houseboy, peering behind a mosquito net, discovered Cannon's naked body covered with blood.

The investigation later proved he had been stabbed four times in the chest. Three of the wounds went expertly through the heart. The knife was not discovered but experts later said it was a triangular-shaped blade rather like a soldier's bayonet.

**NO FINGERPRINTS**

The most interesting clues found were two glasses—one half filled with whisky and water and the other empty. Whether used before Cannon went out that evening or after he returned home is still unknown. If there were any finger prints on the glasses, they were destroyed, for the bedroom soon filled with inquisitive diplomats, commission members, police and friends.

A foreign police expert arrived on the scene an hour or two after the body was discovered and was asked by a bewildered Vietnamese detective whether he had any advic to give.

"Yes," the expert replied, "take down the names and addresses of these 30 or 40 people here."

"It wouldn't do any good," came the response, "50 or 60 others have already come and gone."

**STIFF PROTOCOL**

Thus began the investigation of Saigon's first major international murder since the Ngo Dinh Diem government came to power in 1954.

Authorities say the case is complicated by diplomatic protocol and procedures. Foreign governments and commission members announced they would co-operate with the Vietnamese investigators but the latter appear to be acting with as much caution as "mothers at a coming-out ball," one observer quipped.

Nothing except the brief original announcement that Cannon had been found dead was ever released to the press. The English-language weekly, Times of Viet Nam, called the situation "a conspiracy of silence" and wondered why something was not released.

It said, "the public has a right to know just how and why it happened and to be assured that the police are doing something to bring justice to the criminal."

# Arctic Plants Are Classified

OTTAWA (CP) — The liquorice root doesn't taste like liquorice, but more like carrots.

It's one of the 340 plants described and illustrated in a 209-page book, Illustrated Flora of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago, which the northern affairs department says will go on sale early in August.

The first complete guide book of Canadian Arctic plants also says none of them has thorns or stings. None is poisonous. With so few grazing animals in the Arctic, there is little need for such defences.

The book, written by Dr. A. E. Porslid, the National Museum's chief botanist, says the bistort's root is a choice delicacy. The Eskimos preserve it by freezing it in seal oil. They give the same treatment to the cloudberry or baked-apple, their favorite native fruit.

**SOURCES OF FOOD**

The publication, with black-and-white line drawings by Mrs. Digny T. Lid of Oslo, a botanist who specializes in flower and plant sketches, will be sold by the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, at $2 a copy.

Other points it makes:

Mountain sorrell has a high vitamin content. It is an excellent food whether taken raw as a salad, cooked as a vegetable or stewed.

Leaves of scarvy - grass are a rich source of vitamin C. Other edible vegetables include the roseroot and the flowers of the willowherb.

The dwarf birch anl white heather when found abundantly, provide good fuel.

Although vegetation is "sparse, dwarfed and starved" in the Arctic, there are "botanical oases" where deposits of animal or bird fertilizer encourage rich growth.

**RESTRICTIONS LIFTED**

CAIRO (Reuters)—The Egyptian finance ministry Wednesday lifted sequestration orders impose on establishments of Thomas Cook and Sons Ltd. at the time of the Suez crisis. The move was seen here as a further step toward bringing British - Egyptian relations back to normal. It followed a decision announced Tuesday night to permit British air companies to fly over Egyptian territory once more.

# CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 10 6
♥ J 6 5
♦ K 5 4 2
♣ A 7 2

WEST
♠ 2
♥ 10 9 8 7 4 2
♦ 9 6 3
♣ 8 6 4

EAST
♠ Q 9 7 5 4
♥ 3
♦ 10 8 7
♣ 10 9 5 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 8 3
♥ A K Q
♦ A Q J
♣ K Q J

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 NT | Pass | 7 NT | Pass |

Opening lead—ten of hearts.

The opening three notrump bid is supposed to meet three requirements. It denotes 25 to 27 points, notrump distribution and strength in all suits.

When these requirements are adhered to, the responder can usually determine the best final contract. North's seven notrump bid is simply a matter of arithmetic. He knows the combined point count will lie between 37 and 39 points. A grand slam becomes feasible with 37 points and up. Hence the seven bid.

The play is equally precise. South starts with twelve top tricks. The thirteenth must come from the spade suit. The only high card out is the queen of spades. If its location is known, the queen can be picked up by a finesse.

Declarer's problem is to determine which opponent is in possession of the queen. Ten tricks can be cashed in the three suits other than spades. Declarer hopes that by the time the ten tricks are taken he will have gathered enough information, as the opponents follow suit or fail to follow suit, for him to decide where the spade queen is located.

In pursuance of this plan, after winning the heart lead, he cashes the A-Q-J of diamonds. South notes each defender was dealt three diamonds.

Declarer then cashes his two high hearts and observes that East started the deal with a singleton heart. He knows, therefore, West was dealt six hearts originally. (Dummy's three hearts plus South's three and East's one account for seven hearts, hence West had six.)

Three rounds of clubs are played, ending in dummy, with all hands following.

Declarer recapitulates. West has shown up with six hearts, three diamonds and three clubs. With twelve cards accounted for, West cannot have been dealt more than one spade.

The king of diamonds is cashed, South discarding a spade. The ace of spades is led, West following with his only spade. The spade finesse is taken. It succeeds.

The defenders cannot conceal their distribution. They must follow suit. Declarer plays just as though he has seen each opponent's hand.

# DAILY CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1. Goddess (It.)
5. Befalls
9. Solids (geom.)
10. Heroic poems
12. Mother of Irish gods (poss.)
13. Wicker container
14. Tight
15. Exist
16. Pair (abbr.)
17. Cry of pain
18. Furnished
20. Tellurium (sym.)
21. Parsons
24. Man's name
26. Metallic rocks
27. Malayan island
31. Thus
32. Plant shoot
33. Toward
35. United Nations
36. One-spot card
37. First man
39. Harvested
41. Cupola
42. Spirit lamps
43. Interlaced
44. Titles of respect
45. Utilizer

**DOWN**

1. Hebrew prophet
2. Two-toed sloth
3. Baby bird
4. Esker
5. Cores
6. Church part
7. Measure of length (Egypt.)
8. Royal staff (var.)
9. Roman statesman
11. Strain
13. Romanian coins
19. Half an em
21. Fortify
22. Whirling wind (poss.
23. Before
24. Confirm
25. Young lions
28. Way of approach
29. Variegated
30. Hawaiian bird
33. More domesticated
34. Foreboding
36. Armadillo
38. Bird of peace
40. Cuckoo
43. Chinese dialect

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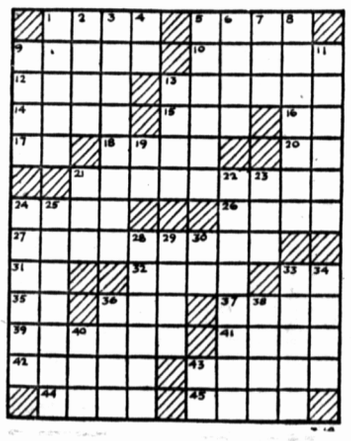
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| STALE | CHORD | WADER | LOBAR | ABIDE | ALIKE | TOE | AVE | IS | HOUDINI | ASS | ES |
| ON | CATHY | ACT | LYE | SPIKE | EA | AI | LAD | RASHERS | IN | FEW | ARE |
| MACES | ANGER | SMART | OULSE | YAWNS | STETS | | | | | | |

Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

**A Cryptogram Quotation**

'BTBIZ YOE HBANIBA VM RNTB RMEP, FDV EM YOE QMDRH FB MRH — AQNUV.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF THIS IS THE BEST OF POSSIBLE WORLDS, WHAT THEN ARE THE OTHERS? — VOLTAIRE.

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7:10 p.m.—Weather
7:15 p.m.—CBC TV News
7:25 p.m.—Viewer's Guide
7:30 p.m.—Sports Weekly with Loman McAulay
8:00 p.m.—Meet McGraw
8:30 p.m.—Climax
9:30 p.m.—Summertime '57
10:00 p.m.—CFCY TV News and Weather
10:05 p.m.—Movietime "Within These Walls"

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6:45 p.m.—Weather
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7:30 p.m.—Topper
8:00 p.m.—Meet Mr. McGraw
8:30 p.m.—Climax
9:30 p.m.—Summertime '57
10:00 p.m.—Passport to Danger
10:30 p.m.—$64,000 Question
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11:15 p.m.—Billboard
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