

## FOUR HELD RESPONSIBLE

### Grisly Stories Are Heard As Gang Slayings Probed

By REMY D'ANJOU  
QUEBEC (CP) — Grisly accounts of fatal shootings, a hammer-beating and make-shift burials were heard by a Quebec coroner's jury which Tuesday found four men criminally responsible in four arson-racket killings.

The accounts came out in a marathon court session that ended just before dawn with criminal responsibility verdicts against Andre Lamothe in all four deaths, Ovide Boulet in three of the deaths, Jean-Jacques Gagnon in two and Fernand Quirion in one.

The lime-covered bodies of the victims make up only a portion of what Quebec Justice Minister Claude Wagner has described as a known death toll of seven, and a possible toll of a dozen—all killings staged by the underworld to stop investigations by his department of arson rackets in Quebec.

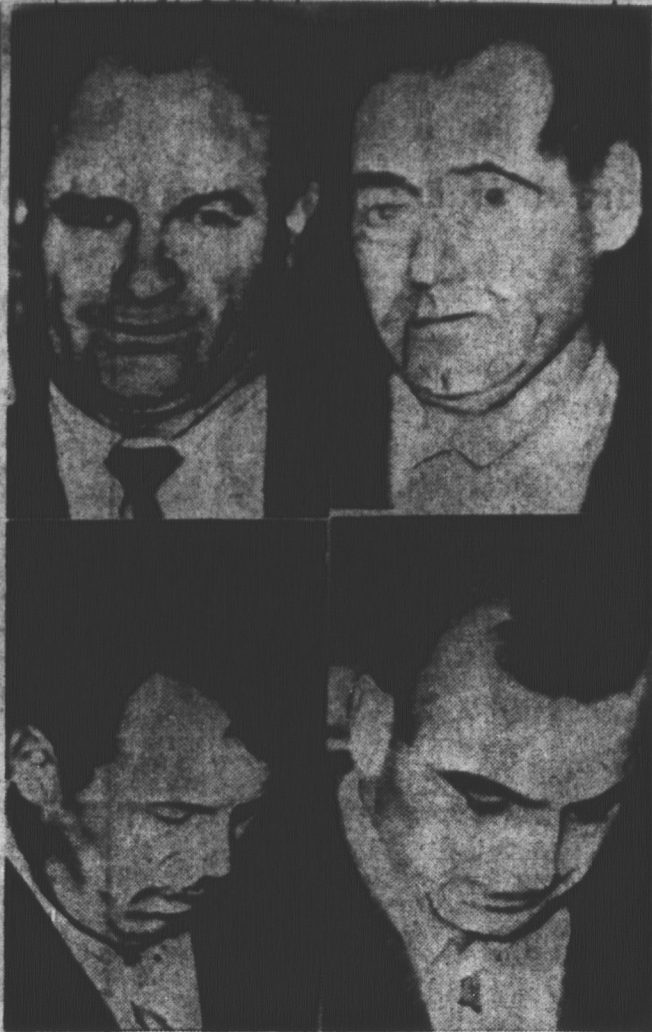
The four told—sometimes with chilling precision—of how three of the victims were shot with a gold-handled .33-calibre pistol and the other was beaten to death, all on lonely country roads or in swampy woodlands.

Of one of the victims, Remonteur Faucher, Boulet said he had been a friend. "We sat many a fire together," Boulet grinningly told the coroner's jury and a courtroom packed with 250 persons.

Four separate inquiries were held over the same nine-hour period, an all-night affair that was said to be the first such court sitting in Quebec history.

The doomed men other than Faucher were Alberic Blodreau, 52, of St. Marie de Beauce, Que.; Paul Chandonnet, 38, of Sherbrooke, and Paul Brie, 47, of Faucher, 47, also lived in Quebec City. The bodies were found south of Quebec City during the last month.

Brie, the victim of a beating. (Continued on page 3, col. 2)



THESE FOUR men were held criminally responsible Tuesday for the death of four others in what Quebec police describe as the result of an arson racket. They are: Ovide Boulet, 52, top left; Fernand Quirion, 41, top right; Andre Lamothe, 47, lower left; and Jean-Jacques Gagnon, 33, lower right. (CP Wirephoto)

## Klan Activities Probe Opened

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional investigators sought to show Tuesday that a Ku Klux Klan grand dragon, Robert M. Shelton, finagled the Klan's bank account by using disguised signatures on its cheques.

The House of Representatives committee on un-American activities, opening long-awaited hearings on the Klan, called a government hand-writing expert who also worked on documents in the spy trial of Alger Hiss.

The expert, Philip Schmitt, testified that signatures of James J. Hendrix of Klan cheques actually were written by Shelton's wife, Betty L. Shelton.

He said the signature of T. M. Montgomery on a Klan cheque actually was the writing of Mrs. Shelton, a slender 36-year-old in a conservative grey suit and flashing a diamond ring on his left hand, refused to answer 77 times. He seemed calm and self-possessed as he did so and as he refused to produce Klan documents subpoenaed by the committee.

Carol Long, alleged to be a secretary employed by the United Klans of America at its Tuscaloosa, Ala., headquarters. Shelton, his wife and Mrs. Long invoked the fifth amendment to the U.S. constitution in refusing to answer all questions. They also invoked the first, fourth and 14th amendments in a long ritual which they repeated after each question.

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## Gordon Claims Flat Rejection Given Call For Aid In Viet Nam

By RONALD LEBEL  
OTTAWA (CP) — Finance Minister Gordon said Tuesday Canada has flatly rejected an American request for military support in the Vietnamese war.

At the same time he did not rule out the possibility of Canadian participation in a United Nations truce inspection team or peacekeeping force in Viet Nam, should such missions be proposed.

Mr. Gordon, Liberal campaign chairman, denied at his weekly press conference statements by the retiring NDP deputy leader, Douglas Fisher, and Creditiste Leader Caouette that the Liberals plan to dispatch troops to Viet Nam after the Nov. 8 election.

He disclosed that a letter from President Johnson to Prime Minister Pearson and about 20 other Allied countries last summer said any "help and assistance" in Viet Nam would be welcome. He had interpreted the request to mean military support.

"The answer was no," Mr. Gordon said.

Mr. Pearson and External Affairs Minister Martin have said Canada will not intervene in the Viet Nam hostilities because of this country's membership on the neutral international truce supervisory commission based in Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia.

India and Poland are the other members of the commission.

REJECTS DEMANDS  
Mr. Gordon also rejected opposition demands for a judicial inquiry into allegations by Dr. Guy Marcoux of a "shady deal" between Liberals and six Social Credit MPs just after the 1963 election.

Allegations are flying thick and fast in the current campaign and they do not warrant inquiries since they are not backed up by evidence, he said.

"I was surprised that Dr. Marcoux (a Social Credit member of the last Parliament) waited two and a half years before bringing this up."

Both the minister and Liberal campaign director Keith Davey denied that either fraud suspect Moise Darabaner or mining magnate John Doyle have had any connections with the Liberal party.

Dr. Marcoux charged in pamphlet last week Transport Minister Pickersgill, Darabaner and Mr. Doyle took part in secret negotiations leading up to the statement of support for the Liberals signed by six Social Credit MPs four days after the 1963 vote.

## Peas, Cole Crop Losses Reported At Kensington

Sharply reduced production of peas and cole crops reported at a meeting last night in Kensington of producers for the Seabrook Farms Frozen Food Products plant at New Amman, was similar to crop difficulties reported Monday night at a meeting in Montague.

There was virtually no criticism of the processing plant at the meeting in the Kensington Regional High School. Approximately 20 growers were in attendance. The meeting was chaired by Smith MacFarlane, chairman of the frozen foods committee of the P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture.

The meeting named a five-man committee to seek government assistance to meet in Charlottetown Monday evening at 8 o'clock with committees from Montague and the Charlottetown area. The group will meet in the Federation of Agriculture office. It was explained.

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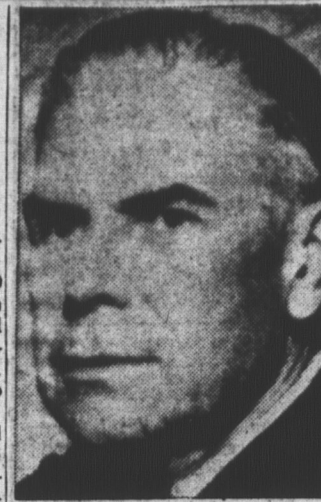
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NEW POST  
J. Adrien Robert, Montreal police director since 1961, was appointed Tuesday as director of the Quebec Provincial Police. Quebec Justice Minister Claude Wagner said Mr. Robert will take over the post left vacant by resignation of Joseph Brunet on Nov. 1. (CP Wirephoto)

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