

**Life Term
Is Given**

STRATFORD, Ont. (CP)—Jon Pittman, 21, has been sentenced to life imprisonment after he pleaded guilty in Ontario Supreme Court to non-capital murder in the Feb. 14 rifle-slaying of Marianne Vandervliet, 21, a Kitchener school teacher.

Miss Vandervliet was fatally shot in the farm home of her parents at Dublin, 12 miles west of here. Pittman was a hired hand.

A statement read into evidence by Inspector G. E. Smith of the provincial police quoted Pittman as saying Miss Vandervliet was the victim of a sex killing.

"She was young and attractive," Pittman was quoted.

"I wanted her . . . I walked to the barn and got the gun and walked into the kitchen and shot her."

Insp. Smith said Pittman told him that after shooting Miss Vandervliet he struck her repeatedly with the rifle butt. "I couldn't stop" hitting her he was quoted.

**Italy Aims
New Laws
At Mafia**

ROME (Reuters)—Italy's parliament has strengthened the hands of magistrates and police in their fight against the Mafia, the Sicilian terrorist society.

In a move to counter "omerta"—the unwritten law of silence that frequently leads to acquittal of Mafia suspects—it passed a government bill providing for swift and severe penalties against the suspects.

Under the bill, a judge may banish a Mafia suspect to restricted residence even before a court takes action, and police may arrest a suspected "mafioso" for many crimes for which he would normally have to be caught red-handed.

Suspects will be refused licenses for carrying or dealing in guns and explosives—and the normal penalty for failing to report possession of arms is trebled for Mafia suspects.

The new law was urged by a parliamentary commission which is inquiring into the Mafia, whose activities include murder, kidnapping, robbery and extortion.

**Commonwealth
Secretariat
Not Filled**

By HAROLD MORRISON
LONDON (CP) — British authorities say three months of behind-the-scenes soundings among the 21 member countries have failed to produce agreement on the man to head the new Commonwealth secretariat.

The British government had hoped a consensus would be reached before the prime ministers gather here for their June 17-25 conference. This hope now has been abandoned.

The whole issue will be thrown open for discussion and negotiation, with authorities here anticipating that personal exchanges will lead to a compromise before the conference ends.

**Collector Gets
Winnie's Hat**

SYDNEY (Reuters)—A white sombrero Sir Winston Churchill used to wear while painting has arrived in Australia to be added to the hat collection of Sir Edward Hallstrom.

BRISTOL

Mrs. Joe Simott has entered the Charlottetown Hospital where she is undergoing treatment.

Mrs. Walter O'Brien has entered the Charlottetown Hospital for a check up. She will be in hospital about a week.

Mrs. John R. O'Brien and daughter were business visitors to the city last week, also visiting some members of the family who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Brien and children were weekend visitors to the old home here with Mr. O'Brien's parents. Paul, who was hospitalized with an injured back for some time, has returned to his duties with Frank Rush, who operates a fleet of transfer trucks over the Island and the mainland.

George O'Brien, who went to Montreal during the winter, has returned home. He had gone to that city to assist his brother during a period of illness in the family.

The lobster season got underway here late and fishing last week was reported as extremely poor for the start of the season, but many hope with warmer weather the lobsters will get moving around more.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Molynaux and other relatives were weekend visitors to Pictou, N.S., guests of relatives. Mrs. Molynaux was the former Bertha MacDonald and her old home is here. He is head cook at the Riverside Hospital.

RELICS GO TO MUSEUM
Relics of "the man with the donkey," John Simpson of the ANZAC force at Gallipoli in the First World War, who became a voluntary stretcher-bearer, have been presented to the Australian War Museum.

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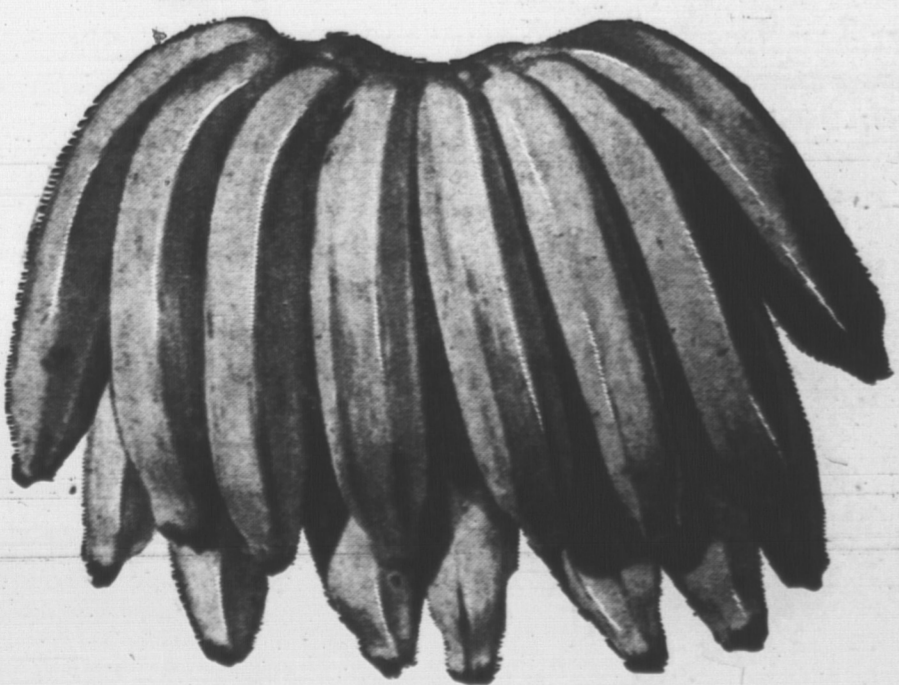


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