

Stiffer Penalties For Crime Comics Urged by MP

OTTAWA, (CP) — An Opposition member who helped convince Parliament of the need for a ban on crime comics now wants stiffer penalties against their publishers, and against publishers of obscene material.

Davie Fulton, Progressive Conservative member for Kamloops, Thursday night proposed in the Commons a maximum \$25,000 fine for the corporations which publish crime comics, or a five-year year term if the publisher is an individual.

The present maximum penalty of two years applies to both publishers and distributors and Mr. Fulton's proposed amendment said this should be continued for wholesalers and retailers.

He made his proposal as an amendment to the Criminal Code, now before the Commons for revision.

Justice Minister Garson opposed the amendment on grounds that the law now provides an unlimited fine for corporations.

Mr. Fulton replied that a \$25,000 fine has never been imposed.

Fine Up To Courts

The minister agreed, but said it is up to the courts to decide the amount of the fine. Provincial attorneys-general could appeal the sentence if they thought it insufficient.

The amendment was supported by Rev. E. G. Hansell (SC-MacLeod).

Mr. Fulton was instrumental in having Parliament in 1949 ban the sale and distribution of crime comics. They are defined as publications devoting all or most of their space to crime pictures.

Thursday night he described crime comics and obscene literature as a "lethal and ghastly form of perversion." And said publishers bear the prime responsibility.

Distributors often could not do an adequate job of censoring the material that passed through their hands, he said, but they should not be relieved of responsibility.

"These men are going to place in the hands of children things which will corrupt their minds."

Crime Comics Return

He said the 1949 law resulted in crime comics disappearing from newsstands for a time. But they now had returned. An estimated 5,000,000 a month were distributed. Printers and publishers could

TV Broadcaster



Mr. Harold Sampel (above) has been employed as sportscaster with the new television station CHSJ (TV), Saint John, N. B. He is the son of Mrs. Russell Sampel and the late Russell Sampel of this City. His grandmother, Mrs. Brenton L. Wood resides at 17 Felling Street.

FRENCH STRIKE CALLED

PARIS, (AP) — The Communist-dominated Confederation Generale du Travail, France's largest labor union, called today for a one-day general strike April 28 to bolster its demands for an increase in the national minimum wage scale.

The basic minimum now is 20,000 francs (\$57) a month. The CGT wants this raised to slightly more than 25,000 francs.

laugh at the present court fines because of their enormous profits. Fred S. Zaplinsky (CCF-Dauphin) said it is not fair to place responsibility on magazine distributors and retailers for supervision of the contents of crime comics. It should be placed on publishers.

Mr. Hansell said laws banning obscene publication should apply to radio and television. Television was a powerful moulder of public morale and should be interpreted as a medium of publication to bring it within existing laws.

Difference Between A And H-Bombs

WASHINGTON, (AP) — What's the difference between a hydrogen bomb and the "old-fashioned" atomic bomb?

It's easier to understand if you remember that actually they're both A-bombs. The basic difference is that the "old" type, first exploded in 1945, makes use of splitting atoms, while the newer one fuses or puts atoms together in new combinations.

Either way there's a tremendous release of energy—but much more so with the hydrogen bomb.

It's more accurate to call the older weapon a fission bomb, rather than just an "atomic" bomb, and the new type a fusion bomb instead of a "hydrogen" bomb.

What the fission bomb does, essentially, is split atoms of uranium a very heavy material. The fission bomb, on the other hand, gets its deadly effect by converting atoms of hydrogen, which is extremely light, into atoms of helium.

One more thing: It takes a fission bomb to set off, or "trigger," a fusion bomb.

CANADA PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND IN THE PROBATE COURT

The 15th day of March A.D. 1954. In Re Estate of IDA MURRAY MacLELLAN late of Cardigan in Kings County in the said Province, Widow, deceased, testate.

To the Sheriff of the County of Prince County or any Constable or literate person within said County

GREETING:

WHEREAS upon reading the petition on file of Ernest H. Strong of Summerside in Prince County aforesaid, Barrister-at-Law, the sole Executor of the above named Estate, praying that a citation may be issued for the purpose hereinafter set forth: You are therefore hereby required to cite all persons interested in the said Estate as aforesaid may have due notice thereof.

WITNESS His Honour Harold Leonard Palmer, Judge of the said County of Summerside in Prince County in the said Province, on Thursday the 29th day of April next coming, at the hour of ten o'clock fore-noon of the same day to shew cause if any they can

New Machine Eliminates Need For Messenger

MONTREAL, (CP) — A miniature facsimile machine which eliminates messenger pick-up and delivery between business offices and telegraphic transmission centres, was used Thursday for the first time in Canada.

The inaugural operation centred at the Anglo-American Telegraph Company's Montreal office. K. Bruce Mitchell, vice-president of Western Union Telegraph Company's international communications, pushed the "send" button.

The machine, called desk-fax and weighing 18 pounds, works this way: The message, type-written or in longhand, is placed on the metal cylinder of the machine in a business office. A button is pushed and the message, exactly as written, is scanned by an electronic eye and transmitted to the telegraph office in much the same fashion as a wirephoto. The telegraph office then handles the message in the normal way for its destination.

Incoming messages are handled similarly from the receiving transmission centre to business offices.

The inaugural message was cabled to London

why the Accounts of the said Estate should not be passed and the Estate closed as prayed for in said petition and on motion of Ernest H. Strong Esquire, Proctor for said Petitioner.

AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a true copy hereof be forthwith published in some newspaper published in Charlottetown in Queens County in the said Province once in each week for at least four consecutive weeks from the date hereof and that a true copy hereof be forthwith posted in the following public places respectively, namely, in the hall of the Court House in Summerside in Prince County aforesaid, at or near the store of J. A. McDonald and Company Limited at Cardigan aforesaid and at or near the Post Office in Cardigan aforesaid so that all persons interested in the said Estate as aforesaid may have due notice thereof.

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(Sgd.)
Frances B. Vinnicombe,
Registrar.

Dieppe House to Expand Facilities

MONTREAL, (CP) — Dieppe House, a "living memorial" to men who died in the first big attack on Hitler's Atlantic fortress, announced Thursday it will expand its facilities for the care of epileptics.

The institution, unique in North America, was founded in 1946 by the late George A. Savoy, a manufacturer, in memory of his son, Paul, and other Canadians killed in the Dieppe raid of Aug. 19, 1942.

Dieppe House was built at near-by St. Hilaire, a building without inside doors or stairways, and now has 82 patients. The unorthodox design is to protect patients who may have an epileptic attack at any time. Ramps take the place of stairways.

John Savoy, brother of Maj. Paul Savoy, who was killed at Dieppe, Thursday announced a campaign for \$75,000 to build a new wing and increase the capacity of the hospital by 50 per cent.

He said there is no similar institution in North America, and enquiries from Europe indicate the hospital may be the only one of its kind in the world.

JAPANESE BOATS SEIZED

TOKYO, (AP) — A Soviet patrol craft captured two Japanese fishing boats off the eastern tip of the northern island of Hokaido today, Kyodo news agency said. The Russians have seized six boats in the area since March 15, Kyodo reported, and are still holding four, plus 25 sailors.

HIGH WATERFALL

The Alexandra falls on Hay River in northern British Columbia have a drop of 150 feet.

Butter Prices In The U. S. A. Dip Sharply

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The price of butter in the United States dropped abruptly Thursday and store owners began marking down a host of other items ranging from costume jewelry to mink coats.

Just what effect this would have on buying, it was too soon to tell. But there was no immediate rush of customers to take advantage of price cuts resulting from lower price supports to dairy farmers and lower excise taxes.

Both the price support drop—ordered by Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson—and the excise tax reductions—voted by Congress to the tune of \$99,000,000—went into effect Thursday.

Butter prices reacted quickest. Almost everywhere in the country they dropped from between five and 10 cents a pound. In Kansas City the price dropped generally to 67 from 75 cents a pound.

Dairy farmers generally were jittery over the outcome of Benson's cut in price supports—from 90 to 75 per cent of parity. Many were uncertain whether they faced a sizable slash in their income or whether—as Benson has forecast—sales will be higher and their long-term position more secure.

TOKYO, (AP) — Police arrested 320 persons today in one of the biggest crack-downs against terrorist suspects since the war. The targets apparently were a mixture of criminal and political trouble-makers. Police said five Japanese swords and three daggers were seized.

West Germany's Far East Exports Up

BONN, Germany, (Reuters) — West Germany announced Friday a 250-per-cent increase between 1950 and 1953 in her exports to the Far East, including Communist China.

As a result of imports amounting to \$25,033,000 last year, Communist China rose from 11th to fifth place in the list of far eastern buyers of West German goods. China bought mainly iron goods, machinery, electrical goods, high precision and optical instruments and pharmaceutical products, the survey said.

West German imports from Communist China also rose by 80 per cent last year to \$33,259,000.

STEEL PEAK

The United States reached a record steel production of 111,600,000 tons in 1953.



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Business Reports

MCKENZIE ISLAND, Ont., (CP) — McKenzie Red Lake Gold Mines Ltd. had a net profit in 1953 of \$23,869 compared with net loss of \$14,869 in 1952. Working capital was \$714,973 against 718,876.

H. G. Young, president, said a federal subsidy of \$107,862 was a tremendous help to the success of the year's operation.

TORONTO, (CP) — Canadian General Electric net income for 1953 was \$11,044,537, compared with \$7,122,852 in 1952.

H. M. Turner, president, noted that sales were at record level for the eighth consecutive year, at \$205,147,666, compared with \$154,368,207 in 1952.

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