

Canadian Officer Slain In Chicago

CHICAGO, May 28 (AP)—Major John F. Fletcher, 46, an educational officer in the Canadian army, was shot to death in his room in the Morrison hotel last night and Police Capt. Jerome Looney said Donald R. Murray, 41, Chicago salesman and a long time friend of the officer, was held for questioning in connection with the slaying.

Looney said Murray's wife, Doris, 36, was in Fletcher's room when the shooting occurred. He said Murray and Fletcher, a former bandmaster and teacher in the Elgin, Ill., high school,

Man Locked In Car Two Weeks

YAKIMA, Wash., May 28 (AP)—After being imprisoned in a railroad refrigerator car for more than two weeks, Alfred J. Degutis of Seattle was released last night by a warehouseman who heard him kicking the door.

Degutis said he entered the car at Auburn, Wash., the night of May 9 and someone had closed the door. Without food or water, his weight dropped from 196 pounds to 142.

Seven days after he became locked in the car, he said it was connected to a train. Railroad officials at the Northern Pacific freight office said the car had come across the Cascade mountains from Auburn May 13.

"Today is my 43rd birthday and it's a grand present to be released," Degutis told police officers who took him to a hospital for examination. The hospital reported his condition was good and that he might be released in three or four days.

had been friends for more than 20 years. Looney said no formal charge was placed against Murray, a former Du Page county township supervisor, but he was to be questioned further today.

Police who were summoned to the skyscraper hotel at Clark and Madison streets near midnight said Fletcher, the father of three daughters and estranged from his wife, a mathematics teacher at suburban Wheaton academy, had been shot four times. The officer, clad in a bathrobe, fell across the bed and died instantly. Looney said Murray handed investigating officers a .32 caliber pistol.

Wife Found In Room
Looney said that Fletcher, who had been on leave from his base at Vancouver, B. C., had been

Klamath Drivers Nabbed At Yreka

Citations issued to traffic violators at Yreka, Calif., this week included several from the Klamath basin.

Ray Zirkle and Harvey Charles Addington, both of Klamath Falls, were charged with tampering with a vehicle and were taken into custody following their arrests.

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driven to a railroad station by Murray yesterday, presumably to board a train. Later Looney related Murray told him he found that his wife was not at her place of employment and he began a search for her which, he said, ended in Fletcher's eighth floor room in the Morrison hotel.

The police captain said that Fletcher, who had been visiting with his mother, Mrs. Laura Fletcher in Wheaton during his leave which began April 19, had been a guest at the home of the Murray's several times. The Murrays have no children.

Attorney William J. Terrell, who was summoned to central police station after the shooting, said that Fletcher and Mrs. Murray recently had conferred with him separately about filing divorce suits. He said he had advised them they had insufficient grounds to file the suits.

Terrell also told police that Fletcher had told him he expected to be promoted to lieutenant colonel on June 1 and that his leave ended June 19. He had enlisted in a Canadian army anti-aircraft battery in 1941 and served as a bombardier overseas before he was commissioned as an educational officer.

An inquest into Fletcher's death was scheduled for tomorrow.

Portland Trainmen Deny Hannegan Plea

PORTLAND, May 28 (AP)—A Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen's local here has notified National Democratic Chairman Robert E. Hannegan it is standing behind the brotherhood's president in his strike policy.

M. E. Robb, secretary of Rose City local 559, said the trainmen were joined by engineers here in the answer to Hannegan's plea to trainmen to repudiate their union leadership.

The union secretary declared the membership would work for the defeat of any congressman who supported President Truman's "attacks on organized labor."

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A thousand gallons of gold paint will be sprayed on Woodward avenue early Saturday morning to make everything glitter for the afternoon's big parade.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 28 (AP)—Robert Wright, veteran of both World wars, is trying to straighten out the war department on a certain little matter.

When Wright applied for a pension, Washington replied

that Wright had been killed in action. His widow was advised to apply for the pension.

"There's been a slight mistake," says Wright, who is not only alive but also unmarried.

CHICAGO, May 28 (AP)—After Al Harris left his cashier's cage at the State-Harrison theatre, two men approached.

"I ain't kidding," said one as he pressed a sharp instrument against Harris' back. The cashier handed over a coin bag containing \$25.

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STUDENT DROWNS
MILL CITY, May 28 (AP)—Donald Flack, Burley, Idaho, drowned in the Santiam river here yesterday when a small boat capsized. Other students of

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