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MOTEL SKI BOWL

Denis Says He Told Justice Minister Of His Involvement In Rivard Case But Favreau Didn't Tell His Chief

MONTREAL (CP) — Raymond Denis testified today that he told Justice Minister Favreau Aug. 20 about his involvement in the Lucien Rivard case but that Mr. Favreau did not tell Immigration Minister Tremblay, then Denis' boss.

Denis, former executive assistant to Mr. Tremblay, said he was questioned by the RCMP Aug. 19 and saw Mr. Favreau the next day.

He said he did not know why he told Mr. Favreau first instead of his own minister, he thought it was because of a "nervous reaction."

Denis said he asked Mr. Favreau to tell Mr. Tremblay about the matter but that Justice Minister did not mention it to Mr. Tremblay.

Denis said he thinks the first occasion on which he discussed it with Mr. Tremblay was Aug. 21.

The witness said that in effect he left the immigration department Aug. 21.



SKI BOWL LODGE DESTROYED BY FIRE. This is the ruins of the Bay Motel Ski Bowl lodge, near Chatsworth, destroyed by fire late Wednesday night.



Above is a view of the chalet as it appeared prior to the fire. A swimming pool had been built in front. (Sun-Times Photos)

Security Guard Slain, USAF Jets Blasted

EDMONTON (CP) — A German immigrant was charged with capital murder today in the overnight shooting of a night security officer in a plant where three American F4U jets were damaged by dynamite.

Police said other workers in the building heard the explosion which occurred about 11:15 a.m. No reason for the incident was suggested by police.

Main Lodge, Two Chalets Are Levelled

The Bay Motel Ski Bowl at Chatsworth was burned to the ground late Wednesday night in a spectacular blaze that levelled the lodge, two separate chalets and damaged a third. Two other chalets escaped damage.

Hill manager Ron Lumsden, his wife Shelley and two sons of Smith Falls escaped from the burning lodge, but their little dog perished.

Sports director Bob Sandow said that all the electrical equipment operating at the time of the fire was in good condition and that some type of temporary lodge to provide meals would be erected to accommodate skiers by the weekend.

The lodge contained apartments, a kitchen, ski shop and other sections.

One fire truck from Chatsworth was on the scene at the fire, which broke out at about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Lumsdens have been employed for the winter and were accommodated in the manager's apartment.

All that remains of the large building Thursday morning was the cement block foundation and two concrete block chimneys.

The foundation was a mass of twisted steel beams which had buckled and bent like pretzels from the intense heat.

Johnson III, Cancells Plan For Funeral. WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson, heading medical advice that he abandon hope of attending Sir Winston Churchill's funeral, has admitted "I don't have the hearty feeling that I usually have."

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People Voice Support Of 3 Police, Mayor Tells Of Pressures

PORT ELGIN — "It will be ever my dead body." These Charles Drummond words of Port Elgin made this remark in the first council meeting of 1965 when the question of reinstating George Taggart as a police officer arose.

Russell Brown, a 1964 town council member defeated in the December election, told Tuesday afternoon the provincial attorney general's department, that he gave a statement that he was "more than satisfied" with the former three-man force.

The statement was given to Ross Robert Kerr, who investigated the department last summer. Speaking of former chief Charles Riley, Const. Taggart said "I was impressed with his manner."

Mr. Taggart was dismissed by council in October because of "unsatisfactory" service. "I don't think it was fair," Mayor said when he agreed with lawyer Robin Scott of the attorney-general's department that no other reason was given Mr. Taggart.

When being examined by Samuel Lerner of London, acting attorney, Riley, the mayor said there had been a complaint that the fall of 1964 from Mr. McGrath, operator of the Port Elgin Casino, about "over valuing" of shares in the area of the dance hall.

Mr. Darcy agreed with B.A. Thomas of Toronto, acting for seven citizens involved in the case, that Mr. McGrath "has enjoyed a good reputation in the community" and his dismissal is as good, if not better than "the axe."

Referring to councillor and police committee member Dean Siedel Thursday, Mayor Darcy said he gave a statement to Insp. Kerr that "I believe we have good policing in this town. I have found the police cooperative when dealing with a motion introduced by R. J. Bell asked for the resignation of Mr. Riley as chief of police."

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TORONTO (CP) — Forecast for the weather office of an extremely cold arctic air will move into most of eastern Ontario today after which snow will end except for persistent snowflurries and snow squalls to the southeast of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay.

Southern Lake Huron, Georgian Bay: Cloudy with occasional snowflurries tonight. Friday, sunny with a few cloudy periods. Becoming very cold today. Winds blowing west 15 tonight and Friday.

Temperatures

Below are the minimum and maximum temperatures of the 24-hour period ending 8:00 a.m. Thursday, as recorded on the Sun-Times thermometer.

High Temperature ... 22
Low Temperature ... 18
8:00 a.m. Thursday ... 15
2:00 p.m. Thursday ... 6

Authority Will Purchase Land Adjacent To Park

Purchase of 62 acres adjacent to Harrison Park was approved Wednesday by North Grey Region Conservation Authority.

Highways Report

Moderate to heavy snowfall and drifting were reported Thursday morning in the Owen Sound district of the Ontario Department of Highways.