

## Artist's Insane Tag Helped Extend His Life During War

VANCOUVER (CP) — Egbert Oudendag is insane but harmless. It's helped extend his life span.

Most of his many friends and associates would not agree, but a Nazi doctor made the pronouncement, and Mr. Oudendag lived to see the end of hostilities in Europe and his success in a second career here.

For Mr. Oudendag, 50, an artist who specializes in painting nudes, saved himself from almost certain execution as a suspected underground agent during the Nazi occupation of his native Holland during the Second World War. He still possesses the yellow slip of paper that declared him a mental incompetent.

"I had been something of a christian up to then," he says. "I wore a tan and called myself an artist. I kept telling myself, 'There is plenty of time to paint.'"

A one-man show at the end of the war earned him \$40,000—all in the space of one week, and he came to the attention of Dutch painter Hans van Meegeren, who taught him much.

Van Meegeren later was discovered to be a forger of old masters — especially Vermeers — and with his teacher in jail, Mr. Oudendag moved to Canada in 1946.

Many of his nudes, which sell well here, have been modelled by his wife Rita, 40. But he says he never takes a volunteer because women are flattered at the prospect of posing for a painting.

"But I'm afraid I'm a one-day butterfly, strongly inspired by a subject, but only for a day."

He paints at an amazing speed, upwards of 100 oils a year, in his studio living room overlooking Coal Harbor.

## New Daily Paper Appears in B.C.

KIMBERLEY, B.C. (CP) — The East Kootenay Chronicle became the newest daily newspaper in British Columbia.

First edition of the new evening daily hit the streets with a 6,000-copy press run. The Chronicle will publish daily Monday through Friday.

It is the second new daily in the province in less than a month. The Vancouver Times began publication Sept. 5.

Arnold Heindel, formerly of the Trial Times, is manager of the East Kootenay Chronicle. Mark Ackerman is editor and Terence M. Leggeit advertising manager.

The city of Kimberley has a population of about 6,500 and there are about 12,000 people in the East Kootenay area.

## WOMAN IS RELEASED

ROME (AP) — The woman who assassinated Brig. R. W. M. de Winton, the British military commander in Trieste, in 1947, has been pardoned and released.

Italy's acting president, Senator Cesare Merzagora, Sunday signed the pardon that freed Maria Pasquelli, now 51, after 17 years in prison.



SINGER SERIOUSLY ILL

Mahala Jackson, 30, who introduced gospel singing to millions across the world, is seriously ill with a heart ailment in a Chicago hospital.

She was hospitalized on Sept. 15 at Little Company of Mary Hospital with what was described as exhaustion, but this week a doctor said she had suffered a heart attack. Miss Jackson cancelled all appearances through October, including an invitation from President Johnson for a White House dinner Oct. 6. (AP Wirephoto)

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## Big Chief Switch Is Opposed For Quebec Eskimos

SEPT-ILES, Que. (CP) — Gustave Blouin, Liberal member of Parliament for Saguenay, says changing jurisdiction over Quebec's Eskimos could be upsetting for the Eskimos themselves.

During an interview he said the Eskimos think of Arthur Laing, federal minister of northern affairs, as "the Big Chief," while Rene Levesque, Quebec's Natural Resources Minister is "the Little Chief."

It is not that the Eskimos are better off under federal jurisdiction, Mr. Blouin said, but the Eskimos are used to the federal government's methods. If the province took over administration of Eskimo affairs—as Quebec wants to do—it might be upsetting for them.

It might lead to creation of two camps within the Eskimo community, one following "the Big Chief," the other following "the Little Chief."

He said it is not surprising that the Eskimos speak English rather than French and that they are Protestant rather than Roman Catholic. The reasons are historical, he said, because the Hudson's Bay Company held control over Eskimo territory for decades.

Mr. Blouin's riding includes several Eskimo settlements.

## SABOTAGE BID FAILS

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters)

Saboteurs Saturday tried to blow up the post office in the Negro township of Jabavu, 14 miles from the centre of Johannesburg, the South African Press Association reported. The bomb exploded in a telephone booth, shaking the ground but apparently injuring no one.

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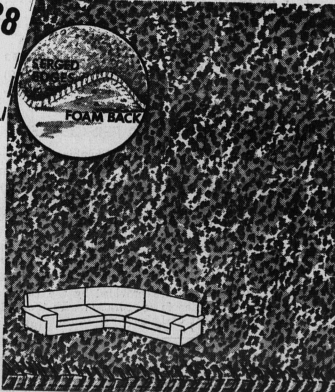
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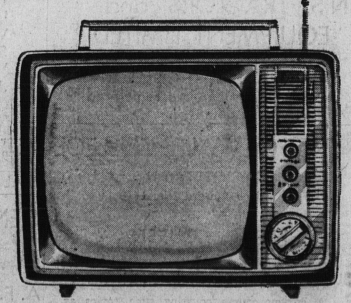
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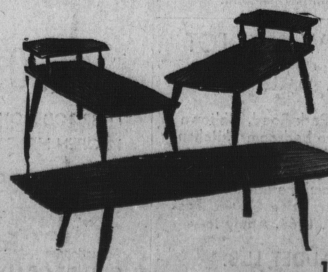
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