

# Cooke Inquest Held At S'ide Tuesday

SUMMERSIDE — Ten witnesses Tuesday night were called to testify at the inquest into the death of Keith Edward Cooke of Cape Wolfe. The 17-year-old died in hospital in Halifax on Sept. 18 from injuries received in an automobile accident at Green Hill, was the jury's decision.

Attending Dr. Charles Dewar of O'Leary said he found Cooke was driving the vehicle at the time of the accident. Apparently he lost control of the car while executing the second curve of an s-bend in the highway. It was believed that he

was thrown from the car when it rolled over. Two men with him in the car at the time were not injured. They were Lorne Vincent O'Halloran of O'Leary and Ernest Francis O'Connor of Cape Wolfe. Both testified at the inquest.

George R. McMahon acted for the Crown.

Members of the jury were: C. H. McMackin, foreman; W. S. Turner; E. W. Turner; James Bagdole; H. J. MacWilliams; Harry Leard; and R. B. Bishop.

was transferred to the O'Leary Hospital. At the hospital Cooke was found to be in serious condition, and Dr. Dewar had him transferred again, this time to Halifax.

Lorne Edward Silliker, a mechanic from O'Leary who examined the car after the accident, testified the brakes on the vehicle were not in good condition.

Investigating the accident for the RCMP was Const. Edward F. McCue of the Alberton detachment, who said he had found skid marks at the scene of the accident, and some beer bottle caps in the car, though no liquor of any kind.

Also testifying at the inquest were Dennis Cooke of Bloomfield RR; John Louis Clements, Elmstade; Lorraine MacDonald of Cape Wolfe; and Alma Howard.

Prince County Coroner Dr. Marvin Clark of Kennington presided at the inquest, and

# Public Probe Is Ordered Of Bell Telephone Company

By BEN WARD

OTTAWA (CP)—A full-blown public scrutiny of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada's financial situation and the level of profit it should be allowed was announced here. The outcome is certain to be a scrap over the telephone rate structure.

The board of transport commissioners served notice on Bell and the 1,800 Ontario and Quebec communities it serves that the board plans a public hearing in Ottawa for that purpose. No date was set but it probably won't begin until January.

It is the first time in the history of federal control over telephone rates that the board has taken such an initiative. Previous hearings have been the result of Bell applications for rate increases.

The last public hearing on Bell rates was in 1956, resulting in a general rate increase Oct. 10 of that year.

MADE STUDIES

Since then, the board noted it has made periodic studies of Bell's financial picture and observed "certain changes." Because of these changes, which it did not specify, it had decided that it would be in the

public interest to hold a hearing.

The board's statement stressed that the hearing would not directly take up "the propriety of existing rates." But these would be reviewed later if the board's findings led to request for a rate revision.

In essence the hearing will be an argument between Bell on one hand, defending its current profit position, and the municipalities on the other, arguing that rates can be lowered without seriously curtailing Bell earnings.

Bell's most recent financial report showed net earnings of \$55,880,609 or \$1.28 a share for the first half of this year, compared to \$32,207,866 or \$1.22 a share in the same period of 1963.

For the full 1963 year Bell earned \$69,293,941 or \$2.58 a share, compared to the previous year's \$65,284,902 or \$2.66 per share.



# GESTURE MADE TO GREEK ORTHODOX FAITH

Pope Paul VI carries bestowed religious containing petrified skull fragments of St. Andrew to altar in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City Wednesday in opening special prayer period. It was a gesture of friendship by the Pope to the Greek Orthodox faith as a preliminary to sending the skull fragments back to Greece. St. Andrew was a brother of St. Peter.

The Patriarchs of Constantinople (Istanbul), spiritual leaders of all Orthodox faiths, are regarded as his successors. (AP Wirephoto via cable from Rome).

# Not Condemning Anyone, Author Says Of War Book

By JOSEPH MACSWEEN

LONDON (CP)—Author Alexander McKee said prisoners of war were slain by both Anglo-Canadian forces and by the Germans in the Normandy campaign of 1944.

Commenting on criticism of his new book, *Caen: A Day of Victory*, McKee said such killings are a hazard of war at any time but they "happened in Normandy rather more than elsewhere," although not in all units.

"The book asks why," he said, "I am not condemning anyone."

McKee's conversations with men on both sides in the historic battle had convinced him the reason was twofold. The first was the "mor or never" nature of the battle.

"The Germans were convinced that defeat around Caen would mean eventual destruction of their homeland. The Allies saw the danger of being thrown back into the sea with the war being prolonged for years.

The second reason was the "fright and fury" of the battle, one of the fiercest of the Second World War on any front, said McKee, while talking by telephone to the Canadian Press from his Hampshire home.

BASED ON OBSERVATION

McKee, who has written several books on the war, said he was a private with a British unit attached to Canadian headquarters during the Normandy campaign. His account is based on his own observations, on talks with other soldiers during the campaign and later in the war, and on interviews with Canadian, British and German soldiers since the war.

Canadian activities form a large part of Caen, published in Canada by Ryerson Press, Toronto, but McKee said he has received no comment from Canada. English reaction was generally favorable to his book except for comments by two former war correspondents in

as a war criminal by Canada, actually served nine years.

WITNESSES SCARED

McKee said in a letter to the *Telegraph* that it is difficult to find evidence of Germans shooting British and Canadian prisoners because witnesses "would even now be risking a war crimes trial."

The British and Canadians were not so "reticent" and in some cases he had used their names in his book.

"I thought I had made it clear that, on both sides, this was an unorganized affair, not always general, and most complicated to unravel because of the many 'border-line' cases," he wrote.

"I was myself a witness, later in the campaign, to a typical example where there was some uncertainty as to whether a group of SS men coming out of a house were surrendering or not; they were in any case shot down. It was not customary (in the Canadian army at any rate) to give anyone the benefit of the doubt."

# Bright Future Seen For Rails

VANCOUVER (CP) — The president of the Canadian Tourist Association believes the government-operated Canadian National Railways can be operated successfully and at a profit.

Pierre Delagrave, also a CNR vice-president, told a service club here.

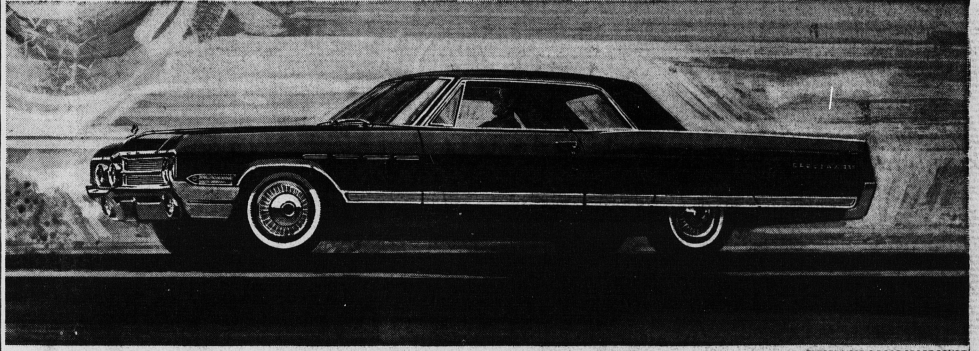
"There can be no doubt that the future of inter-city transportation is with the railways."

"Already in other parts of the world giant strides have been made in this area. France, Japan and Sweden are cases in point."

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