

Slayer Of Trotsky Said To Be Identified: Ottawa, Dec. 31 (CP) -- The man who used a Canadian passport to enter Mexico to assassinate Leon Trotsky finally has been positively identified, the RCMP said today.

On Aug. 20, 1940, in a suburb of Mexico City, a man known as Jacques Mornard but who carried a Canadian passport with the name Frank Jacson, buried a mountain climber's pick in the head of Trotsky, exiled Bolshevik who was one of the leaders of the Russian revolution.

Mornard survived a severe beating by Trotsky's bodyguard and on April 16, 1943, was sentenced to 20 years in prison, maximum penalty for murder in Mexico. But the killer refused to reveal his real identity and it remained a mystery for years.

In an article in the RCMP Quarterly entitled "Passport to Murder," William Rodney, research specialist in the RCMP special branch, gives credit for the murderer's identification to Dr. Alfonso Quiroz, now Chief of Investigations for the Bank of Mexico.

Dr. Quiroz, writes Rodney, pursued the case for years until he was able to prove conclusively through fingerprints found at Barcelona, Spain, that Mornard is really Ramon Mercador del Rio, born at Barcelona Feb. 7, 1913.

Across Canada: Canada's rivers were harnessed to produce an additional 638,012 horsepower of hydro-electric energy during 1953 but the new output barely kept pace with a booming demand for more and more power. In a review of the country's hydro-electric progress in 1953, Resources Minister Lesage reported that new hydro developments brought total installations in water-power plants up to 14,921,459 horsepower - about 23 per cent of Canada's known resources.... Rt. Rev. Robert Jefferson announced his resignation, effective in April, as Anglican Bishop of Ottawa.... Homes started in the first eight months of 1953 totalled 69,460, a 30-per-cent increase over the corresponding period in 1952, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation reported.

Hockey: (Saturday) Canadiens 1, Boston 1. Toronto 4, Chicago 0. (Sunday) New York 4, Canadiens 3. Toronto 0, Detroit 0.