

radio supplying the licence number and description of the car. Several spectators ran to the aid of Sergeant Tong who remained conscious long enough to tell one of them—the first detective to arrive at the scene—that the person who had shot him was Steve Suchan, and the address 190 Wright Avenue.

A squad of detectives rushed to this house where it was learned that Suchan was known there under his right name of Valent J. Lesso and had been keeping company with the woman who owned the car, and as a matter of fact, was the father of her newly-born child. It was further established that Suchan had been in the habit of using her automobile on occasions and had been in possession of the keys to it on the morning of March 6. A search of the premises resulted in the police locating a sport jacket bearing the name of Leonard Jackson, a quantity of ammunition, two air pistols, a dummy torso and a dummy head, both of which bore evidence of having been used for target practice.

Further investigation revealed that Suchan had been accompanied by Leonard Jackson at the time he left this house and that Jackson now wearing a moustache and horn-rimmed glasses, was known as "Fred Wilson". He had arrived at the Wright Avenue address during the early morning of March 4, being brought there by Suchan. The latter arrived there the previous evening and had used the woman's car for the purpose of picking Jackson up and bringing him to the house.

Identity of the two men having been established, the co-operation of all law-enforcement agencies in the area, Ontario Provincial Police, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service was sought together with the services of all newspapers and commercial radio stations.

The car used by the gunmen was recovered a short distance from where the shooting had taken place and was

examined minutely by fingerprint experts, but only Suchan's were found on it. This meant little in the way of corroborative evidence as he had as stated before been in the habit of using this automobile with permission of the owner.

Jackson and Suchan had vanished however, and although searches were made of the Suchan home and other possible places of concealment, the pair could not be located. The publicity which had been given brought results when information was received that the two wanted men had been seen at Port Credit, Ont., and from this start detectives painstakingly traced them to Hamilton, Ont., where the trail was again lost at the Royal Connaught Hotel in that city. A persistent search at 190 Wright Avenue brought definite information in the form of an address where Suchan was residing in Montreal under the name of Victor J. Lenoff, and the Montreal City Police were at once notified of this and arranged to keep the address, an apartment, under constant surveillance.

On the evening of Mar. 7, 1952, Suchan was shot down in his apartment in Montreal by officers who had been concealed there, as he drew a fully loaded .455 Smith and Wesson revolver. Upon being searched he was found to also be armed with a fully loaded .30 Mauser automatic pistol, a fully loaded .45 automatic Colt pistol, and a large quantity of additional ammunition for each weapon.

In a brief case in his room was an unloaded .25 calibre automatic pistol, a further supply of ammunition, and six discharged .455 calibre revolver shells which were later identified by the RCMP Crime Detection Laboratory as having been fired from the .455 Smith and Wesson revolver found on him, and which was later proved to have fired both the shot which killed Sergeant Tong, and shot or shots which struck Detective Sergeant Perry in the arm.

Earlier during the evening of his apprehension, Suchan had arranged the