

# P. Ramlee dies of heart attack

# \$15,000 GOLD, GEMS GRAB

TAIPING, Tues. — Five gunmen robbed a goldsmith's workshop at Changkat Jering New Village of \$15,000 in gold and jewellery this morning.

They ransacked the workshop after tying up 16 people, including two partners, Chan Kim Goon, 21, and Chan Yau Sang, 37.

While the rest of the gang were scooping up gold and jewellery items, a man holding a pistol in each hand stood guard over the helpless victims.

The workshop, belonging to Lian Hin Goldsmiths in Market Street here, is situated in Changkat Jering New Village, about 15 miles from here.

Recalling the incident, Chan Kim Goon said the raid took place at about 11am.

## RAIDERS

"We were starting work and were about to open the safe.

"I saw a car bearing a Penang registration number parked outside on the road. I thought some friends from Penang had arrived.

"Five men, all armed with pistols, entered the shop. We were so stunned we had no time to shout," he said.

## 16 tied up as raiders ransack shop

By POON AH CHOO

His partner, Yau Sang, said the raiders closed all the doors and windows after they entered the workshop. "They herded us into a room and tied up our hands. One of them, who had two pistols, guarded us," he said.

"The others ransacked all the drawers in the workshop and took all the finished items of jewellers and small gold pieces.

"They also forced open my private safe with an iron bar and removed \$157 I kept inside."

He said the gang escaped in the car in the direction of Ipoh.

## FIRST SUN CLOSE-UPS

HOUSTON, Tues. — America's Skylab astronauts, comfortably settled into their orbiting laboratory, will today peer through a powerful telescope to get views of the sun never before seen by man.

A huge battery of viewers and cameras mounted onto the battered space station will provide the first close-ups of the sun, clear of the blur caused by the earth's atmosphere.

The highly sophisticated piece of equipment was tested yesterday to ensure it had not been damaged by the troubles that have dogged the mission from the moment it got under way two weeks ago. — Reuter.



RAMLEE . . . living legend

## Magazine tells of bugging bid at love nest

HAMBURG, Tues. — An attempt to bug the London love nest involved in the British Government sex scandal probably failed because British agents apparently were electronically eavesdropping on Chinese diplomats next door, Stern magazine alleged today.

Stern based its report on a long statement which it claimed was made to its London correspondent by the husband of Norma Levy, the prostitute at the centre of the scandal which eventually led to the resignation of two British Ministers.

The statement said microphones placed in Norma's bedroom did not work properly because of other snooping devices in the building.

These other bugs were probably being operated by secret service agents to listen in on the Chinese in the adjoining building, he said.

According to the alleged statement made by ex-taxi driver Colin Levy, printed verbatim by Stern, the scandal broke at the beginning of last month when he had to go abroad on business.

His call-girl wife, in a fit of jealousy because she believed he was betraying her with another woman, went to Scotland Yard and denounced him as a dope smuggler, Levy was reported to have said.

At the same time she told the police that he had taken secret photographs of a Cabinet Minister in bed with a call-girl.

Meanwhile, in LONDON, British newspapers, which have given detailed treatment to the scandal since it first broke with Lord Lambton's resignation seven days ago, today declared in front page headlines "Third Man Cleared."

By VICTOR SOH

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Actor P. Ramlee — a living legend — died of heart attack early this morning.

At 4.30am Ramlee, 44, complained of a chest pain. About half an hour later he collapsed in his house in Jalan Dedap, Setapak.

He was taken to the General Hospital in an ambulance and died at 5.30am. He was buried at 4.00pm today at the Muslim Cemetery in Jalan Ampang.

Last night Ramlee was still looking over a script when his wife Saloma went to sleep.

Saloma said: "He complained that he had a chest pain. He got out of bed and collapsed."

Ramlee was born on March 22, 1929, in Penang.

## 200 FILMS

He received his early education at the Penang Free School and had starred in nearly 200 films.

Ramlee had his first break when he was given a small role in "Chinta."

Then he had his first leading role in "Bakti."

His close friend, Jins Shamsuddin who is now managing director of Malaysia Film Industries which Ramlee helped to set up, was at the mortuary this morning to have a last glimpse of him.

Just last week, Jins was with Ramlee at the Film Festival in Singapore.

"Ramlee was my father, teacher and coach," said Jins.

"I knew Ramlee for many years — so many that I have

He complained that he had a chest pain, says wife Saloma



JINS SHAMSUDDIN close friend

lost count of them — and his death is indeed a great loss to me," added Jins.

"I remember when he gave me my first screen test and he was so confident of me that I was immediately given the leading role in "Pancha Delima," Jins said.

Ramlee was a happy-go-lucky man who could never sit still and was all the time tapping his feet to rhythm.

He was not only an actor but also a composer, script writer, writer, comedian, singer and musician.

His favourite musical instrument was the violin but he played other instruments, too.

"I find it hard to believe he is dead. Even to the last day he was still joking.

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