

# Victim of attack in Hawaii launches campaign

VANCOUVER (CP) — Roger Clapham recalls that as he slipping into unconsciousness, he was being kicked in the face, head and back by a tight circle of eight to 10 attackers.

"They were so frenzied that they were kicking each others' ankles by mistake," he says. "I was in no pain — it was the end."

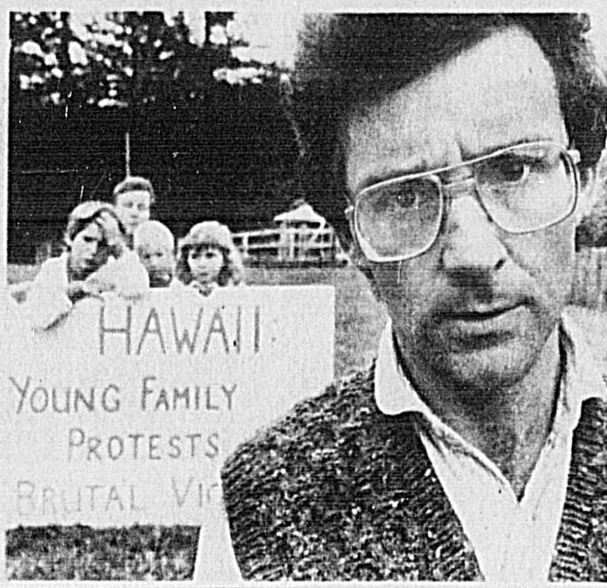
The gang attack on Clapham and his wife Anne happened in a supervised state park on the Hawaiian Island of Kauai, next to the luxurious Kauai Resort Hotel, during their first Hawaiian vacation.

It has prompted the couple to launch an international crusade from their home in Aldergrove in the Fraser Valley "on behalf of all those innocent people who have been beaten up, raped and murdered on their Hawaiian dream vacations."

The Claphams are convinced that crime is swept under the rug to protect the islands' \$2.5 billion-a-year tourist industry and that violence against tourists is far greater than records indicate because many victims return home immediately after they are attacked, too frightened or disgusted to lay charges.

They want tourists from all over the world to write Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi and describe any violence they have encountered on the islands. They have sent a 17-page open letter to the governor, illustrated with a family snapshot, to major newspapers in Canada, the United States, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

Robert Duncan, the governor's press secretary, said in a telephone interview from Honolulu Wednesday night that



Roger Clapham and his family are trying to launch an international letter-writing campaign to the governor of Hawaii to protest violence against tourists on the islands.

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Ariyoshi will reply to the Clapham's letter when he returns from Europe and has a chance to read and consider it.

However, he noted that each county in Hawaii has its own police force and its own prosecutors and that under the U.S. system of government "no governor can tell the judiciary what they can or cannot do."

"Obviously, what happened cannot be condoned. We're not brushing this off in any way. The governor — within his powers — has taken action."

Honolulu police chief Francis Keala says part of the reason tourists are attacked is that those who come to the islands from relatively crime-free countries such as Japan tend to overlook danger signals that would alert another person.

The much-advertised aloha spirit that gives Hawaii much of its charm leads many women to let down their guard and is a contributing factor in many rapes, says Paula Chun, director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Centre in the state capital.

Clapham and his family were attacked while sleeping in their tent on the fifth night of a camping holiday at Lydgate State Park in January.

"My wife, covered in blood, was able to flee through the underbrush with the three terrified children. She states

that she never expected to see me alive again. "They repeatedly tried to smash my body against a tree whilst holding my wrists. I was able to struggle free four or five times, but each time they caught up with me, beat me to the ground, and kicked me furiously until I was able to crawl and stumble away again."

Finally, after his last strength had been exhausted: "They quickly formed a tight circle around my body and methodically kicked me in the face, head and back until I lost consciousness. I clearly remember my body going limp. I was in no pain — it was the end."

"The police arrived at that point. I believe that I would otherwise have been kicked to death."

Clapham says he has been left with permanent injuries — the right side of his face is partially numb, his right cheek bone split from top to bottom, his right eye aches at times and a fractured vertebrae has yet to heal."

Two of his attackers ran directly into the arms of the police but were released after questioning, Clapham said, because his glasses had been knocked off and he could not identify them.

State authorities ordered the state park closed to tourists indefinitely after the Clapham attack in January.

Although only a fraction of the four million tourists who head to the islands annually are touched by crime, the rising incidence of violence was a cause for official alarm long before the Clapham family's campaign.

The Hawaii Visitors' Bureau now distributes pamphlets cautioning visitors that Honolulu, with a population of about 500,000, is subject to the same dangers as any other urban centre.

## 'Ottawa fails B.C. on rescue facilities'

OTTAWA (CP) — A New Democrat said Thursday the federal government has done nothing to improve West Coast marine search-and-rescue facilities.

Ray Skelly, MP for the British Columbia riding of Comox-Powell River, said 42 persons died in a series of British Columbia coastal accidents late last year.

However, the federal government has done nothing to improve the poor quality of search-and-rescue facilities.

"It has sat on it for four months," he told Transport Minister Jean-Puc Pepin as government spending plans were examined in the Commons.

Skelly said that when 13 Dutch seamen were drowned off the coast of Newfoundland, the previous Liberal government built a search-and-rescue base and equipped it with three helicopters.

Yet the government has done nothing since the deaths of 34 Taiwanese sailors in the sinking of a Panamanian freighter on Christmas Day, the sinking of an Indian fishing

boat and several other incidents about the same time.

Pepin said government spending estimates include money to buy nine boats for Western rescue centres.

But Skelly said those 21-metre vessels could be used only in inland waters, not in the open sea.

He said the problem is poor deployment of search-and-rescue helicopters. For \$10 million, the 14 helicopters now available could be upgraded and spread out at bases along the coast so no coastal point was more than 35 minutes away, Skelly said.

### LINES FOR SALE

NORWICH, England (CP) — Homeowners who are bothered by cars blocking their driveway are being offered a special cure. At a cost of about £100, Norwich Corporation is selling stretches of yellow no-parking lines, a city official says.

## 'Arsonists are unlikely to get help'

KAMLOOPS, B.C. (CP) — There is little probability of an imprisoned arsonist getting psychiatric treatment, says a Vancouver psychiatrist.

The corrections system might not acknowledge that the arsonist has a special problem, Dr. Fred Van Fleet told a conference sponsored by the International Association of Arson Investigators Wednesday.

"If we don't identify (the problem) and merely lock them up and treat them like criminals, we're missing out on understanding the mechanism for change — to find out if we can change them."

The reasons for setting a fire very because "arsonists are very complicated people," Fleet said.

Arson investigation teams occupy the low rung of the ladder in the attorney-general's ministry, deputy attorney-general Richard Vogel told the conference.

But the ministry has taken steps to alleviate the problem, he said.

## \$495,000 ACCIDENT

# Skipper's reinstatement appealed

VANCOUVER (CP) — B.C. Court of Appeal has been asked to overturn an arbitration board ruling reinstating a B.C. ferry captain whose ship collided with a dock causing \$495,000 in damage.

The B.C. Ferry Corp. fired the captain of the vessel Queen of the Islands which collided with the dock at Saltery Bay in September, 1978. The captain, Gerry Stalling, was at the time chief mate on major vessels and a relief captain on minor vessels.

Stalling was off the job for 13 months before the arbitration board ordered him reinstated saying that the corporation could not prove that Stalling was at fault for the Sept. 20, 1978, collision. The board found that Stalling's failure to carry out corporation procedures before and after the crash showed an "arrogance and willingness to put his judgment on a higher plane than that of his employer" and recommended a month's suspension.

I. G. Nathanson, acting for

the corporation, asked Thursday that the award be set aside or remitted to the arbitration board for reconsideration. He said that it was up to Stalling to establish his claim that the ferry controls malfunctioned and that having failed to establish that the board consider what discipline ought to be imposed with respect to the collision.

The majority of the board found that on the evidence the ferry corporation failed to prove that the collision occurred in some manner other than described by Stalling and chief officer B. W. Storz.

The corporation said in firing Stalling that he lied to the corporation officers and the board about the collision with the dock.

It also said Stalling did not properly check the vessel

before moving it from the damaged dock and thereby risked lives and property.

Stalling said the vessel was not behaving normally; the engine controls were in the astern position but the pitch indicators were in the full forward speed position.

An expert witness called by the corporation at the inquiry said that the controls system could not have failed in the manner explained by Stalling and chief mate Storz.

However, a union expert who had equal experience with the control mechanism, said it was possible for the system to fail and correct itself and not be detectable.

Nathanson told the court that the arbitration board was wrong in ruling that it was up to the ferry corporation to disprove Stalling's account of the reason for the mishap and that

the board came to a conclusion of fact unwarranted by the evidence.

The appeal is opposed by John F. Brewin, counsel for the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers Union. He said it would not be appropriate to set aside the award because then Stalling's discharge would stand.

He said Stalling was found by the board to be a credible witness who made no conscious attempt to deceive his employer or the board. He said the board was unanimous in its decision that whether the malfunction occurred or not, Stalling honestly believed that it did.

He said the onus was clearly on the corporation to prove that Stalling lied.

There was no direct evidence of negligence and Capt. Stalling's handling of the vessel when it came into the dock

he said, adding it was clear that Stalling had offered a reasonable explanation.

Brewin concludes his submission today.

### SHAKESPEARE INTERPRETED

STRATFORD, Ont. (CP) — Sign-language interpreters will explain a Shakespearian play for the deaf at a special performance on Sept. 10. The service is part of Bell Canada's plans to mark the 100th anniversary of the company's incorporation on April 29, 1880. Four to six interpreters will be employed to outline the play during a special matinee performance of Twelfth Night, says an organizer.

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