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Ron Laliberte: What year was they shut it down?

Frank Tomkins: 1967 the same year Brady disappeared.

Ron Laliberte: Oh yeah.

Frank Tomkins: And I always think that maybe that had something to do with it because I was a, I was a witness to Brady's will and I think maybe that, may have had something to do with the demise of my... **(Inaudible)** ...anyway...

Ron Laliberte: Him and Abbey, is it Abbey Hal...

Mike Mercredi: Halkett.

Ron Laliberte: Halkett were prospecting up North, way up North.

Frank Tomkins: Yup.

Ron Laliberte: ...and got dropped off somewhere and never got seen again.

Frank Tomkins: Yeah.

Ron Laliberte: ...never were seen again.

(Video Time: 14:00.43.19) Frank Tomkins: It was a, as a witness to Brady's will, I was quite concerned, you know, because I tried to get the will probated and there was stalls all the time. You had to wait 10 years, or 7 years, and I just couldn't believe that you had to wait that long. And there was another fella, his name was Madsen, Ed, and he was a great friend of

Brady's and he was a communist. And, of course, by this time I knew Brady was a communist and supposed to be another communist member in La Ronge there. And I started talking to this Madsen, as a matter of fact, when Brady disappeared Madsen was teaching and he took about a month off from teaching to go out and look and search for Brady, 'cause that's how committed he was to, you know, as a, as a friend and as a communist too, I suppose. But I got talking to him and I said, "There's something wrong here because I've been talking to people in La Ronge and they all agree that there's something fishy going on here." Because my main concern was Brady, you know, he wrote down everything, you know. It didn't matter what, he'd make a note of it. He had a library, for instance, he had hundreds of books, pocket books and he had them all indexed just like they do in the library, you know. So he wrote down everything that would, that happened and including when he was prospecting that he'd lay out, they, as a mat, they were the ones that found Key Lake Mine and he showed me on the map and he said this is a real good find. He says, "We're all set and we don't have to have any more financial worries." And then fine and he disappeared.

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