SCHOOL PRINCIPAL Ian Grant of Port Simpson recently left for Victoria where he will be occupying a position with the Indian Commissioners Office supervising advanced education for Indians. He was previously principal of the Indian Day School at Port Simpson.

Houston man hurt in accident

A 25-year-old Houston man died at 8 a.m. in the Bulkley Valley District Hospital. He was Alexander John Stevenson a passenger in a vehicle which went off the road about 35 miles east of Smithers on Highway 16 about 5 a.m. April 9.

Stevenson has been in hospital ever since.

Next-of-kin was notified and an inquest will be held.

Driver of the vehicle involved in the accident was not known.

SHARK TANK

DURBAN (Reuters) — Work has begun on a new $70,000 experimental shark tank at the Durban Oceano - Graphic Institute. Research into the shark danger in South African water is to be undertaken by some of the country's leading scientists.

PORT SIMPSON ROUNDUP

Mission ship helper returns home after five months on "Willis Shank"

By TED AUCKETT

Amongst the interesting people one meets here—even though it may appear something of a backwater — is Miss Merna Spence, 18, who spent five months last year as part of the crew of the mission ship "Willis Shank," based in Seattle, Wash.

The Willis Shank is run by the Marine Mission International under the command of Frederick Stabbert. His crew comprises his wife, three sons, Donald, 17; Richard, 14; and Daniel 6; and, of course, Merna Spence.

Each summer the vessel travels to Alaska calling at villages and settlements along the way. Miss Spence joined the ship when it called at Port Simpson last July. As it carries its own medical staff and sometimes a dentist and also administers religious instruction.

After the northern run the Willis Shank spent some time doing similar work around Puget Sound. Miss Spence enjoyed her stay in the States and is now studying to become a nurse. Here she is proving invaluable in the nursing centre.

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The oolichan run on the Naas River has finished. Local fishermen say it has been a good season for them in oil from the "candle fish."

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Mrs. Larry Wells aused a stir in he village when he news came hrough she had given birth to wins, a boy and a girl. Each weighed five pounds and all three are reported progressing well.

MISS MERNA SPENCE
. . . . training as nurse

One of the lighter sides of the tourist season is a memorial here to an oldtime chief named Abraham Lincoln. On his headstone are carved the words: "Let me die in peace. Peace I leave with you." The locals make a point of finding an American tourist and try and convince them the great American President is buried here. They generally fool one or two.

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Mary Lawson, 11, was successfully operated on for tonsils last Friday. Grade 5 and 6 pupils are looking forward to her return to school.

BUFFALO RUSTLING

TAIPEI (AP) — Police in Southern Formosa have an effective way of investigating buffalo rustling. They ask the buffalo. A farmer near Pingtung accused a neighbor of stealing his water buffalo, but the buffalo refused to follow the commands of the accuser. Set free, the beast promptly walked to the house of the accused farmer and started munching hay.

CLEANING AND CULTURE

LONDON (CP) — Artist Michael Osterwell has found a new way of bringing his works to the public. He hangs them in the launderette he owns.

MOVIE COLUMN

Olympian tries act

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Bob Mathias is going after an acting career with the same determination with which he won two Olympic decathlon championships.

"I think I can act," he says. "Now I'm making progress at it. Producers used to ask that age-old question: 'What have you done?' Now I can tell them what I've done: "I've had starring roles in four feature pictures and starred in a television series."

Mathias quit his job with a construction firm to concentrate on acting.

He'll soon be seen in two films that may help determine his fate. One is "The Minotaur," which he made for an Italian company.

Mathias plays Theseus in the picture, which naturally made use of his physique. But he has no plans to muscle into the Steve Reeves realm.

"I'm not built that way," he says. "I've got the biceps, but they don't show.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

House Council will organise various sporting events

By HELEN MOORE

Last week, during a physical education period, Larry Veitch broke his leg. He can be seen hobbling around the school with a cane.

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Marge Donavan who came to Prince Rupert from Prince George last September, left last week for Victoria. She will continue her schooling there.

The House Council, an organization in the school set up to organize sporting events, is beginning to draw up plans for the annual interhouse track meet. Brian Mitchell, member of the council said the date set for the track meet is May 19. If the weather is unsuitable the meet will be held in June.

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The high schools of southeast Alaska are forming an association of student governments to be called the Southeastern Alaska Association of Student Councils. Prince Rupert Senior High School has been asked to join the association.

The purpose of the organization is to share ideas and experiences on student government, and to bring a feeling of union to schools.

The first meeting of the group was on April 19. Since word was only received this week, the student council of the senior high school is unable to send a representative. However, a letter will be sent expressing their desire to join.

Islanders said radioactive

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)— A scientist has identified a group of people with ability to withstand huge doses of radioactivity.

Since they live in a remote part of the Pacific, far from any major world trouble spots, they could well be the last people on earth if nuclear war should ever occur.

They are the 4,800 people of Niue, an isolated island of only 100 square miles in the south Pacific. It lies in the tropics about 1,100 miles north of New Zealand and politically is part of New Zealand.

The volcanic island is in parts 20 times more radioactive than normal, and the islanders eat food 100 times more radioactive than normal.

Discoveries of this situation have led to studies in the last few months which could provide clues to the future of mankind, says Sir Ernest Marsden, an eminent New Zealand scientist.

Sir Ernest was for many years head of the New Zealand department of scientific and industrial research and as a young man worked with Lord Rutherford, the atomic pioneer.

"We have already discovered that this environment has evolved a race more resistant to radioactivity," said Sir Ernest.

"With further research we should get a view of what is going to happen in the future to mankind. We are on the verge of interesting discoveries.

"For the first time we see the effects of special conditions that may lead to leukemia and allied diseases."

Sir Ernest said the Niue islanders had evolved by a process of survival of the fittest. Stillbirths had reduced those unable to withstand the abnormally high radiation.

Biologists at Cambridge University in England now are working on material from Niue Island. A specialist from Britain will soon go to Niue for further study.

The islanders, who unknown until now have been living in these remarkable conditions are brown - skinned Polynesians closely related to the Maoris of New Zealand. Numbers come to New Zealand and have not attracted attention for abnormalities of physique or development.

Czechs suspect cause of crash

PRAGUE (Reuters)— Czechoslovakia has hinted that American military authorities were in some way responsible for the crash of a Czech airliner last month in which 52 persons were killed.

The American Embassy in Bonn replied immediately today that the Czech suggestions were "patently absurd."

The official Czechoslovak news agency Ceteka said Wednesday night that the crash March 28 near Nuernberg, West Germany "occurred under very suspicious circumstances."

The Communist agency posed a series of questions to "the American military command" in West Germany and concluded that the "main and most important question" was: "Was there not interference from outside?"

Ceteka said "the latest results of the inquiry definitely rule out a technical defect."

"The air crash occurred in the proximity of an American military area," the agency said.

"Precisely at the time of the crash there was increased air activity in the mentioned area, as was definitely proven by Czechoslovak radio locators."

The plane was carrying a load of Soviet bloc technical advisers for West African countries.

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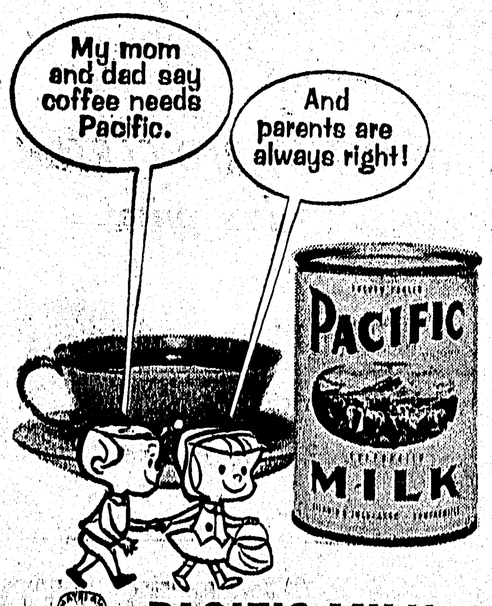

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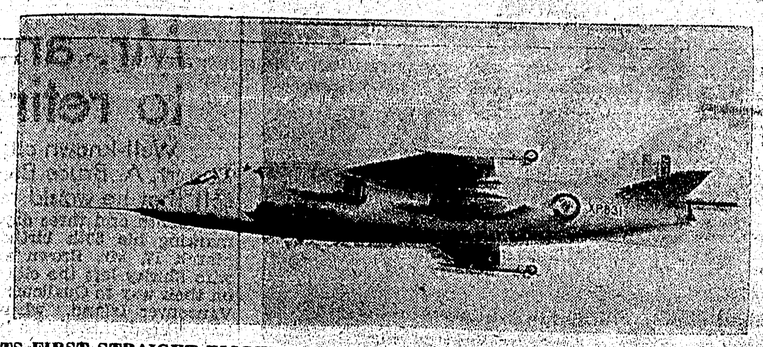

ON ITS FIRST STRAIGHT FLIGHT since it finished exhaustive tests, Britain's new VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing) strike-reconnaisance aircraft, the P.1127, from the famous Hawker aircraft factory, is shown in straight and level flight. Before this the aircraft was tethered to the ground and was only allowed to move up and down. Four swivelling nozzles redirect the jet stream blast downwards to achieve the high lift characteristics needed. — UKIO Photo

FILM FESTIVAL

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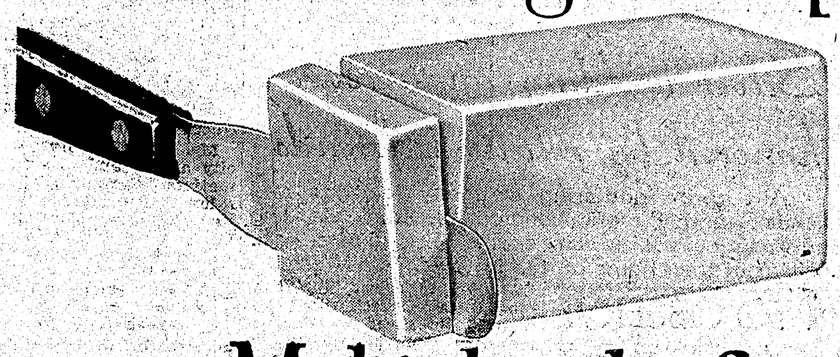

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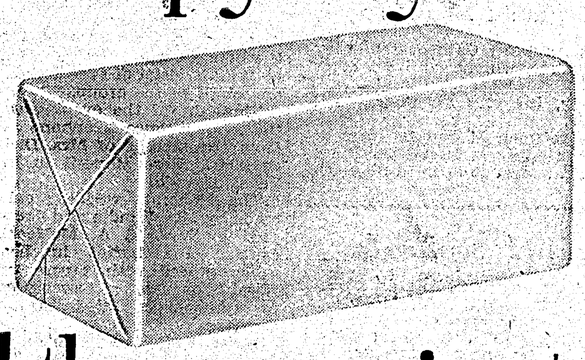

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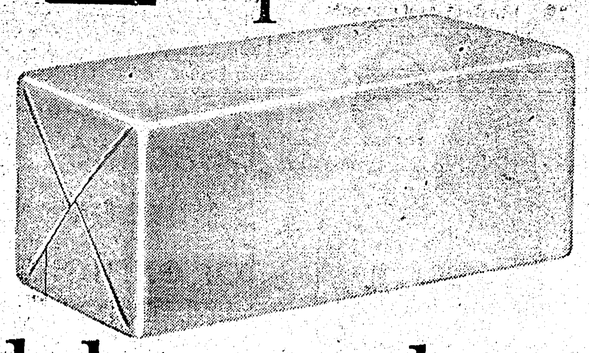

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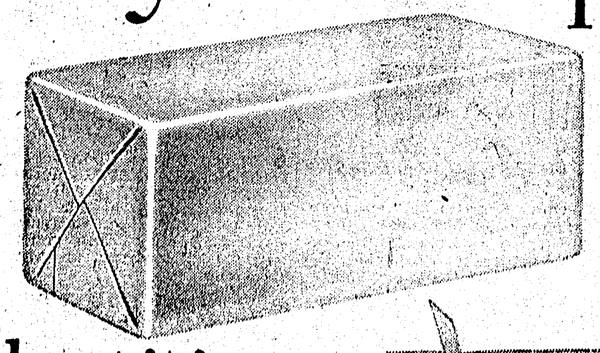

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