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# BIG FOUR CONFERENCE BREAKS DOWN



Communists disappear from the streets as a strong armored police contingent moves into Bitonto, Italy. The Reds had captured this town and called it the "First Socialist Republic in Italy. The leaders of the Communist insurgents are now in jail after the police had moved in and "recaptured it."

## UNIFICATION OF WEST GERMANY AS SEPARATE STATE NOW SEEN

United States, Great Britain and France Are Going Into Session At Once

LONDON (CP)—High diplomatic informants said today that Secretary of State George Marshall will begin with Foreign Minister Bidault of France tonight the first of a series of western power talks on unification of western Germany. Marshall set his staff of German advisers to work drafting proposals which he might advance to Bidault for a merger of the French zone with the British and American zones now that four-power organization of all Germany has been ruled out for the immediate future at least by a breakdown of the Big Four talks.

## NOT REDUCING SERVICE NOW

Official Statement From Union Steamship Co.—Protests Did It

VANCOUVER, (CP)—An official of the Union Steamship Co. said last night that, despite increased operating costs making operations more difficult, the company would not reduce service during the winter months to coastal points as had been intended earlier. The decision followed protests from Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Bella Coola and Stewart Boards of Trade that the proposed cut would be "inimical to the progress and best interests of British Columbia." The weekly services now will be continued "until further notice" and calls as at present maintained.

A telegram received late yesterday by the President of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce from Reg T. Rose, executive secretary of the Vancouver Board of Trade, said: "Union Steamships, following representations, have decided to maintain the weekly service for the present." This was confirmed in a telegram received by the Chamber of Commerce this morning from Gerald McBean, managing director of Union Steamships Ltd.

The community of Massett had also joined in the vigorous protest against the proposed cutting down of service to the Queen Charlotte Islands and sent a telegram to the Postmaster General at Ottawa with whom the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce had already communicated by air mail.

## Better Gifts From States Are Allowed

OTTAWA—An order-in-council amending the new import regulations provides that residents of the United States desiring to send gifts to Canadian friends may send anything having a value up to \$25. The value, previously, had not been beyond \$5.

## JEWS CLAIM VICTORY IN ARAB FIGHT

JERUSALEM, (CP)—Hagana headquarters at Tel Aviv reported today that a Hagana force had surrounded a uniformed and "heavily armed" band of Arabs at Yarkona, five miles north of Petah Tiqva, and that a pitched battle had taken place.

A spokesman for the Jewish defence forces said the Arab band was believed to be a scouting party from the Arab village of Tularam. Hagana said that the "larger part" of the band was destroyed. It was reported here that the Arab League has decided to put regular Arab forces into Palestine to "fight against Zionism" and that an initial fund of \$4,000,000 will be raised to finance the liberation of Palestine.

## COAST SEAMEN ACCEPT BOOST

VANCOUVER, (CP)—More than 500 seamen employed by Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railways coastal vessels have voted to accept a flat \$15.75 monthly pay boost with an additional 15-cent hourly overtime increase and one day off in six, a union official reported today.

## UNIONS CHARGE B.C. DEPUTY

VANCOUVER (CP)—Executive officers of the Vancouver Labor Council (C.I.O.) today charged James Thompson, provincial Deputy Minister of Labor, with "discrimination against C.C.L. unions" and were told by Labor Minister Wismer that the alleged instances of malpractice would be investigated.

## SHIP DISTRESSED NEAR ALEUTIANS

SEATTLE, (CP)—The U.S. Army tanker El Caney, enroute from Yokohama to Seattle in ballast, today radioed an SOS saying her rudder had been carried away and her propeller damaged 500 miles south of Attu.

## THE WEATHER

Rain and southwesterly gales accompanied still another storm as it beat against the British Columbia coast this morning. Snow was falling over the northern interior at forecast time while the remainder of the province was blanketed by clouds. Precipitation is expected to spread inland today as the storm moves inland with only slight improvement foreseen in the wake of the disturbance.

**Forecast**  
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Overcast. Rain today and showers Wednesday. Winds southerly (25 m.p.h.) today and north-west (25 m.p.h.) tomorrow. Normal temperatures. Lows tonight and highs Wednesday: Port Hardy 38 and 45, Massett 37 and 45, Prince Rupert 38 and 45.

## POSED AS MAN AND WIFE; ARE UNDER ARREST

SANTA ROSA, Cal.—Two former college women, Thelma Walter and Marietta Cook, have been arrested for posing as man and wife. They lived on a ranch as "Mr. and Mrs. Warren." One taught school, the other ran the ranch. It appears that a few years ago, while attending the University of California, "they fell in love and decided on marriage because they could not figure out any other way to live." The truth became known when an agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation called at the ranch to find out why "David Warren" was unable to produce a draft record. The women are charged with making a false marriage affidavit and conspiring to violate laws prohibiting masquerading.

## McGILL TO STAGE WINTER CARNIVAL

Canadian, U.S. Sports Teams Will Compete In Laurentians and Montreal

MONTREAL (CP)—McGill University, playing host next February to the intercollegiate ski championships, is planning a mammoth winter carnival that will have its locale both in Montreal and the Laurentian mountains.

McGill's first winter carnival will be staged February 19 to 21 and a busy program has been prepared for the Canadian and United States teams that will compete.

Skating, tobogganing and sleighing on the slopes of Mount Royal will set the proceedings in motion February 19, with large bonfires providing light and the McGill band supplying music.

Competitors will move to St. Margaret's in the Laurentians, February 20, for the downhill and slalom races, with skiers from a dozen universities expected to compete.

Scene of the carnival will shift to Montreal at night and while spectators, supplied with box suppers, sit in straw-floored stands at Molson Stadium, speed-skating races will be held between Canadian and American competitors.

There will be figure skating performances as well as a carnival queen will be crowned. Bands and bonfires again will lend color to the festival and when the outdoor program is completed, basketball, wrestling, boxing and squash events will be staged in the McGill gymnasium, to be followed, by a dance.

The cross-country and ski jumping events of the college championships will be staged February 21 and after the jumping the McGill hockey team will play an American team. Another dance at night will bring the carnival to a close.

## SESSION WILL FEBRUARY

VICTORIA, (CP)—With a new cabinet soon to be installed as a result of the B.C. government and possibility of other cabinet changes, observers today said it would be the end of February the earliest before the provincial legislature reconvenes. Preparation of intended legislation is behind schedule and it will continue so until the premier names his cabinet.

## J. TUPPER PASSES AWAY

WINNIPEG, (CP)—William Johnston Tupper, 85, former lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and bearer of one of the most distinguished names in Canadian history, died here after an illness of several months.

## FAST JOB

A new nylon compound can be coated on a ware at the rate of 1,000 feet a minute.

## Commons Moves to Extend War Control Powers for Three Months

OTTAWA, (CP)—The House of Commons last night adopted a resolution for a three-months' extension of wartime control powers which are due to expire December 31, and turned to another measure to continue the authority of the government food purchasing boards.

The Senate also approved the control resolutions after hearing Senator Haig's charge that the government's control policy was a "police administration" and that the sooner controls were abolished "the sooner Canada will get back on an even keel."

## ATTITUDE OF SOUTH CHANGING; NORTH'S IMPORTANCE ADMITTED

Impressed by the greatly increased recognition which is being accorded by Vancouver and the south generally to central and northern British Columbia in the overall economic picture of British Columbia was J. D. McRae, local young business man, who returned to the city by air yesterday afternoon after attending last week's provincial Liberal convention in Vancouver. Particularly at the convention was this feeling evident, remarked Mr. McRae. Resolution after resolution (H. G. Perry, Prince George and Prince Rupert newspaper publisher was chairman of the resolutions committee) carried the keynote of decentralization and province-wide consideration in dealing with such matters as immigration, highway construction, power development, land settlement, Pacific Great Eastern extension, etc. All along the line, there was admission that more attention must be paid to outside districts and that no longer could Vancouver be a law unto itself.

## CLARKSDALE RADIO AIDS WERE FAULTY

SEATTLE, (CP)—Henry H. Wolfe, second mate and navigator of the Army transport Clarksdale Victory, testified at a Coast Guard hearing that faulty operation of the radio direction finder and fathometer had prevented obtaining accurate bearings before the vessel grounded on Hippa Island three weeks ago.

Forty-nine of the crew of 53 were lost in the wreck.

## 'QUAKE IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, (CP)—A short and fairly sharp earthquake was felt here early today. There were no immediate reports of damage.

## Postmaster-General Is Making Recovery

MONTREAL—Hon. Ernest Bertrand, Postmaster-General of Canada, continues to make favorable progress, following a major operation.

## LONGSHOREMEN WIN INCREASE

SAN FRANCISCO, (CP)—An arbitrator's award yesterday boosted U.S. longshoremen's pay eight cents an hour to \$1.65 for straight time and \$2.47 for overtime.

## LOCAL TIDES

Wednesday, December 17, 1947

High	4:39	18.1 feet
	16:02	18.8 feet
Low	10:15	9.8 feet
	22:45	5.4 feet

## BLIND LEARN TO SHOOT

OVINGDEAN, Eng., (CP)—An electronic tube attached to a rifle enables blind persons of St. Dunstan's to use their new 15-yard shooting range. The marksman is guided through headphones by oscillations which cease when he is on the target.

## POSSE TRAILS JAIL FUGITIVE THROUGH SNOW

PENTICTON, (CP)—Across, bleak snow-covered hills, a police posse today closed in on Russel Spears, a jail escapee, blocking old cattle trails and roadways to prevent him from reaching the international border.

## COMMUNITY FLOODED AS DAM BREAKS

MISSION CITY, (CP)—A break in the Cannall Lake dam, nine miles north of here, today isolated homes and rendered lumber mills in the vicinity inactive.

The 15-foot break was caused by heavy week-end rains which overflowed the water reservoir. Several sections of newly laid pipe supplying Mission City with water from the lake were swept away.

Roads were virtually impassible. Although children might have to wade to their classrooms for the next few days, no homes were in danger of being swept away.

## Melchior Protests Beer Restrictions

VICTORIA (CP)—Lauritz Melchior, famous opera singer, issued an ultimatum, "no beer, no concert," when he learned on arrival here that there are no beer parlors in Victoria. He was mollified, however, when told that beer and ale could be purchased at government liquor stores.

The man who has sung "Tristan" more than 200 times expressed the opinion that British Columbia liquor regulations are bad. "In countries where conditions are more lenient, drunkenness is rare," he said. "All I want is a beer before dinner and one in the evening after the concert."

Melchior said that he loved hunting and visited Canada every year.

## SEMITIC LANGUAGE

The Syric language belongs to the Semitic family of languages of which Hebrew is the chief and is a branch of Aramaic.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	
Bralorne	10.00
B. R. Con.	.04 1/2
B. R. X.	.08
Cariboo Quartz	2.70
Dentonia	.17 1/2
Hedley Mascot	.90
Minto	.02 1/4
Pend Orielle	2.05
Pioneer	3.50
Premier Border	.04 3/4
Reeves McDonald	1.10
Reno	.12
Salmon Gold	.21
Sheep Creek	1.15
Taylor Bridge	.50
Taku River	.68
Vananda	.20
Congress	.03
Pacific Eastern	.05
Hedley Amalgamated	.03
Central Zeballos	.01 3/4
Silbak Premier	.50
Oils—	
Calmont	.44
C. & E.	3.05
Home	4.80
Toronto	
Athona	.10
Aumaque	.24
Beattie	.96
Bevcourt	.50
Bobjo	.15
Buffalo Canadian	.16
Consol. Smelters	92.00
Conwest	.91
Donada	.89
Eldona	.87
Elder	.67
Giant Yellowknife	5.95
God's Lake	.78
Hardrock	.32
Harricana	.08
Heva	.22
Hosco	.43 1/4
Jacknobe	.06 1/2
Joliet Quebec	.40
Lake Rowan	.15
Lapaska	.11
Little Long Lac	1.50
Lynx	.08
Madsen Red Lake	3.00
McKenzie Red Lake	.58
MacLeod Cockshutt	1.45
Moneta	.35
Negus	2.10
Neranda	46.75
Louvicourt	1.40
Pickle Crow	2.28
Regcourt	.08
San Antonio	4.00
Senator Rouyn	.64
Sherritt Gordon	2.85
Sheep Rock	2.05
Sturgeon River	.20