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**DEATH KILLS SIX**—Faces grimy with coal soot, six draegermen who risked their lives in rescue operations after an underground explosion at Dominion Mine No. 26, Glace Bay, N.S., share a cup of coffee. Six miners were killed by the searing blast which ripped along the 1,300-foot level of the big coal mine. One survivor, Herb Desmond, was severely injured. It was the second major mine disaster in Nova Scotia in six months. Five and a half months ago 10 miners died in the McGregor Mine at Stellarton following an explosion. (CP PHOTO)

## Rupert Housing Project To Be Finest in Canada—Says Winters

### Indicates Homes May be Sold Later by Government

By ERIC SANDERSON

The federal Minister of Resources and Development, Hon. Robert H. Winters, said Sunday he believes the housing project under construction in Prince Rupert will be one of the finest in Canada.

Addressing a public dinner sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in the Broadway Cafe last night, he said the "class of workmanship is tops and I believe the taxpayers will get full value for the money they invest in this development."

"Every government," he said, "shares the same view that we want Canadians to be home owners and it was that policy that led to the sale of wartime homes."

While he did not say the homes being constructed here will be sold to the occupants, he indicated during a tour of the three sites that the government may sell the homes later.

"They are being built as a rental project," said the 42-year-old minister, "and will be operated under such a scheme."

"That is the same situation that exists in the 1100-home Fraservue project in Vancouver and we intend, in time, to sell these homes to veterans now occupying the houses."

Mr. Winters, who served in the Second Great War as lieutenant-colonel with the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in Canada, England, Holland and Belgium, said "we in Canada are going ahead by leaps and bounds."

"This country," he stressed, "has the best chance of any country in the world to advance economically and every other way."

"The governments are working together because we have faith in Canada and while housing is primarily a provincial govern-

ment responsibility, we, nevertheless, were happy to help."

**LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
Mr. Winters praised the efforts of E. T. (Ted) Applewhite, Liberal M.P. for Skeena, in getting the housing project started in Prince Rupert and said "we built these homes on condition that the project is administered by a local housing authority."

"The federal government," he insisted, "has no right being a landlord and we don't want to be a landlord."

The minister, who made a tour of the Columbia Cellulose plant at Port Edward Sunday morning, said he believed that company is a "very great asset to this area and its benefits are going to be felt as time goes on."

Comparing Halifax with Prince Rupert, he said both cities were born in times of war and "both have seen the letdowns that came after times of prosperity."

"Both cities have depended on their fishing industry and wars but now we find them moving steadily ahead."

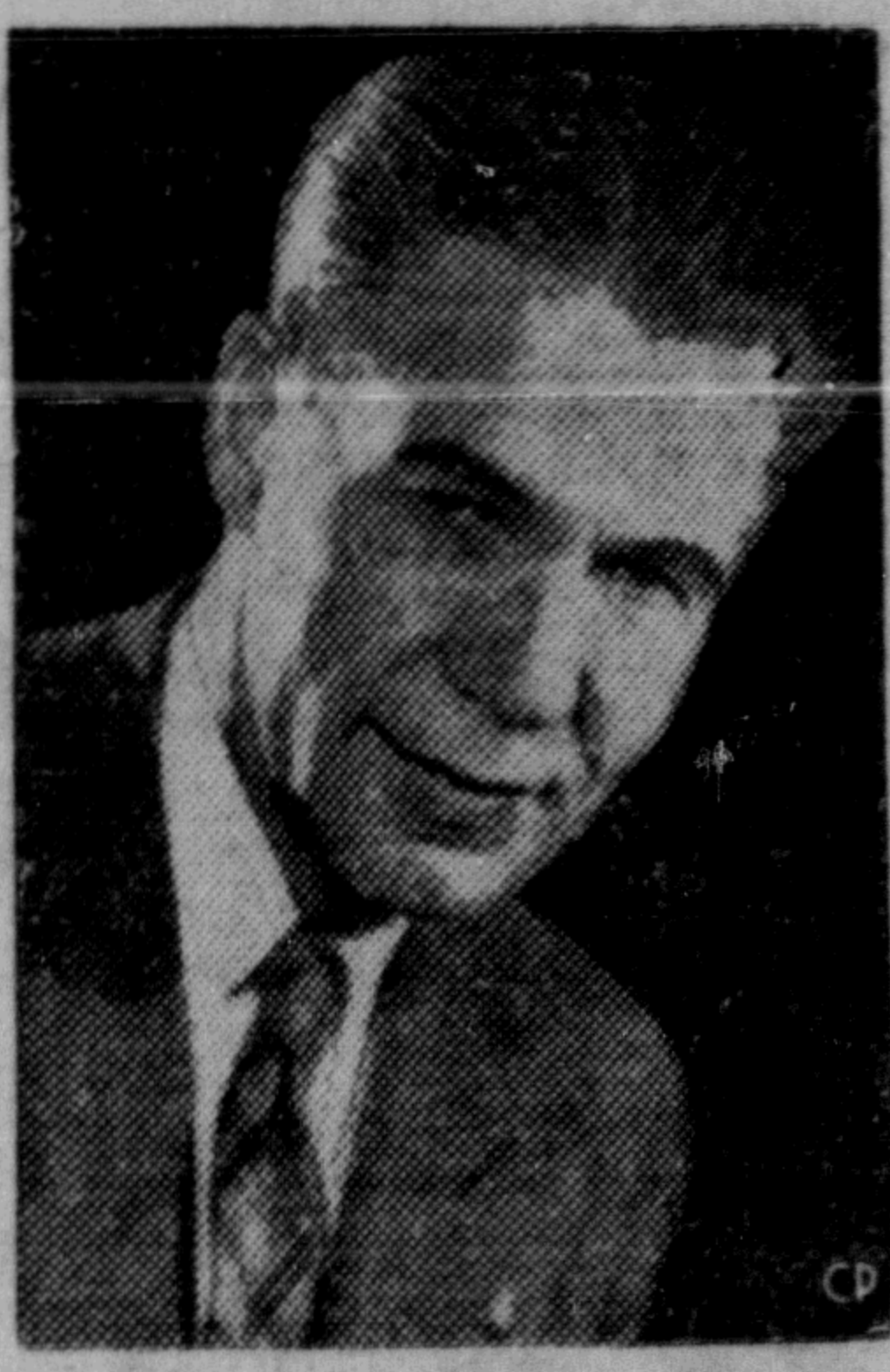
In introducing Mr. Winters to the dinner guests, Mr. Applewhite said it was through the efforts of Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and Mr. Winters that the Elizabeth Apartments were constructed here.

Outlining some of Mr. Winters' duties, Mr. Applewhite said he is responsible for housing, national parks, monuments, Crown lands, the Trans-Canada Highway, the Northwest Territories and wildlife of migrating birds.

"He acts, generally, as a co-ordinator of all these departments," said Mr. Applewhite. Mayor Harold Whalen, on behalf of the city, welcomed the minister and thanked him "for our housing project."

Norton Youngs, president of the Chamber of Commerce, thanked Mr. Winters for coming to Prince Rupert and said "we are convinced that our housing project is only a start in the number of homes we will need in the future."

"We may be coming to see you again, sooner than you think," said Mr. Winters. During a tour of the three housing projects under construction, Mr. Winters inspected (Continued on page 4)



**OIL CHIEF RETIRES**—Nathan E. Tanner has announced his impending retirement as Alberta's Minister of Mines and Minerals, the cabinet post in which he has guided the development of the province's oil and natural gas resources. Mr. Tanner said he will not seek re-election in the August 5 provincial elections but take an important job in private industry. Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, May 9, 1898, he was a school principal at Cardston in southern Alberta when William Aberhart's 1935 Social Credit sweep put him in the legislature. He was Speaker the next year and entered the cabinet in 1937. He is a bishop of the Mormon church. (CP PHOTO)

## Hotel Blaze Burns Many

### Death Estimate Reaches 50 In Fairbanks Holocaust

By The Canadian Press

FAIRBANKS.—Four or more persons are believed dead and several are reported missing in an early morning hotel fire that may reach proportions of a major disaster.

Complete confusion made it impossible to get any accurate check on the dead and missing. Some guests escaped from the third floor but it is estimated up to 50 persons might be burned to death.

Nine persons were in hospital, two of them in critical condition. The fire was in the crowded Pioneer Hotel, where there were approximately 250 occupants.

Within minutes after the fire started shortly after midnight, the old, wooden, block-long structure was a blazing inferno.

Night Clerk David Littlefield, who raced through the building warning sleeping guests, said he believed the estimate of 50 dead was far too high.

"I saw one body on the second floor just before I left the building," he said. "I am certain that at least four people died. I can't say how many more."

Scores of guests jumped from windows and others leaped to the building next door.

Firemen on the way to the fire found the street swarming with fleeing guests, some of them almost naked.

The Pioneer was this city's second largest hotel. It was in ruins of ashes and warped sheet metal two hours after the first alarm.

## Two Drownings In Central B.C.

Reports of two drownings in the north-central part of British Columbia are being investigated by RCMP.

Mrs. Helen Robinson, 45, of the Kitwanga Indian Reserve, is reported to have been drowned early Sunday off Cassiar cannery. Her body was recovered but she failed to respond to artificial respiration.

RCMP also received a report this morning that Donald McNeil, 37, of Vancouver, was drowned last Thursday at Twinkle Lake, 200 miles south of Burns Lake. His body was recovered and has been brought out to Burns Lake. No details of the tragedy are known.

## Five Persons Dead in Week-End Tragedies

## Socreds Meet To Choose Premier

### Win Election With One Seat Over CCF in Marathon Count

By The Canadian Press  
VANCOUVER.—The Social Credit party will form the next—and minority—government in British Columbia and at a party meeting tomorrow B.C.'s new premier will be named.

Social Credit won vital 19th seat Saturday, 29 days, 18 hours and 30 minutes after the polls closed at 8 p.m. June 12 in the province's general election.

Final standings:

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| 1952          | 1949  |
| Social Credit | 19 0  |
| Liberal       | 18 7  |
| Conserv.      | 6 26  |
| Comm.         | 4 13  |
| Independent   | 1 1   |
| Others        | 0 1   |
| Total         | 48 48 |

First counts decided the election issue in five ridings; second counts none; third counts 31; fourth counts eight; fifth counts three and sixth counts one.

Social Credit League; W. A. C. Bennett, Kelowna hardware merchant, and R. E. Sommers, school principal.

United States Sabre jets probably destroyed one Russian-built MIG-15 and damaged another in MIG-Allied duels, the Air Force said.

Sporadic ground fighting centered on the rugged eastern front where Allied troops seized a strategic hill after a three-day battle and held it in face of a counter-attack by North Koreans.

## Unions Reject New Steel Offer

PITTSBURGH (CP)—A spokesman for United Steelworkers (CIO) reported today that striking USW leaders regard the steel industry's new peace offer as unsatisfactory. Company executives tossed the 43-day-old walkout into the Union's lap during the week-end by saying they had made suggestions for ending the work stoppage and were waiting for the union's answer. Details of the latest proposals were not made public.

## W TYPE HORN BLOWS TO WARN SHIPS; ONLY KIND IN WORLD

Holland Rock fog horn blew today to let coastwise ships warn of the danger of its reefs, but it is a different type of horn blows now-adays. A remote-controlled diaphone installation, it is operated by a lightkeeper at the Barret Rock lighthouse by the lightkeeper. All that is press a button and the Holland Rock horn begins to blow. It is the only such installation in Canada. Department of Transport manager N. A. Beketov believes. It was especially designed for Prince Rupert by the National Research Board.

## Judge Offers To Mediate Woods Strike

VANCOUVER.—Chief Justice Gordon Sloan is willing to act as mediator in the strike of 32,000 workers in B.C.'s multi-million-dollar forest industry.

"If both sides request me to intervene, I'll give consideration to the request," he said Saturday.

Chief Justice Sloan successfully settled the 36-day strike of woodworkers in 1948.

Stewart Alsbury, International Woodworkers of America president, said he would discuss the offer with the union's policy committee.

John M. Billings, spokesman for operators, said he had "no comment at present."

## McNamara Named As Conciliator

OTTAWA (CP)—Arthur McNamara, deputy minister of labor, has been named federal conciliator in the wage dispute between Canadian railways and non-operating unions.

Request for conciliation—made by the railways and 17 unions—came a week after railways received a wage demand for an estimated \$150,000,000 year or more for 125,000 non-operating employees.

## Man Charged with Murder As Hazelton Victim Dies

A 25-year-old man has been charged with murdering a provincial Public Works Department road worker near his home at Hazelton last Monday night.

RCMP here said today Vernon McMaster of no fixed address appeared in court this morning at Smithers and was remanded for eight days.

He was charged following the death in hospital at Hazelton last night of Laurence Greco, 45, who was found brutally beaten on a trail near his home at 8 p.m. July 7.

McMaster was one of two men held for questioning by RCMP following the finding of Greco in an unconscious condition. The road worker suffered a severe concussion and cerebral hemorrhage and never regained consciousness. He is believed to have been beaten with a blunt instrument and robbed of \$180.

## Murder Try On Nanaimo MLA Foiled

NANAIMO, B.C. (CP)—Dr. Larry Giovando, newly elected Progressive Conservative Member of Legislature, was attacked early Saturday by a man armed with two razor-sharp knives, one a 10-inch bread knife.

"I am going to kill you," the man told the doctor as he answered a knock on the door of his home.

Dr. Giovando escaped injury and two hours after the attack the man was arrested within a half-block of the doctor's home. As yet unidentified, the man has been charged with attempted murder.

## Fishermen Unhappy With Halibut Price

Halibut fishermen who brought catches into Prince Rupert this morning were unhappy about prices paid for their last loads.

The season officially ended in all major halibut grounds at midnight Saturday. It resumes on a smaller scale in the southern Hecate Strait on July 26.

One boat, the Waterfall, with 48,000 pounds of halibut in her holds, lifted anchor and headed for Vancouver rather than unload here.

Highest price said Canadian boats for mediums was 19.1 cents while two American boats got 20 cents. The price was considered exceptionally low in view of higher prices paid during the season.

There was no official reason for the low price, but one fisherman said it probably was caused because fish companies here now are buying flatfish in "fair volume" and "they don't need any more halibut."

Quota for Area 3, off the Alaska coast, was set at 28,000,000 pounds. A majority of halibut caught in that area were landed at Alaska points.

Here are today's sales on the exchange:

**American**  
Carol, 14,000, 20, 20, 16, B.C. Packers; Bergen, 35,000, 20, 20, 16, Pacific.

**Canadian**  
Dollina II, 34,000, 19, 19, 16, Royal; San Thomas, 38,000, 19, 19, 16, B.C. Packers; Balsac, 15,000, 19.1, 19, 16, Atlin; Tanza, 38,000, 19, 19, 16, Atlin; M.W., 9000, 19, 19, 16, Atlin; Ocean Pride, 72,000, 19, 19, 16, B.C. Packers; Clipper II, 10,000, 19, 19, 16, Royal.

Sold to the Co-op: Northern Breeze, 24,000; Embila, 22,000.

## Wanted Man Seen in Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—Walter Pavlukoff, one of Canada's most wanted criminals, Saturday was reported sighted aboard a bus.

The 38-year-old Pavlukoff is wanted here for the murder of bank manager Sydney Petrie, shot to death five years ago.

A woman told police she thought she saw Pavlukoff on a bus and later the driver reported the man got off at a downtown street.

## BULLETINS

### Truman Cancels Appointments

WASHINGTON (CP)—President Truman suffered a mild virus infection today and had to cancel all his appointments. He stayed in bed most of the day.

### Civilians Man Watching Posts

WASHINGTON (CP)—Civilian volunteers manned watching posts over northern United States today in round-the-clock vigil against a sneak air attack. More than 50,000 citizens volunteered for service, but the Air Force said it needs at least 350,000 more.

### Keel Laid For Giant Carrier

NEWPORTNEWS, Va. (CP)—U.S. Navy today laid the keel of the \$200,200,000 aircraft carrier Forrestal. The giant 60,000-ton carrier is designed to launch and recover atom-bomb carrying planes and heavy, swift jet fighters.

## —TIDES—

Tuesday, July 15, 1952  
(Pacific Standard Time)

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| High | 7:56  | 15.6 feet |
|      | 20:06 | 18.7 feet |
| Low  | 1:49  | 6.0 feet  |
|      | 13:35 | 8.3 feet  |