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**Planes of Aviation Group Grounded
 Smithers Due to Rough Weather**

Proposed visit here today of seven members of the B.C. Aviation Council was cancelled when the four planes transporting them around the province were unable to reach Prince Rupert because of bad weather.

A luncheon scheduled to be held in the Civic Centre was cancelled.

**Fire Destroys Plush
 Jasper Park Lodge**

**Hotel Official Badly Burned
 But No Guest Casualties**

By The Canadian Press
JASPER.—Jasper Park Lodge, reputedly the largest log building in the world, was destroyed last night by fire which broke out as guests danced in the ballroom of the Rocky Mountain luxury resort.

The hotel official was badly burned but the fire did not spread to surrounding bungalows where most of the 500 guests of the Canadian National Railways were housed.

Fire broke out in the check-out room shortly before 10 p.m. As the door was opened the flames belched out and quickly spread through the log building. Some 200 guests were dancing and the lodge was filled with cards. They made an orderly exit.

**Operators,
 Woodsmen
 Meet Today**

**Justice Sloan Mediates
 30-Day Old IWA Strike**

VANCOUVER.—Union and management representatives meet today at Victoria in an attempt to reach a settlement in the \$1,000,000-a-day British Columbia coast lumber strike.

It will be first meeting between the disputants since the walkout began a month ago.

Chief Justice Gordon Sloan agreed Tuesday to act as mediator. He announced a few hours later that he called a meeting with the two factions at 2:30 p.m. today at the Court House in Victoria.

Both sides said immediately they would attend the meeting. Meanwhile, the union said its representatives will meet southern interior negotiators here today. Operations in northern and southern interior districts have not been affected by the coast woods strike.

Halibut Landings

Fishers in Prince Rupert fish companies were reported loaded to capacity this morning as more than 350,000 pounds of halibut were landed.

Some space will become available after shipments today, but it is reported space will be limited.

Halibut boats are still coming in from Area 3, which was officially closed at 12:01 a.m. last Sunday.

Here are today's sales on the exchange:

Nett Maid, 17,000, 19, 19, 16
 B.C. Packers: B.C. Lady, 61,000, 19, 19, 16
 Allyn: Western Monarch, 34,000, 19, 19, 16
 Royal, 30,000, 19, 19, 16
 B.C. Packers: Neekis, 35,000, 19, 19, 16
 Allyn: Island Queen, 18,000, 19, 19, 16
 Good, 19, 19, 16
 B.C. Packers: 63,000, 19, 19, 16
 B.C. Packers: Oslo, 18,000, 19, 19, 16
 B.C. Packers: Ispacio II, 52,000, 19, 19, 16
 B.C. Packers: 16,000

- TIDES -
 Thursday, July 17, 1952
 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	10:35	15.5 feet
	22:13	18.9 feet
Low	4:10	5.2 feet
	15:57	9.9 feet

**New Air Service Between Rupert, Ketchikan
 Inaugurated With First Flight Saturday**

Regular flight of what may be a regular daily air service between Prince Rupert and Ketchikan, Alaska, will be made Saturday by Ellis Air Lines.

Ketchikan-based airlines have been authorized by the Air Transport Board of Canada to maintain a regular service between the two points and will begin Monday to operate its times a week schedule.

The announcement was made by Bill Priest, manager of Queen Charlotte Airlines, which has been working with Ellis for the past four years to establish the service.

Priest was enthusiastic about the new development which "is a historic step in aviation in the north." His company plans to work on a reciprocal bases with Ellis to operate a future daily service between the two northern points.

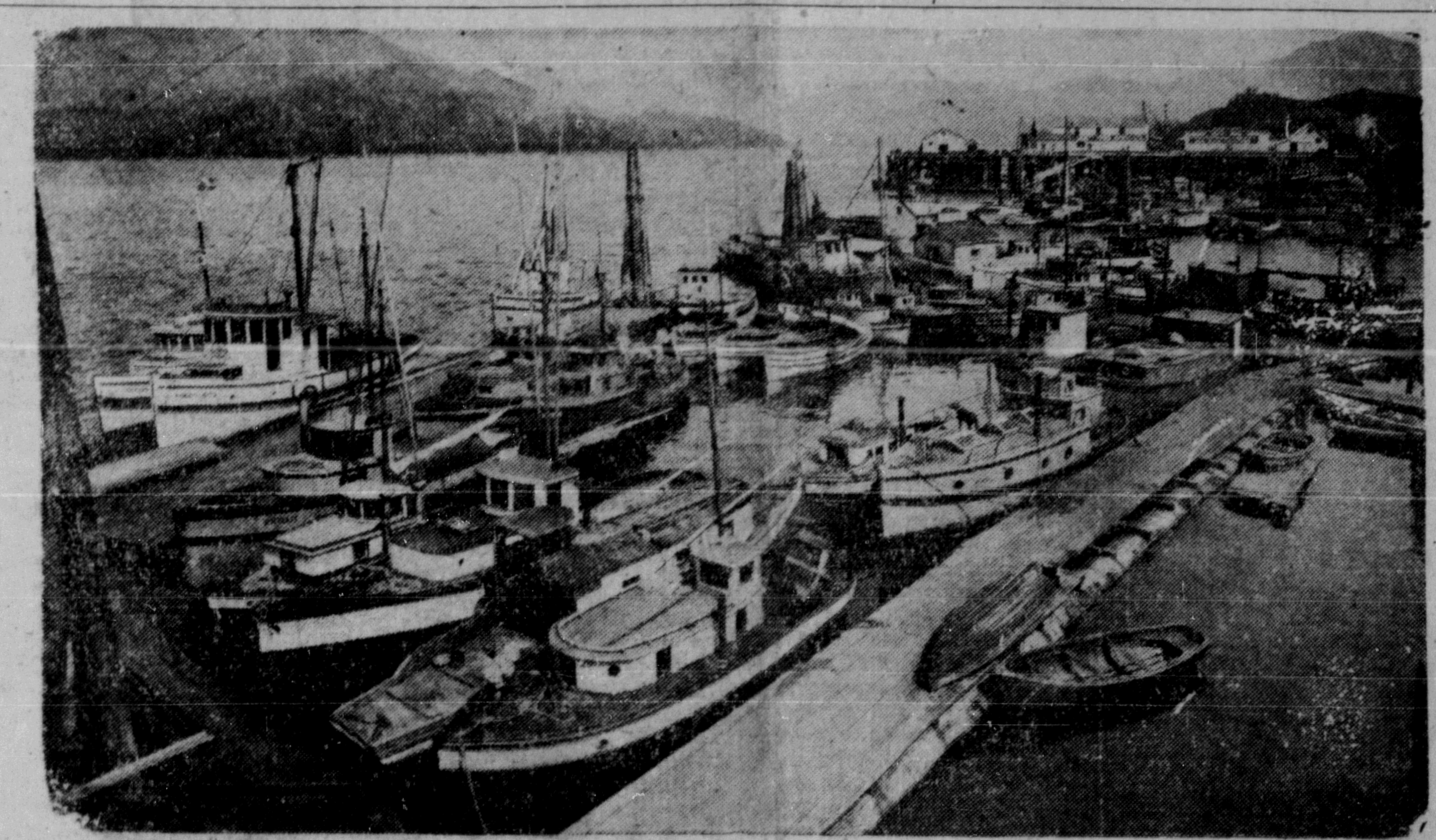
Seven or eight Alaska officials, including Ketchikan's mayor, will be met at the airport here Saturday morning when the inaugural flight arrives.

Prince Rupert, Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a luncheon to officially welcome the guests. The event will be attended by Mayor Harold Whalen, other city dignitaries and transport officials.

Ellis Air Lines will operate an eight-passenger Grumman Goose amphibian plane on the new flight. Ketchikan, at 90 air miles from Prince Rupert, will be reached in a 45-minute flight.

Robert Ellis is manager of the Ketchikan air line.

Socreds Choose Bennett As Premier



PRINCE RUPERT'S FISHING FLEET might be tied up like this if the July 19 scheduled strike comes off. Operators and United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union negotiators are meeting today in final talks to settle this year's salmon prices other than sockeye. A June 22 strike deadline was lifted when more than 1,000 native fishermen on the Skeena and Naas rivers urged to accept the 25-cent company offer on sockeye. Union now wants last year's prices on all species of salmon. Companies propose cuts on some species.

Leader Avows Immediate Action on Strike Problem

By The Canadian Press
VANCOUVER.—W. A. C. Bennett, who bolted the Progressive Conservative party last year, will become the Social Credit premier of British Columbia in a few weeks.

He was chosen as Social Credit leader last night by his 18 fellow members-elect. He told reporters soon after his selection that the Social Credit cabinet will be formed as soon as he is called upon by the Lieutenant-Governor to form a government.

This is expected to be at the end of the month. Outgoing Liberal Premier Byron Johnson said last week he will recommend the party with the largest number of members in the 48-seat legislature to form the next government.

Bennett, 51, was first elected to the B.C. Legislature as Progressive Conservative in 1941. He failed twice in his efforts to wrest Conservative leadership from Herbert Anscomb.

He followed his party into the Liberal-Progressive Conservative coalition and was re-elected in 1945. In 1948 he made an unsuccessful attempt to take the Yale federal seat but again was re-elected in the 1949 provincial contest.

At the 1951 session, he crossed the floor of the house with Mrs. Tilly Rolston and both sat as Independents. They quit the Coalition and Progressive Conservative party in a row over hospital insurance.

Early this year Bennett announced he had joined the Social Credit movement and during the spring session of the legislature fired opening salvos for the party in B.C.

Bennett was chosen by secret ballot, first time in B.C. history that a party leader had been so selected. The party declined to say whether there were other candidates for leadership, and said that Bennett's selection was unanimous.

CROSSES HOUSE
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Other candidates for leadership were Peter V. Paynter, Social Credit organizer who failed to take the Revelstoke seat in the election; J. A. Reid, long-time Social Creditor and newly-elected member for Salmon Arm; Thomas Irwin, elected in Delta, and Rev. P. A. Gagliardi, who will represent Kamloops.

NOT MINORITY
 "Social Credit does not regard itself as minority government," Bennett told press conference. "We look on ourselves as a fully elected government with full power to conduct the affairs of the province. It will be a policy of the Social Credit government to bring confidence in to a stable government of the province."

He said the first problem to be tackled by his government will be strikes by 32,000 lumber workers and 3000 carpenters—if they are not settled by the time he takes office.

He said his government will go ahead with its campaign policy of putting hospital insurance on voluntary basis. He also promised immediate action on the province's labor, liquor and workmen's compensation laws.

DEUCES WILD
 During the middle ages playing cards possessed names like "The two of cups," the "cavillo of coins," and "the hanging man."

**City Fathers
 Ask For Park
 Cleanliness**

Council Monday night issued a request to the city parks board that it purchase and install waste containers at McClymont park.

City fathers complained of the appearance of the park because of its "paper-littered condition."

Meanwhile, the council also had an answer to "lots of adverse publicity from the parks board in connection with cleaning up Roosevelt park."

Ald. Michael Kreuger said he visited the park with Parks Chairman Pat Forman, and reported that in his opinion rubble left from removal of the former exhibition had been cleaned up.

Council passed a recommendation by Ald. Kreuger that if the parks board wants any more cleaning up to be done, cost of such work should be taken off next year's park estimates.

Main contention is centred on removal of concrete footing of the former exhibition building, sold two years ago as scrap lumber.

**Alaska Ship
 Owners Settle
 Sailor Strike**

SAN FRANCISCO.—Things were looking up Tuesday along west coast waterfronts paralyzed 50 days by AFL sailors on strike that has tied up more than 100 vessels.

Settlement freeing 20 ships of Alaska Steamship Co. was ratified Monday by striking Sailors Union Pacific.

Federal conciliator Omar Hoskins said negotiations are proceeding satisfactorily between the Union and Pacific Maritime Association representing 24 other shipowners.

**Red China
 Accepts
 Geneva Rules**

TOKYO.—Communist China today conditionally recognized the Geneva conventions banning of germ warfare and setting rules for treatment of war prisoners.

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**City Won't
 Guarantee
 Paving Job**

The controversial tennis courts will be hard-surfaced by the city at actual cost, and work is to begin almost immediately.

But the city does not guarantee the job.

Instructions for the paving were given D. C. Stewart, superintendent of works, by city council Monday night. With the instructions, Mr. Stewart was told to notify the Rotary Club—who built the courts—that "the surface is not properly prepared and that the city will not assume any responsibility as to the completed job."

**Year-Old Abandoned Baby Still Unclaimed
 As Fears Expressed For Safety of Mother**

Fears were expressed today for the safety of the unknown mother whose year-old baby girl was found early Monday abandoned in a downtown Prince Rupert cafe.

F. E. Anfield, superintendent of Indian Affairs, made another appeal over radio station CFRP for the mother to claim the child, but so far no one has contacted the Indian agent or RCMP.

Mr. Anfield said, however, that one family here offered to give the baby a home but he has had to decline.

There was nothing in the baby buggy to identify the parents and a check has revealed the buggy, a pushcart type, was purchased for cash in a store here last Saturday.

The baby is reported in perfect health. It was wearing all new clothes at the time it was found.

The tiny tot was taken to Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning for a check-up and later was examined by the clinic.

The child is being cared for at the Salvation Army Hostel.

**Movies May
 Be Closed
 By Strike**

VANCOUVER (CP).—Vancouver's movie theatres may be closed entirely or severely curtailed by a strike of film exchange workers.

It was announced Tuesday that 50 workers of eight film distributors have voted in favor of striking to back wage demands.

The strike would immediately block delivery to theatres of all films of unions in volved who claim there have been no pay increases for three years.

The workers are awaiting a yes or no decision on the walk-out from union headquarters in New York.

**Helicopters Try
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BOSTON.—Two huge helicopters—pointed for Europe—took off today in an attempt to make the first helicopter flight across. The "Flying Windmills," heavily laden with gasoline, took off from Westover Air Force base.

**Superliner Rests
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The fastest passenger liner afloat, she docked to a triumphant New York harbor welcome after wresting the trans-Atlantic speed laurels from the bigger British liner Queen Mary.

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Her secret wartime speeds are reported to have been terrific. There have been veiled hints the Elizabeth might give it a try one of these days.

**Earthquake, Followed by Roar
 Felt in Powell River District**

POWELL RIVER.—A minor earthquake of several seconds duration followed by a loud roar was felt in Powell River district Tuesday. No damage was reported.

The seismograph at the Dominion observatory at Victoria shower quake's epicentre at about 120 miles from observatory.

**2,000 Killed
 in Air Raid**

TOKYO.—Peiping radio said today more than 2,000 people were killed and 4,170 injured in big Allied raid on North Korean capital, Pyongyang, Friday.

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**Bennett Won
 Vote Over
 Four Others**

VANCOUVER.—W.A.C. Bennett of Kelowna won the Social Credit party leadership on the first ballot over four other nominees, it was learned today.

His election was then made unanimous by his 18 fellow members-elect at the first party caucus since the June 12 provincial election.

Other candidates for leadership were Peter V. Paynter, Social Credit organizer who failed to take the Revelstoke seat in the election; J. A. Reid, long-time Social Creditor and newly-elected member for Salmon Arm; Thomas Irwin, elected in Delta, and Rev. P. A. Gagliardi, who will represent Kamloops.

**Quebec Goes
 To Polls**

QUEBEC.—French Canada elects 92 members to its 24th legislature today, climaxing a vigorous month-long election campaign.

Quebec voters go to the polls to determine the makeup of Quebec's provincial assembly in which the government had a majority of 71 members at dissolution May 28.

Standing in the last house: Union National 81, Liberals eight, Nationalists one, Independent one, vacant one. Total 92.

Eligible voters total nearly 2,250,000, highest in provincial history and all indications from lively well attended campaign meetings point to a record vote.

Nearly one-fifth of Canada's juvenile delinquents come from homes broken by death, divorce or separation.

Jury Head's Home Bombed

PARIS.—A bomb was thrown today against the door of the apartment of Paul Didier, president of the grand jury which recently ordered Communist leader Jacques Duclos released from prison. No one was injured, but the apartment was badly damaged.

Two Loggers Burned

CONCRETE, Wash.—Two loggers burned to death and two others narrowly escaped when a slashing fire broke out of control today and jumped into high timber. One victim was identified as Purl Cook, 60.

Truman Enters Hospital

WASHINGTON.—President Truman entered Ermys Walter Reed hospital today for a check-up. The president was stricken with a mild virus infection on Sunday, described by his aides as not serious.

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