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Party Leaders Reach Agreement on Future Coalition Gov't

Administration Will Function Under Name of Johnson-Anscomb Coalition Government—W. T. Straith to Cabinet

PRINCIPAL LIBERAL (CP)—Leaders of the Liberal and Progressive-Conservative parties of British Columbia yesterday announced that an agreement had been reached for the continuation of British Columbia's government.

The cabinet, which will be sworn in next Monday at Government House, will remain unchanged except for the education portfolio.

W. T. Straith, coalition member for Victoria, will replace the present minister, Hon. G. M. Weir, who is unable to continue due to ill health. Both Mr. Weir and Mr. Straith are members of the Liberal party.

The announcement was made by Byron I. "Boss" Johnson, leader of the Liberal party, and the Progressive-Conservative leader, Herbert Anscomb.

The announcement also said the coalition would continue under the name of the Johnson-Anscomb Coalition Government.

Mr. Johnson will be sworn in as premier next Monday, replacing John Hart, who has announced his retirement from active politics.

Mr. Straith, a member of a well-known pioneer family of Victoria, is an experienced parliamentarian and a leading lawyer of the Capital City.

For some years he served on the Victoria School Board, and was long a director of the Y.M.C.A., and takes an active interest in child welfare work.

West Coast Fish Landings Reported Up 19 Per Cent

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's sea fisheries brought home 98,000,000 pounds less fish in the first 11 months of this year than in the same period in 1946, according to Dominion of Fisheries statistics released today.

The Atlantic coast accounted for the entire drop. Landing on that coast in the period this year were 596,200,000 pounds, a decrease of 22 per cent.

On the West Coast, landings of 442,300,000 pounds were up 19 per cent.

TRAIN AND TELEGRAPH LINES OPERATE AGAIN AFTER SLIDES

Repairmen Spend Hectic Christmas to Restore Services

Two snowslides near Kwinitsa delayed train services and upset wire communications in and out of Prince Rupert over the Christmas holidays, but arrival and departure times were re-established today, the divisional superintendent's office announced.

The train scheduled to arrive here at 10:45 tonight will be on time. Superintendent C. A. Berner said.

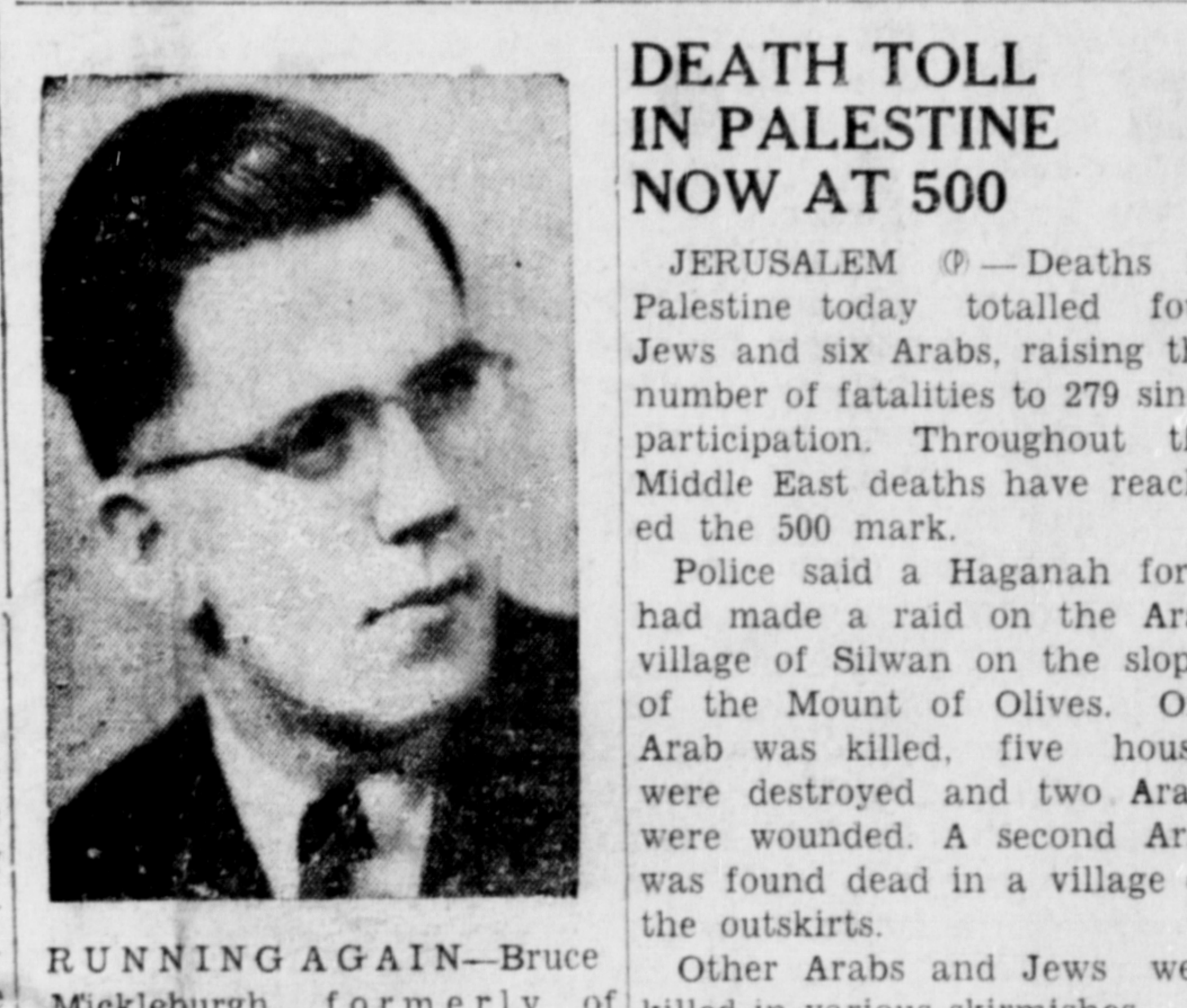
Telegraph communications, down since early Christmas morning, were back in service last night, after linemen spent a harried Christmas repairing them.

The train which originally would have left the city at 8 o'clock last night pulled out of the station at 11 o'clock this morning, the first outgoing service since Tuesday night.

Causes of the disturbances were two snowslides which came down early Christmas morning about two miles east of Kwinitsa, 60 miles from Prince Rupert. Trackage and wires have since been put back in service.

The slides, which tore channels down the mountainsides in an area where winter snowslides are common, piled snow 10 feet deep along the track for 300 feet. Trees and rock were piled along the track in the deep snow.

Death and Fire In Wake of Record Eastern Snowfall



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Two-Day Week-End Rapped By Cleric

CHRISTCHURCH, N. Z. — After nine years overseas in the mission fields of India, Dr. Leslie Sutherland thinks New Zealand has made a fetish of the five-day 40-hour week since he went away.

TRUCK DAMAGED AT INTERSECTION

A delivery truck, owned by Rupert Butchers and said to have been driven by James Thompson, was damaged Christmas Eve as it came to a sharp stop at the intersection of McBride Street and Third Avenue.

Report of Bodies Floating Near City Unfounded

No foundation can be found here for rumors in the southern part of the province that bodies have been found in waters tributary to Prince Rupert.

Christmas Enjoyed At Pioneers' Home

Christmas at the Pioneers' Home in Westview was up to fondest expectations.

New York Moving To Protect Health and Welfare of Millions

Spectacular Fires Rage In Snow-Covered Portland, Me.; Philadelphia and York, Pa.—At Least 35 Persons Are Dead

NEW YORK (CP)—New York today began burrowing out from the greatest snowfall in the city's history as officials went into emergency session to plan measures to "protect the health and welfare" of its 8,000,000 inhabitants.

Thousands of city employees, using more than 1400 pieces of equipment, and thousands of contract workers and trucks worked through the night and morning, but failed to make more than a dent in the record 25.8-inch snowfall which disrupted transportation facilities and imperilled deliveries of fuel and food.

The storm, sweeping in with surprising fury early Friday, surpassed the 20.9-inch downfall left by the famous blizzard of 1888.

At least 35 persons lost their lives in the storm belt which embraced parts of New England, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and southeastern New York and extended south to include Washington, D.C., and New Jersey, where 30 inches of snow was reported.

The only life line enabling some of New York's millions to get about is the underground railway system, which is being worked to the extreme limit.

On the surface, traffic is practically halted. Yesterday afternoon, it was difficult enough to even struggle along on foot. Hundreds of cars, impossible to drive, were seen temporarily abandoned. Drifts about covered smaller automobiles.

Telephone and telegraph services are crippled. The city has made an appeal to all citizens to help in avoiding the risk of fire, for under the present circumstances it is a major danger. All available men have become organized to clear pathways through the scores of miles of snow, to enable engines and their crews to get out and fight any outbreak with a minimum of delay. All fire hydrants have been buried under the fall.

HALIFAX LABORS UNDER BIG SNOW

HALIFAX — Another six inches of snow piled up here during the night, making a total fall of 30 inches during the Christmas period.

BATTLING IN NORTH GREECE

ATHENS — Government troops and a large force of Communists battled in Northwest Greece today, and Reds attempted to seize the city of Komitas as the capital for the newly-proclaimed Greek Communist state.

Upward of 3,500 Communist-led guerrillas were heavily attacking the area near the Albania border as government reinforcements rushed to the battle front.

A communique said 95 guerrillas were killed and 63 taken prisoner in the last 24 hours. There were four in the Prince Rupert lock-up over Christmas, but the fact of not being at liberty had no bearing on the general question of festive fare. Everybody enjoyed good eats.

Blacks Gain in China Strife

Generalissimo Kai-Shek issued a peremptory order today banning the publication of military news by newspapers north and south which would be prejudicial to the war effort.

Government sources accused that Communists were gaining ground west of the Yangtze, where fighting is the heaviest.

Central News Agency said key points within the Yangtze are around Mukden, but other sources associated with the Red demobilization, operating within the area, had blown up a bridge only seven miles north of the city and tossed it into government incinerators just outside the city.

SHIPMENT ARMS TO MANA ASKED

A telegram that an embargo be placed on shipments of arms to the Nationalist forces has gone to Prime Minister Harry Davis, president of the Canadian Seamen's Union, headquarters said last week.

These arms and munitions are to be used for the slaughter of Chinese people and constitute a violation of the peace of the world, the telegram said.

Subdivision Industries
VANCOUVER—Bernard Allen, general manager of the Vancouver Railway, has announced that he will purchase half of the railway, to buy up city-owned land for the railway.

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CIVIC CENTRE DINING ROOM

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