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## Strong Earthquake Off-Shore Recorded by West Coast Cities

**VICTORIA (CP)**—A strong earthquake, apparently in the Pacific Ocean off southern Oregon or the northern Californian coast, was recorded Wednesday on seismographs across the west coast from seismologists from Los Angeles to Sitka, Alaska. It was recorded first at 8:26 a.m. PDT. The University of Washington seismologist said it was so strong that it would have caused severe damage if it had struck in a populous area ashore. The fact there was only a few seconds between the recording at the University of California at 8:26 a.m. and the Seattle seismograph indicated it was offshore, about 100 miles between.

## Burrard Riding Recount Ordered Down by Judge

**VANCOUVER (CP)**—County Court Judge J. A. McGeer ruled Wednesday against the recount of the Burrard riding in the Vancouver-Burrard riding in the British Columbia general election.

## B.C. Premier To Call By-Election

**VANCOUVER (CP)**—Premier W. A. C. Bennett said Wednesday night that he intends to hold by-elections before the next session of the British Columbia Legislature in hopes of gaining seats for his two non-member cabinet ministers. The Social Credit premier, here for opening of the Pacific National Exhibition, did not indicate what seats would be opened for Attorney-General Robert W. Bonner and Finance Minister Einar Gunderson. Neither of the men was among the 19 Social Credit members elected in B.C.'s June 12 election. They did not contest seats and were chosen because none of the elected members had suitable qualifications for the posts.

Premier Bennett did not comment on County Court Judge J. A. McGeer's ruling Wednesday against the recount of ballots cast in the Vancouver-Burrard riding.

## Ordered Trial In Gun Death

**VICTORIA, B.C. (CP)**—Kosak, 56-year-old Japanese, charged with slaying his 17-year-old daughter, Mrs. John Kosak, was committed to higher court.

The wife of a Chinese man and the mother of a 7-year-old son, died in a house Aug. 7 half an hour after a shot had been fired from her bedroom window.

## Wants Born To Brazilians

**SAO PAULO, Brazil (CP)**—Hospital authorities here report a 30-year-old woman gave birth to girl quintuplets last night. The babies weigh less than three pounds each. Parents are Jose Albano, 38, Negro laborer, and his wife, Maria. To simplify naming them, Mrs. Albano has called the girls Maria, numbers 1-5.



**PROSPECTOR**—A prospector sounds a rocky hill overlooking the Yukon's northern lakes in the rush to stake claims on mineral properties. The prospector listens to the hammer which sends out a special kind of clicking sound when a diamond-bearing rock is found. (CP PHOTO)

## FLASH

**SMITHERS**—Art Nickerson of Prince Rupert was unanimously elected president of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central B.C. at the closing session of the annual convention here today. He succeeds Walter Burns of Smithers.

## Third Life Claimed By Forest Fire

**BEATON, B.C.**—A tree felled by flames Wednesday struck and killed logging operator John Ribalkin of Beaton as he fought a 100-acre forest fire in southeastern British Columbia.

Ribalkin, 49-year-old father of two children, was one of 90 men battling the fire in the Incomappleux River district, 23 miles northeast of this lakeshore community.

He is believed to be the third person to meet death in B.C. this year while fighting forest fires. One man died in the 40,000-acre Burns Lake blaze in north-central B.C. and another firefighter is presumed to have lost his life in the same outbreak.

"There was no noise as the flaming tree fell," said RCMP Constable Jim King of the Revelstoke detachment.

"Several others jumped aside, yelling as they did, but it struck Ribalkin on the head, killing him instantly."

The fire is believed to have started from a lightning stroke. Ribalkin had been firefighting for five days. He was a member of the Ribalkin Logging Operators firm at Beaton.

Constable King, describing his investigation of the death, said: "We took a plane from Revelstoke and landed at Beaton shortly after noon. Then we were carried 10 miles into the area by truck, and then had to walk another 13 miles through a rough hewn path to get to the scene."

"It took 16 men working in relays to carry the body out."

## Neighbors Help Victims Of Fire With New Home

**FRANCOIS LAKE**—More than 40 neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gatacre helped move a deserted schoolhouse on the Gatacre ranch to replace the home recently destroyed by fire.

Four "cat-type" tractors were pressed into service for the job. Volunteering their equipment were Earl Hanke, Clarence Snyder, Arnold Peebles and Leo Nobles.

A path for the building had to be cleared. Most of the volunteers worked steadily all day. Wives of the neighbors assisted Mrs. Gatacre serving lunch and afternoon tea.

The former Gatacre home—a large log house—was completely destroyed by fire two weeks ago. All belongings also were lost.

## B.C. Liberal Convention Coming Soon

**VICTORIA (CP)**—British Columbia Liberal party convention is expected to be called soon after the party's advisory council meets in Vancouver during the second week in September.

It was learned Wednesday that top Liberal strategists are anxious to gather and plot the party's future course of action. Announcement of the convention date could come from the advisory council meeting.

High Liberal sources say the convention would be called immediately if there were some good candidates for leadership.

Mentioned prominently as possible leaders have been Chief Justice Gordon McG. Sloan, University of B.C. President Norman MacKenzie, James Sinclair, MP, and Arthur Laing, MP, but none has signified willingness to seek leadership.

# CPA Plans Tokyo-Brazil Flight



**OFFERS THIS HOME**—This ivy-covered house in Kingston and \$250,000 have been offered to Lt.-Col. Edward Murray Dalziel McNaughton, 32-year-old bachelor, now with Canadian forces in Korea, if he will change his last name to Leslie. The will of Mrs. James Norman Stuart Leslie, who died in May, said she has left him the fortune if he will adopt the name of Leslie. Col. McNaughton said he will wait until next year before deciding. He is the son of Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, chairman of the Canadian section of the International Joint Commission. (CP PHOTO)

## To Make Vancouver 'Terrific' Airbase

**VANCOUVER (CP)**—Canadian Pacific Airlines will extend its Tokyo-Vancouver service to Rio de Janeiro early next year, it was announced here Wednesday.

## Citizens To Meet Premier In Person

When Prime Minister of Canada, Louis St. Laurent arrives here September 7 he wants to personally meet as many city residents as is possible in a short time.

To make individual presentation possible, a tea and open house will be held in the Navy Drill Hall in the afternoon, Cdr. T. A. Johnstone, RCN (R), acting commanding officer of HMCS Chatham, announced today.

Mr. St. Laurent will attend the tea in company with Minister of Fisheries R. W. Mayhew, J. W. Pickersgill, secretary of the Privy Council, and Ross Martin, secretary to the Prime Minister.

A guard of honor of Capt. Cook Sea Cadets commanded by Lt. A. H. Ogilvie, will attend the reception, which will be arranged by the Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion and the Navy Wrens.

A formal invitation will be issued to the public by the Commanding Officer, HMCS Chatham which will be published in the Daily News.

All citizens attending will be presented to the Prime Minister in person.

The Prime Minister will be on tour of B.C., making his first stop at Kamloops on Sept. 1, and log splitting demonstration will take place in the big Victoria Lumber Co. mill at Chemainus on Vancouver Island.

During his tour he will also visit the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. plant at Trail, inspect the big paper mill at Powell River and fly over the aluminum development at Kitimat on his way to Prince Rupert.

## Body Found In Nets Of Seine Boat

**QUEEN CHARLOTTE CITY**—A body which was picked up in a seine net here Monday has been identified as that of Melburn Reginald Gernyn, a coroner's jury verdict is death by drowning, February 27.

Evidence at the inquest held here yesterday showed Gernyn, a yarding engineer at Juskatla camp, fell overboard from a large camp tender near the wharf at Port Clements.

He had just returned from a holiday. His brother Claude, superintendent of the camp, was on board, he testified.

A strong wind and tide was held responsible for failure of dragging operations by police and local residents, which was continued for 10 days.

Seine boat fishing deep in the area Monday brought up the body in its nets.

## Gov't To Probe Expansion Of Steel Industry

**VICTORIA (CP)**—Ladns Minister R. E. Sommers Wednesday announced the government is going to launch a thorough study to find out if B.C.'s steel manufacturing capacity can be enlarged to include the smelting of domestic ores.

The minister said the government also is going to look into the matter of iron ore export, and the reserve placed on ores of iron and manganese by the previous government.

## -TIDES-

| Friday, August 22, 1952 |       |           |  |
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| High                    | 2:05  | 20.0 feet |  |
|                         | 14:33 | 19.9 feet |  |
| Low                     | 8:22  | 3.2 feet  |  |
|                         | 20:35 | 5.0 feet  |  |

## BCAA May Write Car Insurance; Low Cost Power Main Topics at Trades Convention

**SPECIAL TO THE DAILY NEWS**  
**SMITHERS**—The British Columbia Automobile Association has devised a plan to write car insurance for members which will save them from 10 to 20 per cent.

Everett J. Irwin, vice-president of the association, told the 21st annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central B.C. here Wednesday that the BCAA plans to "write our own insurance very shortly."

One of several visitors invited to address delegates, he said the BCAA is "very interested in the development of the road system in northern B.C. and has taken the matter up with the provincial government."

Another visiting delegate, Bert Leboe, president of the Northern Interior Lumbermen's Association, told delegates that lumbermen in the interior have come to the point "where we have no money to plough back into the industry because of high costs of production."

He said many small operators "may be forced out of business by the demands for higher wages." He said he was speaking for himself in stating that employers and employees should get together in an educational program to enlighten each other on their problems.

He also criticized the B.C. Forestry Department for its "failure to take precautions in areas where streams could be dammed to accumulate water to fight fires if they broke out."

**LOW COST POWER**  
Jim McKeachie, public relations officer for the B.C. Power Commission, in a brief address stressed that the Power Commission's only revenue is from the sale of electricity. He told delegates that in north-central B.C. centres the commission "actually is selling power at less than cost."

"The cost," he said, "is borne by the communities where development of power is not as expensive."

"Out of 25 power developments in B.C., the average cost has decreased 38 per cent since we took over," said Mr. McKeachie.

He spoke also to a resolution urging greater development of power through central B.C. districts. He told delegates that "the Power Commission's sole purpose is to bring power to the various communities as cheaply as possible."

He said the Power Commission makes its own decisions unless they concern major projects in any new locations.

During discussion of a resolution, A. M. Patterson of Prince George, a past president, said the "B.C. Power Commission hasn't gone far enough in its development program" and urged that "additional expansion take place in this part of the province."

The resolutions from Prince George Board of Trade called for road improvement work out of that city and both were endorsed unanimously by delegates.

A resolution submitted by the Chamber of Commerce from Juneau, and endorsed by the convention, urged that Canadian and U.S. authorities reach agreement on a survey of a road from Atlin to the Alaskan city.

Another resolution from the Petersburg and Wrangell chambers urging survey of a road from Telegraph Creek to the Alaska Territory was sent back to committee after several delegates questioned the advisability of the B.C. association "weakening its stand" on demands for action.

Frank Dockrill of Smithers said "we have been demanding action on a Prince George-Jasper road for some years and we are belittling ourselves if we sponsor a resolution of such magnitude."

The resolution was sent back to committee after J. H. Harvey of Prince Rupert suggested more consideration be given to it. His motion was seconded by T. Norton Youngs, president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.

## Leading German Socialist Dies Fighting Ill Health

**BONN, German (CP)**—Dr. Kurt Schumacher, leader of the powerful Socialist party of West Germany, died here Wednesday. He was 56.

The crippled survivor of Nazi concentration camps died of an "acute circulatory illness," the Socialist party headquarters announced.

The one-armed, one-legged socialist leader had been ailing for months. Schumacher was a fighter all his life. His enemies were the Nazis, Communists and chronic ill-health.

He battled them all with equal passion. He did not give up even after years in the dreaded Dachau concentration camp which crippled him for life.

Schumacher lost an arm in the First World War as a young lieutenant of the Kaiser's army. His leg was amputated in 1947 after he was stricken with thrombosis during a visit to Britain. His stomach was permanently weakened by poor food and the brutalities of the Nazi concentration camps.

His shrill, nationalistic utterances earned him the title of "Mr. No" of Germany. He was against almost every phase of western allied policy towards the federal republic. Most of all, he was against the European federalism of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

## Holdup Rash Hits Montreal

**MONTREAL (CP)**—Montreal district has had a rash of bank holdups—seven—since the start of the week. Two were reported today, robbers escaping with more than \$5,000.

In seven holdups bandits obtained \$28,000.

## POLICE PROTECTION

A resolution from the Terrace Chamber of Commerce demanding more police protection was endorsed after George McAdams explained how his car was stolen and eventually found in Calgary.

"The police situation in this north country is desperate," he said, "and requires immediate action."

He said Terrace at the present time is policed by junior men. One constable "is so young he can't get into the beer parlor, nor drive a car without a special licence."

The convention attacked the telephone and telegraph service north of Prince George and delegates endorsed a resolution to be sent to the CNR and Northern Telephone System asking that action be taken to remedy the situation.

According to delegate Harry Kennedy, there are times in Prince George and neighboring towns when it is impossible to get out by telephone or telegraph "even in an emergency."

One delegate said that last week when a fire occurred at Gismombe, the mill operator was forced to drive to Prince George to give the alarm because "he could not raise the telephone operator."

He blamed the wire setup, not the operator, for the failure. He said the mill man had tried for three hours without success to get a telephone connection to Prince George.

## US Soldiers Die in River

**SEOUL (CP)**—Thirty U.S. soldiers are feared swept to death when a wall of water engulfed them as they crossed the South Korean river. Bodies of only 12 were recovered.