



LOUD, MISTER—During a rehearsal of the RCAF Band in Toronto, little Mike McVeigh used his services as a bass drummer but abandoned the idea in favor of his ear drums. He found the volume of the recorder bass horn, played by Flight Sergeant W. Boyce, of Hill, Ont., too much for his musician's temperament. The only one of its kind in the recorder bass horn is capable of great volume as can be seen by its effect on the drummer. (Fathers, please note). The RCAF Band, comprising 75 musicians selected from the Command and Tactical Air Group Bands, has been engaged as the feature concert for this year's Canadian National Exhibition and will give a series of 28 concerts, commencing August 22nd and marking the first time a Canadian band has held the CNE spotlight.

Port in Rupert Would Give City Modern Service; Now Best Possible

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should get more out of their forests." Mr. King said: "There is no doubt this part of the province has been neglected in the government road program."

"New industry can't be expected to move into our part of the province until we can guarantee adequate modes of transportation."

George Vincent, public relations officer for the Aluminum Company of Canada, spoke briefly on progress being made on the giant Alcan project and said that while there has been some misconception about the amount of land to be flooded in the Tweedsmuir Park only about two percent of the 5,400 square miles actually will go under water.

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Rains Come—Halt Forest Fires

No Fines For Non-Payment Of Premiums

VANCOUVER (CP)—Health Minister Eric Martin announced Thursday the end to prosecutions for non-payment of hospital insurance premiums.

He said the government plans to replace prosecutions with salesmanship.

Mr. Martin said the Social Credit government "is not carrying a big stick" to make people join the scheme.

The Hospital Insurance Service, established by the coalition government in 1949, has operated on a compulsory basis.

The Social Credit government plans to make it a voluntary scheme, but removal of compulsory features can only be done with the assent of the Legislature.

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RECORDING CLAIMS—Prospectors staking claims in Saskatchewan's uranium staking rush must register the location and details at the provincial government's temporary mining recorder's office in Uranium City. A group mill about the tent entrance.

Property Boom Hits Skagway

**Multi - Million Dollar
Alcoa Project Rumored**

By The Canadian Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska.—A boom in property values in the southeastern Alaska town of Skagway reported Thursday is coincident with rumors that developments are expected soon on the long discussed multi-million-dollar aluminum plant project there.

The Anchorage Times said Skagway property prices have risen sharply in the last 30 days "after mysterious buyers appeared and were interested in purchasing or optioning almost anything in town."

The Times said one Seattle man purchased \$30,000 in Skagway property and that a Sitka man bought \$20,000 worth.

The Aluminum Company of America, which has held waterfront rights and other property at Skagway since 1948, declined to confirm or deny reports that an announcement on the project was imminent.

At Pittsburgh, President I. W. Wilson of Alcoa said the company "has nothing to say about the report or any details one way or another."

Wilson acknowledged that Alcoa representatives are in Alaska, but said "any statement regarding their purpose there must come from them."

OTTAWA (CP)—Exchange of diplomatic missions between Canada and Austria were announced today in statements released simultaneously at Ottawa and Vienna.

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Burns Lake Blaze Under Control

As much as two inches of rain falling last night on certain sections of the 40,000-acre Burns Lake fire has brought B.C.'s largest woods blaze in 10 years "almost completely" under control.

Forestry officials said today that "quite a little" rain fell in almost every fire area overnight bringing relief to many weary forest fighters.

In most sections it was the first real rainfall in 29 days. "It helped a lot," said forestry men. "If heavy rain continues for another day we may be able to lift the closure order."

The main forest district of the province—the Vancouver area—has been closed down for more than two months with a few days exception.

The woodsmen's 45-day strike had just been settled when forestry officials drew the curtain on logging activities due to long continued spell of hot weather and consequent fire hazard.

For the last two weeks, as many as 150 fires including the huge Burns Lake blaze have been burning at once with as many as 2,000 men fighting the devastating raze of B.C. woodlands.

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Prime Minister Leaves Thursday For West Coast

OTTAWA (CP)—Invigorated by a long holiday, Prime Minister St. Laurent goes back to work next week and heads into his biggest meet-the-people tour since the 1949 general elections.

The 70-year-old prime minister is due to head west Thursday, Aug. 28, on a trip designed primarily as an extensive visit to British Columbia but with various stops in Ontario and Manitoba.

He will be gone 16 days. He is due here Monday from his summer home at St. Patrick, Que., where he has spent his longest vacation in the four years since he became prime minister.

Between then and Thursday he is expected to meet with the cabinet, catch up with work in his office and prepare for a journey which is considerably more elaborate than when it was originally planned.

The original motive was attendance at the annual convention of the Canadian Bar Association of which Mr. St. Laurent is a past president and honorary life president. He will be in Vancouver Sept. 4 and 5 to attend that meeting and to take part in ceremonies at the University of British Columbia which will bestow on him another honorary degree.

In B.C. he will visit Cranbrook, Kimberley, Trail, Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon and various other spots on Vancouver Island, Powell River, Prince Rupert, Smithers and Prince George.

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Saturday, August 23, 1952
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	2:37	19.7 feet
Low	15:00	19.9 feet
	8:49	3.8 feet
	21:08	5.0 feet

BULLETINS

Jet Crash Lands, Pilot Safe
CARLETON PLACE, Ont.—PO R. J. Childerhose, St. Boniface, ran out of fuel today and crash-landed his F-86 Sabre jet with an 800-yard long skid in a farmer's field. He walked away from the wreckage with only a cut over one eye. The 21-year-old pilot said he ran out of fuel at 20,000 feet.

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National Health Scheme Demanded
WINNIPEG — A national health insurance scheme, a contributory plan subsidized by government, was demanded today by the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in convention here. It would cover medical, surgical, optical, dental and psychopathic treatment.

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400,000 Miners May Strike
WASHINGTON (CP) — Government officials said today John L. Lewis has given formal notice his contracts with the coal industry will expire at the end of September. This sets up the possibility of a country-wide strike of 400,000 miners.

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UN Planes Smash Communists
SEOUL (CP)—United Nations fighter-bombers today smashed Communist targets all across the Korean peninsula. United States Sabre-jets damaged two Russian-built MIG-15 jets. Allied planes bombed warehouses and Communist supply areas.

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Crew Saved From Sunken U.S. Freighter
DOVER (CP)—Thirty-seven crew members of the American Liberty ship Western Farmer were rescued from the gale-lashed English channel yesterday as their freighter broke in two and sank after being rammed by a Norwegian tanker.

Capt. Gunnar Utvik of Galveston, Tex., and the rest of his crew—several of them battered and bruised—were picked up by lifeboats just off the Goodwin Sands, known as the "graveyard of the channel."

They were landed safely at this old south England port and nearby Ramsgate.

The tanker Bjorgholm, out of Oslo, escaped without serious damage.

There has been a marked change in the general weather situation over B.C. during the past 24 hours. Cool, moist Pacific air is displacing the more dry air which has covered the province for an extended period. In this new air mass scattered showers will occur over most of the province today.

Forecast
Cloudy with scattered showers today. Cloudy tonight and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds southerly 20 today, light tomorrow. Low to night and high tomorrow. Part remaining cloudy through Saturday.

Health Department Sends Aid Polio-Stricken Kimberly

VICTORIA (CP)—Health department experts were flown to Kimberly to help fight a polio outbreak which has taken the lives of seven children.

A doctor and three nurses to the mountain town in southeastern B.C. at the request of the provincial health department.

The plane was Dr. A. J. Nelson of Victoria, epidemiologist who will advise Kimberly authorities on measures to control the outbreak.

The Kimberly outbreak is the worst in the province. There have been 22 cases in the district, seven have died, five have been hospitalized. Four of those in hospital are under 20 and 20 are in hospital. Four of those in hospital are under 20 and 20 are in hospital.

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Reports Hint New Move By Egypt's Army

CAIRO (CP)—Gen. Mohammed Naguib paid a flying visit to the Egyptian garrison at Gaza, southern Palestine, amid unconfirmed press reports that some British troops at the Suez Canal may be moved there.

Since seizing control of Egypt last month, Naguib has been touring every unit of the Egyptian army.

Press reports suggested Gaza may be established as an alternative base for British troops in the Suez area to meet Egypt's wishes.

There has been no official British comment on this.

Princess 22, Birthday Spent Quietly

BALMORAL, Scotland—Princess Margaret was 22 yesterday—and like many another British little sister, she spent her birthday quietly with her family.

A small family birthday party was held last night in draughty Balmoral Castle but no official celebrations were planned.

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