



**VISITS AIR BASE**—Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, (left) Chief of Canada Air Staff, inspects an honor guard of Canadians at the headquarters in France of U.S. General Lauris Norstad, (right) head of the Atlantic Pact air force. Behind are two of Canada's top airmen, Air Vice Marshals Roy Slemon (left) and John Plant, both stationed at Norstad's headquarters. Air Marshal Curtis is overseas to see Britain's exhibition of airpower at Farnborough and check preparations to field an air division of the RCAF in Europe by 1954. (CP from National Defence)

## Vote 'Yes' on Telephone Bylaw Says Mayor; New System 'Overdue'

Installation of a modern automatic telephone system in Prince Rupert is "long overdue," Mayor Harold Whalen said today as he again urged ratepayers to pass the \$675,000 bylaw to be voted on this Thursday.

"Maintenance costs of our present obsolete set-up are eating up practically all the revenue from one of our best assets.

"If we don't endorse this by-law, it will not only be a backward step in our present progressive city, but a disgrace," said the mayor.

He said that although there has been some criticism of the cost of a new system, "council, as the elected representatives of the people, has endorsed the by-law and its now up to the people

to give them the go-ahead signal."

The bylaw calls for purchase of the old Government Liquor Store at a cost of \$32,500 and Automatic Electric Company of Canada, which has been awarded the contract pending approval by the ratepayers, is prepared to begin construction of the system immediately.

The new system will be one of the most modern in America.

### CANDIDATES

Also confronting electors this Thursday is a by-election to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Harry M. Daggett, newly-appointed city assessor.

Seeking the seat are Raymond A. McLean and Ray Gardiner.

Mr. McLean, 29-year-old public accountant, was born at East Selkirk, Manitoba, and received his education there. He was assistant postmaster in his home town before moving to Terrace in 1942 as paymaster for Carter, Halls & Aldinger on the Terrace airport construction job.

He came to Prince Rupert in 1944 as an accountant with the Northern B.C. Power Company and remained with that firm until December 1948 when he went into partnership with Morris Bridges and Bob Rudderham.

Mr. Bridges resigned from the firm two years ago to accept the position of office manager at Columbia Cellulose plant at Port Edward.

Mr. McLean married the former Doreen Cain of Edmonton in 1946 and has three boys: Red, 3; Roderick, 1, and 11-day-old Daniel.

### UNION MAN

Mr. Gardiner was born in Prince George in 1926 and received his education in that district. He came to Prince Rupert in 1952 and worked in the shipyards until the end of the war when he went to work for the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative.

Mr. Gardiner, who is unmarried, lives with his mother here. He also has a married sister, Mrs. W. E. Smith in Prince Rupert, and another married sister, Mrs. M. B. Brandner of Prince George.

It was shortly after taking employment with the Co-op that Mr. Gardiner became active in his union, the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, holding various posts until 1948 when he was elected secretary of the local post.

He has been a delegate to the Prince Rupert Trades and Labor Council for several years and at present is a member of the executive board.

### Museum Pieces

EDINBURGH (CP)—A collection of tartans left by the late Marquis of Bute has been presented by Lord David Stuart to the Edinburgh National Museum of Antiquities. Articles include a lowland blue bonnet and an early diced bonnet.

# Special City Lots Slashed To 50 Per Cent of Value

## 13 Bail Out Safely From Crashing Air Force Bomber

PHILLIPSBURG, Mont. (CP)—Thirteen crew members bailed out of an air force B-29 that developed engine trouble near this western Montana town Monday. All landed safely as the big bomber crashed and burned.

## Chamber Urges Pressure For Large Land Airbase

Prime Minister St. Laurent's visit to this city has further stimulated action by city business men to press for construction of a land airfield here.



**INDONESIAN ADVISOR**—Dr. H. B. Higgins has been appointed head of a United Nations planning bureau which will advise the Indonesian government on banking, taxing and other economic problems. Dr. Higgins formerly was chief economist for the UN technical assistance mission in Libya. A native of London, Ont., he is on loan from McGill University. (CP Photo)

## IWA Pickets Arrested by Court Order

VANCOUVER (CP)—Arrest of 17 union members in connection with picketing of a freighter during British Columbia's summer lumber strike was ordered Monday by Chief Justice W. B. Farris in Supreme Court.

He ordered members of the International Woodworkers of America to appear before him next Monday. He ruled they could be released on \$500 bail each before appearing in court.

The shipping company obtained an injunction July 15 against the union to prevent picketing of the Motor Vessel Vedby at Nanaimo.

Sheriff William B. MacKenzie of Nanaimo said in court he had read the injunction to picketers but they had ignored it. He added that a request for help from the RCMP to disperse the pickets had been ignored.

"There has been apparently a willful violation of court orders," the chief justice said. "I think it is imperative that these men appear before me to explain their stand."

## American Bids 8 Cents For B.C. Salmon

VANCOUVER (CP)—A union official said Monday an American buyer has offered striking British Columbia fishermen eight cents a pound for chum salmon—2½ cents more than offered by B.C. companies.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 fishermen struck Saturday midnight. They want last year's prices for chum—11 cents a pound.

Homer Stevens, secretary of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union (UFAW) said the American offer will be considered. He declined to identify the buyer.

Meanwhile, 27 boats maintained floating picket lines along the Fraser River.

## Several Changes Listed In Land Sales Policy

Price of single city lots located between two privately owned lots will be slashed to 50 per cent of the assessed value, effective immediately.

## Business Endorses Phone Bylaw

The Chamber of Commerce doesn't believe enough publicity has been given to the by-election and telephone plebiscite on which electors will vote this coming Thursday.

A motion was passed at last night's meeting of the organization (the first after summer recess) endorsing the telephone bylaw which, if passed, will give the city a new automatic dial telephone system.

President T. Norton Youngs, said however, that "I'm not in favor of it because I think telephones should be left in hands of private enterprise."

A meeting of the executive council tonight will draft an advertisement endorsing the plebiscite and calling for electors to vote "yes."

This policy was set, he said, because arguments had occurred in the past when property owners maintained they had the first right to purchase city land adjoining their own.

On the price cut of lots between two privately owned pieces of property, Mr. Glassey said that formerly the lots had been sold for two-thirds of their assessed value.

"We hope this will encourage more taxpayers to buy up the vacant lots and improve them," which was endorsed unanimously by the council.

It was also suggested that property owners each buy half of these lots if one did not want the entire lot.

**Senior Railway Lawyer Arrives**

Norman J. MacMillan, vice-president and general counsel of the law department of the Canadian National Railways, arrives here tomorrow on the CNSS Prince George to spend the day. He expects to leave east by train on the same day.

**Nanaimo Tory Spurns Sacred Offer**

NANAIMO (CP)—Dr. Larry Giovando, Progressive-Conservative Member of Legislature for Nanaimo, said Monday the Social Credit party had offered him a cabinet post if he would join the Social Credit.

He quoted two party members as saying if he made up his mind to switch his party allegiance before Sept. 18, Social about the Vancouver-Burrard Credit would cease to worry about since its strength in the Legislature would then be 20 against the C.C.F.'s 18.

(Dr. Giovando's statement caused speculation that Social Credit might call a general election soon or that it might be looking for a "safe" seat for one of its two non-elected cabinet members.)

Dr. Giovando said the two members told him they were not an "official" delegation. He said he had turned down the offer.

"How could I abandon the people who elected me as a Conservative and go into the Legislature as a Social Credit?" he asked.

"I don't speak that language nor approve of that kind of politics."

In Victoria, Premier W. A. C. Bennett said any proposal to Dr. Giovando was made without his knowledge or consent.

"At no time have I ever discussed the matter with Dr. Giovando," the Premier said, "nor have I thought of such a possibility."

**ANXIOUS VIGIL**—Sleeping fitfully on an emergency hospital bed at London, Ont., Barbara Bolton, 18 months, is watched anxiously by her cousin Jacqueline Anderson, 5. The two were among 11 persons to receive treatment at the hospital following a three-car collision near Thamesford. (CP PHOTO)