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Social Crediters Sweep B.C. By-Elections

Premier Jubilant: 'No Doubt Exists'

Social Credit took new lease on political life today after the landslide victories in yesterday's two British Columbia by-elections.

Jubilant Premier W. A. C. Bennett said:

"If there was ever any doubt in anyone's mind that the Social Credit government had the confidence of the people—that doubt can no longer exist."

Finance Minister Einar Gunderson snowed under CCF and Independent opponents in the Similkameen riding, while Attorney-General Robert Bonner sailed through CCF and Liberal opposition in Columbia.

Standing in the 48-member Legislature now is: Social Credit 19, CCF 18, Liberal 6, Progressive Conservative 3, Labor 1, vacant 1. The vacancy was caused recently by the death of Ernest Carson, Progressive Conservative House leader and member for Lillooet.

With the 54 polls complete in Similkameen, Mr. Gunderson had 5,481 votes, H. S. Kenyon, CCF, 3,552, and Joseph Klein, Independent Labor, 134. With 19 of 22 polls reporting in Columbia, Mr. Bonner had 1046 votes, George Keenleyside, Liberal, 443, and Chris Madson, CCF, 365.

Mr. Kenyon and Mr. Madson also were defeated in the summer general election in the same ridings.

MAJORITY
Mr. Gunderson had an overall majority of 1,795 and Mr. Bonner majority of 238 with less than 100 votes still to be counted.

In the summer election, Social Credit did not win until the third count in both ridings and its final majority in Similkameen was only 44 votes.

More than 70 per cent of the electorate turned out Monday. In Similkameen, the total vote was only five ballots short of the number cast in the summer election — 10,718 compared to 10,723.

Mr. Bennett admitted his minority government's position in the legislature is "still difficult." He said the government's decision to open two seats for by-elections was a "terrible gamble."

The gamble has paid off with dividends and "we now can meet the House with confidence." The Legislature will meet in late January or early February, he said.

CCF leader Harold Winch said:

"I wish to extend my personal and individual congratulations to Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Bonner. But it is with personal regret that I cannot express congratulations on behalf of the party I represent."

Mr. Winch said Social Credit policies are ruinous to B.C. and that expressions and opinions of the Social Credit party "are a danger to B.C. and Canada."

The WEATHERMAN Says

The ridge of high pressure covering the area this morning is weakening very slightly in advance of a storm centred about 700 miles southwest of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

However, this storm will move northward into southern Alaska and is unlikely to cause much change to weather in B.C.

Low cloud has spread over nearly all sections of the province and a little light snow has fallen in the Cariboo and Kootenay regions. Dense fog has developed at numerous points and will lift very slowly during the morning.

Very little change in these conditions is expected for Wednesday.

Forecast
Cloudy today and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Port Hardy 37 and 42; Sandspit 38 and 44; Prince Rupert 36 and 40.

Search For Globemaster Continues

ANCHORAGE (CP)—The Air Force and Coast Guard combined forces today for a sweeping search of the island-dotted northern Gulf of Alaska for the lost C-124 Globemaster and its 52 passengers and crew. Twenty-seven planes were due to resume the search.

Three Coast Guard cutters continued radar and visual search of Prince William Sound. A report that a wreckage had been sighted near Middleton Island, where the Globemaster made its last radio contact Saturday, caused a brief flurry Monday.

The Coast Guard cutter Bittersweet, which reached the scene, reported the "wreckage" was driftwood and seaweed.

Gold Subsidy To be Raised

OTTAWA (CP)—The government has decided to tap its treasury for an additional \$4,000,000 a year to boost subsidies to Canada's hard-pressed gold mines in 1953.

Finance Minister Abbott announced the move in Commons Monday. He said he hoped it would halt the procession of mine shutdowns caused by climbing production costs and low returns.

Legislation to revise the payments program under a complicated cost-aid formula will be introduced during the current session.

Officials estimate the subsidy increase, effective Jan. 1 next, will average about \$1 a fine ounce of gold produced, increasing the government's average payment in 1953 to about \$3.80 a fine ounce from \$2.80.

Campney Gets Defence Post

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent announced Monday that Ralph Campney, 58, of Vancouver, is being appointed associate minister of national defence as soon as the necessary legislative steps can be taken.

For the present, he told the Commons, Mr. Campney in effect will be vested with powers of associate minister of defence except that he won't be one in name. He will actually become the associate minister once Parliament passes a bill making the change.



EEL FROM TAP—Mrs. Jack Dunnett of Vancouver got a surprise when she turned on the tap the other day for a drink of water. Out popped a fresh water eel seven inches long. (CP Photo)

SYNGMAN RHEE 'Bomb Moscow' Only Solution To Cold War

TORONTO (CP)—The Toronto Daily Star in a dispatch from Seoul Monday quotes President Syngman Rhee of South Korea as saying he will urge Gen. Eisenhower to launch an offensive against Russia as the only solution to the cold war.

"From a global viewpoint, this struggle cannot be confined to Korea," Rhee said. "The United Nations is pouring out its strength fighting the Russian satellites. Only by bombing Moscow can we end it all. I believe democracy won't be safe until the Kremlin criminals are dead."

Manufacturers Urge Reduction Of Income Tax

TORONTO (CP)—The executive council of Canadian Manufacturers Association today suggested the Federal government consider a reduction of at least 10 per cent in personal and corporate income taxes.

Supporting the suggestion, it said: "Finance Minister Abbot's leeway for a tax abatement now has been provided."

The association also urged abolition of the stamp tax on bank cheques and promissory notes.

Drew Charges 'Failure' in House Debate

OTTAWA (CP)—George Drew, Progressive Conservative leader, Monday moved a motion of non-confidence in the government, charging it with "failure" to reduce taxes and living costs and with "failure" to regain export markets.

The motion is the traditional way of showing opposition to government policies as outlined in the Speech from the Throne.

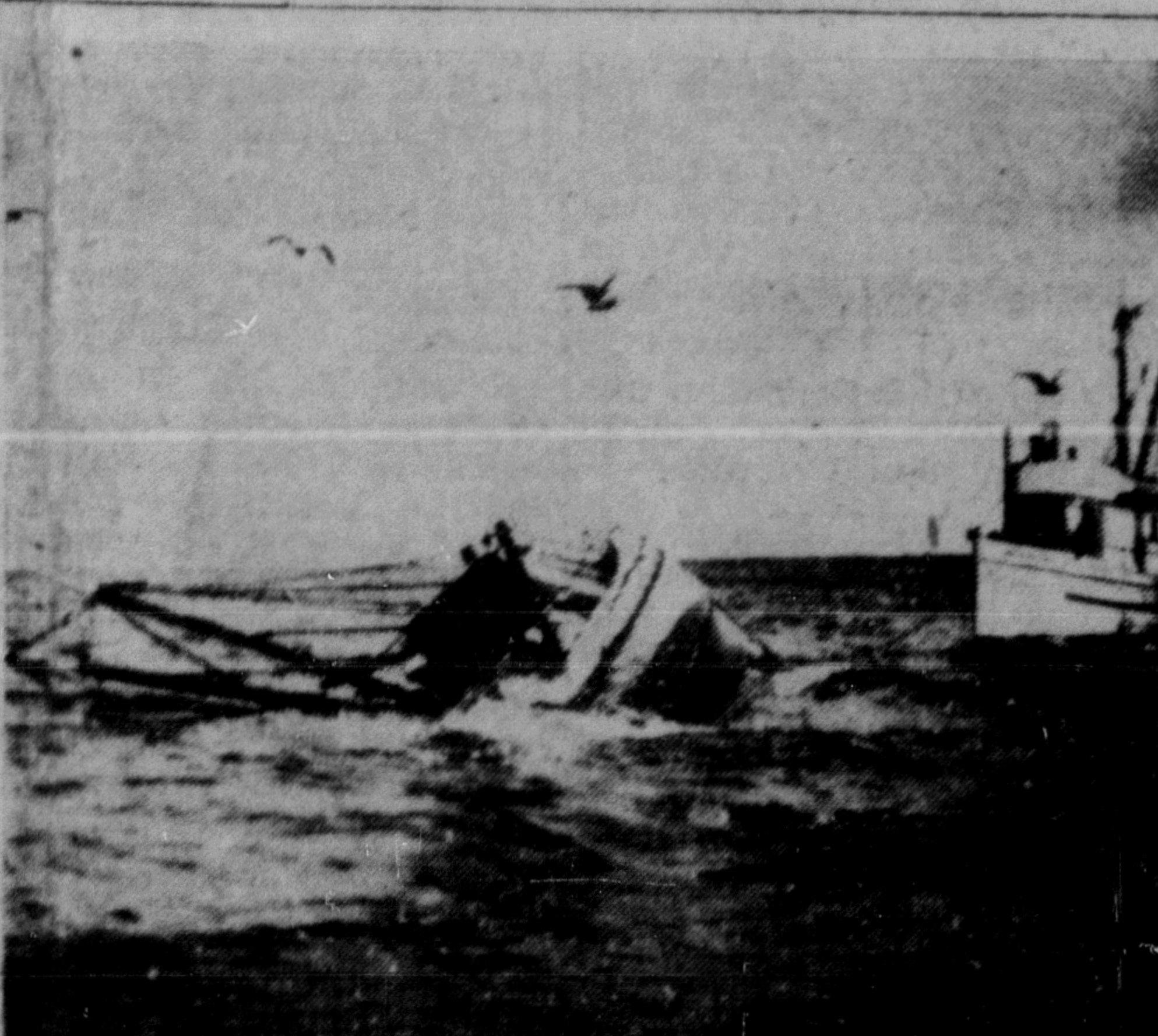
It will be voted on by Commons at the conclusion of the debate along with another motion to be moved by the CCF party.

WRONG NUMBER, ALCAN, BUT VERY INTERESTING

WINDSOR, Ont.—City clerk C. V. Waters received a letter Monday from the Aluminum Company of Canada asking for copies of the Windsor bylaw defining the duties of a city manager.

Windsor hasn't a city manager, nor is there such a city bylaw.

The company said it wanted the information, because it would be helpful during "possible incorporation" of the aluminum town of Kitimat.



SINKING FAST—The 52-foot seiner Sandra Carol, caught in a choppy sea November 17 in Hecate Straits sank quickly when water entered her hold without apparent reason. The Burnaby M. is shown attempting to tow the partially submerged craft to shallow water. The Sandra Carol sank completely in 50 fathom depth. Capt. Oliver Adams valued the boat at more than \$30,000.

City to Aid Junior Chamber In Cost of Vote Campaign

A request from the Junior Chamber of Commerce for \$50 to help offset cost of the club's annual "get out and vote campaign" was endorsed by city council at a meeting last night.

One of the Jaycees' yearly projects is the municipal campaign to get the citizens out to vote.

3 Candidates For Aldermen

W. J. Prusky, city alderman whose term expires at the year-end, said today he would run for re-election.

"This makes three candidates for re-election in the Dec. 11 civic polling. Others are Darrow Gomez and Ray McLean.

Fourth seat becoming vacant is now held by Ald. George Hills, CCF MLA for Prince Rupert. He said he would not run again.

No nomination papers have been filed to date. Deadline is Dec. 4, at noon.

2 Boys Drown In Revelstoke

REVELSTOKE (CP)—Two young brothers broke through thin ice on a river here Sunday and were drowned. They were Marvin Schmidt, 10, and George 7, sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Schmidt of Revelstoke.

Freedom Sect Makes Second Try in S.A.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Stefan S. Sorokin, spiritual leader of the Radical Sons of Freedom Doukhobors, is en route to Uruguay in search of a new home for his charges. It is his second trip to the South American country.

He seeks new farmlands for the 5,000 Sons of Freedom, whose relocation from their Kootenay homes was recommended some months ago by a government Consultative committee.

It was reported here Monday some 200 Doukhobors seek visas, but F. C. Reif, Uruguayan consul at New Westminster, could not confirm the report. Applications might go directly to New York, he said.

Killed Island Crash 2 Survivors

COMOX, B.C.—An AF Lancaster bomber crashed and kindled a fire of death for eight Monday in a swamp near this Vancouver air base.

Pilot and co-pilot, thrown by the impact of the crash, the only survivors as the undershot the runway approaching through a evening mist.

RCAF spokesman said the pilot and co-pilot are expected to be recovered. Their names, and names of dead airmen are with pending notification of their kin.

Colin Y. McLeod, department transport weather forecaster, said the eighth victim, was a civilian aboard the bomber.

Lancaster was on a supply run from Vancouver to Comox and carried new personnel from the wreckage.

Rescue from the wreckage, a plane from the field, and the sky for hours after the crash and the intense heat investigators from probing the wreckage.

Chief Lorne Cielena of the Courtenay said: "I wandered around the wreckage looking for bodies by the use of lanterns. There was no sign of life."

In Vancouver, a woman who was talked to three airmen they took off on the plane developed trouble earlier in the flight had to be repaired.

There was no indication trouble caused the crash. RCAF declined to comment.

Workers Ask 12-Cent Wage Increase

CIVIC EMPLOYEES Federal No. 5 has requested a wage increase of 12 cents an hour to city workers.

Letter to council, read at Monday's meeting, the union asks 12 days vacation each year in place of the present 10 days and asks that employees with 10 years service be granted five weeks vacation in place of 10 days.

FOR HUME SEEK ELECTION Mayor Hume announced Monday he will seek re-election at the next civic election. He will run as Independent. Already he has been named as a candidate by Tom Alsbury, Everett Irwin, and others. Both are school principals.

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