

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**

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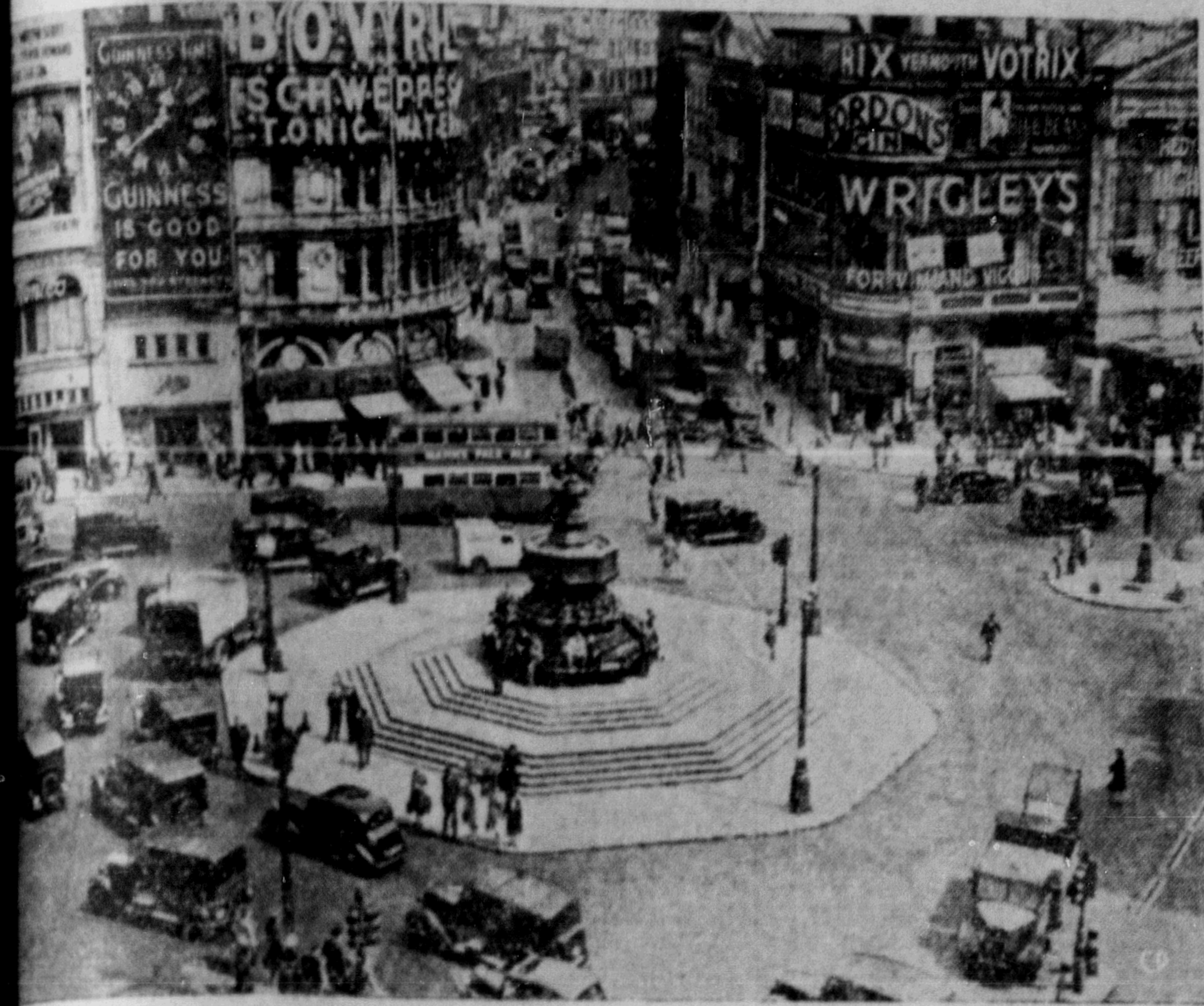
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**England Ready For Coronation**

WORLD-FAMED PICCADILLY CIRCUS, where thousands of Canadians visited during the war, will be the gathering place for throngs watching the stately coronation procession next June. Millions will watch from vantage points along London's historic streets as Queen Elizabeth II returns from Westminster Abbey following the coronation.

## Bank Holdup Suspect, Manager Recovering in Same Hospital

WILLIAMS LAKE — Formal charges are expected to be laid against a man RCMP say aided a bank manager in a recent attempt here yesterday was subdued by gunfire after he fled into the wilds.

The suspect and his alleged accomplice are recovering in hospital here.

The man tore into the alleged holdup suspect's chest and Leonard Hellyer, manager of the Williams Lake branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce received a flesh wound in the chest.

After midnight Tuesday Hellyer, working late, was about to enter his car in front of the bank, a man approached him, asked for and was refused a lift.

The manager had started to get into his car when he was pulled a gun and told to get out.

The man fired one shot to injure the manager and took his wallet.

"I entered the bank," said Hellyer, "and he ordered me to get out."

The bank accountant, Mrs. Hellyer, was also injured.

## WEATHERMAN CHALKS UP COLDEST DAY OF WINTER

Coldest day of the winter in Prince Rupert was recorded today at the Digby Island weather station when the thermometer dropped to 28 degrees.

A moisture laden atmosphere which condensed rapidly due to the sudden cold, accounted for the snow-like hoar frost, or ice crystals.

## Socred Premiers Meet In Edmonton Saturday

VICTORIA (CP)—First meeting between the world's only two Social Credit premiers will take place in Edmonton on Saturday.

Premier W. A. C. Bennett announced today the conference—at which the top 11 B.C. and Alberta-Socred officials will attend—will last one day.

Discussion will take place on "many problems and opportunities of mutual interest for the betterment of both provinces and Canada as a whole," said Mr. Bennett.

Here are the main issues for discussion:

- Connection of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and the Northern Alberta Railway to give the Peace River a coast outlet.
- Connecting highways between the two provinces.

## Bo-Me-Hi Drop Third Game To Polar Bears

Special to The Daily News

KETCHIKAN — Booth Memorial High School's basketball team was badly beaten in their fourth game last night to win the inter-school high school trophy offering a 48-45 defeat at the hands of Kay-Hi Polar Bears.

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## The WEATHERMAN Says

**Synopsis**

An intense but slow moving storm is entering the Gulf of Alaska and now lies about 400 miles west of the Queen Charlotte Islands. This disturbance will bring to an end the sunny weather of the last few days in the Prince Rupert area.

Rain is expected to reach the north coast tonight.

In the interior skies are cloudy while along the south coast there is some patchy cloud. Cooler air is flowing from the interior of the province over this region. Cloudiness will decrease and there will be extensive fog during the night and morning hours. The storm approaching the north coast will not affect the southern half of the province tomorrow.

**Forecast**

Coast region—A few clouds this morning. Cloudy this evening, tonight and Thursday, intermittent rain beginning this evening. A little milder. Wind light, becoming southeast 25 tonight, Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 35 and 45.

## Rate Increase To Get Under Way

OTTAWA — The Board of Transport Commissioners is expected to grant Canadian railroads a freight-rate increase to offset a wage boost to non-operating employees, chief commissioner John D. Kearney said today.

Workers received a pay increase of 16 cents an hour.

# Power Commission Answers Differ With Sections In Act

## Members Condemn Cabinet

### Demand Claxton Resign Office

OTTAWA (CP) — A storm of parliamentary condemnation has swept down on the cabinet as a result of the Currie report.

Dipping deep into its spectacular findings, one opposition member after another threw them across the floor of the Commons Tuesday and said the cabinet "and only the cabinet" must accept the responsibility.

The report said there was a general breakdown in one branch of the army and made other sweeping allegations.

The Progressive Conservatives demanded the resignation of Defence Minister Claxton and called for a full-scale inquiry into the entire defence department. A CCF member used the report as one reason for arguing for an early election.

Donald Fleming (PC-Toronto-Eglinton) even suggested the resignation of Prime Minister St. Laurent.

Solon Low, the Social Credit leader, joined in the call for Mr. Claxton's scalp, and said "perhaps there are others who also ought to resign." He advised the government to "crack down hard" on those responsible for the faults discovered, including people "at the top."

The cabinet sent Justice Minister Garson in at night to urge members to reserve judgment until the Commons Defence Expenditures Committee has had a chance to make a thorough investigation of the report.

Yesterday, Lt.-Col. Douglas Harkness (PC-Calgary East) demanded the resignation of Defence Minister Claxton.

Col. Harkness said responsibility for lack of supervision in the army stores "rests squarely on the government" and the minister of national defence should "submit his resignation."



CANADIAN ARMY airborne engineers watch parachuted supplies drop to the frozen surface of Kloo Lake in the Yukon to start Exercise "Reluctant Beaver." The exercise is to test men and equipment in engineering operations under Arctic conditions.

## Government Weathers Non-Confidence Motion

OTTAWA — The Commons Tuesday disposed of one motion of non-confidence in the government, but almost immediately had another placed before members by the CCF party.

The house paused long enough in heated debate concerning the Currie report to defeat by 118 to 20 a Social Credit motion of non-confidence.

The motion charged the government had "failed" to sponsor a realistic financial and economic policy that would assure the orderly development of resources, guarantee adequate markets and provide a just share of wealth to every Canadian.

After the dinner recess Hazen Argue (CCF-Assiniboine) moved a sub-amendment to the Progressive Conservative non-confidence motion still before the house.

It calls for payment to farmers for wheat stored on farms of up to 75 per cent of the initial price they would receive for their wheat in each crop year.

In the Commons today, Prime Minister St. Laurent said the advance copy of the Currie report was handed to the Defence Department and that some changes suggested were incorporated in the final report.

He expressed surprise that the Currie accounting firm of Montreal had taken this step, but said it was done simply to make sure that facts were right in view of criminal proceedings arising from Camp Petawawa thefts.

He read into the Commons record a series of changes suggested by C. M. Drury, deputy minister of the department.

## Siamese 'Twins' "Doing Fine" In Incubators

CLEVELAND — Two-day old girls, who were Siamese twins for the first three hours of their lives, are "doing fine" in separate incubators. Their mother's condition is "excellent."

Doctors at Mt. Sinai Hospital drew a curtain of anonymity about them when their rare case became known Tuesday, but said "they're doing fine. They're eating and performing normally."

The twins were separated by surgery. At birth they were joined by a short band of flesh at the point where the chest and abdomen meet. Doctors who participated emphasized the operation was possible because no vital organs were concerned.

## Student Admits Killing Artist

SAN DIEGO — A 16-year-old high school student told police Tuesday he fatally stabbed artist Ida C. MacKeown, 67, when she threatened to tell officers he was a marijuana user.

Booked on suspicion of murder was Donald S. Crosby.

Police said the youth led them to a trash can where they found a knife with a four-inch blade.

Mrs. MacKeown's body, punctured by 35 stab wounds, was discovered Monday in her fashionable studio-home.

## Gen. Simonds Threatens To Resign

TORONTO — The Telegram says in a dispatch from Ottawa that Lt.-Gen. Guy Simonds is threatening to resign as chief of the Canadian army general staff over the Currie report on defence "inefficiency and waste."

"Gen. Simonds was closeted for several hours this (Tuesday) morning with ranking defence department officials," the story says.

"He is reported to have told some fellow officers he will resign unless the government acts quickly to absolve him from all blame in connection with Monday's disclosure."

## Tito Breaks With Vatican

BELGRADE — Premier Tito's government today broke off diplomatic relations with the Vatican as a follow-up to naming of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac to the College of Cardinals.

Bishop Stepinac was conditionally released from prison about a year ago after serving five years of a 16-year sentence on a charge of wartime collaboration with the Germans.

## Delegates Report Result of Talks

Direct clash between certain answers given to two city aldermen, interviewing the B.C. Power Commission in Victoria last week, and sections in the Electric Power Act which governs the Commission was at least one major item city council could agree on at last night's special meeting.

Aldermen George Hills and Mike Krueger gave a report of their meeting with the Commission, and answers to a set of questions prepared in advance by the council were read.

The report was tabled until Northern B.C. Power Co. Ltd., present suppliers of power here, submit their proposal in January as to what action the company would take if granted a renewal of its franchise, which expires in March, 1954.

Both delegates assured city council that the Commission cannot commit itself in advance as to what rates would be charged "if the Commission took over."

They reported they had been "most hospitably received" and that the position of the Commission in relation to Prince Rupert's future supply of electric power "was made very clear to us."

But after the report of the delegates was heard—and after a two-hour argument and discussion—council directed city clerk R. W. Long to seek "further clarification" from the Commission.

Answers which appeared to be directly contrary to the Electric Power Act deal with the "most important issue before us," said Ald. Ray McLean.

Both Ald. Hills and Ald. Krueger said they understood from the Commission that it was powerless under the act to do anything until the city indicated it wished the Commission to supply power.

## Would Make 'Preliminary' Survey

Then the Commission would make a "preliminary" survey of the municipality's power needs, the existing Northern B.C. Power Co. Ltd. assets, etc., and make a recommendation to the Lieutenant-Governor in council.

This recommendation might support the municipality's request that the Commission supply power, or it might disapprove of it, depending on the result of the preliminary survey.

The Commission might find that it was "not economically feasible" to supply power to Prince Rupert.

The city, however, "would have no recourse, as I understand it," said Ald. Hills.

"Once we asked the Commission to be our supplier of power, they would not come to us again. They would either become our supplier or they would recommend against it, depending on the outcome of their survey."

"I don't think the council would know the result of the survey," said Ald. Hills in reply to a question by Ald. McLean.

"In other words, we're left holding the bag," said Ald. McLean.

"It looks, from this, that we may be putting the cart before the horse," commented Mayor Harold Whalen.

Ald. McLean, referring to the Electric Power Act, Sections 27 and 28, moved that the city clerk ask the Commission for "further clarification."

## Plant Description Necessary

Section 27 and 28 were read by City Clerk Long, which stated that after a municipality had requested the Commission to supply power, "the Commission may thereupon make such investigation as it deems necessary and may report to the municipality . . . such items as "an estimate of the unit cost at which the power required for distribution in the proposed power district can be supplied at wholesale."

"Plans and specifications or a description of the plant necessary for the supply of such power in the proposed power district and an estimate of the cost thereof."

"Proposed rates to consumers that in the opinion of the Commission will produce revenue equal to the cost of supplying power to the consumers, and any such other information as the Commission may deem advisable."

Section 28 of the Act states that "upon receipt of the Commission's report the municipality may:

"Enter into agreement with the Commission whereby the Commission may establish a power district and acquire or build, maintain and operate therein plant for the supply of power . . ."

Ald. McLean also held this section contrary to an answer by Commission given to the delegates in answer to the question: "Would the city of Prince Rupert have the right to terminate any agreement or other arrangement with the Power Commission upon giving any duly specified written notice?"

"The Commission has no power to enter into any agreement with the city of Prince Rupert, or any city, except for supplying power to the municipality for its own purposes, such as street lighting, operation of pump motors, municipal buildings, etc. The general provisions of such agreements would be the same as in all service agreements for similar types of service."

Both delegates, in answer to further questions by Ald. McLean, said they had been told by the Commission that it could give the city "no indication whatever" what rates might be until after "the Commission takes over."

Aldermen Hills and Krueger also said that while the Commission would not commit itself on anything, "we got the impression that they frown on diesel operated plants and try to use hydro power wherever possible."

## Alaska Opens Powerful Radio Station

The most powerful radio station in Alaska goes on the air for the first time at 6:30 tonight when KABI in Ketchikan opens its first broadcast.

Owned and operated by the Midnight Sun Aurora Broadcasting System, KABI will present well-known Prince Rupert citizens on the air in its opening feature.

Mayor Harold Whalen, John McLeod, Harry Black and Phil Linzey will speak on the occasion, by transcription. Their welcome speeches were recorded when, as members of a visiting Rotary Club group, they were in Ketchikan last month.

The MSABS owns and operates a radio station in each of the following Alaska cities: Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau. The new station will be the second in Ketchikan.

## Police Probing Jap Spy Ring

TOKYO — A Foreign Office spokesman Tuesday said police are investigating reports of an international spy ring in Japan.

He acknowledged, however, that unless U.S. secrets are involved, nothing can be done to spies because Japan has no anti-espionage law.

Japanese newspapers reported, without confirmation, that a Soviet mission here is involved.