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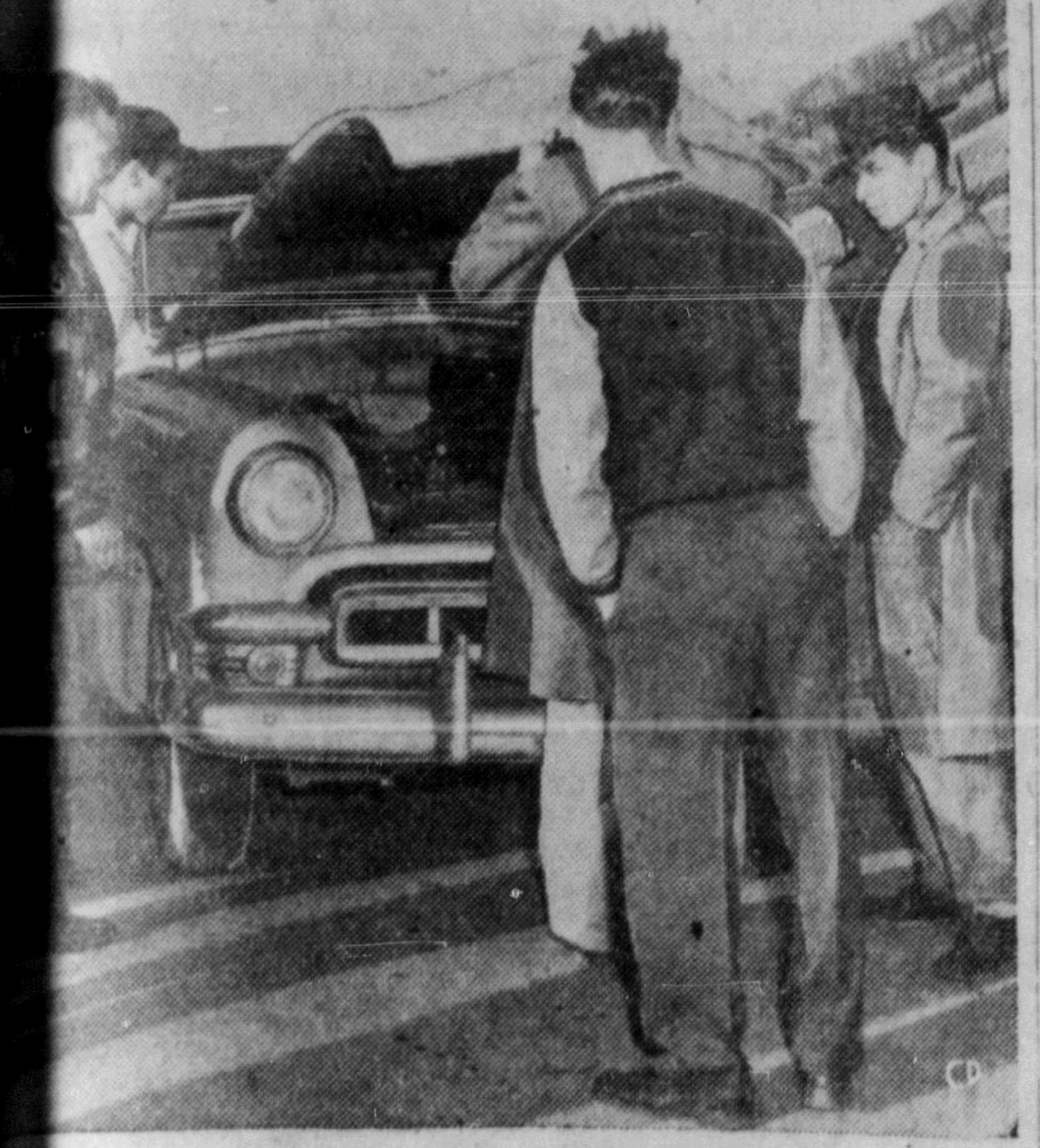
VOTE

Dec. 13th

at

CIVIC CENTRE

Courtesy Ormes Drugs



PICKETS SEARCH CAR—Pickets from striking workers at the Company of Canada Windsor plant searched automobiles of workers leaving the plant shortly after the strike began yesterday. Pickets looked for documents which might help the company set up temporary offices outside, which the company (CP PHOTO)

City Ends up With Surplus

Mayor H. F. Glassey and Finance Committee Chairman T. Black forecast at last night's meeting of the city council that there would be a tidy surplus to show on the year's operations of the city.

Black admitted, however, the fact that the city, with shortage of materials and men, not being able to carry out all the work it might have, would be to some extent accountable for the showing. It was pointed out, as Ald. George Hill suggested, that something might be done for the 1952 council which was being left a comparatively small surplus of \$10,000 in connection with the telephone survey.

Mayor Glassey was satisfied this year's accounts would take care of a stockpile of travel which had not been used and was being carried over next year.

The city auditor is expected to make a tentative statement of revenue and expenditures by next council meeting.

Holding 'Phones Under New Deal

Automatic Electric (Canada) Ltd., which has a deal with the city to provide 500 additional telephones on a temporary basis free of charge pending purchase of a complete automatic telephone system, advised council last night that it would hold equipment in reserve for the city until such time as the complete automatic system and outside plant proposal as presented for consideration and approval.

Meantime, Engineer F. A. Genin will arrive in the city early this week to start work immediately on surveying the outside plant requirements.

The council received and filed the communication, thanking the company for holding the equipment.

The telephone deal will be subject of a referendum at the civic election this week.

Britain Making New War Suit

OSHAMPTON, England (CP)—A factory here has been working overtime turning out a new type winter outfit for British troops in Korea. The long jacket with attached hood or parka, made of gabardine lined with wool, is light and waterproof.

Immigrant Total Near 150,000 in Current Year

By DOUGLAS HOWE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

HANNOVER, Germany (CP)—In a single day this year, 1300 Germans wrote to one of Canada's two immigration offices in this country and said they wanted to emigrate to Canada.

The Hannover office alone—the big one is at Karlsruhe—has a backlog of some 50,000 names of potential Canadians amongst these people who want to try a new life in a country which a few years ago was their enemy.

Soon after it became known, largely by word of mouth, that the Canadian government was putting up money for assisting movement across the Atlantic, people were lining up at 6 a.m. and the staff had a hard time to get into their office.

Movements from Europe were so heavy that funds set aside by Ottawa for assisted passages have been exhausted, with quick effects on the flow of emigrants. There are warm hopes over here that the system will be revived.

Some 20,000 Germans will reach Canada in this first year of mass emigration from Germany since the war.

SEEK NEW OPPORTUNITY

They are all asked why they want to go. The stock answer is that they want to build new homes, new horizons for themselves or their families, in a land of greater opportunities than battered, divided Germany has to offer.

But there are probably underlying reasons as well. The Germans are tired of war, fear that a new war would devastate their land and possibly bring new, if transient, tyranny. They live amid mounting inflation, low

Dawson Fire Fatal To Two

Were Trapped on Second Floor of Department Store

DAWSON, Y.T.—Two employees of a Dawson department store lost their lives when the store was destroyed by fire.

The victims were Mrs. Leah Sellars and Robert Armstrong. They were trapped on the second floor.

Cause of the fire has not been ascertained.

Egypt Keeps Up Defiance

CAIRO—The Premier of Egypt, in an address to the nation today, urged the country to throw out "aggressive Britain." This afternoon he called his cabinet together to consider breaking off diplomatic and commercial relations with Britain.

Big Four Deadlock

PARIS—Big Four foreign ministers have agreed on the general principle of disarmament. There is no agreement yet on the type of arms to be reduced, particularly the control of atomic weapons.

New Firemen's Wage Agreement

Prince Rupert Fire Fighters' Association presented to the city council last night proposals in connection with a renewal of the wage agreement for 1952.

A basic wage scale of \$350 per month for fourth year firemen is sought, other members of the department to be increased in proportion.

In hiring, men of good moral character, residents of the city, under 35 years of age and of good physical condition would be given the preference.

Terms of an arbitration board providing for the appointment of four senior fire fighters at rate of pay 12 per cent additional to fourth year fire fighters would be put into effect.

New proposals are also set out in regard to relief fire fighters, holiday pay rates, pension scale, etc., as well as specifications for uniform-made standard material uniforms.

The agreement was passed on to next year's council for its consideration.

Fisheries Association Gives Hospital \$10,000

Prince Rupert General Hospital Modernization Fund has received another large subscription—the sum of \$10,000 from the Fisheries Association of British Columbia and companies situated in this district.

Announcement of the contribution was received today by C. G. Ham, chairman of the hospital board, from Richard Neilson, vice-chairman of the Fisheries Association of British Columbia.

The payment will be spread over a period of two years.

This contribution brings the total to date to \$55,000 against the objective of \$75,000.

An active committee is still working and will not stop until the objective has been reached, a hospital spokesman said today.

Agreed But Disagreed

One Deadlock After Another Among Korean Truce Negotiators

PANMUNJON—Korean peace negotiations seem to strike one deadlock after another.

After agreeing that prisoners should be released after an armistice, truce negotiators were unable to agree on the method of release.

Communists, who have less than 10 per cent of the United Nations prisoners than the U.N. have Reds, insist on a mass release. The United Nations wants to prisoner for prisoner. And that is where the matter stands today.

Las Vegas Tests End

Final A-Bomb in Fall Series Chews Up Site

LAS VEGAS, Nevada.—Atomic scientists have closed up shop temporarily at the Frenchman Flat proving ground after firing what appeared to be history's first underground atomic blast.

The current series of nuclear tests at the remote firing range 75 miles northwest of here came to an end with a detonation unlike any of the 12 that preceded it at Frenchman Flat.

Where previous blasts were marked by blinding flashes of light and balls of fire, the final explosion gave off a wink of light and little noise.

From Mt. Charleston, 45 miles from the test site, observers saw a billowing cloud surge slowly upward from the ground around the firing point and rise to a height of about 10,000 feet.

GROUND BOILED

The cloud appeared filled with dust and debris, supporting the theory that the atomic charge was fired underground for the first time. In previous detonations, the clouds following the blasts have risen to altitudes of 40,000 feet or higher.

The ground appeared to boil up into the toast-shaped cloud that is the trademark of the atomic bomb, but spectators atop the peak neither heard nor felt the explosion.

Workmen at the proving ground have told reporters of digging a 50-foot-deep shaft into the ground, presumably to be used for an underground detonation, and it was believed the Atomic Energy Commission fired the last charge in the shaft.

SEVENTH IN SERIES

The test was the seventh in the fall series of tests on the Nevada desert and the second in the so-called "effects" phase of the atomic experiments.

A gallery of high-ranking military and congressional observers watched the detonation, including Army Chief of Staff Gen. J. Lawton Collins.

Others present were Senator Harry P. Cain of Washington, Representative Melvin Price of Illinois, Representative James A. Van Zandt of Pennsylvania, Undersecretary of the Army James M. Davis, and Stuart Rockwell, special assistant secretary for the Air Force.

A few hours after the test, the Army and the AEC announced that it was the final explosion in the current series; but it was learned that atomic scientists already were busy planning another test program to begin early next year.

Beer For Local Pubs by Monday

Although the beer strike has been settled, beer is not immediately available in Prince Rupert where the supply became exhausted weeks ago as the strike lengthened.

Beer for local taverns may be available by the week-end or next Monday, it was thought today.

Traffic Hazards Pointed to City

Prince Rupert Parent-Teacher Council, in a communication to city council last night, asked the city to investigate and rectify traffic safety hazards, particularly to children, at the corner of McBride Street and Second Avenue, the corner of Eighth Avenue and McBride Street and Second Avenue and Second Street where cars travel at excessive rates of speed. A garage on McBride Street at Second Avenue where cars are parked on the sidewalk and children were forced into the street, was also mentioned.

The matter will have the attention of the city traffic committee.

Air Service Grounded

Air service was still tied both at Prince Rupert and Vancouver at 2:45 this afternoon.

Pof had not lifted sufficiently at Vancouver to permit of aircraft leaving and departure from here was being held pending the movement from Vancouver so that connection might be made at Sandspit.

The best that can be expected today is a late afternoon flight to Sandspit.

For the second day, there will be no arrival from the south.

Weather Hits International Hoop Series

Poor flying conditions as a result of the unusual spell of warm, rainy and low visibility weather hit sports plans here today when word was received this afternoon that Ketchikan High School basketball team was unable to get into the air to fill the two-day engagement here with Booth Memorial High School. The series is, therefore, postponed from tonight and Wednesday to Wednesday and Thursday.

Regular league fixtures will be played tonight—Beavers vs. Annunciation, Fraser & Payne vs. Fashion, CCC vs. Elks, Mansons vs. Rainmakers.

BASKETBALL CHANGE

International basketball games between Kayhi and Bo-Me-Hi, which were to have been played tonight and Wednesday, have been postponed to Wednesday and Thursday. Regular league games to be played instead.

New York Stock Market Weaker

NEW YORK—Losses outnumbered gains as the New York stock market weakened today. Industrials lost .92 and rails, 33.

Would Take Over Radio, Also Video

WASHINGTON D. C.—President Truman today signed an order for immediate control of radio and television in the event of attack upon the country or threat of such attack.

Speeding Local House Scheme

Tenders are expected to be called this week for the 50 low rental houses which are to be built in Prince Rupert under the scheme of federal and provincial assistance. The city council was advised last night in a communication from J. E. Brown, housing commissioner for British Columbia, who also sent a copy of the final draft agreement providing for the project.

The agreement provides for the provincial government to pay 25 per cent of the cost and the federal government 75 per cent. The extent of the city's commitment is to provide and clear the land and the service extensions which are paid for into general revenue.

If the scheme makes money, the city gets half of the provincial government's share of the profits. If it loses, the city is committed to pay half of the provincial government's proportion of the loss. The city also collects normal taxes on the property.

The past was read in detail to the council and was then sent to the housing committee and the city solicitor for further consideration before coming back to the council for final adoption.

The importance of speed in expediting the agreement was stressed so that there may be no chance of any delay in getting the project under way.

Hit by Truck, Hospitalized

William McInnes, in the employ of the Columbia Cellulose Co., was struck by a truck about one o'clock this afternoon at the corner of Third Avenue and Second Street. At the hospital, where he was promptly taken in an ambulance, it could not be stated immediately what the extent of injuries might be.

Mr. McInnes, a bricklayer, is understood to have been crossing the street when struck by the vehicle belonging to the City Transfer Co., driven by Peter Hunter.

Hitler's Ignorance Was Aid to Allies

Congestion of Travel Here

To relieve the passenger traffic congestion that is steadily developing as Alcan construction workers start heading southward for Christmas, Union steamer Camosun, Capt. John Boden, is making a special call at Kemano Bay tonight on her way from here to Vancouver on the regular weekly voyage.

Already moving out from there is a large list of men going south on the Princess Louise which sailed from here last evening.

Interference with air travel due to bad flying conditions at Vancouver has a considerable number of workers here today from Kemano and Kitimat endeavoring to get steamer or any kind of passage available.

Valdez Getting Industrial Survey

VALDEZ, Alaska — George Sundborg, manager of the Alaska Development Board, is here from Juneau making an industrial survey of the Valdez area. It will be published early in 1952.

Prince Rupert Isolated After Unusual Warmth And Excessive Rains

Railway and Highway Tied Up by Slide and Washouts—Road Crew Trapped

Prince Rupert is almost completely incommunicado today following unusually mild weather and excessive rains since the end of the week. Big slides of new snow, rock and debris swept down at various points in the lower Skeena valley to block both railway and highway. All land line communications—telegraph, long distance telephone and radio network—went down at the same time and were still down this afternoon.

Only communication today is by Digby radio and radiophone. C. A. Berner, divisional superintendent, Canadian National Railways, admitted that "havoc had been raised" with his line by slides and washouts between Skeena and Salvus. All resources of the railway were being applied to clear the line. Train scheduled to leave for the East Monday evening had been cancelled, and it would be noon tomorrow before there would be any chance of trains moving again, Mr. Berner said.

One slide, for example, Mr. Berner said, was 250 to 300 feet long. There were others as well.

HIGHWAY CLOSED

L. E. Smith, district engineer, provincial department of public works, reported his foreman had been unable to get past a slide between Skeena and Telegraph Point which was at least 15 feet wide and of undetermined length, a torrent of water running down the middle of it.

Four men of the local public works crew were unable to get home last night on account of this slide and were given shelter for the night at the railway patrolman's house at Telegraph Point.

An ever larger slide—700 feet long, was reported near the little Kwinitsa tunnel and a series of other slides elsewhere along the road.

When Prudhomme Lake threatened last night with rapidly rising water, the public works department ordered the closing of the highway eastward from Galloway Rapids bridge.

Digby Island meteorological station this morning reported 2.38 inches of rain for 24 hours ending 7 a.m., the most of this having fallen in the last 12 hours.

Meantime, air traffic between Prince Rupert and Vancouver, almost completely paralyzed yesterday, was again uncertain today because of fog over Vancouver and low visibility at this end. It was expected that flights would be moving later today if weather improved. While one flight was to leave here this afternoon, there was no prospect of any arrival here. There have been no inbound planes

from Vancouver since Saturday. Many passengers are held up. While poor visibility held flights at Vancouver and Prince Rupert, sun was reported shining brightly at Sandspit today.

SITUATION GRIM

District Engineer L. E. Smith today described the road situation as grim and, should snow come within the next few days, it would really be critical, owing to the difficulty which is now presented at getting in from either Prince Rupert or Terrace ends.

The Terrace road crew cannot get past Amsbury while the Prince Rupert crew is held around Telegraph Point by big slides.

There has been a bad washout at one of the often troublesome gravel creeks on Amsbury hill. It will be necessary to build a bridge before the crews can get past to attack further troubles. Definite word was received that approaches of a bridge near the little Kwinitsa tunnel had been washed out to tie up things from this end until it can be cleaned up.

There are half a dozen big slides on the Prince Rupert half of the road to Terrace and numerous slides on the Terrace half. "Some time" or "at least a few days" was the indefinite way in which Mr. Smith was forced to answer questions of how long it would take to clear the road.

Rain had eased up in the interior this afternoon, as it had in Prince Rupert, according to latest railway weather reports.

Taxi Hike Not Liked

Installation of Meters Instead Proposed by City—Hearing To Be Held

Licensing committee recommended to the city council last night refusal of an application of the Prince Rupert Taxi Owners' Association for an increase of rates and proposed, instead, compulsory installation of meters in city taxis. However, before anything is done a public meeting will be held. The council adopted the report after Ald. Don Fitch explained that the committee had felt the meter system would be more satisfactory. "Then the public will get exactly what it pays for," he commented. The zoning system of charges, he felt further, was antiquated.

A minimum fee of 35 cents and "so much" a mile after was suggested.

It was made clear that the taxi owners would be able to present their views at the proposed public hearing.

Ald. Gomez saw protection for the taxis themselves against cut rate competition.

No Council on Christmas Eve

Mayor and aldermen will keep their dates with Santa Claus on Christmas Eve instead of attending the meeting of the city council which statutorily falls on that date.

The city fathers agreed last night that the city clerk would come down for 15 minutes and, when the council failed to show up, would adjourn the proceedings to Thursday night.

By then it is hoped everybody will be sufficiently recovered from the first phase of the festive season to settle down to mundane affairs of civic business.

Incidentally, it will be the final regular meeting of the 1951 council.

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