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## HOSPITAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS GOING UP

### ay Spark Trouble In Near East

#### Premier Assassinated

Iran (CP)—American Premier Ali Tazmari was shot to death today in the capital. The government is politically turbulent; of Russia immediately forced forces on alert. Sources in London expect the assassination to increase political turmoil and to lead to a military takeover which would bring about a new government.

#### Sees Hand Of Stalin

**Moscow Agents Back of Fanatical Douks**  
VANCOUVER (CP)—Spiritual leader of British Columbia's 2,500 Sons of Freedom Doukhobors said today "agents of Stalin" led the fanatical sect on their reigns of terror in the Kootenays in the past. Bearded Steffan Sorokin, who says he escaped from a Siberian slave labor camp, added he received a telegram yesterday saying the Doukhobors had tried to burn his home at freedomite headquarters at Krestova. Sorokin and five aids left for home today after closed discussions with government-appointed consultants on possible relocation of the sect.

#### MacArthur Sees Only Stalemate in Korea

**Peaceful Settlement Urged by Commander-In-Chief—Pats in Action Again**  
TOKYO (CP)—As General Douglas MacArthur declared today that the war in Korea seemed to be stalemated with victory in sight for neither side, United Nations forces today attacked on a 55-mile front in central Korea behind strong aerial and artillery support. It was a general assault in crisp, clear weather.

Initial Red resistance is described as bitter. The Reds even mounted a counter-assault on the eastern flank. It rolled South Korean troops back from one to three miles. General MacArthur visited the front shortly after the push began and said in effect that no one can win the war under present conditions. MacArthur said the Chinese Reds have no more than "almost a hopeless chance for ultimate victory."

But he was no more hopeful of Allied chances for victory. As the war is being fought now, he said, "Battle lines cannot fail in time to reach a point of theoretical military stalemate."

MacArthur urged the United States to endeavour to induce the Chinese to see the advantage of a peaceful settlement.

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The service will fill a long felt need of interior towns in a modern world of communication and entertainment. Reception except on short wave is very poor, often lacking. No British Columbia station is received regularly, not even the short wave. The low power transmitters will be cut in on the CBC service lines on the CNR telegraph lines and will operate automatically.

The project has been the subject of a long term campaign of Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce throughout Northern B.C.

**Air Passengers**  
From Vancouver (Tuesday)—J. E. Degnan, Mr. Pullmans, K. Harris, Mah Wong Kin Hock, A. Mosher, M. Chastanoff, H. A. MacKenzie, C. G. Naylor, R. L. Dodd, L. Echling, J. A. Bennett, H. A. Southwell, O. Y. Mah Wing, A. Kerfoot, Mrs. Jackson.

To Vancouver (today)—J. Scott, D. Thomas, Miss J. Demille, F. Dallie, D. Santurbane, D. MacDonald.

To Sandspit (today)—R. A. Dumma.

#### TERRACE P.O.

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**Excessive Draw Shortage Cause**  
With still no water in the reservoir at Acropolis Hill today, the city engineer's department this morning was tending away from the theory that there might be an undiscovered major break in the system and were inclining instead to the belief that the cause of failure to retain reservoir level was probably an excessive draw by householders so that pipes would not freeze in the cold spell.

There was also the secondary possibility of some blockage in the main including that of being up. An intensive reconnaissance of the entire water system during the past two days has failed to reveal any indication of a major break as was at first suspected.

Pressure checks indicated that the system level was standing in the lines slightly below height of the reservoir bottom and there were no complaints today of no water. However, there are not a few householders who are frozen up as a result of the continuing cold snap.

The mayor renewed his appeal to householders to go as sparingly as possible on the use of water during the present emergency.

#### PRINCE GEORGE IS FLU STRICKEN

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—Health authorities here said yesterday that about five hundred persons had been laid low by what is termed the worst influenza epidemic in years. Visiting hours at Prince George Hospital have been cancelled and severe staff shortage is being felt owing to illness.

#### Queuille Tries To Form Gov't

PARIS (CP)—Former Premier Henri Queuille today agreed to try to form a cabinet to end France's week-old government crisis. He was asked for a second time by President Vincent Auriol to make the try and agreed after getting consent of the radical Socialist party.

Socialist Guy Mollet failed by some 25 votes last night to be confirmed as Premier. Parliamentary sources said reports of a break in the long deadlock among centrist parties over election reform—which last week brought the downfall of Premier Rena Plevens coalition—indicated Queuille's chances of getting a cabinet were good.

**Great Radar Screen Seen**  
As Protection Against Raids On United States

OTTAWA (CP)—A drive is on to build a joint Canadian-American radar network, but in Canada at least, it is being shrouded in greatest possible secrecy.

This policy has important foundations. For one thing, any idea of trying to give complete, over-all radar protection has been written off because of prohibitive cost.

That means certain areas must be singled out for priority protection and that there must be gaps elsewhere. It is no secret that first priority in Canada is going to what might roughly be called the Montreal-Toronto-Ottawa area and in the United States to great industrial areas of the east and mid-west, including cities like New York, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago.

Again, vital reasons for Canada's caution is the geography of North America which makes this country a great approach area for raids on the U.S.

**Takes Rap at B.C. Aluminum**  
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**B.C., Manitoba Still Unbeaten**  
HALIFAX (CP)—British Columbia and Manitoba were still unbeaten today as the fourth round of the Canadian Curling championship opened.

Nova Scotia's rink from Kentville, explosive surprise packet in the championships, kept pace with British Columbia last night as the only provincial rinks with three straight wins in the bonspiel.

Manitoba, with a bye in today's third round, and Northern Ontario, with a bye last night, were right behind with two victories and no defeats.

Nova Scotia beat Alberta 16 to 6 yesterday and British Columbia defeated the winless Prince Edward Island 13 to 5.

**Low Temperature For Night is 14.5**  
Last night's low temperature was 14.5 at the Digby Island weather station, rising to 21 at noon today.

Forecasts are for winds north-east 40 near the mainland and westerly 40 near the Digby Island, clear and colder tonight.

#### FLASH

**VANCOUVER SNOW HIT**  
VANCOUVER—Vancouver's worst March snowfall on record continued today with the snow coming down heavily still today. Last night there was a 72-mile gale here with 40 miles at Victoria. Vancouver is smothered under six and more inches of snow.

**DELEGATES EXPELLED**  
VANCOUVER—Charles Stewart of the Street Railwaymen's Union and Homer Stevens and Bill Rigby of the United Fishermen's and Allied Workers' Union have been expelled from the Vancouver District Trades and Labor Council under the ruling barring Communists.

**Big Four—**  
West Shows Solid Front

PARIS (CP)—United States, British and French deputies faced the Russians today with a solid front against a proposed Soviet wording for the foreign ministers' meeting agenda.

As the third session of the deputies' meeting got under way, informed sources said the West was determined not to give ground on phrasing of the German issue.

Russians proposed the foreign minister's conference discuss "fulfilment by the four powers of the Potsdam agreement regarding demilitarization and prohibition of remilitarization of Germany." Sources said that to accept this the West would have to abandon any plans for rearming western Germany against the threat of Communist aggression. This would amount to accepting the entire Soviet point of view on Germany.

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**THE WEATHER**  
Synopsis

Temperatures last night were a few degrees milder than the record-breaking low values of the last two days. However, they were still far below normal for this time of year, ranging from 17 below at Prince George to 28 above at Victoria.

An intense squall crossed the lower mainland during the night and a gust of 72 miles per hour was recorded at Victoria. Heavy showers accompanied the squall.

A centre of low pressure remains off the west coast of Vancouver Island but is filling rapidly at present. A slow improvement in conditions is looked for over the next two days but no real relief from the current cold wave is in prospect.

**Forecast**  
North Coast Region—Mostly clear along the mainland. Cloudy with a few snow flurries over the islands. Continuing very cold. Wind northeast 40 m.p.h. down mainland inlets; otherwise 15 m.p.h. Lows tonight and high tomorrow—At Port Hardy and Sandspit, 20 and 30; Prince Rupert, 15 to 25.

#### Patients Will Also Pay First Ten Days

VICTORIA (CP)—A decision is believed to have been reached in the Coalition caucus on changes in hospital insurance service to put the scheme on sound financial footing. It was learned from reliable sources today the plan is to increase premiums as well as to levy charges up to \$35 for the first 10 days in hospital.

Premiums will go from \$33 for a family to 42 and from 21 for single persons to 30. Charges for the first 10 days in hospital will vary from \$2 a day to \$3.50, depending on rates in effect at the hospital.

Debate on the question has delayed presentation of the budget. Originally scheduled for Wednesday, the budget now may come down Tuesday or Wednesday next week.

**Airmen Had Chilly Job**  
VANCOUVER (CP)—Two members of the crew stood on the wing tips of a Queen Charlotte Air Lines flying boat to guide it safely through a freezing blizzard after it was forced down in Johnstone Straits Monday.

The plane carried eighteen persons—fourteen logger passengers and crew of four. The blizzard forced the pilot, Capt. Robert Duncan, to set the plane down in the storm-tossed strait 170 miles northwest of Vancouver.

After a safe landing the pilot could not see shore. The second pilot, Jagindar John, and Engineer Bert Ormiston climbed on to the wings to direct the plane into Blinkinsop Bay, about a quarter of a mile away.

Only damage to the plane was a bent strut.

**C.P.A. Transfers At Annette Is.**  
Twelve inches of unplowed snow on the air strip at Sandspit, where there is no snow clearing equipment, made it impossible for the Canadian Pacific Airlines Canso from Prince Rupert and the DC3 from Vancouver to land in safety at that connecting point so rendezvous was made instead at Annette Island, Alaska.

The day's operation was, as a result, delayed for about an hour because of the longer run for the Vancouver plane to Annette and the formalities of transfer there. Operation through Sandspit was resumed today, makeshift snow clearing equipment having been improvised to clear the strip there.

**— TIDES —**  
Thursday, March 8, 1951  
High 1:48 21.5 feet  
Low 13:54 21.8 feet  
Low 7:51 3.7 feet  
20:08 2.5 feet

**EXPENSIVE MAIL**  
Charges were as high as 92 cents on a single letter from England to Quebec by packet boat in 1920.

**Omineca is Heard From**  
M.L.A. Tells of Last Great North-Talks Aluminum, Cellulose

VICTORIA (CP)—R. C. Steele (Cdn.-Omineca) said in legislature yesterday the North is the last remaining portion of North America which offers the greatest future in developing vast tracts of natural resources.

As illustration, he cited Aluminum Company of Canada's big project. He said Alcan plans call for supply roads from Vancouver Island already making a difference in the north, he said, mentioning shipments of 1,000 tons of coal per week from Telkwa coal mines to the new mill. Pulpwood from inland points also may be shipped there if satisfactory freight rates can be arranged.

Steele said there is a mistaken idea about the amount of private land to be flooded by backing up lakes and rivers. None of the large farms between Francois Lake and Ootsa Lake will be affected. He estimated 65 to 70 homes will be flooded out, but the people will be compensated by Alcan.

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**Native Tournament -- TONIGHT --**  
6:30—THUNDERBIRDS vs BROTHERHOOD  
7:45—KITIMAT vs PORT SIMPSON  
9:00—PORT ESSINGTON vs METLAKATLA  
10:15—KITKATLA vs BELLA BELLA

#### Smithers Getting Radio Repeater Station April 1

SMITHERS.—Smithers will receive a direct broadcasting transmitting station on the CBC line to Prince Rupert due to commence April 1, it is indicated in correspondence from Canadian Broadcast Corporation officials this week.

#### Unexplained Flares Seen

Series of red flares and rockets were sighted on Island at 2:30 a.m. today by SS Prince Rupert en route to this port.

Captain E. B. Caldwell carried out a search in the area but nothing further was sighted.

Authorities in Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Ocean Falls have been notified. Ocean Falls RCMP are investigating. The island is near the entrance of Dean Channel, about 10 miles south of Prince Rupert.

**TRICKY TO HANDLE**  
Asian elephants are seldom in zoological gardens because unlike the Indian elephant they are hard to handle.

#### Young Head of B.C. University

VANCOUVER (CP)—Sherwood Lett, Vancouver barrister, will be the youngest chancellor in the history of the University of British Columbia.

The 51-year-old veteran of the Dieppe raid and Normandy invasion is the only man nominated to succeed Chancellor Eric Hamber whose term expires in the spring.

Nominations closed last night.

#### SPECIAL NOTICE To All Citizens

Due to some unknown cause, the city's water supply is very low and the mayor urgently requests all water consumers to keep their consumption to a bare minimum.

The reservoir is now empty and the city's engineer's department is endeavouring to ascertain the cause.

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