

OTTAWA APPROVES LOCAL BUILDING DEAL

Egypt Hits Britain

CAIRO (CP) — Egypt today took three blows in a battle for control of the Suez Canal zone.
The Egyptian ambassador will be withdrawn from London.
Egyptians who co-operate with British troops in the canal zone will be punished.
The government will allow free entry of the population in the zone against Britain.

Floods Strike Fraser Valley

SURREY — Floods in the Fraser Valley continue to give trouble.
It will be another three weeks before Surrey can say there is relief, according to W. E. Munro, commissioner for the Fraser Valley district.
More than a thousand acres of water in the Serpentine-Niemen rivers area.
As much as \$30,000 will be required to repair breached dykes. Permanent reconstruction is out of the question until conditions become normal.
Livestock has been moved to higher levels, for at high tide many lands are covered with water four and five feet deep.

Passing of Labor Peer

LONDON (CP) — Viscount Addison, 82, Labor leader in the House of Lords, died Tuesday night after a short illness. He was Lord President of the Council in the Labor government headed by Clement Attlee.

They Talked and Talked And Still Confusion Grew

Civic Candidates Air Views at Jaycee Meet—Power Referendum Monopolizes Talk

Last night's public meeting, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and designed to provide candidates for civic office at tomorrow's election an opportunity to present their views to the people, resolved itself into a free-for-all discussion of the power referendum and the relation of the candidates thereto.

The further the discussion went, as the audience asked question after question about the mayoralty candidates, the more the confusion appeared to grow as to what to do about voting on the plebiscite.

Nobody seemed to know exactly what the wording of the referendum was and what would happen about possible future negotiations in the case of a "yes" vote or a "no" vote.

When the mayoralty candidates hesitated about having published in the press today the exact wording of the referendum, Thomas B. Black, general manager of the Northern B.C. Power Co., took up the cue and promised that he would see it was published.

Two mayoralty candidates—G. H. Frizzell and H. S. Whalen—were unequivocally on record as being "No" voters on the referendum while H. M. Daggett, father of the referendum, was equally emphatic on the "Yes" side. Mayor H. F. Glassey, after being pelted with a number of questions, finally said "yes."

The Power Referendum TO BE VOTED UPON TOMORROW

Are you in favor of requesting the British Columbia Power Commission, at the expiry of the present franchise now held by the Northern B.C. Power Co. Ltd., to supply power to the City of Prince Rupert upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon by the council and the said Commission and approved by the electors?

The Other Questions

Shall the By-Law entitled "Water Rehabilitation By-Law 1951" be confirmed?
Do you approve of a special levy of one mill to be added to the tax rate in each year for a period of five years, the sum so derived to be expended solely for improvements of Fairview Cemetery?

Are you in favor of authorizing the City Council to enter into negotiations with the Automatic Electric (Canada) Limited, or any other company, with a view to acquiring a new municipal owned automatic telephone system?

Britain Paying United States

LONDON (CP) — Britain has decided to pay in full the instalments the capital and interest due on Canadian and United States loans at the end of the year.

Britain is due to pay Canada \$14,000,000 in capital and \$23,700,000 in interest December 31. Payment due United States is \$51,500,000 in capital and \$87,000,000 interest.

Britain could have avoided paying interest on both loans by invoking waiver clauses which had been written into the 1946 agreements.



TRADE EXPERT — Gerald A. Newman, expert division director of the Department of Trade and Commerce, will take charge of a new trade office to be opened in New Orleans early next year. A native of Leamington, Ont., he has held many trade posts in Europe and the United States during 22 years with the department. (CP PHOTO)

Seaway Is Favored

OTTAWA (CP) — Liberal and Opposition members in the House of Commons yesterday urged that the St. Lawrence seaway project be coupled with the development of natural resources in other parts of the country.

Members spoke during the second reading of the debate on Transport Minister Chevrier's bill to set up \$300,000,000 under federal authority to build the navigation part of the seaway with or without the help of the United States government. Later the bill was approved on second reading and sent to the committee for detailed study.

Mr. Chevrier described seaway development as "an all-Canada project and one that will develop wealth."

Exchange Unsettled

MUNSAN (CP) — The new Red plan for the exchanging of prisoners of war fell on cold shoulders today.

The United Nations command expressed fears publicly for the first time that Communists might not give up all the prisoners they hold. The Red proposal called for the release of all prisoners.

The United Nations insist on man-for-man exchanges. The United Nations command, an official communiqué said, is concerned that a premature agreement on bulk exchange of prisoners before adequate data is available could result in sizeable numbers not being recovered.

The number of Allied troops in Red hands has been estimated at from 98,000 to 139,000.

The United Nations says it holds between 120,000 and 135,000 Chinese and North Korean Reds.

Blast Hits Big Tanker

SARNIA, Ont. (CP) — The Imperial Oil Co. Ltd. Tuesday estimated \$200,000 damage resulting from a blast that ripped through the giant tanker, Imperial Leduc, Monday.

Edmonton Has Warmest Day

EDMONTON — Edmonton had its warmest December day of a century yesterday. One-third of an inch of rain fell during the day.

TIDES

Thursday, December 13, 1951	
High	1:31 18.7 feet
	13:04 21.5 feet
Low	7:03 9.0 feet
	19:46 2.9 feet

EDITORIAL Confused Issue

THE ISSUE over the power referendum to be voted upon at the civic election tomorrow seems to have become obscured and confused in the minds of many by the interpretations of its effect that have been bandied about.

As discussion has proceeded, it seems that many electors feel they are being asked to make a decision before all the facts have been ascertained, even by the city itself.

Under those circumstances, they feel it is difficult to give an intelligent answer. Extraneous considerations, against which we warned in these columns weeks ago, appear to have crept in to cloud the issue.

The council has submitted the referendum as a guide to its future course of action in the matter. A definite question has been put—Should it request the British Columbia Power Commission to come in and supply power to the city under mutually agreeable terms to be approved by the electors?

If the people consider the time is ripe and safe for the city to commit itself to such a request, if the power company's shortcomings are found sufficient to suggest its dismissal without further consideration, a "yes" vote on the referendum may be justified.

If, however, the timing and wording of the referendum are considered untimely and inappropriate, a "no" vote might be the thing.

There is a serious question before the people tomorrow. It appears unfortunate at this late date that so many people are complaining that they have not the information upon which to make decision.

We are dealing with an important utility and it is too bad if we have not all the facts.

Skeena Member Tells House of Korea Visit

Appelwhite Pays Tribute to Fighting Forces—Morale and Courage High

OTTAWA (Special to Daily News)—Edward T. Appelwhite, Member for Skeena, who has just returned to Ottawa from Japan where he was a delegate to the tri-partite fisheries treaty conference, on Tuesday gave the House of Commons a summary of the visit he made in company with Hon. R. W. Mayhew to the forces in Korea.

The Skeena member paid tribute to the Royal Canadian Air Force who assumed the responsibility for the transportation of Mayhew and Appelwhite, during their four-day tour of the combat area.

The Canadian destroyers Cayuga and Sioux were both visited and the member described his visit with the men on the mess decks of both ships and with the officers in both wardrooms. He reported morale as excellent in the fighting navy and the men of the units outstanding for their cheerfulness and active sense of humor. Letters from home and the better type of reading matter were the only two requests received from the sailors.

Appelwhite reported the navy somewhat resentful of criticism which has been made indicating that not enough time was spent at sea. The sailors of Cayuga and Sioux pointed out that they were spending about twenty-nine days out of every thirty at sea.

The western member assured the House that Canada's fighting navy was doing a difficult and dangerous job well and was in the best of health and spirits.

Appelwhite described his visit to observation posts, artillery and tank units, the infantry and advance dressing stations in the Korean battle area. Here again he found the morale and cheerfulness of an outstanding quality despite the fact that living conditions were necessarily very uncomfortable and the men in constant danger of artillery fire and infantry attack.

He stressed the point that the only thing which could weaken the morale were attacks which get into the press and on the radio and are read and heard by the soldiers who naturally resent the implied criticism.

The Skeena member stated that relatives of the men of the Korean Brigade may safely feel that their men are in good health and good spirits and proud of their well trained hardness and fighting ability. He said they are the best fed army in the history of the world. He urged local communities to place active service men from their districts on the mailing lists of the home town papers.

Appelwhite described a visit

Prince Rupert's Rental Housing Pact is Signed

Half-Million-Dollar Scheme To Provide Fifty Living Units Here Ratified

OTTAWA (Special to Daily News)—E. T. Applewhite, MP for Skeena, announced yesterday he had been informed by Resources Minister Winters that an agreement has been entered into between the federal government, the province of British Columbia and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the construction of a 50-unit rental housing project at Prince Rupert.

The agreement was signed last week by Premier Byron Johnson on behalf of the province of British Columbia.

The estimated cost of land and construction for the Prince Rupert project is \$530,000.

The project has been arranged under the terms of the National Housing Act.

Seventy-five per cent of the cost will be borne by the federal government with the province and the municipality sharing the remaining 25 per cent.

As its contribution the municipality will be credited with a sum equal to the cost of the city-owned land being provided for the project (\$30,000), plus the charges for clearing the land and the city cost of installing the services, less the cost of services normally included in the general tax rate.

Construction of the project will be administered by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the completed units will be administered by a local housing authority.

Last month an agreement was announced between the federal government, the province of British Columbia and the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the development of 53 acres of land at Trail, to provide serviced lots for residential housing accommodation.

WEATHER

Synopsis
Variable cloudiness is general over most of the north coast and in the interior while drizzle and fog persist in many localities along the south coast. Temperatures remain mild.

A series of weak disturbances from Alaska is causing a northwesterly flow of Pacific air over the province. A ridge of high pressure to the west will fend off active Pacific storms for a day or so.

Skies along the south coast will remain cloudy today and Thursday but the fog and drizzle will be much less prevalent. Elsewhere in B.C. little change in weather is expected today and tomorrow.

Forecast
North coast region — Variable cloudiness today and Thursday. Fog patches tomorrow. Widely scattered showers today. Little change in temperature. Winds—northwest (15). Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—at Port Hardy 38 and 44, Sandspit 35 and 44, Prince Rupert 32 and 42.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER

American Standard	26	Beattie	19
Bralorne	5.80	Bevcourt	66
B R X	03	Buffalo Canadian	17 1/2
Cariboo Quartz	1.07	Consol. Smelters	190.00
Congress	06	Conwest	3.55
Cronin Babine	50	Donalda	59
Giant Mascot	38	Eldona	24
Indian Mines	24	East Sullivan	9.40
Pend Oreille	9.00	Giant Yellowknife	10.50
Pioneer	1.95	God's Lake	35 1/2
Premier Border	34	Hardrock	13 1/2
Privateer	34	Harricana	08
Reeves McDonald	6.25	Heva	11
Reno	04	Jackknife	05 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.61	Joliet Quebec	43 1/2
Silbak Premier	60	Little Long Lac	76
Vananda	16	Lynx	12
Spud Valley	20	Madsen Red Lake	2.01
Silver Standard	2.50	McKenzie Red Lake	43
Western Uranium	3.90	McLeod Cockshutt	2.73
		Moneta	29 1/2
		Negus	65
		Noranda	81.00
		Louvicourt	35
		Pickle Crow	1.63
		San Antonio	2.50
		Senator Rouyn	16
		Sheriff Gordon	3.90
		Steele Rock	7.10
		Silver Miller	1.35
		Upper Canada	1.55
		Golden Manitou	6.75

TORONTO

Athlona	08 1/2
Aumaque	23

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Clearing up After Storm

This morning saw a full moon and, instead of howling gales and lashing rains, calmness and a clearing sky. It all looked very promising. This applied to Prince Rupert, but it may be different on other parts of the north coast and inland.

Today may show to what extent the railway and highway services interrupted by the wild storms of the past few days, are being restored.

There will be no trains running before tonight between Prince Rupert and Terrace, CNR Divisional Superintendent C. A. Berner said this morning. All forces are engaged in an intensive endeavor to clear the line which is blocked by numerous slides between Telegraph Point on the west and Salvus on the east.

Clear and cooler weather was favoring operations but poor communications made it difficult to obtain a complete survey of the entire situation between the two major obstructions at either end.

Extra crews are working from both ends with equipment including four bulldozers, gas shovels and derricks.

Mr. Berner mentioned the importance of keeping the line open because of the much greater volume of traffic with logs for the pulp mill, wheat for the elevator to say nothing of expanded passenger and freight business.

The train, which should have been in here last night, went back from Terrace on regular eastbound schedule. A train from here will be dispatched as soon as the line is clear.

HIGHWAY
Provincial department of public works also had all its resources at work from both ends endeavoring to clear the highway but its situation in the blocked off portion of the lower Skeena Valley was also obscure.

Telegraph service was resumed to the city last night.

Who Drew up Referendum?

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