

Communists Falling Back On 38th Parallel

Double Tragedy In Prince Rupert Harbor

BULLETINS

COUVER WINS
Vancouver Arc captured the coast men's basketball title by defeating Vic-shocks 44 to 32 in the two-game series, 88 to 82. The club now meets Pen- for the interior cham- pionship and the right to meet Rupert or Prince in the final at Prince

M.P. IS DEAD
OTTAWA — Karl Homuth, 58-year-old Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament for Waterloo South, died suddenly here today from a heart attack. He was stricken in his hotel room and taken to hospital where he expired. The death creates a third vacancy in the House of Commons, the other two being Brandon and Queen's, Prince Edward Island.

PRAIRIE STORM
WINNIPEG — Blizzard conditions moved into the eastern prairies again today after nine persons were known dead and one still missing as the western prairies began digging themselves out after one of the wildest March blizzards on record.

CROSS SWOOP—

Tonight's the Night—Every Home to Have Caller

More than 300 volunteer canvassers will descend on Prince Rupert's 3000 homes tonight to collect in a swoop this city's quota of \$5000 in the annual Red Cross drive.

General is Impressive

Most of the canvassers are members of city service clubs who responded to appeal by Stan Saville, local Red Cross president, for volunteers to call at every home tonight. "Co-operation in this was most heartening," said Mr. Saville, adding that he had had no refusals and that announcement of the one night's canvass was received with much enthusiasm. "In this way we'll get it over and done with in a single night. But the public must co-operate fully if this plan is to succeed," he emphasized. He asks citizens either to stay home tonight between 7:30 and 8 p.m., or to leave their donation with someone. Mr. Saville expects the whole canvass to be completed in less than an hour. Businesses were called on for their donations beginning last Monday. Most of them have been covered, said the campaign manager, but results have not yet been computed. A full report of tonight's results will be carried by the Daily News on Tuesday.

Canada Keeps Hockey Title

PARIS (CP)—Without suffering a single defeat in the whole series, the Lethbridge Maple Leafs successfully retained the world's amateur hockey championship for Canada by defeating Sweden 5 to 1 in a play-off game at the Palais des Sports here Saturday. A sustained 60-minute Canadian attack made from the game even more one-sided than the score suggests. Sweden was tied for second place in the world tournament with Switzerland but won the European title by virtue of having more total points than Switzerland. The Swiss were edged out and left in third place. The United States team—Bates of Lewiston, Maine — finished sixth behind Norway and Britain. Finland was last. Unbeaten and untied through the round-robin play, the Canadian winners hustled the Swedes completely off stride and the losers seldom had time to get their criss-cross passing plays working. Mike Budnich, H. J. Whiffin, M. Halverson, H. Walker, Harold Muncey and J. Long.

City Youths Drown From Tipping Skiff

Everett Johansen and Percy Welter Perish Off Seal Cove

SECOND BODY FOUND
Body of Percy Welter, second victim of Saturday afternoon's drowning in Prince Rupert harbor, was recovered at 12:45 noon today with the beam trawling equipment of the seine boat Zenardi, Capt. Charles Haan. The body was located a short distance east of the point where Everett Johansen's body was recovered yesterday morning. Both bodies are now in the local morgue pending decision of the coroner as to inquest proceedings.

A flotilla of Prince Rupert fishing vessels organized by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police succeeded at 11:30 a.m. Sunday in recovering from the deep and cold waters of Prince Rupert harbor the body of Everett Johansen, aged 19, one of two local youths drowned late Saturday afternoon from a 14-foot flat-bottomed skiff from which they were fishing.

With a dozen boats engaged in the search, the body of the second victim, Percy Welter, 21, was still being sought today after nightfall ended a Sunday-long search.

Johansen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Johansen, 722 Prince Rupert. Welter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Welter of First Overlook Street.

Johansen's body was recovered by use of beam trawling equipment of Nelson Bros. Haida Brave, one of the many search boats which rallied to the assistance of the police and participated in organized zonal dragging operations.

The harbor is about half a mile wide at the point of the tragedy and Johansen's body was found about half-way across.

First intimation of the tragedy came when Ole Rysstad, from his home at Seal Cove, heard cries from a point he estimated was about half a mile out in the harbor. With the use of binoculars, he believed that he saw two heads in the water and one man evidently clinging on to the stern of the skiff. He rushed to McLean's shipyard and with William McLean speeded to the scene but no one was in sight. They searched without success for half an hour, then returned to shore and notified police who immediately joined the search until nightfall. The skiff was brought in and at daybreak Sunday the organized search proceeded.

From 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday the police boat and the fishing vessels worked assiduously and systematically in the quest for the bodies. "They scoured the bottom of the harbor from shore to shore," commented one police officer in acknowledging the yeoman service which had been rendered by assisting vessels and crews.

The harbor was 186 feet in depth at the point where Johansen's body was brought to the surface. Tidal currents are strong. "Had we been there a minute and a half sooner, I am sure we would have picked them up," said Bill McLean today. "We just saw them in the water when we were about 100 feet out from the float, getting lifebelts and lines ready to take them out of the water. I cannot understand why they were unable to hold on. It was terrible."

McLean explained that one of the men was evidently trying to swim to shore. The other was clinging to the stern of the boat. The search vessels, quickly and fully equipped under the direction of H. F. Robins and William Tocher of Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd. who went all out, were:

Haida Brave, Earl Parnell; Zenardi, Capt. Charles Haan; Great Northern, Capt. Andrew Green (Miller Cannery); Maset Maid, Capt. Ernest Yeitatie; Smith Sound, Capt. Arthur Brown; Adelaide J. Capt. Peter Jones; Elva M, Capt. George Robinson; W No. 1, Capt. Wilfrid Parnell; Pinella, Capt. Jef-

frey Benson; Chief Tapeet, Capt. Fred Reid (B.C. Packers). The undertaking of marshalling the search was carried out magnificently, authorities and observers declared. "It was the biggest search ever carried out in the harbor," commented one waterfront pioneer.

Three Million Are Executed

TAIPEI, Formosa — According to figures compiled by the Chinese Nationalist government, the purge by the Chinese Communist Nationalist government in mainland China has reached astronomical figures. Executions in two provinces of Kwantung and Kwansi have reached no less than 3,000,000 persons. This is a conservative figure and it may be 7,000,000.

Tories Keep Up Assault

LONDON (CP)—Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill moved the Conservative party's campaign for a general election from Parliament to Great Britain's living rooms Saturday night with an appeal for a "broad-based government resting on a clear and strong majority."

Churchill warned of "the dangers of world peace which came from a weak, divided and largely disregarded Britain."

The former Prime Minister spoke after a week of Conservative harassing tactics in the House of Commons against the Labor government which has been working on a Parliamentary majority of four.

Conservative Members of Parliament have brought up points of order and used devices to keep the House meeting far into the night. Weary Labor members must stand for sudden votes to prevent defeat of the government on any issue of confidence.

Red Wings Win Title

Detroit Takes Championship For Third Straight Year

CHICAGO (CP) — Detroit Red Wings clinched the National Hockey League championship for the third consecutive year last night when they defeated the Chicago Black Hawks 4 to 3 after winning 8 to 2 on Saturday night over the same team.

Winning over New York Saturday and Sunday nights, Toronto is firmly ensconced in second place.

Montreal Canadiens, Boston Bruins and New York Rangers have still to fight it out for play-off positions.

Chicago Black Hawks have long since been hopelessly in the cellar.

Week-end scores:
(Sunday)
Montreal 2, Boston 2
Toronto 4, New York 1
Detroit 4, Chicago 3
(Saturday)
Boston 1, Montreal 3
New York 1, Toronto 3
Chicago 2, Detroit 8

Hockey Scores

PACIFIC COAST
(Sunday)
Victoria 7, Seattle 4 (Victoria finishes in first place)
Tacoma 7, Portland 2
(Saturday)
New Westminster 5, Vancouver 1
Portland 4, Tacoma 4
MAINLINE-OKANAGAN
Nanaimo 10, Vernon 5 (Nanaimo wins league championship).

CANCER SOCIETY MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 6

United Nations May Have to Decide Soon On Crossing Question

TOKYO (CP)—South Korean troops swam the chilly Hongchong River in central Korea today in pursuit of the Communist forces who are still pulling back toward the 38th parallel.

Republic of Korea soldiers are spearheading the central front drive for the United States Eighth Army which has set up strong forces in holding a line only 17 miles south of the politically sensitive parallel.

"There is no stopping those Republic of Korea troops," said a military spokesman. "They swam the cold river rather than wait for boats to ferry them across in their northward drive."

Some ROK troops trapped and annihilated a Chinese Communist battalion Sunday.

American liaison officers with the South Koreans counted 231 dead Chinese after the battle.

It was the first action of any size along the Korean front in 83 hours.

United States jet pilots today killed or wounded 300 of 1500 Reds concentrated in the village of Kapnyong, 32 miles northeast of Seoul.

On the eastern front, Allied patrols are probing within a few miles of the parallel and moved forward against Red small arms and mortar fire.

Decision may soon have to be made on whether the United Nations forces are to cross the 38th parallel. Some quarters believe that General MacArthur may decide to do so unless he receives definite instructions otherwise from the United Nations.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Mild Pacific air was flowing over the northern coast of the province and into the central interior this morning and during the next twenty-four hours will gradually extend to south coastal districts.

Very light rain was due today along the northern coast and is expected to extend southward along the coast Tuesday.

Southern interior sections are expected to remain sunny and mild today and Tuesday.

Forecast
North coast region — Cloudy and mild with intermittent rain or drizzle today and Tuesday. Winds southerly (15) increasing in exposed areas Tuesday to 25. Lows tonight and highs Tuesday — At Port Hardy 40 and 46, Sandspit 40 and 46, Prince Rupert 40 and 44.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)		
VANCOUVER	Beattie	58
American Standard	Bevcourt	45
Bralorne	Bobjo	14 1/2
B R X	Buffalo Canadian	25
Cariboo Quartz	Consol. Smelters	141.25
Congress	Conwest	2.38
Hedley Mascot	Donalda	52
Pioneer	Eldona	22 1/2
Premier Border	East Sullivan	8.35
Priveater	Giant Yellowknife	7.00
Reno	God's Lake	25
Sheep Creek	Hardrock	25
Silbak Premier	Harricana	123 1/2
Taku River	Heva	11
Vananda	Hosco	06
Salmon Gold	Jackknife	5 1/2
Spud Valley	Joliet Quebec	67
Silver Standard	Labaska	05
Western Uranium	Little Long Lac	79
Indian Mines	Lynx	15
Oils	Madsen Red Lake	2.30
Anglo Canadian	McKenzie Red Lake	47
A P Con	McLeod Cockshutt	3.00
Atlantic	Moneta	33 1/2
Calmont	Negus	91
C & E	Noranda	79.75
Central Leduc	Louvicoourt	20 1/4
Home Oil	Pickle Crow	1.70
Mercury	Regcourt	04
Okalta	San Antonio	2.50
Pacific Pete	Senator Rouyn	22
Princess	Sherrit Gordon	3.40
Royal Canadian	Steeple Rock	8.80
Royalite	Sturgeon River	14
TORONTO	Silver Miller	1.52
Athona	Upper Canada	1.81
Aumaque	Golden Manitou	6.90



N.Z. COMMISSIONER COMING
—Hon. T. C. A. Hislop, C.M.G., new High Commissioner for New Zealand to Canada, will be a visitor to Prince Rupert this week for two days. Arriving on Tuesday night's train with his wife, daughter and secretary, Mr. Hislop will have a number of speaking engagements here including a meeting of the Women's Canadian Club Wednesday evening and the Gyro and Rotary luncheons Wednesday and Thursday. The city is also co-operating in the reception to Mr. Hislop who will make an official call on the mayor. The visitors will also be given full opportunity to see the city and its industrial environs before leaving Thursday night on the Prince George for Vancouver. Former barrister of Wellington, New Zealand, and for thirteen years mayor of that city, the commissioner-ship to Canada is his first diplomatic appointment. He served at Gallipoli and in France during World War I and was twice wounded. He is a fluent speaker and a keen sportsman in cricket, rugby, angling and horsemanship.

SEEK FRANCHISE RENEWAL—

Millions of Dollars Expenditure Here to Hinge on City's Will

Future development of Northern B. C. Power Company, which would be of "considerable magnitude," depends on whether Prince Rupert will renew its 25-year agreement with the company.

H. E. Pawson, commercial manager of the Power Corporation of Canada, said here today that plans involving expenditure of several million dollars will hinge on the wish of the city. Present franchise, he said, runs out in March, 1954. But before a "practical budget for the next five years" can be laid down, "we must be sure that we will operate here for some time to come," he said.

Application will be made soon to city council for contract renewal.

With reference to the power company's proposed new rates, Mr. Pawson said the company was merely trying to establish a rate by which it could receive fair returns from its investment. In the past, he said, operation had been at a "considerable loss."

"Greatly increased costs of operating make it necessary for immediate relief."

T. B. Black, company manager, said the new diesel and steam-turbo installations at the dry dock, now in operation, could supply the whole city and entire district with electric energy in case of an emergency or failure at the hydro plants.

The company didn't have the tie-in facilities such as companies in the south, who are inter-linked for power-borrowing, he said, so independent auxiliary facilities had to be installed.

"But this is only a primary step in an expansion program of considerable magnitude."

Mr. Pawson first came to Prince Rupert in 1928 to purchase from the city its power plant at Shawatlans Lake and has been here at intervals since.

BIG THINGS COMING
"But today I feel a different attitude of the people. They are looking forward to something big. Prince Rupert is on the threshold of a real beginning," he prophesied, adding with a chuckle that he didn't think he'd have "to eat these words."

The large permanent payroll of Columbia Cellulose Company, he said, would make a "tremendous difference" in this area, and the effects would reach far into north-central British Columbia.

He saw the "definite need of housing" as an incentive for a large-scale building program. "Why, you need 200 new homes here," he said.

Mr. Pawson leaves for Vancouver Thursday night.