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## CRUISE SHIPS COLLIDE IN DENSE FOG

### Prince Rupert and Kathleen Collision Off Alaska

#### Kathleen Holed, May Not Go on; Both Ships Docked

Two main cruise vessels loaded with tourists collided in a pea-soup fog early this morning near Lord's Rock, 50 miles north of Prince Rupert. CNR steamship Prince Rupert and CPR steamship Princess Kathleen met practically head on, say reports reaching here.

No one was injured, but damage to Kathleen is reported as "considerable" by local CPR agent J. T. Notman. "The Kathleen is not expected to go on," he said. Both ships landed here at 2 p.m., having proceeded from scene of accident at a 5-knot speed.

A gaping hole ripped in the bow of the Kathleen led beneath the waterline, flooding seamen's quarters and other compartments.

Following estimate of extent of damages, it will be decided whether or not Kathleen will enter dry dock here, Mr. Notman said.

The collision occurred between 4:30 and 5 a.m. Prince Rupert left here last night at midnight, bound for Ketchikan, Kathleen was returning to Vancouver, following her cruise trip north.

No severe damage to Prince Rupert had been reported, CNR officials here said.

Kathleen, about a 4000-ton ship, carried near 300 passengers, most of them American tourists. Prince Rupert carried a full list, about 195, many of them returning to their homes at Ketchikan.

Neither of the ships will sail tonight, agents say.

Capt. O. G. Williams, CPR manager of the B.C. coast, arrived here by plane this afternoon, along with a passenger department representative, to decide what will be done with the heavy tourist list.

**BELONGINGS LOST**  
The big, gaping hole on the port side of the damaged ship stretched from the top railing to below the water line and is some 10 feet across. It ripped open the seamen's quarters, most of whom lost all their possessions.

Sympathetic passengers took up a collection of more than \$800 to be divided amongst the unfortunate sailors. Well over half the passengers are tourists from California.

**MAYBE ANOTHER SHIP**  
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Croman, of Circleville, Ohio, thought they saw another ship just after the collision.

"It was very foggy. We heard four sharp shrilling whistles and then came the bump. We looked out of the cabin window and saw the two ships pulling away from each other.

"Then we saw another ship, a freighter, heading straight for the Prince Rupert. It stopped about 50 feet away and disappeared in the fog."

Said Oscar Ulman, of San Diego: "It didn't bother me very much, although others were a bit excited. I am a fatalist, you know. If it comes, it comes."

Mrs. W. J. Walton, of Calgary, thought differently. "I was frightened, of course, but the crew soon had us calmed down. We were standing by the lifeboats with lifebelts on and both ships put on their lights.

"There was really no panic and the crew was very good to us. They brought up our breakfast." She was on her way to wire home to say she was alright.

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STUDIES PAY-OFF—W. Ross MacDonald, Speaker of the House of Commons, left, receives a medal from Lt.-Gov. Gaspard Fautoux of Quebec for his efforts to learn French in order to facilitate his control of the House. The medal was awarded by Laval University, where Mr. MacDonald spent part of the summer taking a course in French. (CP PHOTO)

### Missing Diplomats Found, Maybe Went on "Bender"

LONDON (CP) — The Daily Herald reported today the Foreign Office has learned the whereabouts of two missing British diplomats, Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess.

The paper said secret service agents have located the two men after a three-month search of western Europe.

Mrs. Melinda MacLean, wife of one, is vacationing on the French Riviera, and has received a message from her husband, the Herald said.

The paper, which has close government connections, said the Foreign Office probably would make no announcement until next week.

MacLean, 38, left his job in London May 25, a Friday evening. Due for a long week-end, he had three days in which to cover his tracks before his disappearance was discovered. Burgess, 49, was on leave at the time.

Unofficial speculation ranged widely. There were suggestions MacLean and Burgess, mentally unstable, had gone to Russia in belief they could effect a reconciliation between the western powers and the Soviet Union.

Others thought simply the two had gone off on a "bender" and were reluctant to return and face certain scandal.

LONDON (CP) — The Foreign Office denied today that British secret agents have located missing diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean. William Riddsdale, head of the Foreign Office news department, said reports published in two London newspapers today are "completely without foundation."

**UK Landlords Seek Permission To Boost Rents**

LONDON (Reuters) — British landlords and Conservative members of Parliament are campaigning for increased rents from tenants of privately-owned houses.

They are bringing pressure on the government to amend the rent restrictions acts, by which rentals on unfurnished houses and apartments are kept down to 1939 levels.

Landlords want the acts changed to allow them to increase rents by a minimum of six shillings and eightpence in the pound. They want these increases to be exclusive of taxes, which are also soaring.

Permission to increase rents was sought recently in a resolution passed by the National Federation of Property Owners.

It was suggested that working-class houses now rented at 13 shillings eightpence per week, exclusive of taxes, should have their rents raised by at least four shillings eightpence a week.

The property owners said they needed the extra rent to enable them to maintain tenanted houses in a proper state of repair, and to prevent existing houses from becoming uninhabitable.

They urged that the present rent restrictions acts should be replaced by one comprehensive act fixing rents at a figure allowing them both maintenance costs and a "reasonable return on investment."

**BACKED BY TIMES**  
Ernest Marples, Conservative M.P. for Wallasey, supported the landlords' campaign in a letter to the Times, quickly followed by letters by other Conservatives and members of the Property Owners' Federation.

The Times gave the landlords its blessing in a lead editorial. "It is clearly anomalous—to use no stronger word—that the rents of most private dwellings should remain fixed at what they were in 1939," the Times said.

The Daily Mail in an editorial said the "grasping landlord" was a stock figure that lingered on "in the mythology of Socialism."

"That is partly why rents of privately owned houses are still fixed at 1939 levels, and in half

the cases are even related to 1914 standards," the Mail said. "The costs of renewals and decorations has not been frozen. It has at least doubled since 1939, so that most landlords cannot afford to keep their property in a good state of repair. Slums are created as fast as new houses are erected."

The Mail added, however, that any large or uncontrolled rise in rents "would knock the country's economy into a cocked hat."

### Not Likely Truce Talks Will be Resumed Soon

TOKYO (CP) — Red China radio ripped into Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway's latest stand-pat message over the crisis at Kaesong, saying it "resorted to plain lies." The broadcast acknowledged receipt of the supreme allied commander's Wednesday message.

Ridgway Wednesday had put the fate of the Kaesong truce talks squarely up to the Red commanders by refusing to knuckle down to their demands but offering to resume conference.

The broadcast accused Ridgway of being evasive in his latest reply.

The UN commander had refused to again investigate Red charges that an allied plane bombed Kaesong truce site on the night of August 22.

Ridgway previously had denied the charge and said it is "obviously manufactured." His headquarters said in a separate statement that the Reds had tried to present flimsy evidence at night, when refused a daylight check.

Accusing Ridgway in his Wednesday reply of stacking it with contradictions, Peiping said: "On one hand, he slanders our side as refusing to continue investigation while on the other hand stubbornly refused our request for re-investigation."

There was little expectation here that the cease-fire negotiations would be resumed on the basis of the allied commander's latest note.

**Boxer KO'd, In Critical Condition**

NEW YORK (AP) — Welterweight boxer George Flores, of Brooklyn, who was knocked out and failed to regain consciousness last night, is reported in critical condition today after a brain operation.

He was taken to hospital after being knocked out by Roger Donoghue, Yonkers, in the eighth and last round of a semi-final bout in the Kid Gavilini-Billy Graham welterweight championship card at Madison Square Garden.

### Two Hurt in Car Accident

In an automobile accident last evening near Galloway Rapids Mrs. Victor Morrison and Mrs. Elva Auriol were injured and taken to hospital. The driver, Mr. Morrison, escaped without serious injury. The city ambulance responded to the call but the patients had already been given initial attention by a doctor from Miller Bay hospital and had been made comfortable in the truck so that the ambulance was not used.

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**Baseball Tonight**  
6:45 p.m.  
FINAL SERIES  
GORDON & ANDERSON  
vs.  
ABEL & ODOWES  
Admission 35c



THE "EX" IS OPEN—George Marshall, U.S. defence secretary, presses the button that officially opens the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. Gen. Marshall, first American to officially open the "Ex," praised Canada's leading role in world affairs and her contribution to the Korean war. The 72nd opening of the CNE brought 105,000 persons to the grounds, 10,000 of whom attended the official ceremonies. (CP PHOTO)

### Vancouver Men Vie All-Out in Golfing Meet

OTTAWA (CP) — Not since 1929 has one city produced both finalists in Canadian amateur golf championships. Vancouver stands the chance of pulling it off this year.

All four Vancouver golfers to start the week-long competition at Royal, Ottawa, are still in these today at the start of the fifth round. The comprise half the field.

There are the defending champion, Bill Mawhinney; the new junior champion, Laurie Roland; Percy Clogg and Walter McElroy.

### 150 Flee Lightning Forest Fire on Coast

VANCOUVER (CP) — Women and children evacuated yesterday from a logging settlement at the mouth of the Britain River as a forest fire advanced on the community of 150 persons. The settlement is on Jervis Inlet, about 60 miles up-coast from Vancouver.

Some 30 women and children were removed by boat to another camp while men stayed behind to fight the onrushing flames.

Fire, started by lightning, has burned 13,000,000 feet of timber and has destroyed 13 pieces of logging machinery. It covers an area of about seven miles long and three miles wide.

Evacuation is the second this week from fires raging through British Columbia forestlands. Monday night, 71 persons fled by boat from Forward Bay, on Cracroft Island, 150 miles northwest of here. One man was killed by a falling tree.

### Air Passengers

(CPA)  
To Vancouver—Miss F. Hilton, W. McRae, W. D. Shenton, Mrs. C. Nichols, B. Jackson, W. A. Dalmage, Mrs. K. C. Aird and child, C. Pierce, J. D. Manning, Y. Collier, Mrs. F. Clark.

(QCA)  
Stewart—G. S. Andrews, T. Wallace, E. Allen, N. Lupick, Anyox—J. H. McMahon, R. F. McArthur, Alice Arm—P. P. Henderson.

### Thieves Loot Island City Post Office

NANAIMO (CP) — Thieves who blew up a post office safe here Tuesday and made off with \$28,000 in cash, stamps, money orders and registered mail probably escaped to the mainland in a fishboat, police said yesterday.

Police said at least two men and possibly four are involved.

The loss included \$14,000 in unemployment insurance stamps and \$1500 in cash.

### Visitors For Convention Here

A large number of prominent persons are scheduled to arrive here for the opening of the Associated Boards of Trade convention September 5. They are:

- R. D. Baker, president, Vancouver Board of Trade; E. B. Harkness, industrial agent, Canadian National Railways; Senator James Gray Turgeon; H. F. Bird, secretary, Automobile Association of Canada; F. G. Brown, president, AAA; H. B. Main, Canadian Pacific Airlines; Olaf Hanson, Vancouver; Hon. A. D. Turnbull, minister of health and welfare, Victoria; F. M. Dockrill, Bulkley Valley Collieries, Telkwa; Bernard Allen, supervisor, Canadian National Railways; J. T. Gawthorpe; E. T. Appiewhaite, Skeena MP; Gordon Root, public relations officer, Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd., Prince Rupert; W. H. Crocker, Prince Rupert; L. G. Ekroyd, Vancouver.

### TIDES

Friday, August 31, 1951  
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	0:27	19.6 feet
	13:09	18.9 feet
Low	6:54	3.5 feet
	19:02	6.4 feet

### FORESTED ISLANDS

New Zealand has about 13,400,000 acres of forests.

### TODAY'S STOCKS

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Cariboo Quartz	1.30	Aumaque	.30
Congress	.08	Beattie	.41
Giant Mascot	1.10	Bevcourt	.51
Indian Mines	.30	Buffalo Canadian	.18
Pend Oreille	8.60	Consol. Smelters	167.00
Pioneer	1.97	Conwest	3.75
Premier Border	.47 1/2	Donalda	.46
Privateer	.13 1/4	Eldona	18 1/2
Reeves McDonald	4.80	East Sullivan	9.40
Sheep Creek	1.63	Gold Yellowknife	9.95
Sibak Premier	.56	God's Lake	.35
Taku River	.07	Hardrock	10 1/2
Vananda	.11	Harricana	08 1/2
Spud Valley	.25	Heva	.15
Silver Standard	2.40	Little Long Lac	.73
Western Uranium	4.60	Madsen Red Lake	2.25
Cronin Babine	.59	McKenzie Red Lake	.46
		McLeod Cockshutt	2.70
		Moneta	.31
		Negus	.73
		Noranda	75.00
		Louvicourt	.16
		Pickle Crow	1.70
		San Antonio	2.65
		Steep Rock	7.60
		Silver Miller	1.48
		Upper Canada	1.70
		Golden Manitou	6.75
		Princess	1.27