

## Local Temperature

Maximum 59  
Minimum 47

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## Tonight's Dim-out

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half an hour before sunrise.)  
10:41 p.m. to 4:38 a.m.

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# Big Invasion Coming--Churchill

## British Prime Minister Makes First Report on War Following Washington and African Parley

### Bulletins

**BUILD AIRCRAFT CARRIERS**  
TACOMA—A local shipyard has received the contract to build several aircraft carriers costing millions of dollars.

**SWEDES QUIT ITALY**  
STOCKHOLM—Swedish residents of Italy have been ordered to return home. The Swedish embassy remains in Rome.

**GERMANS IN BRITAIN**  
LONDON—Thousands of members of the German Afrika Korps, captured in Tunisia, have arrived here as prisoners of war.

## DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

Jury Returns Verdict at Inquest Into Death of Frank Koski

At an inquest into the death of Frank Koski, 35, Bridge and Dredging Company employee, who died last Wednesday following a skull injury received at Watson Island, the coroner's jury yesterday returned a verdict of accidental death.

Koski, a member of a rock drilling crew, had been sent to warn others away from a blast which was about to be set off. Having completed his warnings, he took shelter behind a fuel tank car but, for some reason, stepped out from his shelter just as the blast went off. A flying rock fragment, weighing almost three pounds, struck him on the head, crushing his safety helmet and causing the skull injury which resulted in his death in the Prince Rupert General Hospital a few hours later.

Witnesses at the inquest were Ale Arnesen, job foreman, J. Joulet, driller foreman, L. Halvorsen, driller, J. A. Varfeldt, first aid attendant, and Dr. Hall, attending doctor.

The coroner's jury was composed of S. E. Parker (foreman), Percy Cameron, Donald Brown, Stan Seville, Charles Minns, David Milnes.

The new coroner, Sheriff M. M. Stephens, presided.

## AGENCY FOR BARGAINING

Under an agreement with the British Columbia salmon cannery operating committee the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia is made the sole bargaining agency for native cannery workers. It is the first of its kind to be entered into with a native group.

An outstanding clause states that a plant committee shall be organized in each cannery and its members shall co-operate with the plant manager to settle local disputes and grievances. The plant committee will have responsibilities and powers similar to those of workmen's committees in other industries.

## Argentina Calls Foreign Policy

BUENOS AIRES, June 8—A policy of friendship towards the Americas with neutrality toward other nations has been declared by the new government of Argentina.

Speaks of Impending "Amphibious Operations of Complexity and Hazard"—U-Boats Are Being Definitely Overcome—Announces Tunisia Casualties

LONDON, June 8 (CP) — Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons today that a large scale invasion of Europe was approaching. He said that the Allies were determined to destroy the Axis by air and other means and voiced confidence that the deadly submarine menace was being quickly overcome.

"It is quite evident that amphibious operations of peculiar complexity and hazard on large scale are approaching," the Prime Minister said in his first war review since the Washington and North African conferences. "Operations are now impending in European theatre of war which have been fitted into proper place in relation to the general war."

About the Allied air offensive which many term the first phase of invasion, Mr. Churchill said that as far as the British and Dominion governments and the governments of the United States and Soviet Republic are concerned, nothing will turn us from our endeavour and intention to accomplish complete destruction of our foes by bombing from the air in addition to all other means. The steady wearing down of the German and Japanese air forces is proceeding remorselessly.

The Prime Minister disclosed that very long range air power—VLR as it is called—was in effective operation against submarines and the first week of June was the "best ever" in U-boat kills. "May was the best month of the war in the battle at sea," Mr. Churchill said, and this may be the "fateful milestone" toward the Axis defeat since the Axis was banking heavily on the U-boat.

British losses in the North African campaign had been heavy, Mr. Churchill admitted, totalling 37,000 killed and missing. Eighth Army casualties had mounted to 11,500 and First Army, 22,500. The Prime Minister was sorry that Great Britain and United States had not yet been able to bring Russia into the war conferences. Russia, he admitted, was bearing the heaviest burden of the war and was paying the highest price.

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Italy Claims it Was Repulsed—Pantelleria Pounded Again

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, June 8 (CP)—The concentrated strength of the Allied North West Africa air force poured a deluge of bombs and fire onto Italy's sentinel island of Pantelleria yesterday. Formations of every type of plane flew in the attack. Allied headquarters said, giving rise to smoke clouds which soared 4,000 feet above the battered island and drifted wide over the sea. The smoke spreading from the bombardment reached almost to Sicily, 65 miles away.

An Italian communique broadcast from Rome said that British troops had made a landing attempt on Lampedusa Island, one of the smaller Italian stepping stones 70 miles off the Eastern Tunisian coast. The communique asserted that the attempt had been repulsed and many landing boats sunk. A German communique called the attempt a commando raid but no confirmation came from Allied sources.

A proposal of the local health unit that a health board be set up in Prince Rupert to function in an advisory and administrative capacity is being considered by the city council.

## Canadian Navy In Aleutians

OTTAWA, June 8 (CP)—Hon. Angus Macdonald, minister of the navy, told Parliament yesterday that Canadian naval units were operating in the Aleutian Islands. Adequate protection had been provided for shipping in the St. Lawrence River.

## Improving Isolation Hospital

Considerable improvements are to be made to the isolation hospital it was decided by the city council last night. These will include clearing away of brush around the building, renewal of kitchen floor covering, a couch for the attending nurse, new stove grates, shelter for the coal, window improvements, minor redecoration, roof over the entrance, new storm door, renailling of loose sides, heightening up of windows and painting of sidewalks.

Mayor W. M. Watts reported that the isolation had been visited and, while it was found to be in better condition than might have been expected, there were undoubtedly repairs that should be made for the benefit of both patients and attending nurses.

## BOLSTERING UP SEARCH

VICTORIA, June 8—Under the provincial government's new war research plan, the department of trade and industry will be associated with the work of the British Columbia War Metals Research Board and will make a definite contribution to the extension of the research program contemplated by it.

A special grant of \$2,500 from the department of trade and industry added to the \$5,000 from the department of mines and \$5,000 from the Dominion government, will bring the aggregate sum available for the operation of the research department to \$12,500. This sum will be supplemented by revenue from other sources.

Co-operating with the University of British Columbia, the mining industry and the Dominion metals controller, the department of mines more than a year ago established the B.C. War Metals Research Board. Since its inception it has made an important contribution to the nation's war effort and B.C. industry involving metallurgical problems such as presented by the emerald tungsten ore, the production of molybdenite, tin, mercury and in working out solutions to strategic mineral ore dressing problems. It has been largely that much of the minerals and due to the efforts of this board metals vital to war industries have been made available.

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## BONUSES INCREASE

OTTAWA, June 8 (CP)—The National War Labor Board yesterday issued a directive that from June 1 manual workers in the construction industry throughout Canada shall receive a cost of living bonus of \$2.25 in the case of all adult male and other employees receiving \$25 or more a week. Male minors and females employed as manual workers shall receive a bonus amounting to nine per cent of their weekly wage.

Concurring with a proposal of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, the city council, on recommendation of the board of works, has agreed to the suggestion that the military authorities be requested to divert as much traffic as possible off Third Avenue to Second Avenue in order to avert congestion and undue wear of Third Avenue.

## NEAR 5,000 BUYERS OF BONDS HERE

Prince Rupert People Bought \$271,500 Out of District Total of \$1,128,700

According to preliminary figures compiled by the Fourth Victory Loan Committee here the City of Prince Rupert, including the various armed services, was responsible for 4,909 individual applications for a total of \$871,500 in Victory bonds. The Prince Rupert unit, which goes as far east as Vanderhoof and Pinchi Lake and as far north as Stewart and Premier, turned in a total of 6,121 applications for \$1,128,700. Thus the city exceeded its quota by \$121,500 and the unit was over by \$68,700. All these figures are exclusive of "special names."

## AUDITOR OBJECTS

Registers Emphatic Protest to City Council at Manner in Which His Report Was Published

George Rorie, city auditor, in a letter to the city council last night, registered emphatic objection at the manner in which both written matter and financial statements of his annual report on city finances had been abridged and eliminated in the annual report of the city for 1943 which had now been published. This had been done without his knowledge and consent despite the fact that his signature had been used. Five of six pages of written matter had been eliminated and 12 of 18 exhibits and schedules deleted. Mr. Rorie requested of the council that the "facts of these omissions and deletions be made public and full responsibility for the abridged report be assumed entirely by yourselves."

The matter was turned over to the finances committee.

## WEATHER IS COOL

More Sunshine in May But Weather Was Cooler Than Last Year

The average temperature in Prince Rupert during May was 40.1 degrees and the maximum temperature during the month was 63 degrees, reached on May 12 and 16. April of this year achieved a high of 69.5, while in May, 1942, the maximum was 71.5.

Minimum temperature during May was 32 on the tenth, one degree warmer than the April low and eight degrees cooler than the low for May, 1942.

The sun shone on 19 days for a total of 132.8 hours, bringing the total hours of sunshine for the five months of the year to 496.9 hours. In May, 1942, there were 105.6 hours of sunlight and during the first five months of last year 385.6 hours of sunshine.

Rainfall during May was 5.63 inches, bringing the total depth so far this year to 37.58 inches. In May, 1942, the rainfall was 3.30 inches, and the rainfall for the first five months 36.71 inches.

Barometer readings showed a high of 30.47 on May 10, and a low of 29.34 on May 31. The wind achieved a maximum velocity of 24 miles an hour on May 21.

## HALIBUT SALES

Canadian  
Norden, 11,000, 24 and 16, St. Morley, 3,000, 21.6 and 16, Atlin.

## Question of Responsibility For Maintaining Facilities; Commerce Chamber Views

That greatly increased costs of development and maintenance of municipal utilities in Prince Rupert have been occasioned through demands imposed upon them by the requirements of national defence and that these costs should justly be borne by the federal authorities rather than by the city was the finding of a lengthy report on

## RIGHTS OF CIVILIANS

Objection Taken at Chamber of Commerce Meeting to Undue Military Authority

Members of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce appeared to be considerably exercised at last night's meeting over actions of the military authorities in relation to civilian rights.

The upshot of the discussion, in the course of which considerable indignation, some of a caustic nature, was voiced, was the decision to obtain more exact information as to just how far the authority of the military went in respect to the commandeering of private property.

There were varied expressions of opinion ranging from objection to action smacking of elements against which the war was being fought to the feeling that, as far as possible, there should be harmonious co-operation between the civilian population and the military.

## NURSES ARE IN SESSION

Meeting of Local Chapter Red Cross Unit Formed

Members of the Prince Rupert Chapter, British Columbia, Registered Nurses' Association, met last evening at the Nurses' Home for the regular monthly meeting. It was decided to organize a registry for private duty nurses and all those available for emergencies at the hospital were asked to report to Mrs. O. L. Murray.

Mrs. Norman McKay was elected secretary by acclamation.

A Red Cross unit was formed with Mrs. Brooks convener. Those wishing to help make surgical dressings will be welcome at the City Hall Red Cross rooms every Monday evening.

A very interesting report was read by Mrs. Gordon Bryant, delegate to the annual meeting of the British Columbia Registered Nurses' Association. Better working conditions have been proposed with shorter hours and higher salaries. The study of health insurance was reviewed by Dr. Strong.

## ITALIANS WEAKENING

Goering Urges Them to Stand up Under Bombing

LONDON, June 8—Vice-chancellor Herman Goering's newspaper National Zeitung calls upon Italians to stand up under bombing. It is generally admitted that Italy is in a bad way and may not last out two months under continuous bombing.

The structure in the police gardens overlooking the City Hall known as the "look-out," formerly a popular point of rest and outlook for the scenery but of late not such a desirable rendezvous, is to be removed. A recommendation to this effect from the health committee was adopted at the city council meeting last night.