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OREST JAIL IN B.C .-

eplorable Conditions In City ock-up; Antiquated Premises oth Overcrowded and Unclean

When a prisoner steps, or is hustle the connes of the Prince Rupert city jail, om the andpoint of penal enlightment, ars. That was the dismal impression lews reporter this morning on a condi e outdated dungeon beneath the City infractors who cannot pay ir fines are incarcerated for Carl Muller

Hurt By Pole regation of prisoners is the est glaring of the inadequacies that dark, unhealthful place. the male section, juveniles. or infractors, and hardened minals awaiting disposition, together, idling the time in common room which is with t proper light, either natural artificial. The women's section the jail, although it lacks the nensions of the men's has as any drawbacks.

e province is that Prince Ru- | serious accident. rt has the poorest jail and wn of Stewart which, with a e-man detachment, has a well ld out police building costing veral thousand dollars. The men's section of the lo-

al jail is on the ground floor the City Hall. It is entered brough the police office and an mer office behind and is a room shaped like a squat tter "U", the outer side of the ase of the "U" and part of the ner side being bordered with

At either end of the fifty footng room, frowned on by rock are two small windows gh in the walls which even on brightest days admit only a C.C.L. actional part of the light from tside. On dark days and at ght artificial light is supplied three electric bulbs, whose immer is absorbed largely by darkly painted concrete

Fringing the room are ten cubicles seemingly quarinto the concrete and front her three have double deckers.

Badly Overcrowded

The city jail has accommodation for eleven prisoners yet the preceding fourteen hours. on Tuesday morning it was necessary for it to contain first offence, to older men to closed. whom jail was plainly no nov-

late of affairs is an embarrasstent and handicap to them. but they must take lawbreakers nto custody and to do it they must employ the accommodation designated for the purpose.

In an addition to the south iscated property.

aneously, white women and na- week. by the health authorities.

TERRACE, Dec. 15-C.G. Muler, well known local logging operator, is still suffering from the effects of a recent injury when he was struck on the top of the head by a thirty-foot pole while engaged in logging work with his son. Mr. Muller is able to walk around now but till has considerable pain both CIVIC ELECTION concensus of opinion among the shoulder. Fortunately, no NDEPENDENT bones were broken in what NDEPENDENT concensus of opinion among the shoulder. Fortunately, no in widely separated parts of might have been a much more

lice offices in British Colum- George Stanton

with James Nicoll as secretary at a campaign meeting which the Acropolis reservoir. treasurer and G. O. Dennison was held last night in the Eagles' and G. Hird other members of Hall. S. E. Parker acted as chairthe executive.

Police, Firemen's and Public Works Strike in Montreal Has Been Ended.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 (9-An ghted nor ventilated, agreement has been reached in one is equipped as which the city of Montreal recognizes the Canadian Congress of Labor as bargaining agency members of the police, fire and public works departments. Immediate steps have been taken to restore Montreal's es sential services after they had operated on a skeleton basis for

With the strike of police and firemen, the Royal Canadian eighteen. These ranged from Mounted Police took over policboys of juvenile age, held for ing of the city. Fire halls were

Now municipal employees and street railway workers are The police admit that 'this threatening to go on strike.

Hockey Scores

Boston 4, Chicago 3.

side of the City Hall and lifted of the jail cast a nineteenth cen- It was misleading and foolish from the semi-basement status tury shadow over the place, to talk about the big things of the men's section by a floor- that shadow does not darken that could be done when it was evel elevation of some three the treatment of the prisoners so appearent that it would be leet, is the women's jail, by the police. The prisoners are impossible to carry them out. At the end of a room of about fed well and the police show a Mr. McKay looked for a betifteen to eighteen feet dimen- notable respect for their human ter year in 1944 in civic finances ons are two cells., only one of dignity. The food is bought in owing to the prospect of inhich is used for prisoners. The adequate and balanced amounts creased revenues. He advocated ther is used for storing con- and is cooked by the prisoners the obtaining of a city rock themselves, one of them usually crusher so that street material Behind the heavy wooden being appointed as cook. The might be available. He criticized oor of that women's cell have present incumbent admitted the civic restroom project which

women, diseased and clean, By all modern standards of of new sewers on McBride and breathing the same constricted health and morality the Prince Eighth Streets. air and sharing the common Rupert city jail is an anacro- As for purchasing the electric ollet facilities in a cubicle across nism, an outdated fixture in light utility from the Northern ne outer room. There is no pro- an otherwise progressive city B. C. Power Co. Mr McKay felt sion for the segregation of contributing by its ancient ugli- that this was something which omen held under remand while ness to the very qualities which "just cannot be done." In any cured of venereal disease its inmates lack to restore them case, the present contract did to society.

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1943 Head Off Anti-Hitler Plot

BRITAIN ACQUIRES VITAL NAVAL AND AIR BASES IN AZORES



Horta, main port in the Azores, as well as other ports, will now be at the disposal of British naval units, as announced by Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Portugal in spite of this move, will endeavor to maintain her present status of neutrality. The acquisition of the bases will be of immense aid to the Allies in fighting the German U-boat menace in the

CANDIDATES ARE HEARD

ject to Labor Attempt to Seize Control at City Hall.

Robert McKay, Independent has been candidate for mayor at the Rupert Boilermakers' Union No. Gordon Bryant, Leonard Grif- for the winter. The only perm-4 in succession to Harry Harri- fifths, Carl Poulsen and J. W. anent solution of the water Rogerson, Independent alder- trouble would be a new pipe H. A. Ponder is vice-president manic candidates, were heard line from Woodworth Lake to Federation to seize political control of civic affairs and the independents claimed they were as much workers and as equally entitled as the Labor Federation candidates to the working class

> Ald. McKay, who was the principal speaker of the evening trol but keep control of the discussed the work of the city city as a whole" should be the a heart attack. council of the past year and watchword. spent some time dissecting the platform of the Civic Labor Federation in which he found considerable impracticable and inappropiate "baloney." He was inclined to think the Civic Labor Federation, as had been the six Labor members of the council during the past year, was more "C.C.F.." than anything else. He was not in favor of class legislation and felt the City Hall was no place for politics. He suggested the desirability of putting into civic office "real" permanent citizens who had succeeded in their own affairs rather than transients who ideas." had little more at stake in the community than their jobs and the most of whom would be gone as soon as the war was

He had no promises to make, Mr. McKay frankly stated, and no program or platform except to work to the best of his abil-While the structural aspects ity in the interests of the city. been deposited, at times simul- that he had been at the job a he said he had opposed. The candidate spoke of the possibility

not expire for another ten years

so it was a little early to be Two Forces talking about it. Mr. McKay, Two Forces municipal ownership of utilit- Of Russians nevertheless, said he favoredies. Local housing conditions he after the war was over. He did Now Joined not see where the city had the funds to take over and operate the bus system. He compliment-Robert McKay and Others Ob- ed the present bus operator, Len

Griffiths, for his initiative. As for water service, Mr. Mc-Kay felt the booster pumps had never been given a fair trial. Leaks had been repaired in the reservoir which was now tight

Mr. McKay said that he was in favor of fair wages commenman. Exception was taken at surate with honest service. The the effort of the Civic Labor fishing fleet was the backbone of the city and he was in favor of everything being done for it although the matter of floats was federal responsibility.

Concluding Mr. Mc Kay urged everyone to get out and vote and "not allow a bunch transient strangers to get con-

Other Candidates

Gordon Bryant said he had | NDUSTRIES ert since he was a babe in arms He had worked as logger, fishan illness which made a change of vocation necessary. He had his home and his business here run right. He promised not to spend any money which the city did not have and offered himself for the office as "a young man with new and modern

Carl Poulsen said he was laboring and business man. He was convinced of the future of Prince Rupert and had chosen this place to invest his money and establish his future home. He was a union man even though he was not backed by the Civic Federation Labor inhe had actually put money. He get out of a war that both spoke of his experience as a school trustee on the prairies and of difficulities he had in uilding the new Hays Cove post office.

Len Griffiths said he stood on his "own two feet." As for he bus service he was all for the city taking it over any me if was ready to take the load off his mind. He felt it would not be a very profitable civic undertaking if the services which would be expected were accorded. "All my interests are here and, if electd, I will do my best for the ity," he said.

or six years. He also had road building experience on the prairies. All his interests were now here and he was anxious o see improvements made. He favored the extension of recreational facilities with a view to relieving the problem of juvencal! ourselves labor candidates," he said. As for grinding axes, it might be well if some axes

J. W. Rogerson spoke of hav-

ing been a fisherman for five

LONDON, Dec. 15 (CP) -Russian armies, driving from Cherkasy and Kremenchug in the upper Dnieper Bulge, have established contact along the Dnieper, Reuters News Agency declared today in a dispatch from Moscow. The Russians yesterday announced the capture of Cherkasy, midway between Kiev and Kremenchug.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15 (9) Fats Waller, aged 39, noted negro dance band leader, died today on a train in Kansas City by any governmental or private KITWANGA Union Station, apparently from interests. The council had had Union Station, apparently from

WIPING OUT

erman and miner and had (P)_About sixty per cent of Ger- onto the city. gone into business following many's primary industrial tar- Alex Sinclair, up for the one- clair, who called twelve heads gets have been destroyed by year term for alderman, said of the village together to dincombined British, American and the independents were trying ner, Kitwanga is now making Canadian air fleets, it was re- to sell a dead horse to the vot- arrangements for the usual oband wished to see civic business liably reported yesterday. The ers. Good civic government de- servance of the Christmas seasprimary targets are fifty indus- manded the attention of the n which it appeared for trial centres considered essential voters and must meet the in- while might lapse owing to into the German war machine.

Bulgaria Is Wanting Out

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (CP) -The New York Times said today in a dispatch from Cairo that Bulgaria had officially sent peace feelers to the Allied governments "in an effort to the Bulgarian government and population now realize is lost." The dispatch said that the Bulgarian proposals had been turned down.

The chairman, S. E. Parker. ther Independent candidates Ald. Nora E. Arnold, Thomas B. Black and George B. Casey, all worthy candidates for whose he bespoke consideration and support.

There were some questions from the audience before the meeting adjourned.

The City Council in 1943controlled by SO CALLED Labor — have increased your taxes 40%.

for it?

VOTE FOR INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

CIVIC ELECTION-

LABORITE CAMPAIGN MEETING

Civic Labor Federation Candidates Heard Last Night.

Labor's candidates for mayor, aldermen, and school trustee last night combined a public account of their stewardship during the past year with an outline of TOWN S manic candidate George Rudderham called "a long term program-a program that may take more than one year to acwhich all of us will fight till it is accomplished."

The occasion was a public meeting in the Booth Memorial High School Auditorium, presid- dian and Indian troops led an ed over by Alderman William H. Eighth Army attack that cap-Brett, who in introducing Alder- tured Caldari, six miles from man T. R. Sorensen and alder- Ortona on the Adriatic coast of manic candidate, Alex Sinclair, Italy, and cost the Germans two stated that labor had plenty of hundred prisoners, Allied headbusiness ability as these two were actively managing one of Prince Rupert's biggest and fastest-growing businesses, namely, the Co-operative.

Alderman Sorensen, up for reelection, stated that nothing had been done during the commis- officers and 140 men. sionership except to pay the bondholders. Labor took over at fifteen mile section of the front the tail-end of that period with running in from the Adriatic the added handicap of a newly- Sea. acquired burden of heavily down of the city and encroach- bombers failing to return. ment on the rights of the city a tough fight to do nothing all year, fighting with those who had wrecked the facilities to repair them and it was a good job for the people the council. had done nothing which would have allowed the other parties concerned to seize the opportu-WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 15 nity to shove the whole burden

terests of all the citizens. In 1942 difference. Those present at the a labor council had been elected diner, for which Mrs. Sinclair which had done excellent, if dif- was a bounteous hostess, were ficult work, including Alderman Mathias Bright, George Moore, Daggett, now running for mayor. Eddie Benson, Edward Tait and It was the government which Solomon Bryant. Mr. Bright and had done nothing, not the labor Mr. Moore are two chiefs of the council, but the government village, Mr. Benson is church should act this coming year, organist, Mr. Tait, choir conparticularly if the voters en- ductor, and Mr. Bryant, choir dorsed the stand of the present master. After diner, Mr. Sincouncil. The outside groups clair made a speech, made his which had played havoc with appeal for an instituting of the considered that had the city's servance of Christmas. services not been already to hand these outside groups sponse for preparations are now would themselves have had to fully under way for all the provide them at their own ex- usual events of the Christmas children to take place on the pense, lock, stock and barrel season. Phil Ryan, Ed Benson, coming Saturday. were sharpened up to do better ing the city to keep in shape.

chairman of the utilities com- this entertainment for the Edgar Wilson are to be married. eferred to the absence of mittee, up for re-election, stated that, if the committee had not called on the people to carry their garbage cans out to the roadway, there would today be no garbage collection whatsoever in Rupert, as the help was about to quit owing to having! to work until 11:30 at night. Now the garbage collectors were able to put in a normal shift and spend some time with their families. The utilities committee provided the bulk of the finances which the other branches spent. New up-to-date fire equipment was in operation, the city's 2.000 telephones were operating at capacity but the ile delinquency. "I think we can What have you received city's trucks had been allowed to go to ruin during the com-

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Marshall Rommel Is Getting Command Of Entire German Army

CANADIANS ACTIVE-

complish but a program for Heaviest Air Blow of War on anti-Hitler peace plot by Bombers on Greece.

> ALGIERS, Dec. 15 (9) - Canaquarters announced today.

Canadian troops night raid rati, two miles moni vivala captured the commanding officer of the 361st Grenadier Division, his adjutant, four other

The Canadians are holding

Headquarters also announced strained facilities due to the war that more than three hundred influx into the city. Accusations bombers and fighters struck of independents that the labor Nazi-occupied Greece the greatcouncil had done nothing were est Allied blow of the air war correct in the sense that the over the Balkans yesterday with labor council had done nothing twelve German figurers downed to allow any further trampling in a big aerial battle, five Allied

estive Season to be Observed as Usual in Interior Town a Wedding to be Held.

KITWANGA, Dec. 15-Following an appeal by Harold Sinthe city apparently had not preparations for the usual ob-

The appeal met with good re-

LONDON, Dec. 15 (CP) Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, sent to northwest Europe as a kind of anti-invasion chief, may be given supreme command of the German army by Adolf Hitler in an effort to forestal an Balkans Delivered by Allied Junker generals, refugee leaders with close underground contacts in Germany said.

U. S. RAILWAY STRIKE CLEVELAND — December 30 has been set as the deadline for a general strike on United States railways to enforce demands for wage increases.

GREATEST RED OFFENSIVE MOSCOW-The greatest Red Army offensive so far in the war against Germany will commence this winter, an official statement said today.

WAR WITH RUSSIA TOKYO-Japanese war preparations are being made in Manchuria and the possibility ty of an outbreak with Russia is suggested.

KING 48 YEARS OLD LONDON - Yesterday was the forty-eighth birthday of the King. He spent the day quietly with his family.

EXECUTING ITALIANS LONDON-The Germans are executing as rapidly as possible Italian officers who are captured after fighting with the Allies.

TURKEY SITUATION

VANCOUVER - A turkey shortage may not be felt until after the New Year. Fraser Valley production is larger this year than last.

COAL OUTLOOK SERIOUS OTTAWA-The coal situation in Canada is said to be little better than in United States where a crisis looms

PNEUMONIA DEATHS

VANCOUVER-There have been eight deaths here from pneumonia. The influenza epidemic is reported to be under

but some of them balked at aid- R. Fowler, Solomon Bryant and December 23 has been left H. Sinclair have been appointed open for that is the day on Alderman Thomas Elliott, a Christmas Tree committee, which Miss Dorothy Dennis and

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