

## Our Air Service Gone

**A**FTER A SEASON of unofficial scheduled air service between Prince Rupert and Vancouver it is disappointing for Prince Rupert to have that service cut off by an order of the Air Transport Board which rules that, under the letter of the law, such a service cannot be continued until licence has been granted for a scheduled air service. Queen Charlotte Airlines did a good job in pioneering the commercial air service along this north coast and to the Islands in spite of the fact that rates were high and the aircraft were not of the luxurious type such as are found on the main air routes. The pity is that Q.C.A. will not be carrying on now at least until the scheduled air licence has been granted either to themselves or the Canadian Pacific Airlines who are also in the field for a licence and, at last reports, were preparing to go rather extensively into the development of the service including the installation of an air strip contiguous to Prince Rupert.

It is to be hoped, in view of the situation where Prince Rupert now finds itself again without a regular air service, that the Air Transport Board and the Canadian Pacific Airlines or the Queen Charlotte Airlines, will lose no time in getting the run going again with a minimum of delay.

### THE SMALL BOY'S SOAP

**N**OW THAT atomic research has been promoted to world politics, attention may be directed to those important minor fields of scientific study which necessarily are neglected in wartime. Consider, for instance, the significance of the correct solution to the problem of how little soap and water will wash the neck and ears of one small boy.

Probably more dissension and bitterness has grown out of disputes about the minimum amount of soap and water necessary to wash boys properly, than out of any other human controversy. Despite the fact that this problem has marred the lives of mothers and boys ever since it became fashionable to have boys clean for brief periods, no concerted effort ever has been made to determine scientifically the quantity of soap and water required for a given quantity of boy.

Grandmothers and favorite aunts have come closer than mothers to the right answer from the boys' standpoint, but they have erred so often in the use of too little, to the embarrassment of mothers, it is feared that the study cannot be left to them. School-teachers lean toward the use of too much. Psychologists, particularly those who deplore Santa Claus, are too apt to give boys a greater freedom of self-expression than is warranted by the appearance of the boys. Doctors are too inclined to regard anything less than a scrubbed, reddened skin as unhygienic. Fathers have proven their complete incapacity for the task.

Persons, perhaps only the judiciary, who can take an objective and impartial view of the problem should be found and appointed as a royal commission to determine quantities and to recommend procedures.

Tables indicating the minimum of soap and water necessary for the various conditions and sizes of boys could be made available through the schools.

Boys then would have the satisfaction of knowing that the fizzing of the soap in the ears, the smarting of it in the eyes, and the snaky shivers caused by escaping water trickling down the abdomen and back, are the least suffering necessary to civilized appearance at meal-times and on social occasions. Scales for the settlement of disputes between washes and washers should always be available. The saving in soap might solve the shortage.

No washing of boys at all is out of the question, although we knew an old man of over ninety who could not remember ever having had a bath. He enjoyed both the absence of soap and water and a degree of privacy that would make city dwellers envious. The possibilities of dry cleaning have been exhausted by the boys themselves.

### THE RATION OFFICE

**W**E DO NOT KNOW what the future of rationing is going to be and, there are no indications that it is going to be cut off soon, but, with the announced closing of the local ration office, which employs half a dozen people, it can be seen where considerable inconvenience might be caused by having this far removed district directly tributary to a headquarters at Vancouver.

It is to be questioned if there is any centre in the province, certainly none outside of the metropolitan areas in the south, the closing of which would cause more inconvenience than will be entailed in the closing here.

### TUBERCULOSIS SEAL SALE ON

With the addressing through the mails of the sheets, the Kinsmen Club annual sale of tuberculosis seals is now under way and already the responses are coming in. The committee in charge is relying upon the public to be as prompt and generous

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## PILOTAGE DISCUSSED

**Council of Chamber of Commerce in Session With Officials—Increase in Fees Proposed**

To discuss pilotage matters as affecting this port, particularly in the light of a proposal that is now being considered to increase pilotage charges in order to provide higher remuneration for the pilots, Capt. E. S. Slcombe, assistant supervisor of Nautical Services, Department of Transport, Ottawa, and Capt. C. Claxton, superintendent of pilots, Vancouver, were in the city last night and met with the executive of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce.

There was a general discussion and the opinion was expressed that there was no particular objection to the remuneration of the pilots being made more satisfactory to them but it was important that there should be no unnecessary burden placed on shipping or port costs and that any increase that should be made in pilotage charges should be equitable and proportionate to all parts. The matter will be discussed by the Chamber's port committee and brought up at the regular monthly meeting of the Chamber next Friday.

In answer to one of many questions that were asked in regard to pilotage service, Capt. Claxton told the meeting that, if there was a qualified pilot available at this port, he would be added to the list of coast pilots as station pilot. Meanwhile, with little shipping requiring the services of a pilot using the port, it was not considered economic to maintain a Vancouver-resident pilot here.

Capt. Slcombe and Capt. Claxton were here aboard the steamer Princess Adelaide making the round trip north from Vancouver.

## FIREMEN HIT AT FIRST AID REQUIREMENT

Dissatisfied with a resolution passed at the last city council meeting two weeks ago which would make it mandatory for a first class city fireman to hold an industrial first aid certificate, a delegation of firemen last night succeeded in having the matter referred back to the utilities committee.

Firemen Milton Hauser, Jack Ewart and Jack Furness, acting as delegates for the local firemen's union, charged that the mandatory first aid requirement "would penalize a good fireman who might not be able to pass the test."

They told the meeting that six firemen who had recently started taking first aid classes voluntarily, had stopped taking such instruction pending satisfactory settlement with city council.

"In other industries qualified first aid men get from \$15 to \$20 a month extra. You are requiring us to have it as part of our ordinary qualifications," Jack Furness told the aldermen. Council had previously authorized an expenditure of up to \$15 for tuition for those firemen who would take the classes. However, the delegation objected to a clause under which the city could be re-imbursed if the fireman left his job within two years of taking the course.

Foreseeing a lengthy debate before the matter is finally settled, the council members referred it to the utilities committee for discussion.

Under the provincial fire law, a qualified first aid man is required to be aboard the fire truck every time it leaves the hall on a fire call.

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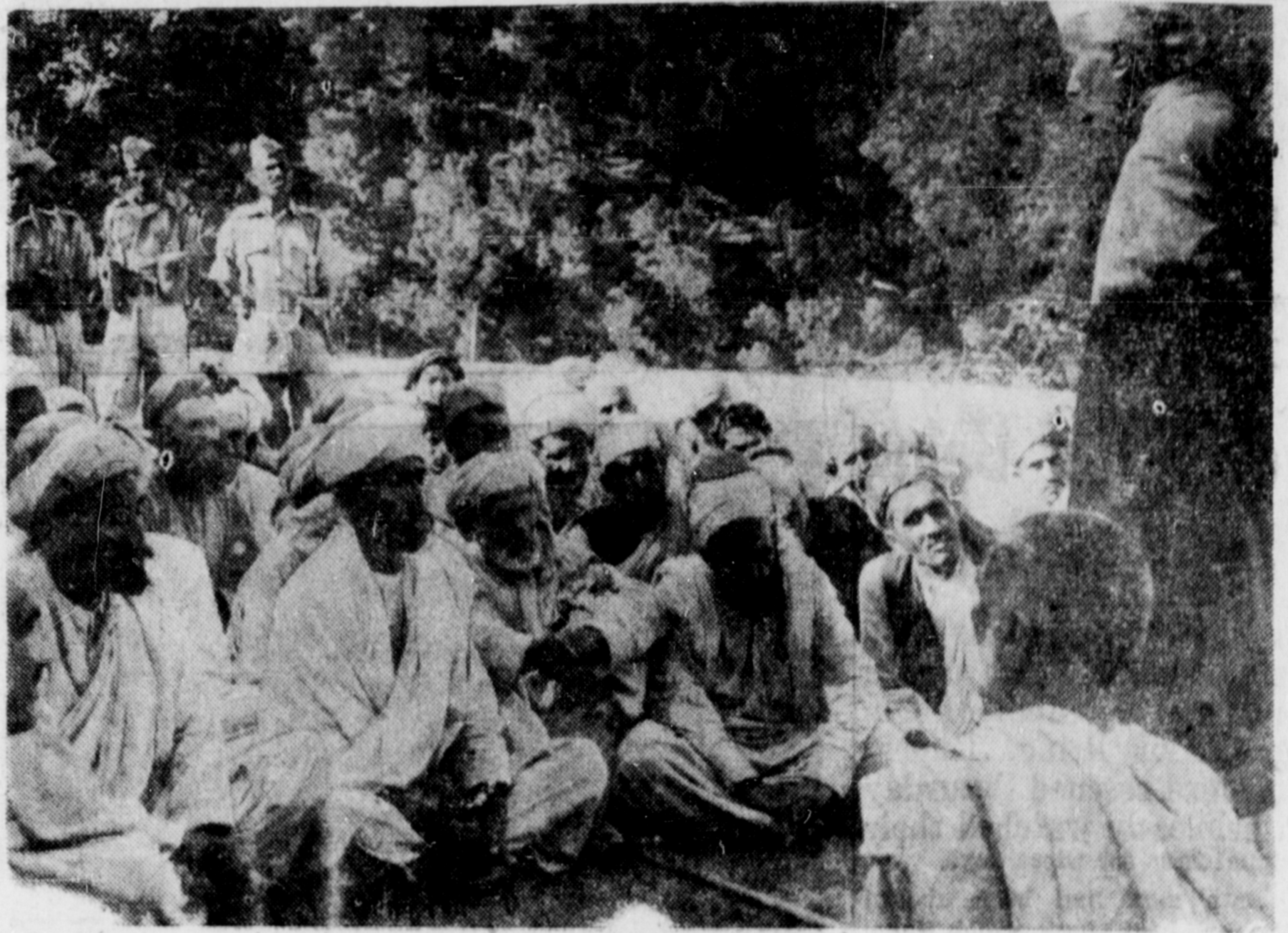
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**NEHRU JOINS IN PLEA FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT INDIA**—Violence flared in Bombay as two Hindu and two Moslem leaders of India's interim government appealed jointly for restoration of peace throughout India. The four issuing the call for an end to the Moslem-Hindu disorders were Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, former president of the predominantly Hindu All-India Congress; Kardar Vallabhai Patel, Congress leader; Liaquat Ali Khan, Moslem league secretary, and Sardar Abdur Rab Nishtar, league official. Photo shows Nehru (wearing white cap) with Dr. Khan Sahib, premier of the northwest frontier province, Khan Abdul Ghaffar, and others, addressing tribesmen in Waziristan.

## What City Council Did

Referred to City Engineer E. A. Phillips a request by the Civic Employees Union that the workmen's lunch room be made "habitable" as a lunch room for outside workers.

Adopted a committee of the whole report recommending that the City Engineer be authorized to make further investigations into the proposed location of a roadway to the new fishermen's floats at Fairview Bay and arrive at cost comparison between the two present proposed routes and any other suitable location where the grade will not exceed five percent.

Turned over the balance of the 1946 school board estimates, totalling \$27,000 to the board, at the request of Schools Secretary Mrs. M. M. Roper.

Declined a request by Lloyd Boychuk to rent the garage connected with the present Pioneers' Home on Sixth Avenue on grounds that storage of an automobile there might create a fire hazard for the elderly men living in another part of the building.

Passed a motion authorizing the purchase of \$15,000 in provincial or Dominion government bonds with funds from the Cliff Ford Trust Account, which contains some \$17,000.

Approved a finance committee report authorizing the sale of city-owned lot 22 block 29, section 8 to Art Ferguson for \$110.

Passed October accounts totalling \$87,820 for payment on recommendation of the finance committee.

Approved the granting of a trade license to Happy Wong and Co. to carry on a wholesale fruit and vegetable business on recommendation of licensing committee.

Adopted a recommendation of utilities committee that a card index system for un-

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 Trustees from Massett: Harry R. Ford, who will serve for a two-year term; Wesley Singer, who will serve for a one-year term; and Fred Ward, who will serve for a one-year term.  
 Trustees from Queen Charlotte: Port Clements on the island. The elections took place at the various centres. Members re-elected carried out under the supervision of Mr. Hyndman.  
 Mr. Hyndman returned to the city at the week end, leaving two weeks on the island.

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