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TRISTE ARGUMENT BEFORE "BIG FOUR"—Shows members of the Italian government who are making their Trieste arguments before the Big Four council ministers, at the Waldorf Astoria, New York, where the Big Four is now holding sessions. Left to right, Alberto De Gasperi, Italian ambassador to Washington who delivered the statement on Trieste; Ambassador to London Carandini; and to Moscow; Quaroni and Meli Lupi Di Soragna, ambassador to Paris. Representatives of the Yugoslav government present their argument on Trieste to the Big Four council shown in lower photo. They are: Ales Bebler, deputy minister; Sava N. Kusanovic, Yugoslav ambassador to St. James; Simic, foreign minister and L. Leontic, ambassador to London.

Families Have Narrow Escape in Vancouver Blaze

VANCOUVER—Four families, including fifteen children, were rendered homeless early today and narrow escapes when fire destroyed a two-storey apartment building on West Fourth Avenue. The building, which was tenanted by the tenants, escaped in their night attire, lost all their effects. The fire broke out at 5 a.m. Hector Sigouin, war veteran, smashed windows with his bare feet and climbed nude on a glass-sprinkled sash to save his bed-ridden wife, suffering from lung trouble, whom he carried down to safety from the second floor. The fifteen occupants included ten children, seven in one family. They face a problem in obtaining new lodgings in this already crowded city. Damage is estimated at \$60,000.

IS PONDERING CITY'S CLAIM

Ottawa's Decision In Reparations Here Further Delayed
Consideration by the federal Treasury Board of Prince Rupert's year-old claim for compensation for wartime damage to the city's streets by military vehicles has been halted by a lack of information but "further consideration will be given at a reasonably early date." Mayor H. M. Daggett was so advised Thursday by G. R. Hunter, executive assistant to Defence Minister Hon. Douglas Abbott, whose department has referred the matter to the Treasury Board. The compensation claim arose out of the findings of a committee headed by Brigadier Walsh last November, which estimated the total cost of rehabilitating the city's streets would be about \$344,000 and sewers, \$6,610. What percentage of this figure the city will receive in way of compensation is subject to the Treasury Board's decision. During the last year, several requests for action on the matter have been sent by the city.

JEW REFUGEES ARE DEPORTED

JERUSALEM—The Palestine government's high court today rejected an attempt to prevent the deportation of nearly 4,000 uncertified Jewish immigrants to Cyprus, and it was announced officially that three British troopships would leave immediately with the refugees. Speculation arose that the court's decision might cause underground violence, dormant for 10 days, to flare again.

Peacemaking Is Near Completion

LIFE FOR TORTURER

Jap Prisoner of War Official Sentenced for Abusing Canadians at "The Frog"

OTTAWA, ©—Kojie Tsuda, civilian employee of Sednal, prisoner of war camp at Honshu, Japan, known to Canadian prisoners of war as "The Frog," was sentenced to life imprisonment in Tokyo Thursday for beating and mistreating of Canadian and other Allied captives, advices to Ottawa said.

MENNONITES ARE COMING

Chilliwack Has Report of 8,000 Migrating to Fraser Valley But Ottawa Knows Nothing

CHILLIWACK, ©—Eight thousand Mennonites who have left their homes in Russia plan to come to Canada and 2,000 will be settled on agricultural lands in the Chilliwack area, H. L. G. Sukkau, Mennonite colony spokesman, said here Thursday. He said that \$50,000 had been collected here to pay transportation of the immigrants who are now in Holland.

At Ottawa immigration authorities said they had no information about the reported immigration of Mennonites and added that no landing letters have been issued by the Dominion government to any foreign nations. At Kitchener, Ontario, an official of the Mennonite colonization organization described the Chilliwack report as "wishful thinking." The only Mennonite migration from Europe at present under arrangement was the sending of 2000 to Argentina.

MADE IT—IN PYJAMAS

WAKEFIELD, England ©—William Cooke, independent candidate, arrived in pyjamas and dressing gown to hand in his municipal nominations recently. He had worked all night at his car-hire service and the alarm clock failed while he took an afternoon nap.

PENSION FOR EVERYBODY

VICTORIA, ©—Under his plan for a provincially-operated contributory old age pension scheme involving a turnover tax on all retail sales exclusive of food, Hon. Gordon Wismer, attorney general, would abolish the means test and make the pension available to all. In an interview on Wednesday, favoring such an old age pension, Mr. Wismer said he saw no national contributory old age pension plan during the current generation because some eastern provinces did not favor it. The only practical way of meeting the problem was for British Columbia to inaugurate its own plan.

LIVERPOOL, Eng. ©—A doctor who spilled iodine on a patient's new suit while trying to dab it on the back of his neck was ordered to pay £17 (\$40) and costs by a county court judge.

Bulletins

KING'S BROADCAST
LONDON—The King will make his traditional Christmas broadcast to the Empire from Sandringham at 7 a.m. (P.S.T.) Christmas Day.

CITY GETS HANGAR
VANCOUVER—A special committee of the city council today completed negotiations for lease of a hangar at the Vancouver airport at a "nominal figure."

THAMES IN FLOOD
LONDON—Thames River flood continues. There is water to a depth of three feet in some Windsor houses.

Lewis Says Not Guilty

Judge Comments Adversely—Lopping Time Off Hearing

WASHINGTON, D.C. ©—John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, entered a formal plea of "not guilty" when his contempt of court trial resumed this afternoon. He also waived the right to trial by jury, leaving the judge as sole arbiter of the case. Judge T. Alan Goldsborough earlier today had ordered Lewis to stand trial for contempt of court, and upheld the court's right to enjoin the walkout in the soft coal mines, despite federal anti-injunction laws. Goldsborough said that his court had the right to enjoin "a labor union that was about to do something against the public good and against the union itself."

The ruling cut short a day and a half of arguments by counsel for Lewis that the court lacked authority to restrain the United Mine Workers from terminating its contract with the government.

This notice by Lewis was followed by the walkout of 400,000 miners.

Before handing down his decision, Judge Goldsborough had remarked that, by refusing to obey the court's order to keep the coal contract in force, Lewis had "in effect" pleaded guilty.

This was challenged by one of Lewis's lawyers who said: "He has not entered any plea of guilty, your honor."

John F. Sonnett, chief government counsel, announced that the government was ready to present its first witness. The court then adjourned until this afternoon.

THE WEATHER

Forecast
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Overcast, becoming cloudy this afternoon. Widely scattered rain-showers. Overcast tonight with intermittent rain on Saturday morning, becoming cloudy on Saturday afternoon. Variable winds increasing to southeasterly (20 m.p.h.) tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

CARDIGAN, Wales ©—Protests are being made against a War Office proposal to take over 16,000 acres in the beautiful Prescelly Hill for permanent use as a heavy artillery range.

FREE PORT REPORT READY FOR PRESENTATION TO CABINET

OTTAWA ©—A 20,000-word report on the possibilities of establishing free ports in Canada will be placed before the federal cabinet in about a fortnight. It was learned yesterday. Definite conclusions as to the feasibility of setting up free zones is included in the report but there is no information as to whether the findings of the survey are for or against the system. Possibility of free ports in Canada was at first suggested by Quebec which, with Halifax and Vancouver as well as other ports are reported on.

GUNSHOT WAS DEATH CAUSE

Coroner's Jury Makes Finding In Case of Hazelton Woman

A verdict of "death by gunshot wound" was returned by a coroner's jury at Hazelton on Thursday afternoon following an inquest into the death of Mrs. Eileen West of South Hazelton, who was killed while on a hunting trip east of Hazelton Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. West was a member of a hunting party which included her husband, Leslie H. West, South Hazelton sawmill operator, and Fred Spitzl, about 19 miles east of Hazelton. She was shot by Spitzl, apparently in mistake for a game animal, at 4:25 Wednesday afternoon. The jury, empanelled by the coroner, Dr. Donald Murohy of Hazelton, brought in the following verdict: "Mrs. Eileen West came to her death from a gunshot wound at about 4:25 p.m. Wednesday, November 27, in the woods some three-quarters of a mile from the residence of F. Ladelle, about 19 miles from Hazelton. "Further, we find that this shot was fired from a rifle in the hands of one Fred Spitzl."

Constable W. A. West of the Hazelton detachment of the provincial police investigated the fatality. Mrs. West was already dead when her body was brought to Winch Memorial Hospital at Hazelton.

SEAL COVE AIR BASE

City Still in Quandry—Being Turned Over to War Assets Tomorrow

With the military seaplane base at Seal Cove reportedly being placed in the hands of War Assets Corporation tomorrow, Prince Rupert attitude toward taking over part of the wartime installation for commercial use has not yet been clarified, despite an offer made by the Department of Reconstruction last May. For the last five months, City Council has been seeking more specific information than was contained in the original offer which would allow Prince Rupert to take over all, or part of the base for \$1, plus payment of insurance premiums on 25 per cent of the construction cost of the buildings used.

Information sought by council has been:

1. Construction costs of the buildings.
2. Insurance costs which would have to be borne by the city, should the installation, or part of it, be taken over for a municipal air base.

The original offer by the government, which has not since been enlarged upon, came from Hon. C. D. Howe's Department of Reconstruction which also is the controlling body for War Assets Corporation. Council feels that the priority offered the city last May will be recognized by War Assets, should the city decide to take the seaplane base over. However, factors which also must be considered by the City Council are the withdrawal of regular seaplane flights between Prince Rupert and Vancouver by Queen Charlotte Airlines, which used the base, and the possibility of a landing strip being built on Tugwell Island by Canadian Pacific Airlines.

FUR PRICES GOING DOWN

Peak Has Been Reached, President of Auction Company Announces

WINNIPEG, ©—Fur prices, "like most other commodities," have reached their peak and will probably decline 20 to 25 per cent, George Soudak, president of the Major Fur Auction Co., said yesterday.

ARMS PROPOSALS ARE CHALLENGED

LAKE SUCCESS, New York ©—Australia today challenged Russia's army reduction proposals with a demand for assurance that any system of United Nations controls and inspections would not be subject to veto by the Soviet Union and other great powers.

Local Tides
Saturday, November 30, 1946
High 6:00 17.0 feet
 17:25 17.5 feet
Low 11:40 11.0 feet

Big Four Expect To Conclude Their Job With Coming Week

NEW YORK (CP)—Cheered by the possibility of completing their peacemaking here in another week, the Big Four foreign ministers reached a showdown today on Russia's demand that Yugoslavia be given a greater share than Greece of the war reparations to be paid by Italy and Bulgaria.

Briggs Gets Rupert Ship

Five Hundred Ton Vessel For Prince Rupert Alaska Run

JUNEAU—Charles Smith, president of the Juneau Merchants Association, has been advised that the Briggs Steamship Company will begin its Prince Rupert - Southeastern Alaska freight run in March. The company notified him it already has one ship with minimum 220-ton refrigerator capacity, 500-ton total capacity.

TROUBLE IN IRAN AGAIN

Azerbaijan Moving Once More To Assert its Independence

TEHRAN, ©—The Azerbaijan provincial government, apparently on the verge of re-asserting its independence, was reported yesterday to be erecting fortifications in the path of Iranian government troops dispatched from Tehran to supervise the elections of the northern state. The troops were being sent, the government said, to maintain order during the elections.

Britain's Defence Bill Is Approved

LONDON ©—The House of Commons today passed the government's Ministry of Defence bill which sets up a defence ministry to co-ordinate the work of the three armed services. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, will become the defence minister.

CHIANG NOW BOWING OUT

Says His Political Career Over With National Assembly Taking Over

NANKING, ©—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek presented to the National Assembly a constitution for representative self-government yesterday and, in an emotion-packed speech, told his countrymen that he considered his political career at an end. The full import of Chiang's words were not clear but he said: "Now that the National Assembly has taken over, I have no more political ambitions."

Royal Family to Visit South Africa

LONDON, ©—The Royal Family will sail for South Africa in February aboard the battleship Vanguard. They will entrain at Waterloo Station and embark from Portsmouth.

MORE CANNED SALMON NOW

Considerably Larger Quantity Available for Domestic Market in Spite of Smaller Pack

OTTAWA, ©—The Department of Fisheries announced last night that more canned salmon would go on the domestic market from this year's pack than in any recent year with the allocation of 500,000 cases against 300,000 last year and much less than that in several earlier years. The enlargement of domestic supply has been brought about in spite of a 400,000 case decrease in the British Columbia pack for this year. The Department estimates the British Columbia pack will not be more than 1,300,000 cases as against 1,700,000 cases last year.

RESTRICTIONS BEING LIFTED

Imports Becoming Free Again
Duties and Machinery Limited
TAXA, ©—Nineteen war-time and post-war orders-including limiting imports into Canada have been cleaned off the statute books and the list of restricted articles has been boiled down to one order, it was disclosed yesterday. All limitations on machinery and a wide range of other articles have been taken off but on certain textiles and textiles they re-