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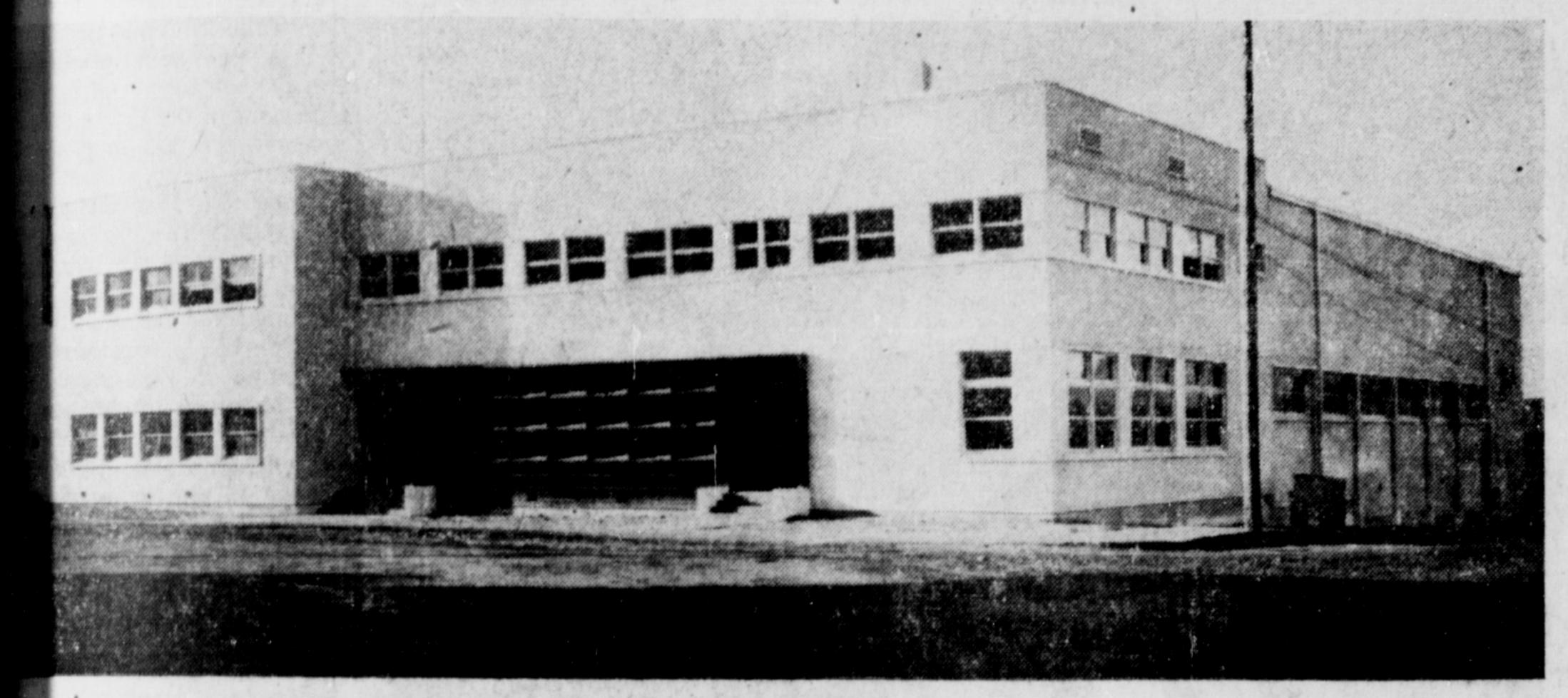
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RE MOVE AROUSES CITY

Budden Army Move 10 Uet Possession of Recreation Lentre Is Unitedly Protested

THE STORM CENTRE



Prince Rupert's Y.M.C.A. War Services Building pledged as Post-war Civic Centre.

legraphic Barrage on ttawa City's Answer

Public, Political, Social, Service and Religious Organization Join With One Indignant Voice

Definite disclosure Monday that Pacific Comhad requested that the \$160,000 Y.M.C.A. War ervices building in Prince Rupert be turned over to e Army for use as an armory for a small permanforce and such militia as may be maintained

ell as a bombshell in the community and by early had set off a storm of ty protest in the form gossip in Army quarters here, egraphic barrage cen- that the building would not be direct upon the minister nal defence at Ottawa turned over as pledged but was esigned to head off the being requisitioned by the Army By 10 p.m. city council, through Pacific Command for and junior chambers of use as an armory for the small ce, Prince Rupert Rela- permanent force and such miluncil, Rotary, Gyro, and itia as might be in establishen's Clubs, Sons of Noranadian Legion, all Im- ment here. This led to inquiry Order, Daughters of the from official quarters during chapters, Prince Rupert the week-end and yesterday, as al Association, Roman a result of long distance teleorganization, Women's phonic communication and wirian Club, Business and ed advices, it became definitely sional Women's Club, Parknown that Pacific Command eachers' Association, Libhad requested that the building onservative, C.C.F., and be turned over to the Army in rogressive parties, labor repudiation of previous repeated and other bodies had assurances to the city from Dein wired representations partment of National War Serve Prince Rupert Civic ices that the building would be available as from February 28. n Board in possibly the the matter of price to be denous expression of dignation that this city has termined by later arbitration. The protest against the move voiced. Even today the wave of the Army to gain possession est was still under way the breach of faith that of the building was supported with the representation that the war services building was entirely unsuitable for use as an

be implied in such a move over to the Army the ig which had been pledged city for use as a civic and on the basis of which a staff had been engaged porate preparations made formal taking over and ation of the civic centre first of next week. had been vague rumors

k, arising evidently from

midnight last night, after e of messages had gone oughly aroused as Prince Ruard on the wires to the ment of National Deat Ottawa, the editor of Paily News dispatched a lization. se to the Prime Minisdvising him of the public Solid Front nation which had been sed. Mr. King was referthe Department of Na-Defence for confirmathese representations.

Prince Rupert's United Voice To Save Civic Centre

Some of messages addressed to Minister of National Defence.

CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT-

Understand Pacific Command endeavouring to have lecal Y.M.C.A. building retained by Army for armory purposes. Request you review correspondence under Department National Defence file outlining conditions under which proposed transfer of property from city to department was to be effected. On strength of telegram from secretary and liaison officer Department National War Services that board of arbitration was now being created by Department National Defence to arrange sale of building to Civic Centre Association and definite arrangements between association and War Services for transfer to be effected February 28 the association has entered into definite contracts for operation of building after that date. Ample buildings available here for armery purposes including navy drill hall and several Canadian and American Army buildings all now vacant. Request your immediate attention to clarify situation as arrangements for formal civic opening already made for March 3 including commemorative issues of local newspapers and other commitments which cannot now armory or for military training be changed.

SENIOR CHAMBER

purposes, and that there were

other buildings surplus and

available which would be more

adaptable. This was frankly ad-

mitted by one senior ranking

military officer richly experi-

enced in military administra-

tion, who urged that the strong-

voice as the leaders of the city's

many organizations swung into

speedy action to draft their

messages of protest. Seldom, if

ever before in the city's history,

had the public been so thor-

pert's long-cherished civic cen-

tre dream became gravely men-

aced on the eve of its material-

Prince Rupert organized

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See "CIVIC CENTRE"

est protest be made.

Soon Organized

OF COMMERCE-Executive Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce wishes to advise you proposal now before Headquarters Department National Defence where-There was not a dissenting by Y. M. C. A. War Services Building in Prince Rupert would be turned over to Army instead of Civic Centre Association would arouse sterm of protest throughout entire community as breach of faith. Would refer you to undertakings made by Department National Defence with City Prince Rupert whereby building being turned over February 28 to Civic Centre Association for use as civic centre. Already permanent staff engaged for operation as civic solid front Monday against an centre and plans perfected and announced for official opening March 3. Would point

out this building entirely unsuitable for use as armory or for military training purposes but other buildings available and surplus here would be admirably fitted for use as armory. Reply would be appreci-

JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Strengly protest last minute change in plans for War Services Building here. Suggest Civic Centre Association be granted full use of building immediately and complete investigation be made of wholly unnecessary breach of public confidence.

CIVIC CENTRE ASSOCIATION-

Department's action re War Services Building here provokes serious situation. Consider change in plans at this time quite unjustified and strengly recommend you reconsider to permit arrangements between Y.M.C.A. and this association to proceed as

CIVIC CENTRE BOARD-

For two years the Recreation Board of the Civic Centre Association has made plans for the operation of the Y.M.C.A. recreation centre to be turned over to them by the government as per original agreement between city and government. On advice Secretary Pifher of National War Services Department that Y.M.C.A. would be available March 1 membership drive held with over one thousand tion Board have employed full city is of vital importance and we respectfully request Department National Defence adherence to agreement with the city. May we point out

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CONFIDENCE IS VOTED

C.C.F. Motion in Legislature Rejected By Division of 34 to 10

VICTORIA (P) — Division bells rang in the Legislature Monday for the first time on a want of confidence motion by the C.C.F. opposition leader, Harold Winch. The motion, seconded by Randolph Harding, C.C.F. member for Kaslo-Slocan, was defeated

Tom Uphill, Labor, Fernie, paired with G. S. Wismer, Coalitionist, Vancouver-Centre, who was absent.

to the Speech from the Throne. one national Chinese army was Mr. Winch, in the Throne signed on Monday. Speech debate, accused the government of failure to plan ade- reduction of government forces quately for the post-war period. to 50 divisions and Communist He urged extension of the Pa- troops to ten divisions within cific Great Eastern to the Peace 18 months. River and inauguration immedi-

ately of a low cost housing

scheme. Mr. Harding said the government had formulated no policy to meet the needs of veterans' re-establishment.

DEFENCE DEPT. "DEALING WITH" "Y" DISPUTE

Only reply up to noon today to the barrage of telegrams sent by local organizations and citizens of the Departments of National Defence and National War Services over the last 24 hours in the effort to save the Civic Centre was a telegram received late this morning by Mayor H. M. Daggett.

Sent by C. H. Payne, deputy minister of National War services, the telegram said that the Defence Department is "dealing with the matter and we will communicate with

Local Tides

Wednesday,	February	27, 1	946
High	10:17	17.9	fee
	23:43	16.5	fee
Low	4:16	10.7	fee
	17:16	5.9	fee

Border Between France And Spain Is Closing

PARIS (CP) — The French government today ordered the frontier with France and Spain closed effective at midnight March 1, declaring that the present sination in Spain constitutes a "danger for international security." Tension between the two countries has been growing for a week.

on a straight party vote of 34 CHINESE ARMIES to 10.

CHUNGKING O-An agree-The motion asked for an am- ment merging central governendment to the motion in reply ment and Communist forces into

The agreement provides for a

New York Mayor Appeals to C.I.O.

NEW YORK (- Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York has appealed to C.I.O. President Philip Murray to avert a tie-up of New York's subways. street cars and buses. A telegram sent by the mayor to Murray said the strike of C.I.O. transport workers threatened "for any hour after Tuesday midnight" would result in "grave injury to New York's millions and to the cause of organized labor."

RACE RIOTING IN TENNESSEE

COLUMBIA, Tennessee (P) -One hundred state highway patrol men, backed by 400 state guardsmen, moved into the Negro-populated district of Columbia in this state at dawn today after a night of riotous race disorders and by midmorning more than a score of arrests had been made. At least ten persons were wounded in disturbances which developed from the shooting of four Columbia policemen in the section known as the "Mink Slide" where the disorders centred.

The Undertaking

Basis of Claim to Y.M.C.A. Building As Civic Centre

in which the Y.M.C.A. war ser- premises should not be used they vices centre was pledged to the could be immediately turned city of Prince Rupert for use over to the Civic Committee. as a civic centre:

pert, January 6, 1944:

December 21st, and wish to ad- live to be agreed upon by the planned. Immediate reply re- vise that the Department of Na- other two parties. tional War Services are prepared to make the two changes as suggested by the Civic Centre Asso. ciation of Prince Rupert. These changes are:

> (a) That the shingles shall be laid 5 inches to the weather in- tice stead of 7 inches as presently

(b) That the gymnasium and auditorium plans be reversed. On the strength of this clause

the Department of National Defence made the alterations referred to at a cost of \$3000).

concurring in the above two construction of the Recreational children and teen agers al- changes you advise that the City Centre may be commenced. ready participating. Members of Prince Rupert would be willawaiting opening of Civic ing to give consideration to the you would wire your concurrence Centre Building. Recrea- sale of the land required for the to the above and in the mean-Recreational Centre at a nomi- time we will hasten the appointstaff and all organizations in nal price, on the understanding ment of an agent for the Departthe city have set up combined that an undertaking between the ment of Justice at Prince Ruorganization to make this the | Civic Centre Committee and the | pert." finest community centre in Department of National Defence City Concurs Canada in a building designed | would be entered into as to the | To Agreement

until six months after the ces- to 12 inclusive block 14, section sation of hostilities due to the 1, for \$1."

use required of the building for Here is the key correspondence that period. If however, the The amount of purchase price Letter from C. M. Bowes, for will be that arrived at by a Board real estate advisor, to city clerk, of Arbitration made up of one city of Prince Rupert, Prince Ru- representative from the Crown, one from the Civic Centre Asso-"I have for reply your letter of ciation, and the third representa-

fact that there may be a certain

"It is our understanding that such arrangement is agreeable both to the City of Prince Rupert and the Civic Centre Association and to that end we are asking the Department of Justo appoint an agent in Prince Rupert to draw the nec essary agreement and obtain the signature of the Civic Centre Association thereto.

"When this agreement is obtained it will be placed immediately before the appropriate officials of the Department for "By the Federal Government ratification in order that the

"It would be appreciated

National Defence, Jan. 18, 1944: mum, 45.

"In this regard, however, the "City concurs agreement out-Department is not prepared to lined your letter Sixth and will give possession of the premises sell southerly forty feet lots 8

Bulletins

STRIKES SETTLED

NEW YORK - New York's threatened big transport strike, scheduled to begin at midnight tonight, will not take place, Mayor O'Dwyer announced today. The Houston, Texas, civic employees' strike dispute has also been settled as has been the twoday-old breadmakers' strike in Detroit.

REPATRIATION PROGRESS OTTAWA -- Hon. Douglas Abbott, minister ef national defence, announced today that all Canadian service personnel overseas will be home by September or October. Servicemen's wives and children will all be in Canada by November or December.

CANADA'S NAVY OTTAWA - Canada's active peacetime navy will consist of one carrier, two cruisers and eight destroyers and a personnel totalling 10,000. The Canadian Navy will co-operate closely with the Royal Navy.

VERNON INVESTIGATION VERNON -- The provincial police analyist from Victoria has arrived to assist Inspector Ernest Gammon in the investigation into the death of a Chinese restaurant owner who was found dead with a bullet in his head and a butcher knife in his hand. The question is whether it was murder or suicide.

LIQUOR RATION SAME VICTORIA-The liquor ration for British Columbia in March will be the same as in February, it was announced

BIG SUDBURY FIRE SUDBURY, Ont .- Six stores and 14 apartments were destroyed in an early morning fire here teday, loss being estimated at \$40,000. Occupants of the apartments escaped in night attire in 10 below zero weather.

HOUSING PROJECT VANCOUVER-The Vancouver city council today made available property on which Heusing Enterprises of Canada will erect rental housing valued at \$500,000 and accommodating 150 families.

WOULD JOIN CHINA

TIENTSIN, China-The Republican Daily News ef Tientsin asserts that eastern Inner Mongolia is ready to join nationalist China as a semiautonomous province. Previously, it had been reported that the area desired to become a full repassic.

VATICAN'S BUSY WEEK VATICAN CITY - This is another busy week at Vatican City where new cardinals created at last week's concistory are getting ready to take over their titular churches at Rome. One Canadian is involved - Toronto's Cardinal McGuigan.

Weather Forecast Today and Wednesday-Over-

cast with rain. Mild. Winds, exactly for that purpose. The purchase of the structure by the Telegram from H. D. Thain, fresh to strong. Maximum temwelfare of the youth of this | Civic Centre Association immedi- city clerk, to G. M. Bowes, real perature today, 46, minimum toately following cessation of hos- estate advisor, Department of night, 41. Wednesday's maxi-

> LIFE OF SAGE Confucious is believed to have been born in China in 551 B.C.

and to have died in 479 B.C.

DEFENCE OF EMPIRE TO BE STUDIED

LONDON (P - British Commonwealth defence policy, answering the needs of Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa-all more powerfully armed than at any time in their history-will, it is understood, be discussed by the prime ministers of Britain and the Dominions when they meet in London within the next two months as a prelude to the Paris

peace conference. It is nearly ten years since an Imperial conference of prime ministers has made full scale. independent examination of defence requirements of the Commonwealth and, since that time, the position has been radically altered by the war.

Merchant Seamen Director Named

OTTAWA ()-Transport Minister Lionel Chevrier yesterday announced the appointment of Capt. George Johnson of Vancouver as acting director of merchant seamen to succeed Arthur Randles who has returned to his peacetime work in Montreal.

First Radar Is Installed

Steamer Prince Rupert Captain Is Enthusiastic

First radar set ever installed on a Canadian passenger vessel is now operating successfully in the Canadian National ss Prince Rupert, which operates between Vancouver, Prince Rupert and

Ketchikan. Radar, the "magic eye" that played such a prominent part in defeating the Axis powers, is now mobilized for peace to defeat navigational dangers on the British Columbia and Alaska

Captain E. B. Caldwell, master of the well known Canadian National steamer, again ready to handle summer tourists this year after a busy period during war, is enthusiastic about the new navigational aid. Naturally, he is proud his vessel is first to be so equipped. On his last voyage, Captain Caldwell stated, the set was given a thorough test. In all kinds of weather, fog, snow or rain, every rock, buoy or craft, small and large, show up on the "scan" on the bridge so the officer of the watch can tell at a glance when danger approaches.

The installation on ss Prince Rupert is one of several being undertaken by the Department of Transport and the National Research Council to introduce radar to commercial shipping interests. A similar installation is now being made on another Canadian National vessel, the car ferry 'Prince Edward Island' which operates between Cape (Continued on Page 4)

EXPROPRIATION

WAS LAUNCHED New Turn in Y.M.C.A.

War Services-Civic Centre **Building Situation** A new angle in connection

with the Y.M.C.A. war services building-civic centre situation developed this afternoon with the intimation by W. O. Fulton to City Clerk H. D. Thain that expropriation proceedings had been instituted a year ago by the Department of National Defence for the site on Second Avenue at McBride Street. However, this may not alter the present picture materially at this time, commented the city clerk, since expropriation could at any time be resorted to if the Department was determined to obtain the property.