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North Pacific Fisheries Faced by Russians

GOVERNOR OF WASHINGTON SEES THREAT FROM SOVIET SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH JAPS ONCE PRESENTED

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—Governor M. C. Wallgren of Washington expressed fears here Tuesday for the future of the \$1,000,000 yearly northern Pacific fishing industry, saying that the Russians had been fishing waters formerly pried by the Japanese. Governor of Washington is here as head of a west coast group meeting with Secretary of State James F. Byrnes.

After the meeting, Governor Wallgren told reporters that he had related the Russian fishermen had moved in where the Japanese had left off and that he feared old disputes between rival fishing groups might flare up anew.

Wallgren said that the delegation from the states of Washington, Oregon and California had asked Mr. Byrnes for "highest level" consideration of the situation.

FIVE ARE EXECUTED

Four Prisoners of War and Boy-Killer Put to Death At Lethbridge Today

LETHBRIDGE—Execution took place at the Lethbridge jail early this morning of four German prisoners of war, who had been convicted of murdering one of their number, and Donald Sherman Staley, killer of a six-year-old boy.

Last night three of the Germans had attempted to take their lives. Their request to be shot instead and hanged had been rejected.

The three Germans attempted suicide by slashing their wrists with razor blades smuggled into the prison.

The Germans were: Sgt. Maj. Bruno Perencowski, aged 34; Sgt. Maj. Heinrich Bush, 29; Sgt. Maj. Willi Mueller, 31, and Sgt. Walter Wolf, 29. They were hanged for the murder of a fellow-prisoner at Medicine Hat prison camp in 1944.

The Germans, considering that their slaying of the compatriot had been an act of loyalty to the Reich, refused to associate in any way with the Canadian ex-soldier murderer.

The Canadian ex-soldier, 29 years of age, paid with his life for the sex-slavery of six-year-old Donnie Goss of Calgary. Staley was also the self-confessed slayer of 11-year-old Gary Billings of Vancouver last July 5. He spent his last hours in the prison assembling a jigsaw puzzle.

WITNESS FINED SECOND TIME

QUEBEC (CP)—John Maynard How, sharply denounced yesterday as a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect by court recorder Jean Mercier, appeared in court again today and was convicted on a second charge.

How was found guilty today of illegally distributing pamphlets, and was fined \$100 and costs with an alternative three months jail sentence. He went to jail.

Yesterday he was fined \$40 and costs, or a two-months jail sentence.

Recorder Mercier branded the Witnesses of Jehovah as "witnesses of falsehood" and said that if he were permitted, he would give a sentence of life imprisonment to every member of the sect convicted.

Local Tides

Thursday, December 19, 1946
High 10:37 20.0 feet
23:35 17.4 feet
Low 4:24 8.7 feet
17:21 5.8 feet

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RESCUE 12 FROM PLANE CRASH IN SWISS ALPS—This aerial view over the scene of the U.S. army transport crash in the Bernese Alps shows some of the survivors and members of the rescue parties near the plane. Two Swiss pilots plucked 12 Americans off the 8,000-foot-high Gauli glacier where they had been marooned for five days. Written in the glacial snows of the Alpine peak is the word "Flin," marked out by the rescuers who worked feverishly since the crash to bring about the rescue of the plane's passengers and crew.



Two survivors of the U.S. army plane crash in the Alps are Mrs. W.C. McMahon, centre, Buffalo, N.Y., and her daughter, Mary Alice seen walking with Brig.-Gen. Tate at Unterboch airport.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

A disturbance is now moving slowly southward over northern Vancouver Island and central British Columbia. A second disturbance in the Gulf of Alaska will reach the northern British Columbia coast this afternoon. Milder weather is anticipated during the next 48 hours although overcast skies will be general and rain will continue on the northern coast. The snow which is now falling in the southern coastal areas is expected to turn to rain during the afternoon.

Forecast

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Overcast, intermittent rain today and tonight. Rain showers on Thursday. Wind westerly (20 m.p.h.) becoming southeasterly (30) by noon and southwest (15) on Thursday. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight—At Port Hardy, 33; Massett, 36; Prince Rupert, 36. Highs Thursday—At Port Hardy, 40; Massett, 42; Prince Rupert, 41.

Pen Guards Fire On Tobacco Smugglers

NEW WESTMINSTER—Guards at the British Columbia Penitentiary had to fire yesterday on two men who were trying to smuggle tobacco into the prison.

BELFAST, (CP)—Belfast harbor surcharges are being raised because of decreased port traffic and higher maintenance costs.

KEEPING OPEN TERRACE ROADS

General Foreman A. Kennedy Having Busy Time

General Foreman A. Kennedy with the Public Works crew has done a splendid job during the past few weeks in keeping roads open in face of very bad snow conditions. He took advantage of additional equipment in having roads in the village and the densely settled area cleared early in the morning, and logging roads, too, have been maintained in good workable condition.

ANTICIPATES OBJECTION

At British Columbia Receiving Larger Per Capita Grant Than Other Provinces

REGINA—Premier T. C. Douglas of Saskatchewan said yesterday that, although he was expressing no objection himself, he anticipated that exception would be taken by other provinces to British Columbia, under the agreement made by Premier John Hart with Ottawa, obtaining \$22 per capita grant from the federal treasury compared with \$15 that the other provinces are receiving.

Re-Affirms Support of Chiang Gov't

WASHINGTON (CP)—President Truman today reaffirmed United States recognition of the national government of China, and said that the United States will persevere in its policy of helping the Chinese people.

In a statement clarifying American policy in China, he said that Americans there had been reduced from 113,000 to less than 12,000.

He had nothing to say to a suggestion that the United States and other world powers should seek a solution to China's internal strife in an international conference.

'TEEN AGE GANG WELL ORGANIZED

Even Girls Were Included in Denver Round-up—Had \$5,000 of Loot

DENVER (CP)—A group of teen-aged boys and girls, described by the police as the most highly organized gang in the city's history, is in custody. The gang includes four 14-year-old girls.

More than \$5,000 worth of loot, ranging from typewriters to automobiles and clothing, was allegedly taken by the gang since it began operating last August. The youngest member is 12 years old.

Bulletins

AUTO INSURANCE UP
OTTAWA—A general increase of fifteen percent in automobile insurance rates is announced. Existing policies will not be affected until they are renewed.

NEWSPAPERMAN DIES
LONDON—George P. Armstrong, member of the editorial staff of the London Free Press and well known Canadian newspaperman, is dead here.

GIFT TO BRITONS
LONDON—Each of Britain's 40,000,000 citizens next month will receive a gift of meat from the Argentine valued at five pence or about ten cents. President Peron of Argentina recently announced the meat gift as a "gesture of friendship."

SCRUTINIZE BONUSES
OTTAWA—Employers are warned by the federal government today that validity of Christmas and New Year bonuses to employees and pay increases retroactive beyond December 1 would be scrutinized for possible disallowance as income tax deductions.

Harnessing Peace Atom

Bernard Baruch and Sir Alexander Cadogan Express Views of Their Countries

LAKE SUCCESS (CP)—United States and Great Britain formally called upon the United Nations atomic energy commission Tuesday to approve a United States plan for harnessing the atom for peace. Bernard M. Baruch led off with the proposal that the commission approve a plan for outlawing atomic weapons and using the atom for peaceful purposes. Sir Alexander Cadogan, British delegate quickly seconded Baruch.

LONDON, (CP)—Juvenile delinquency in Britain fell from a monthly average of 6,000 cases in 1945 to 4,800 in January-June, 1946.

ENGAGEMENT ONLY RUMOR

Official Permission Has Not Yet Been Given For Troth of Elizabeth and Philip

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Attlee and his cabinet have not been consulted in connection with the engagement of Princess Elizabeth and, as a result, rumors that she will marry Prince Philip of Greece must be regarded as premature, an official source said today. No member of the Royal Family may marry without the permission of the King and the King acts only with the advice of his ministers.

RENT INCREASES ARE COMING UP

OTTAWA—The Ottawa Citizen said yesterday that a general increase in rent ceilings of from ten to fifteen percent might be expected in January. An official of the Prices and Trade Board said he could make no statement on the matter.

The Citizen said its report on the rent increase coming into effect some time in January was "according to reports in usually well informed circles."

DIVISION ON RUSSIA

British Government Again Criticized From Within Its Own Ranks on Foreign Policy

LONDON (CP)—The Labor Party fought back yesterday against a new charge from within its own ranks that the government's foreign policy was one of "appeasement to American imperialism and hostility toward the Soviet Union."

The party's newspaper, London Daily Herald, disclosed new dissension by publishing Party Secretary Morgan Phillips' reply to a pamphlet reported to have been circulated confidentially among the party divisions, trade unions and members of Parliament.

The pamphlet charged that the "Anglo-American line-up" had made the United Nations a "political weapon against the Soviet Union."

In reply, Phillips declared that the government stood for the United Nations and in the United Nations had found a "formula to unite both American and British views." He added: "We do not propose to join the Soviet bloc or even form a block of our own."

MANY DIE IN TRAIN WRECK

MADRID (CP)—Twenty-eight persons were killed and more than 100 injured yesterday, railroad officials said, when the vacation-bound Andalusia Express crashed into a stationary string of freight cars at Cinco Casas, 100 miles south of Madrid.

Immediately after the wreck, a group of railroad employees were arrested at Cinco Casas station on charges of suspicion of sabotage.

ROCKET SOARS 111 MILES UP

WHITE SANDS, New Mexico (CP)—A German V-2 rocket soared comet-like to a record height of 111 miles into the heavens last night, but its man-made meteors were so puny that they eluded most eyes.

Not only did the 14-ton missile

Atomic Constituent May Be Existential in Territory

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—The United States Department of Interior disclosed today it was making a thorough geological search to determine whether Alaska may be a source of uranium, basic metal for atomic energy and the atom bomb. Also under survey are Alaska's potentialities of oil, coal, gold and radium and means of coping with construction problems, volcanic activity and permafrost—permanently frozen ground which underlies the territory. Understanding of how to deal with permafrost is vital to any Alaska construction problem.



Red Purge in Turkey

Eight Publications Padlocked And Two Political Parties Outlawed

ISTANBUL, Turkey (CP)—The Turkish army padlocked eight publications in Istanbul yesterday, prohibited printing and distribution of organs of a "communistic" nature and outlawed branches of two new political parties it described as "directed in a camouflaged manner by Communists."

One usually reliable source described the actions as a "small purge" and said they might be considered a warning that the Turkish government was ready to resist any "subversive movements."

Unconfirmed reports said that persons of alleged radical tendencies had been arrested and numerous documents seized as secret police and the military descended on suspected establishments.

HOPE DIMS AGAIN IN PLANE SEARCH

SEATTLE—Hopes have dimmed again in the search for the United States Marine Corps transport plane which has been missing since Tuesday of last week on a flight from San Diego to Seattle. What was thought to be a signal fire in the Mount Rainier area turned out to be only slash burning. A fleet of planes had renewed the search yesterday.

TRAIN HITS BUS; TEN ARE KILLED

NEWBERRY, South Carolina (CP)—Nine pupils and the driver of a school bus were killed yesterday when the bus and a Southern Railway passenger train collided at a grade crossing on the outskirts of Silversreet, a village seven miles southwest of here.

Twelve other school children were injured and hospital attendants said all were in a critical condition.

The train struck the bus on the side and dragged it half a mile down the tracks. Some bodies were carried along on the catcher of the engine and others were scattered beside the track.

Premier Drew Very Critical

Ontario Government Will Not Sign Up With "Incompetent Administration At Ottawa"

TORONTO (CP)—Premier George Drew of Ontario said yesterday that there was not the slightest chance as long as he was head of the provincial government of Ontario of this province signing a Dominion-provincial tax agreement which would "centralize power in the hands of an incompetent government in Ottawa."

Premier Drew described the federal government as having shown "no sense" in controlling its own purse strings or any one else's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Griffin of Namu arrived in the city this morning from Vancouver on the Prince Rupert to spend the Christmas holidays as guests of Mrs. Griffin's sister, Miss Dorothy Ebbutt. Mr. Griffin is on the staff of B.C. Packers at Namu.