PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1946

TAXI

DAY and NIGHT SERVICE Bill and Ken Nesbitt

53 PERISH IN CHICAGO HOTEL

taly Now Republic

Official Proclamation Following Election-King Leaving For Egypt

ROME (CP)-Pietro Nenni, cialist vice-premier, anunced today that a republic ad been voted for by the talian people and that King sumbert would leave Italy on

Nenni said that about 12,-000 votes were cast for the emblic against ten million for ntinuation of the monarchy. The King will probably go Egypt where his royal parare in exile. Queen Maria nd her four children are aleady at Naples.

Election results to date show vetes for Christian Democrats, 4,500,000 for Socialand 4.000,000 for Commu-

AURDER-SUICIDE VANCOUVER

of gunshot wounds here besday night in what police eve to have been a murdervicide affair. Mrs. Mary Hovel, esult, police say, of wound rom a gun in the hands of 55nded his own life. Motive for his wife at Skidegate. tragedy is unknown.

Kachur was reported to have Mrs. Frank Ellison and Mrs. not the city at the time.

FORMER MAYOR TAYLOR DIES

Served as Chief Magistrate of Vancouver Longer Than Any Other

lor, for nearly 40 years mayor of Vancouver for more terms than any other man, died last night in hospital.

Born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, 88 years ago, he came to British Columbia 50 years ago and pros- NOT SATISFIED pected for a while in the Kalso district. Then he came to Van-couver and purchased the old WITH HIGHWAY World newspaper which he operated for a time.

Mr. Taylor ran as an independent candidate once in the provincial riding of Omineca. Prince Rupert.

SENDING BODY TO SKIDEGATE

a friend of the Hovel fant George Howe returned today on Mrs Hovel's husband was the Prince Rupert from a holi- OPEN VERDICT day trip to Vancouver.

better shape.

IN BOY'S DEATH

bre rifle and prompt medical

knowledge of the boy's death.

NORTHERN B.C.

INCORPORATIONS

Halibut Sales

Ceiling Prices

American

Canadian

Baseball Scores

National

Philadelphia 0, Cincinnati 5.

Brooklyn 3-7, Pittsburgh 4-6.

American

Platinum, 35,000, Whiz.

Ankar A., 19,000, Co-op.

Viking I, 19,000, Storage.

Nornen, 13,000, Co-op.

Boston 1, St. Louis 5.

New York 2, Chicago 3.

Chicago 1, New York 2.

Detroit 2, Philadelphia 0.

Cleveland 10, Washington 2.

No Priority

OTTAWA (P)-Resources Min-

ister Glen said today in Com-

St. Louis 4, Boston 9.

missile believed from a .22 cali- Rupert Friday.

Vancouver Company Buys 300 Wartime Buildings From Assets

Highway Construction Co. Wins Bid for American and Canadian Army Camps in This Area—Demolition to Start Soon

More than 300 former American and Canadian attention might have saved his my buildings scattered throughout the Prince Ru- life. Dert area have been sold by War Assets to Highway with concealing evidence, said Churchill Instruction Co. of Vancouver—a move which prac- in a signed statement read at lically cleans up wartime property disposal in the city. the inquest that he had no the sale was approved by the Montreal office of War

cluded in the transfer are buildings of the former Amcan Acropolis Hill camp, five nadian Army camps made up 125 frame and "loxstave" dings, eight Wartime Housstaff houses, 37 American dings in the downtown area, dway leading to two of the anadian campsites.

ount of money involved in e sale was not announced. it is known that the to purchase portions of the up put up for sale.

A boom in demolition work is expected to get under way in city within the next few teeks as the huge job of teardown the installations beins. It is understood that Highway Construction will use ne material obtained for construction of other projects hroughout the southern part of the province.

various army camps are the Cove Circle. plank road.

Highway Construction Co. no newcomer in the Prince Rupert area, it constructed a section of the Prince Rupert Highway in 1942 and 1943 and had road construction at that time, | 000: week-end in connection with the race Hotels Ltd., \$15,000. purchase of the military build-

The Roosevelt Park buildings included everything except the ler was won by Highway American gymnasium, which has struction against bidding by been sold to the city. The water, other companies which power distribution and sewage to purchase the complete systems are included. Among the as advertised, and also a 37 former American buildings in of other bidders who de- the downtown area are the former U.S.O. building, once a popular recreation centre for thousands of United States troops, "Last Resort," finance building. The huge administration building on First Avenue

was not in the transfer. None of the Canadian Navy buildings were included in the groups bought by Highway Con-

The installations sold are. U.S. Army Roosevelt Park cantonment; 37 American buildings Orgent need for building ma- | downtown; Canadian Army Fairs for veterans' homes is one view camp, Section Two; Mount main reasons that practi- Hays Camp, Area Camp, McBride all the buildings in the area Street and Sixth Avenue; "Cy e put up for sale as a single Peck No. 1" Eleventh Avenue at up, rather than disposed of the city limits; "Cy Peck No. 2" remeal, a method that prob- Eleventh Avenue at Keliher Included in the sale of the time Housing buildings on Hays

sewage systems and in the case ings include the staff houses weight boxing champion, last quired. The fish, shipped fresh two of the Canadian Army which housed dry dock workers night scored a 12-round decision from Prince Rupert is being s there are 4,850 lineal feet, and the Army and Navy women's over Fred Mills in a non-title contributed by local packing services during the war.

Industries for Pr. George District Are Promoted

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PRINCE GEORGE (Special to Daily News)-Representatives from Vanderhoof, Quesnel, Prince VANCOUVER- Louis D. Tay- George and many other communities throughout central British Columbia attended a large meeting in the city hall vesterday when Assistant General Superintendent Bernard Allen, Brigadier General

Wyman, District Superintendent C. A. Berner of the C.N.R. and R. F. O'Meara, B.C. Trade Commissioner, J. T. Gawthrop, secretary, B.C. Construction Bureau, and Major Walter Crocker, local representative, heard proposals into Prince Rupert's great port Member of Road Committee of industrial opportunities in this Heard From at Monday Night's Meeting

The keenest of interest was High water was already flow- shown by all concerned and against A. M. Monson but was ing over the Prince Rupert High- general satisfaction prevailed defeated. Still later he became way at some points between the at the revived spirit of co-opinterested in mining at White- city and Terrace, J. E. Boddie of eration between the Canadian horse. He was no stranger in the highway committee reported National officials, the provinto the Prince Rupert Chamber cial government and citizens of of Commerce at its regular meet- the many communities concern-

ing Monday night and, in his ed. opinion, there was danger of the road again becoming impassable ro power, land settlement and LOGGERS REJECT The body of Henry Green, an quate, said Mr. Boddie, who felt variety of small industries were JUSTICE SLOAN elderly native of Skidegate, who that, unless something more brought out. A representative passed away Tuesday at the was done than was being done, committee was appointed to co-Port Simpson Hospital, is to be it would not be very satisfactory. ordinate efforts and act as shipped tonight to Skidegate for Mr. Boddie mentioned a possi- liaison between the Bureau of burial. Deceased is survived by bility of the road being taken Reconstruction, C.N.R. and comover by the Canadian Engineers munities.

under whom it might be kept in Mr. O'Meara and Mr. Gawthrop outlined objectives of the Bureau which had been established by H. G. Perry, when minister and chairman of the cabinet committee on reconstruc-VANCOUVER (P-A coroner's tion which had been created by just here today returned an open the provincial government folverdict in the death of 14-year- lowing reports and recommenold Kenneth McDougall, whose dations of the B.C. Post-War body was found last Thursday Reconstructio nCouncil.

under the verancian of a west-A most optimistic and co-operative feeling has been engen-The jury found that he died dered by this unique gathering. from injuries "when he was al-The visitors left today for

Labor Government, He Says, Has Made Important Contribution

LONDON (P) - Winston Chur-Recent incorporations published in the B.C. Gazette in- chill told Commons that the offices in this city. Its manag- clude: Skeena Lumber Co. Ltd., British Labor government had ing director, C. W. Nash, who Shirley, \$50,000; Skeena The- made an important contribution was in charge of the company's atres Ltd., Prince George, \$20,- to world peace by "resolute de-Queen Charlotte Airlines nunciation of Communism." was in the city again at the Ltd., Vancouver, \$250,000; Ter- Churchill said, however, that Attlee's government had followed Skagway Irate the Russian principle in foreign affairs of a one-party government by not consulting the opposition leaders.

He praised Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin who, he said, stood forth as representative of much that is wise and courageous in British character.

Churchill applauded the handsoff policy in Spain saying that it was not wise to interfere with the internal affairs of that country.

200 LBS. HALIBUT

When an estimated 250 delegates to the annual convention of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Canada congregate at the Macdonald Hotel in Edmon ton on June 24 Prince Rupert mons that displaced Europeans will make an elegant gastronowho may be brought to Canada mic bow. The local Junior Chamwill not get immigration pref- ber, which will be represented erence over British persons who by President Clifford Ham, plans would have been slower. Street and eight former War- seek entry into the Dominion. to sponsor a halibut dinner for LONDON (P)-Bruce Wood- Macdonald advises that 200 power distribution, water and The Wartime Housing build- cock, British Empire heavy- pounds of halibut will be re-

FORTY YEARS ON THURSDAY

Since First Piles Were Driven on Prince Rupert Waterfront

Worst Holocaust In History of Great American Metropolis

According to Bruce McKelvie, veteran British Columbia newspaperman and outstanding authority on matters historical in this province, it will be just 40 years ago tomorrow since the driving of piles for Prince Rupert's first wharf commenced. Over this old wharf, long since absorbed installations of today, was landed the equipment which was used in clearing the townsite of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway terminal.

This original wharf stood about where the office of the wharf freight agent on the present Canadian National dock is now located.

Can No Longer be Accepted as Ambassador of Goodwill, Says I. W. A.

LOGGERS OPPOSED

VANCOUVER (P)-Ten Union locals have voted almost unanimously, it was stated by the I.W.A. today, to reject the Sloan recommendation for ending the timber workers' strike. Other results are expected to be announced late today. The Union said that not a single local had so far voted in favor of acceptance. Chief Justice Sloan said today that, as far as the form of check-off he recommended was concerned it was exactly what the Union had asked for. legedly shot in the back with a Smithers and will be in Prince

VANCOUVER - The International Woodworkers of America late yesterday informed Chief Justice Gordon Sloan that it no longer wanted him to act in the settlement of the lumber strike dispute. He could no longer be accepted as "an ambassador of goodwill interested in bringing about a just settlement." A telegram to this effect was sent to the chief justice at Victoria but lup to last night he said he had not received it.

Harold Pritchett, I.W.A. president, flew suddenly to Victoria yesterday to confer with Minister of Labor George Pearson.

War Goods Moved;

SKAGWAY-Citizens of Skagway are very irate. They had been assured over and over that equipment used by the Army here would be sold here. The city is in need of many of the items. Now all of the equipment is being loaded on scows to be taken to Juneau and sold there.

Norman Nelson, of Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd., arrived in the city today from Vancouver on a periodical business trip to the company's Port Edward

FOR CONFERENCE 'BATTLE for THE PEACE'

HEAR VERN CARLYLE OF THE I.W.A IN VANCOUVER TELL THE FULL STORY OF THE WOODWORKERS FRONT-LINE STRUGGLE FOR ALL OF US!

Deep Sea Fishermen's Hall TONIGHT — 8 P.M. Chairman:

WM. BRETT, M.L.A. LOCAL UNION SPEAKERS

ALL WELCOME



PRICE FIVE CENTS

KIN OF I.R.A. HUNGER STRIKER-James and Ellen Fleming, brother and sister of David Fleming, Irish Republican army leader on a hunger strike in Belfast Jail, are shown outside a Belfast hotel as they left to visit him. Continuing to use vitamin pills and orange juice, he still carried on as John McCaughey, another hunger striker who died on the 23rd day of his fast, was buried. The hunger strikes were started in a bid for freedom. Fleming has now fasted 72 days.

Bulletins

COL. ZABOUTIN DIES OTTAWA-Col. N. Zaboutin, who had been named as top man in the Russian espionage ring in Canada, died in Russia from heart trouble, it was reported today in intelligence circles. He was former Soviet military attache to Canada.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

VICTORIA - Next Monday, date fixed to celebrate the King's birthday, will be holiday in British Columbia schools and for provincial government employees. The Lieutenant-Governor in council has proclaimed a holiday.

NEW SEAMEN'S PROPOSAL TORONTO - The Canadian Seamen's Union today issued a two-point proposal for settlement of the eleven-day-old strike and reported a proposal likely to be considered when the shipowners meet Labor Minister Mitchell. An eighthour three-watch day is

THE WEATHER

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Cloudy with rain showers, winds eastehly 15 miles per hour vicinity Queen Charlottes. Elsewhere light, little change in temperature. Maximum at Port Hardy 60, Massett 58, Prince Rupert 61

Mrs. C. W. Traver.

FORMER LOCAL

Mrs. Even Evenson Passes Away in Vancouver

A well known former Prince Rupert woman passed away at her home in Vancouver on Tuesday. She was Mrs. Even Even- policemen aided in carryson, whose husband formerly ing out the dead, assisting was proprietor of Ideal Cleaners the injured and shepherdhere. Mrs. Evenson passed away at her home at 2845 West Thirty-ing those who escaped. third Avenue in the southern There was a steady stream she is survived by a sister in main floor. The streets North Dakota and a brother in Saskatchewan. Funeral services were filled with people in will be held from Mount Pleas- night attire and blackenant funeral home in Vancouver ed faces, many hysterical on Friday.

WINS DECISION

G. A. McMillan, superintendent of Canadian National Coast the killed and twenty to Steamships, arrived in the city thirty were injured. on the Prince Rupert this morning on an official trip from Vancouver. He will return south tomorrow night.

Local Tides Thursday, June 6, 1946

17.3 feet 17.9 feet 9.0 feet 5.3 feet fire escapes.

Geoffrey E. Wooten and his bride, the former Miss Helen ed serious panic. Margaret Cole of Vancouver. arrived in the city today on a honeymoon trip following their dents of heroism, one of Mr. and Mrs. G. Drake of 1429 marriage in the southern city the outstanding ones being Overlook St. are leaving on Fri- on June 1. Mr. Wooten is well that of a telephone operaday for a month's holiday trip known in the city, having been tor who refused to leave to Spokane, Washington, to visit Victory Loan organizer for the Mrs. Drake's parents, Mr. and Prince Rupert district during her switchboard and perthe war.

Horror of Flame and Panic Seen

Whole District Thrown Into Wild Confusion and Hysteria

Heroism Displayed Many of Deaths Were "Tragically Unnecessary," Coroner Says

CHICAGO (CP)-Fifty-three persons perished and about two hundred others suffered injuries, many believed serious, early today when fire swept through the lower floors of the 23-storey La-Salle Hotel. It was the worst fire in the history of Chicago. Twelve hundred persons were in the hotel at the time. The horrible scene of smoke and flame was attended by mass hysteria and panic. A coroner said later that many of the deaths were "tragically unnecessary."

The whole district was thrown into wild, tragic, screaming confusion.

Many people were suffocated in their beds. At least ten perished by leaping from windows to the street below. Among the latter was a young woman with babe in arms.

The fire broke out soon after midnight, supposedly from a short circuit in a signal cable below an elevator shaft. At 3:30 a.m. it was finally brought under control. Most of those burned or suffocated to death were on third, fourth and sixth floors.

More than five thousand city. In addition to her husband, of stretchers out of the and not knowing what to do or where to go.

One fireman was among

No Canadians were among the first identified

Many guests were traped in upper floors.

Steady stream of pajama-clad guests crowded

The dense smoke caus-

There were many inci-

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