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Worst Holocaust In History of Great American Metropolis

FORMER MAYOR TAYLOR DIES

Served as Chief Magistrate of Vancouver Longer Than Any Other
VANCOUVER—Louis D. Taylor, for nearly 40 years mayor of Vancouver for more terms than any other man, died last night in hospital.
Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, 88 years ago, he came to British Columbia 50 years ago and prospered for a while in the Kalso district. Then he came to Vancouver and purchased the old World newspaper which he operated for a time.
Mr. Taylor ran as an independent candidate once in the provincial riding of Omineca, against A. M. Monson but was defeated. Still later he became interested in mining at Whitehorse. He was no stranger in Prince Rupert.

Industries for Pr. George District Are Promoted

PRINCE GEORGE (Special to Daily News)—Representatives from Vanderhoof, Quesnel, Prince George and many other communities throughout central British Columbia attended a large meeting in the city hall yesterday 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 of industrial opportunities in this region.
The keenest of interest was shown by all concerned and general satisfaction prevailed at the revived spirit of co-operation between the Canadian National officials, the provincial government and citizens of the many communities concerned.

NOT SATISFIED WITH HIGHWAY

Member of Road Committee Heard From at Monday Night's Meeting
High water was already flowing over the Prince Rupert Highway at some points between the city and Terrace, J. E. Boddie of the highway committee reported to the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at its regular meeting Monday night and, in his opinion, there was danger of the road again becoming impassable. Road equipment was very inadequate, said Mr. Boddie, who felt that, unless something more was done than was being done, it would not be very satisfactory.
Mr. Boddie mentioned a possibility of the road being taken over by the Canadian Engineers under whom it might be kept in better shape.

SENDING BODY TO SKIDEGATE

The body of Henry Green, an elderly native of Skidegate, who passed away Tuesday at the Port Simpson Hospital, is to be shipped tonight to Skidegate for burial. Deceased is survived by his wife at Skidegate.

Mrs. Frank Ellison and Mrs. George Howe returned today on the Prince Rupert from a holiday trip to Vancouver.

OPEN VERDICT IN BOY'S DEATH

VANCOUVER—A coroner's jury here today returned an open verdict in the death of 14-year-old Kenneth McDougall, whose body was found last Thursday under the verandah of a west-end home.
The jury found that he died from injuries "when he was allegedly shot in the back with a missile believed from a .22 calibre rifle and prompt medical attention might have saved his life."
A 13-year-old boy, charged with concealing evidence, said in a signed statement read at the inquest that he had no knowledge of the boy's death.

Churchill Lauds Bevin

Labor Government, He Says, Has Made Important Contribution
LONDON—Winston Churchill told Commons that the British Labor government had made an important contribution to world peace by "resolute denunciation of Communism."
Churchill said, however, that Atlee's government had followed 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 hands-off policy in Spain saying that it was not wise to interfere with the internal affairs of that country.

NORTHERN B.C. INCORPORATIONS

Recent incorporations published in the B.C. Gazette include: Skeena Lumber Co. Ltd., Shirley, \$50,000; Skeena Theatres Ltd., Prince George, \$20,000; Queen Charlotte Airlines Ltd., Vancouver, \$250,000; Terrace Hotels Ltd., \$15,000.

Halibut Sales

Ceiling Prices
American
Platinum, 35,000, Whiz.
Canadian
Ankar A, 19,000, Co-op.
Nornen, 13,000, Co-op.
Viking I, 19,000, Storage.
Baseball Scores
National
Boston 1, St. Louis 5.
Philadelphia 0, Cincinnati 5.
Brooklyn 3-7, Pittsburgh 4-6.
New York 2, Chicago 3.
American
Chicago 1, New York 2.
St. Louis 4, Boston 9.
Detroit 2, Philadelphia 0.
Cleveland 10, Washington 2.

No Priority

OTTAWA—Resources Minister Glen said today in Commons that displaced Europeans who may be brought to Canada will not get immigration preference over British persons who seek entry into the Dominion.
LONDON—Bruce Woodcock, British Empire heavyweight boxing champion, last night scored a 12-round decision over Fred Mills in a non-title bout.

FORTY YEARS ON THURSDAY

Since First Piles Were Driven on Prince Rupert Waterfront
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 into Prince Rupert's great port installations of today, was landed the equipment which was used in clearing the town-site 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.

LOGGERS REJECT JUSTICE SLOAN

Can No Longer be Accepted as Ambassador of Goodwill, Says I. W. A.
LOGGERS OPPOSED
VANCOUVER—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.

War Goods Moved; Skagway Irate

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 plant.

'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



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.

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 LaSalle 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 policemen aided in carrying out the dead, assisting the injured and shepherding those who escaped. There was a steady stream of stretchers out of the main floor. The streets were filled with people in night attire and blackened faces, many hysterical and not knowing what to do or where to go.

One fireman was among the killed and twenty to thirty were injured.
No Canadians were among the first identified dead.

Many guests were trapped in upper floors.
Steady stream of pajama-clad guests crowded fire escapes.
The dense smoke caused serious panic.

There were many incidents of heroism, one of the outstanding ones being that of a telephone operator who refused to leave her switchboard and perished.

Italy Now Republic

Official Proclamation Following Election—King Leaving For Egypt
ROME (CP)—Pietro Nenni, socialist vice-premier, announced today that a republic had been voted for by the Italian people and that King Umberto would leave Italy on Saturday.
Nenni said that about 12,000,000 votes were cast for the republic against ten million for the continuation of the monarchy. The King will probably go to Egypt where his royal parents are in exile. Queen Maria and her four children are already at Naples.
Election results to date show 2,000,000 votes for Christian Democrats, 4,500,000 for Socialists and 4,000,000 for Communists.

MURDER-SUICIDE IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER—Two persons died of gunshot wounds here Tuesday night in what police believe to have been a murder-suicide affair. Mrs. Mary Hovel, 42, died on an east-end sidewalk in front of her home as a result, police say, of a wound from a gun in the hands of 55-year-old Mike Kachur, who then ended his own life. Motive for the tragedy is unknown.
Kachur was reported to have been a friend of the Hovel family. Mrs. Hovel's husband was shot at the city at the time.

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 army buildings scattered throughout the Prince Rupert area have been sold by War Assets to Highway Construction Co. of Vancouver—a move which practically cleans up wartime property disposal in the city. The sale was approved by the Montreal office of War Assets today.

Included in the transfer are 29 buildings of the former American Acropolis Hill camp, five Canadian Army camps made up of 125 frame and "loxtave" buildings, eight Wartime Housing staff houses, 37 American buildings in the downtown area, and almost 5,000 feet of plank roadway leading to two of the Canadian campsites.

Amount of money involved in the sale was not announced. However, it is known that the tender was won by Highway Construction against bidding by three other companies which sought to purchase the complete lot as advertised, and also a number of other bidders who desired to purchase portions of the group put up for sale.

A boom in demolition work is expected to get under way in the city within the next few weeks as the huge job of tearing down the installations begins. It is understood that Highway Construction will use the material obtained for construction of other projects throughout the southern part of the province.

Urgent need for building materials for veterans' homes is one of the main reasons that practically all the buildings in the area were put up for sale as a single group, rather than disposed of piecemeal, a method that probably would have been slower.

Included in the sale of the various army camps are the power distribution, water and sewage systems and in the case of two of the Canadian Army camps there are 4,850 lineal feet of plank road.

Highway Construction Co. is no newcomer in the Prince Rupert area, it constructed a section of the Prince Rupert Highway in 1942 and 1943 and had offices in this city. Its managing director, C. W. Nash, who was in charge of the company's road construction at that time, was in the city again at the week-end in connection with the purchase of the military buildings.
The Roosevelt Park buildings included everything except the American gymnasium, which has been sold to the city. The water, power distribution and sewage systems are included. Among the 37 former American buildings in 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 Construction.
The installations sold are: U.S. Army Roosevelt Park cantonment; 37 American buildings downtown; Canadian Army Fairview camp, Section Two; Mount Glen said today in Commons that displaced Europeans who may be brought to Canada will not get immigration preference over British persons who seek entry into the Dominion.

The Wartime Housing buildings include the staff houses which housed dry dock workers and the Army and Navy women's services during the war.