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## No War But No Peace On V-E Day

### Paris Collapse— 21-Nation Conference Proposed

This Is Proposed by Byrnes to Consider Peace Treaties

PARIS (CP)—State Secretary Byrnes of the United States was said by a British informant today to have proposed to the foreign ministers' conference that a 21-nation conference be held in Paris beginning June 15 to discuss the European peace treaties.

The informant said that it was conceded that the foreign ministers of Britain, Russia, France and the United States could not agree at the present conference.

There was no immediate acceptance of Byrnes' proposal but the other three foreign ministers were said to have accepted another Byrnes proposal that their deputies draw up a list of points on which they have agreed, and another on which they have disagreed.

It was conceded that the lists would show the United States and Britain opposed to Russia on every point with France sometimes siding with Britain and the United States and occasionally taking a position halfway between that of the western allies and the Russians.

It was reported that the foreign ministers would break up and go home after the next meeting on Thursday.

### CONVENES, ADJOURNS

Nothing Doing at Security Council Session Today to Consider Iran

NEW YORK — The United Nations security council met today when it was scheduled to resume consideration of the Iranian question. Andrei Gromyko was not in attendance. Nor was their any official report as to whether or not the Russians had withdrawn from the Iranian province of Azerbaijan as they had been supposed to do by May 6. The council adjourned until May 20. Iran being asked to have a report by then.

### STRIKE IN TIMBER INDUSTRY BEING CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY NEXT WEEK

VANCOUVER (CP)—Strike in the British Columbia lumber industry, involving 37,000 workers, has been called for 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 15. District International Woodworkers of America President Harold Pritchett said today that the union had rejected the operators' latest counter proposals of 12 1/2c an hour, a 40-hour week and up to three-year extension of the master agreement with wages to be reviewed annually. The offer, he said, was "more objectionable than previous offers also rejected by the union," a union statement said.

### Victoria Blue Baby Going Under Knife

VICTORIA — Janet, six-year-old blue baby from Victoria, will undergo a delicate operation at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore this week-end. She is the only one of five blue babies to enter the famous institution recently who is able to be operated upon.

### THE WEATHER

Increased cloudiness is expected today over Georgia Straits lower mainland and west coast of Vancouver Island regions with remainder of province remaining clear. Not much change in temperature. Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and north coast — Clear except for variable cloudiness during morning. Winds light. Maximum temperatures, Port Hardy 59, Massett 60, Prince Rupert 68.



SOLEMN CEREMONIES IN ROME—Clad in mourning hoods, the brothers of the dead lead the procession into the Coliseum at Rome, Italy, where solemn ceremonies in tribute to the thousand martyrs who perished for the Christian faith were celebrated. This unique and sombre service took place in the Holy City as the world celebrated its first post-war Easter.

### COURT MARTIAL DROPS CHARGE

Brigadier Lister Is Acquitted On One Count

AMSTERDAM — The Court Martial trying Brigadier J. F. A. Lister, 39, of Quebec City and Victoria, today dismissed one of four charges against the officer after deliberations behind closed doors but denied the defence application for dismissal of two other charges.

The charge which was dropped accused Lister, former chief of staff of the Canadian forces in the Netherlands, of misemploying public property by causing food and coal to be delivered to his private residence at Amsterdam. He is accused of using this property improperly for private purposes after it was requisitioned for army use.

### TRIAL TO PROCEED

MONTREAL — Application for postponement of the trial of Fred Rose, M.P., on espionage conspiracy charges was denied by the trial judge. The defence had wanted time to bring a high class British lawyer to handle the case.

### Prince George to Bering Strait by Railway Line

SEATTLE (CP)—A wartime survey for a railway line between Prince George and Teller, Alaska, which would make possible rail shipments to a port within sight of the Russian-Siberian coastline was disclosed today by the Seattle district office of the United States Army engineers.

Previously, reports have been made on the survey for a rail line of 1,440 miles between Prince George and Fairbanks but the engineers said that this was the first announcement of the 730-mile survey from Fairbanks to Teller.

Plans for the railway included the proposed construction of a large port at Teller for the transshipment of goods across the strait to an extension of the trans-Siberian railway.

### Bulletins

#### HIGHWAY IS CLOSED

The northern transprovincial highway has been closed indefinitely to traffic east of Smithers, according to advice received this afternoon by President J. H. Black of the Prince Rupert Automobile Association. Cause of the closure was not given.

#### ALEXANDER COMING WEST

OTTAWA — The Governor-General and Lady Alexander will leave here early in July on their first western tour. They will visit prairie provinces and British Columbia.

#### HEAVY LONDON RAIN

LONDON — London had a great rainstorm today. It flooded streets and basements. As much rain fell in a single day as is normal in a whole month. The whole of southern England experienced a deluge.

#### ARABS CALL ON STALIN

JAFFA — The Arab council has appealed to Premier Joseph Stalin of Russia for support in their campaign against the Anglo-American proposal to send 100,000 more Jews to Palestine. The Arabs say they are ready to fight United States and Britain.

#### ATTLEE'S APOLOGY

LONDON — Prime Minister Attlee apologized to Parliament today for having left the impression that the Dominions had endorsed the plan for British withdrawal of armoured forces from Egypt. The Dominions had not been asked to express agreement.

#### TRAIL GOES DAYLIGHT

TRAIL — The Trail city council has decided to put this city on daylight saving.

### COMMONS FAVOR LOAN TO BRITAIN

Only Half a Dozen Quebec Members Oppose It— Now to Senate

OTTAWA — The House of Commons yesterday approved the \$1,250,000,000 loan to Britain which now goes to the Senate and then to the Governor-General for signature.

There was a 167 to 6 division in the House, the only opposition coming from Quebec members. Conservatives, Social Credit and C.C.F. voted with the government.

### MINOR CHANGE IN PIONEERS' HOME LAYOUT

A minor change will be made in the plans for the new Pioneers' Home as a result of a compromise reached Tuesday afternoon between City Council's health committee and members of the publicity committee which plans to raise funds for the new building.

The change involves no alteration in the present design of the home but merely the exchange of purposes of two rooms. It was agreed upon after a stormy meeting in which Wilbur Sheardown, chairman of the publicity group, presented sketches for a different type of building based on the principle that the elderly people should be housed in private or semi-private rooms.

He charged that, because a large number of citizens object to the "poorhouse" or dormitory type of arrangement, the publicity committee would not be able to raise funds by public subscription as planned.

He said that he had received a number of calls from people objecting to the city's proposal to house the men in dormitories and that the committee's objection was based on these expressions.

Blueprints for the proposed home call for four dormitories which will house a maximum of 17 men, with five beds in the largest ward. The compromise agreement will change the largest dormitory into the living room and the living room into a dormitory. The living room, being smaller, would have a capacity of four beds when altered.

In reply to a request by Mr. Sheardown that partitions be placed in the dormitories to make semi-private wards of two beds each, City Engineer Phillips replied that the partitions would cause a loss of space and, as a result, it would be necessary to increase the floor space of the building to have equal capacity.

Mr. Phillips said that to partition the building off in small rooms would raise construction costs half as much again as the present plans call for.

"It will cost more money to provide the same area per person with individual rooms," he asserted. "Is the publicity committee prepared to raise \$5,000 extra to provide private or semi-private rooms?"

Mr. Sheardown then presented the committee with the interior sketch of building with rooms ranging from 7 feet by 10 feet dimensions to rooms 10 feet square. He suggested that rooms of that size might well accommodate two persons.

City Clerk Thain said that the "modern trend is to get away from the private room system—not return to it—not to leave an old man alone in a room at night."

When it was pointed out to the publicity committee that both the construction and maintenance costs of private or double rooms would be higher than wards, the committee members then studied City Council's plans with the result that agreement was reached regarding the exchange of location of the large dormitory and living room.

### First Anniversary of Official Declaration Sees Shattered World

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press Diplomatic Reporter

The world observed the first anniversary of Victory in Europe today without war anywhere—but also without peace. In fact, the best estimate of diplomatic authorities in Washington is that it may be several years before real conditions of peace are restored among the countries of the world. Prospects even for this, they say, have been darkened by evident failure of the foreign ministers' conference in Paris to make progress on European peace settlements.

### PORT EDWARD CONTRACT LET

An Edmonton company, Mix Construction Co., has been awarded a contract by Department of Veterans' Affairs for the demolition of more than 100 wartime buildings at Port Edward. Demolition work on the American staging area is expected to begin within the next few days. Labor is being recruited at Prince Rupert.

### FEARS ESKIMOS MAY DISAPPEAR

Muskox Officer Says  
Population of Northern Race  
Is Fast Diminishing

EDMONTON, — A Canadian Army Signals officer who traversed the 3100 miles of northern Arctic with Exercise Muskox said the Canadian Eskimo population is declining rapidly and the race might eventually disappear.

Major Frank Riddell of Edmonton says he believes the Eskimo population declined 50 per cent, mainly because of white men's diseases.

He paid high tribute to the Eskimos as a people, particularly for their courtesy and sobriety.

### FIVE-DAY WEEK

VANCOUVER—There will be a five-day week at the City Hall in July and August and it may be made permanent.

### KINSMEN'S CAMP FOR CHILDREN IS FAVORED AS DRIVE GETS STARTED

"Everything will depend on supervision, but I think the proposed Kinsmen summer camp for Prince Rupert children is an excellent idea and I wish them every success in the world," said Mayor H. M. Daggett as the Kinsmen drive for funds, in the way of a May Queen contest, got under way.

This seemed to be the general opinion throughout Prince Rupert, obtained by a telephone survey of the city. Some of the opinions expressed were as follows:

"It's a wonderful idea!" exclaimed Mrs. S. P. Woodside of 145 Ave. E. "Of course, a good supervisor with medical training will have to be obtained."

"Success to the venture," said Arnold Flaten, manager, Royal Bank, "will hinge on supervision. Children who could not otherwise attend camp should be the first to go. The Kinsmen have a big job on their hands and I wish them every success."

"Underprivileged children should be given first consideration," said Sgt. O. L. Hall, Provincial Police. "It's a good idea but the Kinsmen must remember that good supervision is of the utmost importance."

Rev. R. A. Wilson of the United Church said: "It is a great opportunity for the boys to get to know each other and thus be able to live together better. Everything will depend on leadership. I certainly hope it goes over well."

### INDICTMENTS IN SPY CASE

True Bills Returned Against  
Eight Defendants Charged  
With Conspiracy and  
Breaking Secrets Act

OTTAWA, — An Ontario Supreme Court jury today returned true bills against eight persons charged with conspiracy and various breaches of the Official Secrets Act. Seven will appear in Supreme Court at the Assizes opening tomorrow. The eighth, Durnford Smith, elected for today, is a former National Research Council worker.

Those to be arraigned in Supreme Court tomorrow are Capt. Condon David Lunan, Edward Mazerall, Matt Nightingale, Frederick Poland, Eric Adams and J. Scotland Benning.

### Harry Hatch of Toronto Is Dead

TORONTO, — Harry C. Hatch aged 62, president of one of the largest distillery firms in the British Empire, died in hospital here today. He was president and chairman of the board of Hiram Walker-Gooderham and Worts Ltd., vice-president of the Canada Malting Co. Ltd. and director of T. G. Bright and Co. Ltd. He was also one of Quebec's most successful breeders of race horses.

### AIR BUSINESS IS INCREASING

WINNIPEG—Traffic statistics released today by W. F. English, vice-president TransCanada Air Lines, for March operations show an increase of 4,108 passengers carried over February. The total was 21,176. Air mail also increased 15,925 pounds for a March total of 193,976 pounds. Air express was also up 15,772 pounds, the total being 96,163 pounds.

### Local Tides

Thursday, May 9, 1946		
High	8:16	16.9 feet
	21:26	17.7 feet
Low	2:20	9.7 feet
	14:46	5.9 feet

### GOVERNMENT UPHELD

House Approves  
Withdrawal of British Forces  
from Egypt

LONDON—The House of Commons last night, by vote of 377 to 10, approved the government in ordering the withdrawal of all British armed forces from Egypt. It had been the first vote on which there was a split between the Opposition and the government on an important matter of foreign policy.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill pointed out that the government was taking a step without consulting the people and would have to be responsible for the consequences.

Anthony Eden said British troops had been maintained in Egypt not as an army of occupation but to protect the Suez Canal.

### BOY FACES MURDER CHARGE

JOHN, New Brunswick, charged today with the murder of John Shaw, Scottish engineer aboard the steamer High Seas, died of knife wounds to the abdomen following a fight in the officer's cabin.

### EGYPT IS SUSPICIOUS

British Delegation and Premier  
Oppose British Withdrawal  
Behind Closed Doors

CAIRO, — The British delegation and the Egyptian premier met for more than an hour to discuss closely-guarded doors the British offer to withdraw all armed forces from Egypt. Egyptian politicians and newspapers treated the proposal with suspicion and reserve.

The Egyptian government is said to be insisting that the withdrawal be completed within two years by which time the Egyptian Army will have at least doubled.

### HOLIDAY FARES UP AGAIN

WINNIPEG—Special fares for Victoria Day week-end on National and Canadian Pacific Railway lines are announced by R. H. Powers, vice-president, Canadian Passenger Service. The low fares will be in effect from Thursday, May 23 to Sunday, May 26 and will be up to return leaving destination up to midnight of Monday, May 27. The low rate of single and one-quarter for the trip will be good between stations in Canada and in all classes of accommodation.

### LOCK SHOPS WHITE THIEVES

Prince Rupert business men, it appears, believe in learning the hard way. At least that is the monthly police report of O. L. Hall would indicate, carries the continuing tale of shop proprietors and employees leaving their businesses unlocked at night.

Last month, the report states, 17 business premises unlocked. The average for the last four months has been 18, with a high of 23 in November.

Break and entry offences during April numbered nine. If the prowlers in question had known of the unlocked business places waiting to receive them, they could have spared themselves the trouble of breaking their way into other establishments.

The report showed that during the month there were 58 cases prosecuted before Magistrate W. D. Rose, 46 of which resulted in convictions. Five were dismissed and 11 were remanded. Total of fines levied was \$1,255, plus \$5.75 for maintaining the city.

for the month was \$93.