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# Conspiracy Brews To Nip Off Prince Rupert

#### E OF DYNAMITE STOLEN FROM POWDER STORAGE MAGAZINE

heft of a case of dynamite from the city powder oe magazine on Eleventh Avenue was discovered ity Engineer Phillips Monday afternoon. Mr. ins made the disclosure to City Council last night or the discussion of an offer by War Assets for ity to purchase a metal Nissen hut magazine

VOTE PROPOSED

Commons

Opposition Leader Bracken

Puts Forward Amendment in

OTTAWA - Progressive Con-

servative Leader Bracken yes-

terday moved an amendment to

the government failed to meet

the needs of workers and vet-

crans in order to prevent unem-

amendment charges the govern-

ment has failed to provide hous-

culture to meet world demands.

the low income group.

ouncil Approves Agreement

biscite On Franchise Bylaw Will Follow

Few Weeks-To Make Agreement With

ck and White Transportation Company

ubject to agreement by city property holders,

such an agreement, subject to the approval of

cil last night.

have had no franchise.

Cabs. They offered:

tinued if found practible.

shared by the city.

cover a five-year period.

Council made its decision after

hearing tenders submitted to a

special bus franchise committee

headed by Alderman Robert Mc-

Kay. Three companies put in

The bid which was approved

McDonald and Charles Pustak.

o Allot Bus Line Franchise

NON-CONFIDENCE ty until I went out there the door and a case of r stolen." Mr. Phillips

police do not discount the ility that an epidemic of ackings might result from can be "boiled" from address in reply to the Throne vnamite by experts.

een look-out is being kept | fect a motion of non-confidence e possibilit ythat juven- in the government. It charges bearance of the explosive. nced persons experimenting | ployment and dislocation. The dynamite is pointed out. ing discussion of the offer rchase the 16 feet by 24 ing, has failed to adjust agrirugated iron metal struccouncil decided to make Assets an offer of \$75 for ilding and 500 feet of road lead to it.

### Churchill Is Heard Again

Britain and U.S. Should Walk Together-Parallels Communists to Termites

NEW YORK, W - Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill held out prospect today of Great Britain and the United States rendering unprecedented service to humanity by "walking forward together with no aims of conquest, subjugation or advancement of sordid interests."

The former British Prime Minister, after being awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, at Columbia University yesterday, emphasized the importance of English and history studies. He added that "even our Communist friends should study this. They should study the adthe motion for adoption of the mirable works and life and souls of the white ant. That will show Speech. The amendment is in efnot only a great deal about their past but will give a very fair indication of their future." Mr. Churchill did not expand on this

Scientists, seeking significance in Churchill's parallel, gave definition of the white ant as a termite living in colonies where the individual has no say, the ndividual working automatically and has failed to relieve the tax- in his own task.

#### ation burdens, particularly in QUESTION

WASHINGTON () - Iran has filed a new protest with the United Nations Security Council against the continued presence of Russian troops in that country. An Iranian embassy official said today that the Iranian ambassador had delivered protests Monday night to Tdygve Lie, U.N.C. Secretary General who is in Washington.

will be sought at a plebiscite to be held in the Washington diplomatic newsfuture, City Council will offer a franchise to men were summoned unexpectand White Transportation Co. for exclusive ation of motor busses in the city. Motion to enter promised a statement but an \*the property holders, was passed by a special meeting of Counchanged and that the statement The franchise will give the day.

transportation company exclu-The announcement was that sive right to operate buses in the Iranian ambassador has the city, including routes which been designated to re-open the have been served for the last six Iranian question against Russia years by Arrow Bus Lines which before the U.N.O. Security Coun-

HAROLD WINCH SPEAKS VICTORIA—Speaking in the Legislature yesterday, Harold Winch, C.C.F. leader, said the present housing problem was the accumulation of 20 years of neglect. He charged there by Council was offered by Neil had been discrimination operators of Black and White against C.C.F. candidates in the last election. The province 1. Half-hour service over the should have a sounder finansame route as is at present cial basis than merely hope as served by Arrow Bus Lines, plus to the outcome of the Domexperimental service on several inion - provincial conference other routes which will be conarrangements.

2. To turn over seven per cent annual guarantee of \$300. The of gross receipts to the city. | company offered to put into op-3. Adult fares of 10 cents each eration three new Ford buses or 11 for \$1; student fares of and to operate a line to Westseven for 50 cents and children's view if the roads were put in

Alderman George Hills, who 4. Immediate availability of went on record again as not ham who was chairman of two cab-over-engine buses and favoring any franchise and who such additional equipment as is was the sole dissenter in the Limited. He died at his required. Also to purchase, if vote, pointed out that, if the city in his seventy-seventh available at reasonable price, does decide to grant a fran-Mr. Southam had been in the buses now owned by Arrow chise, it should accept the one which will return the greatest 5. Erection of shelters at bus revenue.

stops which will be maintained Alderman Youngs, who as a by the bus company, except in director of the estate of L. C. cases of vandalism, in which Griffiths, operator of the Arrow case, cost of repair would be Bus Lines, refrained from voting, spoke in support of that line.

The motion was one which 6. Willingness to put up a authorized the drawing up o The franchise agreement is to an agreement covering operation of the bus line, and which will Other companies which offer- be presented to the property

ed tenders for the franchise holders as a plebiscite. were Arrow Bus Lines, which First reading of the bylaw will have operated without the se- come prior to the plebiscite, and curity of a franchise for the last the final readings after. Date six years, and a firm known as of the plebiscite has not yet mously Monday by both houses Veteran's Stage Lines, which of- been set but it is expected it of the Russian parliament under fered the city two and a half will be within the next few a measure in which the annual per cent of gross sales with an weeks.

# Bulletins

FISH WORKERS MEET VANCOUVER -- Six hundred delegates are attending a convention here of the Allied Fish Workers Union which is in the second day of its sittings.

SMOKEATERS WIN

NELSON-Transmoke Laters defeated Nelson by a score of 4 to 2 last night to win the Senior Kootenay League hockey title.

NOT BEFORE UNO WASHINGTON-Secretary of State James Byrnes announced today that the United States will not take the question of Franco Spain before the UNO security council. The situation in Spain is not deemed to be a threat to international

CHURCHILL TO HOLLAND THE HAGUE-Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain and Mrs. Churchill will resit Holland about the middle of May as the guests of Queen Wilhel-

peace and security.

WOMEN ARE POISONED VANCOUVER-A dozen women who were here for the Canadian Legion convention were taken to hospital suffering from food poisoning following a meal in a downtown restaurant, None of them are in serious condition and all are expected to be discharged by this afternoon.

AUSTRALIAN FLOODS MELBOURNE-Damage as a result of great floods in southern Victoria province is estimated at \$325,000,000. Many farmers lost everything. Forty bridges were washed away.

MAROONED 14 DAYS VAN NUIYS, Cal.-Mrs. Bernice Brown was rescued, in physical and mental collapse, after having been marooned for 14 days on a small island off the coast. Her husband and a companion were lost when a fishing boat foundered in a

TACOMANS WALK

TACOMA — Tacoma people had to walk to work yesterday when 103 transit company buses remained idle in the barns as their drivers went on

DOMINOES TAKE SERIES VICTORIA — Victoria Dom-Lauries 54 to 36 Saturday night to take the best of five provincial senior basketball final in three straight games.

BLAME FOR FOOD CRISIS NEW YORK-Herbert Lehman, retiring president of UNRRA, blames premature removal of rationing and food restrictions for the present world food crisis which might result in interational instability and future conflict.

NEITZ TESTIFIES AURICH, Germany- Johann Neitz, former German marine, testifying in his own defence before the Royal Canadian Air Force war crimes court, said yesterday he shot Flying Officer Rudolph Roman of Peronto when Raman refused to keep moving as ordered.

ST. PAT'S WIN HALIFAX-Ottawa St. Patriks won over Halifax St. Mary's 9 to 5 last night in the opening game here of Memorial Cup hockey play-offs.

### edly to the Iranian embassy Espionage Situation as Monday night. They had been Espionage Situation as embassy official explained, with apologies, that plans had been Serious a Matter as Ever would not be issued until Tues- Existed In This Nation

#### Soviet Agents Were Using Canada As Base For Operations Against Britain and United States

OTTAWA (CP)—The Canadian House of Commons heard Prime Minister Mackenzie King, in his espionage address, declare Monday night that Soviet agents had used Canada as a base for espionage operations against Britain and the United States. He said, is a city spread out across the however, that he was sure Premier Stalin was un- forested slopes. Piers line the aware of the spy activity.

Mr. King said Igor Gouzenko. City Supporting Russia cipher clerk, who informed the government of the espion- Mayor As Delegate age ring, had claimed a fifth column was being created in orized Mayor H. M. Daggett to Canada.

relations with Russia.

Canada planned to do.

## City council last night auth-

take leave from his duties for Mr. King expressed the hope the purpose of acting as delegate nobody in a responsible position from the Prince Rupert Indusin Canada would suggest that trial Relations Committee to the Dominion sever diplomatic present the committee's brief to the provincial government. The The government leader said mayor, who will act in conjuncthat the espionage inquiry was | tion with Hon. E. T. Kenney. as serious a situation as existed i minister of lands and forests, in Canada at any time. He also and W. H. Brett, M.L.A., will said that the United States and | sail Thursday night for Victoria. the United Kingdom govern- Council also agreed that, if the ments had been informed of mayor's trip could be financed in what was happening and what no other way, the city would meet the expenses.

### RUSSIA PLANS TO LEAD IN ATOMICS

of World

MOSCOW, @ Russia today kilowatt hours. embarked officially on a new among users of atomic energy a third billion dollars. and to boost industrial production to one and a half times the pre-war level by 1950.

The plan was adopted unaniiron production would be in-

New Five-Year Plan Designed creased to 19,000,000 tons, steel Te Place Nation in Forefront to 25,000,000 tons, coal to 250,- headlands, here is a city attach- macht marched into Poland. 000,00 tons, oil to 35.000,000 tons and electric power to 85.000,000

Expenditure for education and five-year plan designed to place culture would be boosted to the the nation in the forefront equivalent to about thirteen and

> LEO SWEENEY RESIGNS VANCOUVER - Leo Sweney has resigned as chairman of the jubilee celebration committee, pleading that pressure of other activities makes it impossible for him to carry on.

# This Port Seen as Focal Point In Transportation Controversey

#### Great Possibilities Here Seen As Menace to Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver in Alaska and Oriental Trade

With the Prince Rupert route suggesting to the United States Department of State "vast and important possibilities for trade to and from Alaska," this returned to one point on the map port is today "the focal point of a transportation con- of the North Pacific: that point troversy which may shake the northland," says Richard L. Neuberger, feature writer for the Portland

Oregonian and correspondent in\* the Pacific Northwest for the New York Times in a special article entitled "Spearhead to the North" which appears in the current issue of "Alaska Life" inoes trounced the Vancouver | magazine published in Seattle interests are moving, the article can be told. suggests, to prevent this port. lished facilities, becoming a factor in rivalry against Seattle. lucrative Alaska trade and Orient. The possibility of strong political influence being brought

> Mr. Neuberger's article is one of the most factually out-contacts with the far north. spoken pieces of publicity Prince Incredible War Rupert has received to date. It Developments is so interesting that it is reproduced as follows:

"Seattle is the last port of continental United States as ships take into careful consideration sail northward to Alaska. The the incredible wartime developsettlements of Vancouver Island dot the Inside Passage. One by one, they pass the port side of the ship-Wellington, Campbell cealed than the story of Prince River, Alert Bay. Then Vancou- Rupert; yet this story has many ver Island is left astern as the long-range repercussions for the vessel threads through Seymour Narrows and rocks in the swells of Queen Charlotte Sound.

the ship again, and the scenery Japanese occupied our outposts slopes have stiffened into tim- forcements were needed in Albered hills and rocky crags. The aska. The next strike might be bered hills and rocky crags. The aska. The next strike might be ship plows on. It is like cruising at the mainland. In addition. CHARGED WITH into a vast Norwegian fiord. On the Joint Chiefs of Staff at both the port and starboard sides the ship is flanked by moun- struction of a military highway the ship is flanked by moun-struction of a military highway tains. One knows what Coleridge meant when he wrote of the interior of the continent and "caverns measureless to man." the heart of Alaska. Suddenly a

City Appears

Suddenly the fiords fall away. The mountains are left behind. The tide from Dixon Entrance sways the masts. The ship heads inland. And there, off the bow, waterfront. Cranes and derricks look down on the wharves. Freighters with the flags of Canada, the United States and the Soviet Union at their halyards loading and discharging

"Back of the piers one counts the sixteen tracks of a spacious railroad yard. Nor are these the tiny narrow-gauge tracks of the White Pass and Yukon. They are standard gauge, and on them are parked the freight cars of the great lines-Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, Great Northern, Union Pacific, New York Central, Milwaukee, Northern Pacific. Beside the station a mountain locomotive idles rhythmically at the head of eleven pullmans and a diner.

ed by railroad to the industrial from Ketchikan, Alaska's port of entry, one cruises alongside railroad cars straight from Pittsburgh and pullmans that soon will carry troops into Pennsylvania station in New York.

The name of this seaport is Prince Rupert. It is British Columbia's northermost harbor. It also marks the farthest any railroad linked to the Germany would expect adequate might be attacked.

#### transportation network of Canada and the United States.

Within the freight yards and piers of Prince Rupert is locked one of the fabulous stories of and Juneau. Aiready southern the war-a story which only now

Nor is it merely a tale of the through use of wartime estab- war. It also holds great significance for the future of the entire Pacific Northwest. Seattle Tacoma and Portland for the relies heavily on post-war trade with Alaska, for the Alaskan against Vancouver for the pro- commerce of Puget Sound exfitable Empire trade with the ceeds that area's trade with all foreign lands combined. Portland and the Columbia River to bear against Prince Rupert is ports also eye Alaska, and a re- BEHEADED MEN cent report of the Port of Portland urged increasing shipping

"But neither Portland nor Seattle can consider post-war trade with Alaska unless they ments at Prince Rupert.

"Few stories of World War II have been more diligently conwhole North Pacific region.

"In the spring of 1942 the first invasion of American soil in more "The Inside Passage swallows than a century occurred. The and a chain of airports between

"Thousands of men and countless tons of supplies had to be shipped north. But shipping was Australia was beleagured. Heavy disclosed person. convoys were needed in the were on the prowl. Only a comparatively few vessels could be

NUERNBERG (P) - Birger ty or interest of the state Dahlerus, Swedish engineer, tes- which was calculated or might tified today at the International be directly or indirectly useful Military Tribunal that the Swe- to the enemy." dish government rejected a suggestion three weeks before the outbreak of the second Great BOAT CAPSIZES; outbreak of the second Great War that the government or King Gustav attempt to mediate between Germany and Britain.

Dahlerus told the court that the Swedish government offered no objection to a private citizen attempting such intervention From the deck of the boat one and he said he personally carand forty miles north of Seattle, ler to Prime Minister Chamberalmost within sight of Alaska's lain four days before the Wehr- Island in Lake Ontario.

America. Less than seventy miles Goering, said that Hitler's pro- one hundred feet to land. Danzig corridor but that the ald, 20. Poles would be given the use of Danzig.

assigned to the defence of Alaska. How could these vessels be made as effective as possible?

"In Washington and Ottawa, men with stars and batons on their shoulders bent over their maps. They studied charts. They sent for reports. And always they was Prince Rupert.

"It was 1,500 miles from Seattle to Anchorage, the headquarters of the Alaskan Defence Command. But it was only 860 miles from Prince Rupert to Anchorage. What if Prince Rupert were made the embarkation port for Alaska? Would not each ship then be able to haul at least fifty percent more cargo because of the reduced distance?

"Looking at the map, the Joint Chiefs of Staff saw that the Canadian National Railway divided at Red Pass Junction in the Rockies. The main line

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#### WERE BRITISH AND CANADIAN

HONG KONG, (CP)-British military authorities who are seeking evidence of Japanese atrocities here have found the remains of 10 beheaded persons blieved to be British and Canadian prisoners of war. A Chinese who was pressed into service by the Japanese as a gravedigger disclosed where the victims had been buried. The British authorities believe the execution occurred on approximately the day Hong Kong fell to the Japanese in December, 1941.

LONDON, ()-Dr. Allan Nunn May, 34, British physicist who worked in Canada on nuclear research in the wartime pursuit of atomic energy, was held for trial today on charges of violating the short. Japanese submarines and official Secrets Act by giving bombers had taken a heavy toll. atomic information to an un-

May was refused bail by Mag-North Atlantic, where u-boats istrate Harold McKenna of Bow Street Court who said that the defendant's release might be 'against public policy."

May pleaded innocent to charges of violating a section of the Official Secrets Act of 1911. The section under which he is charged deals with communication of information "for purposes prejudicial to the safe-

KINGSTON, Ont. (P) -- Four men were drowned when their boat capsized near Brophy's Point at the entrance to the St. Lawrence River from Lake Oncan only marvel. Six hundred ried a six-point plan from Hit- tario. The men were carrying supplies from Kingston to Wolfe

Four other men escaped. One Dahlerus, testifying as a de- swam to shore. Another helped and commercial centres of North fence witness for Hermann the remaining two to cover the

posals were: that Germany The victims were Howard would sign a pact of alliance Cummins, twenty-three years of with Britain and that Britain age; Clarence Adair, 26; George would help Germany obtain Alairie, 19; and his brother, Ger-

guarantees of the treatment of Germany would guarantee Po- the German minority in Poland land's sovereignty and would ex- and Germany would pledge itpect agreement on the status self to defend the British people north at tidewater reached by of Germany's former colonies. with the Wehrmacht where it

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MMITTEE

OBES STATE

PARTMENT

SHINGTON (P) — Members

United States house of

sentatives committee on

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that they have for the

ports that "persons of un-

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into the State Department

by the House military con-

by the House military

operations being

wo months been investigat-

Atreal Following Brief

NTREAL ( A) A prominent fares of five cents or 11 for 50 shape. dian publisher died in Mon- cents. yesterday. He was F. M. loard of the Southam Comital earlier in the winter Bus Lines. apparently had recovered. became ill yesterday afterwhile making plans for a to Atlantic City. He died tly afterwards.

LEON BLUM COMING ASHINGTON-Former Pre-Leon Blum of France, at sent here, is expected to

arrested today and chargas a war criminal.

TRAL NAGANO CHARGED OKYO - Admiral Nagano, accepts responsibility for attack on Pearl Harbor,

a visit to Canada before