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Hopes Raised For Missing Plane

Signal Fire is Believed Sighted on Mount Rainier

SEATTLE—Hopes have been suddenly raised there may be survivors from the United States Army Corps transport plane which has been missing in the vicinity of Mount Rainier since last Tuesday. A signal fire has been sighted in that area.

Inquiry on Ocean Dock

Minister of Reconstruction Requests Himself in Peacetime Position
C. D. Howe, minister of reconstruction, informs the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce that he is seeking information from the sources direct-ly concerned as to what is being done with regard to the postwar situation of the ocean dock and warehouse here. A report was asked by Mr. Howe from the War Assets Corporation in connection with the warehouse and the ocean dock. A similar report is being asked from the Department of Transport in regard to the Canadian National-controlled part of the ocean dock.

Issuing Saltery Licences Granted

VICTORIA—The cabinet on Monday approved the issuance of saltery dry saltery licences for 1946-47 to the B.C. Packers' Association for its Kildonan plant and the Green Charlotte Fisheries for its Green Cove plant, both located in Barkley Sound.

TAWA DROPS GASOLINE TAX

OTTAWA—The federal government will remove the 3c per gallon gasoline tax as from April 1st, 1947. This will mean a loss of \$2,700,000 per year in revenue but the minister of finance, Hon. Douglas Abbott, feels the benefits of the Dominion to a condition to meet the

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CLOSING OF CONFERENCE

Last Act of Great Peace Meeting at New York Marked By Cheering of Delegates

NEW YORK, N.Y.—It was shortly before midnight Sunday that the United Nations General Assembly disposed of the last item on the agenda which was climaxed Saturday with the unanimous adoption of a world arms limitation plan which it is hoped to see become effective in 1947.

Delegates gave cheering acclamation when President Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium put the question on the political committee's report recommending a reduction in national armaments and control of atomic and other mass killing weapons of war.

Hon. Paul Martin, leader of the Canadian delegation, described the Assembly's action as an historic step toward general disarmament.

The resolution placed the task of disarmament planning in the hands of the 11-member security council.

LIVED THRU "BEHEADING"

Australian Soldier Was Buried Alive After Being Thought Decapitated by Japanese

TOKYO, (CP)—An Australian soldier told the international war crimes court yesterday that he had lived through a Japanese officer's attempt to behead him.

"I felt a heavy, dull blow on the back of my neck," he said, telling how he had eventually crawled to safety after recovering consciousness to find himself buried in a shallow grave.

This soldier was the first witness called as the Australians began the final phase of an international prosecution which began last June 3. He escaped through the jungle, finally making his way to Singapore, where he surrendered to the police who handed him over to Japanese masters. He stayed in Singapore war camps until the end of the war.

EDMONTON HAS \$80,000 FIRE

Fireman Sustains Broken Leg in Forced Jump from Ladder

EDMONTON, (CP)—Fireman C. D. Gilchrist suffered a possible fracture of the leg when he was forced to jump from a ladder as the roof of the Alberta Motor Boat Co. plant collapsed when an \$80,000 two-alarm fire gutted the building yesterday. Thawing of a steam pipe with a blow torch is believed to have been the cause of the fire.

Gale Forces Alaskan Hoopsters To Cancel Game Here Tonight

However, Visiting Team Will Arrive In Time to Play One Game of Inter-City Hoop Series Tomorrow Night

Tonight's basketball game between the Prince Rupert high school and New Metlakatla, which was to be played in the Civic Centre gym here, was cancelled by the rampant antics of the weatherman who whipped up a gale forcing the Alaskan visitors to turn back to Ketchikan shortly after they had left that city by boat this morning.

DEATHS FALL, BIRTHS RISE

U.K. Vital Statistics Show Signs of Social Progress

LONDON—An increase in the birth-rate and a fall in the death-rate are generally looked upon as a favorable sign of social progress.

The United Kingdom statistics show that, in the first quarter of 1946, no less than 181,445 births were registered in Britain, which represent a birth-rate of 17.2 per 1,000 population. From 1940 to 1944, the average for the first quarter was 15.7.

Against this satisfactory figure, deaths totalled 155,153 or a rate of 14.8 per 1,000 population, whilst in the five years period mentioned above the average of 15.7 was recorded.

In the second quarter of 1946, about 40,000 more children were born, but the final figure has not yet been released. A greater increase is expected for the third quarter of the current year.

THE WEATHER

Forecast
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Northern portion overcast today and Wednesday. Continuous rain today. Rain showers overnight and Wednesday morning, then continuous rain till evening. Southeast gales (35 m.p.h.), becoming southwest (25) overnight. Wind becoming southeast (35) Wednesday afternoon and evening.

\$800 in Fines Levied as Hallowe'en Damage Sequel

Fines totalling more than \$800 were levied in juvenile court Monday against 24 juveniles found responsible for 18 acts of property damage last Hallowe'en night when the city tallied up the greatest toll of smashed windows and broken street lights in its history.

Car Prices Moving Up

Ten Percent Boost On Passenger Vehicles and Seven Percent On Commercial

OTTAWA (CP)—A ten percent increase in consumer price of new Canadian-made passenger automobiles and a seven percent boost in the price of commercial vehicles, effective tomorrow, is announced by the Prices and Trade Board.

Permission for the increase is granted because higher prices have been paid currently for essential imported parts and "substantially higher cost both for domestic labor and materials."

Ford, General Motors and Chrysler are the companies which have been allowed to advance prices.

Blessing on Engagement

Prince Philip Appears Favored As Fiance of Princess Elizabeth

LONDON—Sources close to Buckingham Palace and 10 Downing Street expressed pleased, off-the-record interest yesterday in the possibility of Princess Elizabeth marrying Prince Philip of Greece but emphasized that persistent rumors of the engagement were still only rumors.

Britain's upper-crusters appear solidly in favor of the 25-year-old Philip and there is a widespread tendency to "keep politics out of it."

Possibility of the engagement being announced after the Royal Tour to South Africa early next year is discussed.

Prince Philip, as an officer in the Royal Navy, has applied for priority in being granted British citizenship. He would thereby renounce his claim to the throne of Greece.

NO SNOWFALL BUT BLIZZARD

Big Wind Blew Drifts Around In Southeastern Saskatchewan

REGINA—Southeastern Saskatchewan last night experienced what was described as the worst blizzard in 30 years but little snow actually fell. Instead, wind, which reached 50 miles an hour velocity, picked up snow lying in three- to six-foot drifts and cut visibility down to 200 yards, blocking roads at the same time.

One man—W. Mitchell Elliott of Tugaskie—was reported missing but may be found sheltering in a farmhouse.

FIVE TO BE HANGED WEDNESDAY MORNING AT LETHBRIDGE JAIL

LETHBRIDGE—A new high record for number of hangings in a Canadian jail in one day will be set tomorrow when five men—four German prisoners of war and a Canadian Army veteran—will be executed. The Germans have been convicted of murdering a fellow prisoner in Medicine Hat prisoner of war camp in 1944 and the Canadian, Donald Sherman Goss, 29, is condemned for the sex-killing of six-year-old Donnie Goss of Calgary on July 24. Appeal for commutation of the death sentences on the Germans has been denied.

Bulletins

CANADIAN U.N. HEAD
OTTAWA—Reports reaching here from New York indicate that External Affairs Minister Louis St. Laurent may be president of the next General Assembly of United Nations.

EPIDEMIC AMONG BABIES
LONDON—Fear that widespread extension of a mysterious epidemic which has already taken the lives of 23 newborn babies and has affected five hospitals in England has resulted in the closing of three maternity wards for disinfection purposes. The mystery epidemic, which attacked 48 other persons, followed prevalence of gastroenteritis in maternity wards.

ANOTHER SHIP CONTRACT
VANCOUVER—Burrard Dry Dock has received the contract from the French government for another 7500-ton collier which will cost \$2,000,000 and will keep several hundred men busy for many months.

JEWS THREATEN CANE STROKES FOR OFFICERS

This Punishment May be Inflicted on British Army Officers, Palestine Underground Says

JERUSALEM—British Army officers in Palestine were threatened last night with "punishment in strokes of the cane" in an announcement broadcast by the secret transmitter of Ir-gun Zvai Leumi, illegal Jewish underground organization.

This punishment, the broadcast stated, would be meted out if 18 strokes of the cane and an 18-year jail sentence passed on 16-year old Abraham Kimchin, convicted on charges arising from a bank hold-up, was carried out.

CALLS OF PRANKSTER

Irresponsible Boys May be Making Violence Suggestions Over 'Phone in London

LONDON—Twenty-one warnings that London buildings would be blown up are believed by Scotland Yard to be either the messages of a dangerous maniac or of a group of irresponsible boys. The last warning was believed to have been in the voice of a boy.

The total warnings received by the police since Friday night rose to 21 yesterday, the authorities intensifying their precautions to avert possible violence although expressing the belief that the calls were the work of a prankster.



NUREMBERG WOMAN IS BITTER... AT GERMANS—Frau Brigitte Frank, widow of Hans Frank, former Nazi governor of Poland who was hanged as a war criminal at Nuremberg, is shown with two of her five children, Brigitte, 11, and Norman, 17, in their Munich home. Since the execution of her husband Mrs. Frank has grown bitter, but not against the Allies who hanged him, but against the Germans who punished the children for the sins of their father. The children are ostracized by former comrades. Most recent blow to fall on the Frank family was when a gang of armed thugs broke into the home of Mrs. Frank's married daughter and cleaned it out of furs, jewels and clothing to the value of \$20,000.

Prince Rupert Workers Go To Jobs in Fish Packing Boats

Thaw and Rain Nearly Causes Traffic Halt

Prince Rupert experienced close to a transportation tie-up this morning when an overnight thaw, accompanied by rain, softened the packed snow on city streets, converting them into a welter of treacherous slush which stopped much traffic and made walking a major athletic endeavour.

Street surfaces, covered with up to six inches of packed snow, dissolved under the buffeting of small amount of traffic and became channels down which snow and water poured, in some places ankle-deep.

Bus service to the east and west ends of the city was tied up completely and their usual early-morning passengers slogged grimly to work on the treacherous snow crust which more often than not, failed to bear their weight. It was doubtful if the buses would be in service at all today.

Fuel companies, besieged by their usual deluge of morning calls for coal or oil, were unable to promise deliveries even in the central areas of the city. Deliveries to the outlying districts were out of the question.

"I don't know whether we will be able to get trucks out of the yard," replied one fuel dealer to a query about deliveries.

Workers at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative plant at Fairview Bay were taken to the job this morning on fish packers from the Cow Bay floats, because of the impossibility of traversing the Cemetery Road. Water transport was the Co-op's only transportation link with the city up to noon.

Rainfall recorded between 4 a.m. Monday and 10 a.m. today was 4 inches. However, it did a good job of disorganizing the routine of the city by softening the snow.

No major traffic mishaps were reported up to noon, although there were many cases where vehicles had either got bogged down in the snow or had skidded into roadside ditches.

Goose and Turkey On Air Lines Fare

WINNIPEG—The goose will hang high this Christmas—well, the turkey anyway. For those who must travel over the holiday, TransCanada Air Lines has arranged a traditional Canadian holiday menu. It goes from celery and olives through turkey to mince pie and assorted nuts. Airline officers here estimate the sky travellers will consume 250 pounds of turkey, 100 pounds of mince pie, 70 pounds of cheese, 30 pounds of salad dressing and 25 pounds of candy mints on Christmas day, eating dinner anywhere from two to twelve thousand feet above the ground.

▲ Reserved seats on Tuesday night's basketball game will be interchangeable with tickets for Wednesday night's game. No game tonight. (294)

Not Breaking With Britain

But India Will Go Ahead Vigorously in Forming Independent Republic, Declares Nehru

BENARES, India—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, leader of the India Congress party and leading minister of the interim Indian government, said last night that there was no foundation for Bombay dispatches reporting him as having said at a reception in Benares Sunday night that "in two or three days" time India is to declare herself out of the British Empire."

Nehru said, however, that a resolution was to be considered for a "sovereign and independent" republic.

The future of India had been thrust forcefully on to the official scene in London yesterday by Bombay dispatches quoting Nehru as saying that his Congress party was taking matters into its own hands, following the deadlock with the Moslems over the formation of an autonomous government for India, to forge a new and independent nation.

The Times of India, published in Bombay, quoted Nehru as saying: "We are not going to submit our decisions to British Parliament. Congress has decided to go forward vigorously."

NEW CITY POLICE CORPORAL HERE

Provincial police Corporal A. H. Taylor, formerly of Ladysmith, arrived in the city at the weekend and is attached to the city detachment of the provincial force. Corporal Taylor fills the position left vacant at the city police office by the transfer last summer of Corporal A. T. Lashmar to the status of detective corporal, attached to the divisional office here. Following his formal transfer to the divisional office, Detective Corporal Lashmar, however, remained at the city office.

PARIS—A vote of confidence in Leon Blum's temporary French government was given today. The division was 580 to 16.

Regular League
BASKETBALL
GAMES TONIGHT
at Civic Centre