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Fishermen's Reserve Disbanded

Thirty Boats Being Retained For Naval Work on This Coast

Danger of Japanese Presence Here Has Disappeared And Naval Forces Are Stronger Here Anyway.

OTTAWA, March 18 (CP) — Hon. Angus MacDonald, minister of the navy, announced Friday night in the House of Commons that the west coast Fishermen's Reserve force is being disbanded. Members will have the opportunity of joining either the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve or Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve or returning to fishing operations.

Mr. MacDonald said that the fishermen had discharged their duties very satisfactorily. Rounding up of about 1,000 Japanese fishing vessels had been a major task.

The position now was that the danger of Japanese boats on the Pacific Coast had disappeared and Navy forces were stronger.

Some 30 boats from the Reserve would be retained in the Navy service, Mr. MacDonald said.

Post-War Air Transport Plan

Commercial Lines To Be Separate and Free Of Railway Ownership

Ottawa Makes Plans Which Would Make for Free Travel Both Within and Without Country.

OTTAWA, March 18 (CP)—Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of munitions and supply, told the House of Commons yesterday that ownership of Canadian Air Lines after the war will be separated from ownership and operation by the railways. An air transport board will be set up to supervise rates, equipment and allocate routes. Mr. Howe outlined a postwar air transport policy for the Dominion from both the domestic and international angles.

Canada proposed an international air transport authority to regulate air transport between countries along free-moving lines.

The minister spoke of present arrangements between Canada and the United States whereby Pan-American planes flew over Canadian territory and waters between Seattle and Alaska and Canadian planes flew over Alaska territory from point to point in Canada.

Mr. Howe forecast manufacture of four-engined transport planes for the air lines of Canada after the war.

LONDON IS HIT AGAIN

LONDON, March 18 (AP)—German raiders dropped bombs again last night on London. Two suburban hospitals were hit. Casualties and damage resulted.

Committees For Year Appointed

Members of Board of Directors of Prince Rupert General Hospital Assigned to Special Duties.

President G. P. Tinker has appointed standing committees of the Prince Rupert General Hospital for the year as follows:

Finance — Arnold Flaten, W. M. Watts and Norman A. Watt.

House—Robert Gordon, T. B. Black, Ald. George Hills and Mrs. S. A. Kielback.

Executive—W. O. Fulton, Dr. R. G. Large, Robert Gordon, Arnold Flaten, W M. Watts and T. B. Black.

Grounds — T. B. Black and George Hills.

Ambulance—W. M. Watts and Dr. R. G. Large.

W.D.'s Double On Jeepettes

Playing off a game which had been scheduled for decision on Wednesday at the Group Four arena, the W. D. Gremlins doubled up on their service sisters, the C.W.A.C. Jeepettes to a score of 24-12 at Group Four last night.

Some pretty sleek plays were exhibited during the tourney with the W. D.'s being more accurate when it came to laying them in the hoop. There was an appreciative turnout of fans.

Greenville Has Annual Election

Samuel Tait is Chosen Chief Councillor of Naas River Village for Year

Samuel Tait has been elected chief councillor of the Naas River native village of Greenville with Fred McKay as deputy chief and Albert Moore, William Leeson, George Martin, Albert Stevens and Herbert Robinson other councillors.

Chief Constable for the year is Gordon McKay with other constables in the persons of William Bright, Rufus McNeil, Raymond Calder, Kelly Stevens, Peter McKay and Jeffrey Martin.

Local Temperature

Maximum	48
Minimum	40

Finns and Reds Mass

STOCKHOLM, March 18 (AP) — Heavy Russian troop movements in the vicinity of Kandalaksha behind the northern Finnish front are reported in a Berlin dispatch to the Swedish press. The paper added that truck loads of Finnish troops and material have been heading for the Russian front in recent weeks.

Nazi Resistance Is Being Reduced

NAPLES, March 18 (AP)—Fifth Army forces are reducing enemy resistance in the southwest corner of Cassino and in hills to the west.

Is Made Deacon At Service Here

John Hayhurst Admitted Into Anglican Church Clergy With Impressive Rites Led by Bishop.

John Hayhurst, for several years a lay reader of the Anglican Church in this district, first at Greenville and more recently at Kitwanga, was made a deacon by Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix, D.D., Bishop of Caledonia, in a special service yesterday morning at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

Canon W. F. Rushbrook opened the service with prayer and the sermon was delivered by Rev. E. W. Scott of Seal Cove. Rev. E. W. Slater of Terrace took the Litnay and presented the candidate to the Bishop for ordination. Very Rev. James B. Gibson, dean of the Cathedral officiated at Holy Communion. Peter Lien was organist and hymns used were "Breathe On Me Breath of God," "Come Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire" and "Fight the Good Fight."

The rites were carried out with ritualistic impressiveness.

Less Beer For This Province

VANCOUVER, March 18—British Columbia, in spite of the federal relaxation of distribution, may have even less beer because of malt shortage.

GIRL GUIDES ANNUAL MEET

Accept Resignation of Mrs. C. V. Evitt Who is Leaving—Elect New Officers

The annual meeting of the Girl Guide Association was held at the home of Mrs. G. R. S. Blackaby, when the members accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. C. V. Evitt as president owing to her intended departure from the city. Mrs. R. L. MacIntosh, on behalf of the association, tendered a sincere vote of thanks to the president for her work with the Guides and hoped for her continued interest in the work of the association.

Tentative plans were made for the visit of Miss Illingworth the provincial commissioner, and Miss Hannah, the provincial head of training, who will be visiting Rupert in April. Arrangements were also made for a delegate to attend the annual convention in Vancouver in April.

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

Honorary President, Mrs. R. L. MacIntosh.

President, Mrs. J. B. Gibson.

Vice-President, Mrs. J. R. Morrison.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. G. R. Blackaby.

Examining committee— Mrs. Arnold Flaten, Mrs. D. G. Borland, Mrs. G. A. Hunter and Mrs. L. Holtby.

The death occurred in the Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning of Pearl Jones, one-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jones of Massett. The child had been taken to hospital last night.

Indian Faces Murder Charge

FINLAY FORKS, March 18 (AP)—Alex Prince, 22, Fort St. James Indian, was charged with murder Thursday in connection with the fatal shooting two weeks ago of Eugene Bessmer, 33, and Hans Pfeuffer, 43, Finlay Forks trappers. Prince will be flown to Prince George.

JAP SUPPLY LINES ARE BEING CUT

INDIA - BURMA FRONTIER, March 18 (AP) — British infantry and American engineers, after landing by glider and transport, carved out an air strip and land base behind Japanese lines in north-central Burma and placed a strong force across supply lines linking the enemy's northern and southern armies.

Nurses Want More Money

The general duty nurses of the Prince Rupert General Hospital placed direct before the hospital board at last night's meeting a request for a $20 per month increase in salaries from the present $85 and $95 per month but will be advised by the board that they should make their representations in the proper way through the medium of the lady superintendent.

In their letter to the board last night, the members of the general duty staff expressed the opinion that their salaries were not in proper proportion to what was received by married nurses, undergraduates and nursing aides. The nurses also took occasion to suggest that the medical staff might be "more cooperative and less critical."

One member of the board referred to the fact that general duty nurses had been increased last year from $65 to $85 per month and suggested that nurses here were now being paid as high as nurses in any other hospital in the province.

Aged Terrace Woman Dies

Mrs. Mary Price, Mother of Mrs. Walter Williscroft Dies.

Mrs. Mary A. Price, mother of Mrs. Walter Williscroft, formerly of Port Essington and now of Terrace, passed away at Terrace on Monday morning of this week after a brief illness. She had reached the ripe age of over eighty years. A widow, Mrs. Price had come to this district a few years ago from Calgary to take up residence with her daughter.

The funeral took place on Tuesday from St. Matthew's Anglican Church at Terrace with Rev. E. W. Scott officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery on Kalum Hill.

WAR NEWS

ADMIRALTY ISLAND CONTROL

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Capture of Lorengau airdrome on Manus Island in the Admiralty group and complete breakdown of Japanese counter-offensive at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Island in the Solomons were announced in an Allied communique Saturday. Subjugation of Manus will give the Americans virtual control of the whole Admiralty group at the northern approach to Bismarck Sea.

RUMANIANS IN PANIC

LONDON—Reports from the continent are to the effect that Rumanian civilians are in panic at the approach of the great Red Armies and are endeavouring frantically to get out of the border country. Even the Bucharest press suggested yesterday what might be expected from the Allied air forces, pointing out to what had happened in great German and Italian cities.

B.C. REGIMENT IN ITALY

OTTAWA—It is announced that a Westminister Regiment has been in action in Italy since January.

VIENNA BEING BLASTED

LONDON—Allied planes blasted Vienna, the capital of Austria, for the second straight night. Vienna had been practically free of bombing before this.

Reds Near Bessarabia

RUSSIANS SURGE ON—Soviet Offensive Towards Rumania Continues Unchecked.

MOSCOW, March 18 (CP)—Russian cavalry, infantry and tanks are within sight of Bessarabia today after the Red Army smashed forward to within 11 miles of the Dniester River—pre-war boundary of Rumania — and the offensive is still unchecked. A late report said they had reached the Dniester at one point. One Red Army unit is within 12 miles of a highway which leads northeast to Rumania and CzechoSlovakia.

With the overrunning of towns only 11 miles from the pre-war Rumanian frontier, the Russians have drawn tighter the semi-circle around Nikolaev, Black Sea port.

Meanwhile in Poland the Russians yesterday captured Dubno, German strong point in pre-war Poland. Lwow, strategic Polish rail city, is only 70 miles west of Soviet spearheads now and it is reported that the Germans have commenced moving industries from there to Cracow.

CLINGING TO PEACE HOPES

HELSINKI, March 18 (AP)—Finnish political quarters are still clinging to hope of rescuing peace negotiations with Russia.

Goyette Trial Is Adjourned

Lasting throughout the day in County Court before Judge W. E. Fisher on Friday, the trial of Leo Goyette, charged with robbery with violence, ended in an adjournment until Monday.

Goyette is charged with striking John Isjaski, a construction company worker, in a Third Avenue cafe on the evening of February 19 and taking a sum of money from him. The amount of the money, seemingly subject to conflicting valuations, was said to be between $1000 and $1500.

At Friday's session witnesses for the prosecution were heard, and on Monday the defence will present its witnesses.

W. O. Fulton is appearing for the prosecution and T. W. Brown is acting for the defence.

Graduate Nurses Would Belong To Hospital Board

The local branch of the Graduate Nurses' Association of British Columbia had a communication before the board of directors of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Association last night asking that it be accorded representation on the board. The letter was signed by the present of the Association, Miss Ruth Corbould R.N., and the secretary, Mrs. Mary Forbes R.N. Appended was a list of other nurse signatories to the request.

The hospital board took the view that the request was one to be given serious consideration before any decision was made. To meet the request, the hospital association bylaws would have to be changed. Board members did not seem to be entirely convinced of the necessity of having the Nurses' Association represented on the board.

The upstart of the matter was to refer the question to the executive committee for consideration and report.

Bulletins

HONORS SOLDIERS

LONDON— Speaking at the opening of "Salute the Soldier" week, Prime Minister Churchill said that British troops were now fighting on all the main battlefronts of the world, and that on them would fall a large part of the burden of winning the decisive battles of the war, which would probably come this year.

ROME HIT AGAIN

LONDON — A Swiss radio broadcast said that Rome had been bombed again last night. The report gave no further details.

RUSSIANS AT DNEISTER

LONDON— A despatch from Moscow at noon today said that the Russians had now reached the banks of the Dneister River, and were now on the Rumanian border.

Terrace Village Is Wanting Light

TERRACE, March 18—Efforts are being made to induce some competent firm to establish a lighting plant in Terrace. Conditions are not satisfactory in the dark evenings of fall and winter and it is hoped, through the joint efforts of the Board of Trade and the village municipality, that something may materialize that will light up the streets.

Doukhobors On Another March

BRILLIANT, March 18 (AP) — Some 80 radical Doukhobors marched Friday to the home of John Veregin, spiritual leader of orthodox Doukhobors, but marched away without causing any violence after they were refused permission to enter the Veregin home.

At Victoria Attorney General R. L. Maitland warned that prosecution will follow acts of violence to persons or property.

Local Tides

Sunday, March 19

High	8:40	18.2 feet
	22:04	16.9 feet
Low	2:05	9.7 feet
	15:19	5.9 feet

IN SOUTH PACIFIC—

Action Is Widespread

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC, March 18 (AP) —American forces, which landed Wednesday on Manus, largest of the Admiralty Islands, have captured the Japanese air field at Uorengau, General Douglas MacArthur announced last night.

An attack by the Japanese on the American forces at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville in the Solomons was smashed.

Further large bombing raids have been made by Allied planes on Wa ek, New Guinea, and Rabaul, New Britain, meeting little enemy resistance.

Yesterday American bombers made a 2-400-mile flight to drop bombs on Surebaya, Japanese-occupied former Dutch naval base on Java. Twenty-eight tons of bombs were dropped on Surebaya.

DAYLIGHT RAID ON

LONDON, March 18 (AP) — Strong Allied bomber formations headed over Dover for a daylight offensive today after mosquitoes returned from a night blow at an unspecified target in western Germany. The mosquitoes returned without loss from the night raid.

Red Cross Donations

Prev'ly acknowledged	$16,096.18
Mr. and Mrs. James Hogg	5.00
J. W. Nicholls	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hutchinson	10.00
Wartime Housing Tenant Council	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. Le Ross	5.00
A. King	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Spencer	5.00
Miss E. A. Mercer	5.00
Miss May Hartin	5.00
Mrs. J. R. Morin	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. C. O'Neill	5.00
Dorothy O'Neill	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Glassey	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. Simpson	5.00
David Douglas	5.00
L. M. Shannon	5.00
J. Morrison	5.00
Friend	5.00
Rev. and Mrs. Magnus Anderson	5.00
Mrs. P. Leland	5.00
Mrs. G. Selvig	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Johnson	5.00
Mrs. B. Hallberg	5.00
Canadian National Railways: Car Dept.	23.00
Canadian Army Team No. 75	262.00
H.M.C.S. Chatham—	
H.M.C. "Ship"	59.00
Civilians	17.00
Ship's Company (additional)	5.37
Total to date	$16,687.55