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Wednesday, March 14, 1945		
High	1:34	22.0 feet
	13:40	23.1 feet
Low	7:40	3.4 feet
	20:01	1.4 feet

Convention Held

in Session Today to Candidate for Skeena Three Names Up

Names of three possible candidates—E. T. Applewhaite, James A. Donnell and A. D. were placed before the federal nominating con- by the Prince Rupert Association which meeting of delegates last primary to the conven-

convention opened at 10 this morning in the Odd- Hall with the usual pre- such as the appoint- of credentials and resolu- committees which immedi- into session. Resolu- to be considered at the session with the ex- that the choice of a would be made this

C. Mitchell, president Skeena District Liberal As- is presiding over the in which there were from various outside including coast and those from Prince Ru- were, pre-gminating.

McCormack, federal Lib- organizer for British Col- from Vancouver, is also delegates were E. T. Apple- James Batt, Arthur bank, William Bacon, G. B. James Comer, Rev. J. A. W. O. Fulton, Peter S. O. Granley, Robert John Gurvich, J. P. K. Hallberg, R. E. Oscar Haveroy, G. A. C. P. Balagno, A. D. C. C. Mills, F. M. Joyce, McKay, Malcolm McLeod, J. A. McRae, G. C. S. A. McPherson, S. E. A. D. Ritchie, Gillis W. Riley (Terrace), singer (Telkwa), Mrs. (Burns Lake), William and William Grant W. C. Little (Wood-

was the only wo- convention, on being by G. C. Mitchell, passed of regret at the death Mayer, president of the District Liberal Associa- to the time he was killed years ago in a railway

ions were passed ex- confidence in the gov- and leadership of Rt. Mackenzie King and son of the many years service by Olof Han-

credentials committee of W. O. Fulton, C. P. and G. B. Casey. solutions committee was of S. E. Parker, Wil- son and Robert McKay. were telegrams from T. Kenney of Terrace, of lands, extending best for a successful con- and from Cyril Martin, of the Ocean Falls Association., regretting to send a delegate but support to the conven-

ed Forces Continue On Western Front

PRINCE RUPERT, March 13 (CP)—The first big Allied of east of the Rhine has extended the American Army bridgehead to a depth of nearly five and a width of eleven miles. The First Army at least 23 east bank Rhine towns and has to within three miles of a super military high-

ing north towards the One column striking along a main highway air is less than twenty- from the southern basin with its team-

Kuestrin Taken - Reds Near Berlin

Exciting Deposition Proposed

Vexed Problem Being Dealt With At Liberal Convention

When the Skeena district Liberal convention adjourned for luncheon today discussion was under way of a resolution, moved by J. A. McRae and seconded by Oscar Haveroy, that the convention go on record as being in favor of "absolute exclusion of all Japanese from the coastal area of British Columbia and, insofar as possible, that all members of the Jap race be deported from Canada after conclusion of the war."

EDMONTON TAKES TWO GAMES FROM PRINCE RUPERT

The Prince Rupert entry in the Northwest Service Command basketball playoffs for the command championships lost two close games to the 843rd Signal Service Battalion at Edmonton Friday and Saturday nights.

Representing the Service Command Unit assigned to the Prince Rupert Sub-Port of Embarkation, the local team was defeated 27-25 the first night and 34-29 the second.

In the opening game, which was close throughout, Wise and Janker of the 843rd teamed up with 9 points each to down the local boys, the leading scorer of which was Gilbert with 19 counters.

The second game found the 843rd getting into a small lead early in the game and protecting it throughout, though the boys from Rupert put up a good battle during the entire game. Garfield and Gilbert made 9 and 8 points to pace the Prince Rupert scoring.

Winners of the Alaska Division, Air Transport Command Play-offs now meet Adak, the All-Alaska champs tonight and tomorrow night. The winner will then meet the 843rd for the Northwest Service Command title.

Desert Harassers Now Fly in Italy

CANBERRA, March 13 (CP)—There are still 4,000 Australians flying in the Middle East, Italy and the Balkans. Some are in purely Australian squadrons but many are with the Royal Air Force, Number 3 Squadron of the R.A.A.F., pioneer fighter unit in Africa, now is flying in support of Allied troops in Italy.

BERNE SAYS RUNDSTEDT WOUNDED, REICH GROGGY AS ALLIES ADVANCE

BERNE, Switzerland, March 13 (CP)—Frontier reports said today that Field Marshal Gerd Von Rundstedt no longer is in command of the German armies on the western front.

Essential To Elect Right

Skeena Riding Faced With Momentous Decision in Forthcoming Contest

At the local Liberal Association meeting held last night in Reid's Cafe the importance of sending back to Ottawa for the serious days ahead an experienced and tried government which had served Canada with outstanding skill and success during the war was emphasized.

Principal speaker of the evening was the Liberal organizer, Mr. McCormack, who declared that this was a momentous occasion in the history of Canada. The choice of candidate which Skeena made at this time was a matter of utmost importance. On the outcome of the forthcoming election would undoubtedly depend to great extent the future welfare and development of this city and district as well as the nation. Prince Rupert, as a result of the war, had received a long awaited stimulus. What was to be the follow-up? Was the risk to be taken of electing the follower of a reactionary party of the interests or a bureaucratic centrally controlled socialism?

The Liberal party, Mr. McCormack declared, was the true party of the common people including the workers. He emphasized the importance of enlisting youth, women and working people in the campaign.

Olof Hanson, speaking briefly, expressed appreciation of the confidence that had been placed in him during the past sixteen years. He regretted that it had been necessary for him to retire. He spoke of confidence throughout the riding that the government would be returned to office and a Liberal again elected in Skeena.

A. D. Ritchie, president of the city association, was in the chair and, like other speakers, expressed his unbounded confidence in the government and leadership of William Lyon Mackenzie King and the necessity of fighting a strong campaign.

Rev. Mr. Donnell and E. T. Applewhaite also spoke, indicating their willingness to accept nomination if it was tendered to them.

W. M. Watts, G. C. Mitchell and Robert McKay were also suggested as candidates at last night's meeting but each declined to accept nomination.

Biggest Day Raids— Air Assault Upon Reich Is Mounting

Berlin Gets Twenty-First Night of Bombing—Ruhr Almost Out of Business

LONDON, March 13 (CP)—The shattered capital of Germany has gone through another night of Allied bombing. R.A.F. Mosquito bombers made their twenty-first consecutive night attack on Berlin. The fast British planes carried two-ton blockbusters.

The night assault on Berlin was carried out on schedule despite the fact that British and Canadian bomber formations staged their greatest daylight operation of the war yesterday.

Since the start of the war, British and Canadian bomber groups have specialized in night bombing but recently they have been mounting large daylight assaults. Yesterday's was the largest. More than 1200 Halifaxes and Lancasters sent 5,000 tons of bombs down on the Ruhr city of Dortmund.

An R.A.F. officer said the great attack has made it impossible at least for the time being, to haul coal from the Rhine.

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Well-informed observers here speculated that Hitler might institute some new surprise such as the use of gas or some other new weapon to stem the Allied tide, but they agreed that whatever the Fuehrer decides, it must be done quickly.

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Bulletins

HULK BACK IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER—The freighter Greenhill Park, which was badly damaged by explosion and fire here last Tuesday, has been towed back into the harbor from Siwash Rock, where she was beached, and is now being unloaded at Balfantyne prior to being docked for repairs.

OSAKA BOMBED

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of B-29 bombers blasted the Japanese factory city of Osaka today, American Pacific headquarters announced.

PROTEST CENSORSHIP

LONDON — Strong protest was made in House of Commons today against censorship regulations which prohibit the use of names of British units on the western front. A conservative member, Capt. Leonard Gammon charged that British divisions were not getting the full share of publicity that they merited.

CLEAN-UP IN MANDALAY

BURMA HEADQUARTERS—There is house-to-house fighting in Mandalay as Allied troops continue clean-up operations in the battered city. According to reports, 80 per cent of the business and residential parts of the city have been destroyed by bombs.

B.C. Packers Ask Licence For Tuna Cannery in B.C.

British Columbia Packers Limited have been licensed by the Provincial Fisheries Department to operate a tuna cannery for the 1944-45 season, company officials announce.

AIRPLANE IS GIVEN CREDIT

Twentieth Century's Contribution to Development of Transportation

WINDSOR, March 13—Called the twentieth century's contribution to the development of transportation, the aeroplane was credited with having made the word into an economic unit and awakened the people of the earth to a wider sense of international responsibility by Capt. F. M. McGregor, operations superintendent, TransCanada Air Lines, in a luncheon address today.

"Coincidental with the development of the instrument of flight," said Capt. McGregor, "There has occurred an equally important development of airports and navigational facilities. Electronics are bringing about radical changes in navigation and one can visualize how radar can be used to advantage commercially. The blind landing system has been perfected and will allow a reduction in weather limitations at terminals which will effect at least a 60 per cent increase in on-time performance."

Acknowledgment and tribute were given to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, J. A. D. McCurdy and F. W. Baldwin by Capt. McGregor for their contribution to aircraft development at the turn of the century. Every Canadian, he said, has reason to be proud of the work done by those Canadian pioneers.

In his address entitled, "The Wings of the Nation," Capt. McGregor continued "We have cause to be proud of Canada's standing in navigation today. Our position will be enhanced in the international scene as the air routes of tomorrow become a reality."

Local Temperature

Maximum 42
Minimum 33
Rainfall24 inches

Six Russian Armies Now Striking Towards Reich Capital From Oder River

MOSCOW, March 13 (CP)—The principal strong point in Germany's Oder River defence line has fallen to the westward-storming Russians. After a week of bitter fighting, assault troops of Marshal Zhukov's First Russian Army captured the Bastion of Kuestrin, thirty-eight miles east of Berlin.

DAVE BORLAND MOVED SOUTH

Manager of Capitol Theatre Here Transferred to Vancouver

Announcement is made of the promotion to Vancouver as manager of the downtown Dominion Theatre there of D. G. Borland who for ten years has been manager of the Capitol



MOVED SOUTH—D. G. Borland, transferred from Prince Rupert to Vancouver in Famous Players-Canadian Corporation service.

The Germans declare that six Red Army divisions now are striking towards the Reich capital from several crossings of the Oder. Moscow dispatches hint that the Russians may bypass Berlin and drive beyond to link up with the armies of the western Allies somewhere in the Elbe River valley.

The German high command today said that Soviet troops are attacking powerfully north of Frankfurt in an attempt to expand their bridgeheads over the Oder river. Moscow previously announced the capture of the east bank fortress of Kuestrin.

The Nazis said that the Russian assaults were held, and declared that the Germans were still fighting in the southern fringes of Kuestri, 38 miles east of Berlin, 16 miles north of Frankfurt, and one of the three big fortresses guarding the German capital.

Today, Moscow had not reported officially any crossings of the Oder, but dispatches said that three Russian army groups apparently were being disposed for assault on the German capital.

War News Highlights

Taking Over Mindanao

MANILA—In the Philippines, American forces are whipping a newly-captured airfield into shape for medium bombers. It is the San Roque airfield, one of the best on Mindanao Island. It is 215 airline miles from Borneo. The airfield was captured along with the government centre of Zamboanga. American planes supported the Mindanao advance and also prowled over the China Sea. Two enemy freighters were left sinking off the Asiatic coast.

Hamming In Japs On Iwo

GUAM—The Iwo situation remains unchanged with American marines slowly narrowing the area held by the Japanese. American warships are supporting the drive to the sea by carefully placed artillery fire.

Nagoya Still Burning

WASHINGTON — Reconnaissance photographers disclose that fifteen fires still are burning in the Japanese industrial city of Nagoya which produced forty to fifty per cent of all Japanese aircraft. The photographs were taken twelve hours after 300 B-29 superfortresses fired a five square-mile area of the city with incendiary bombs. Seven important war plants and harbor installations were damaged in the terrific assault.

Chinese Recapture Suichwan

CHUNGKING—Chinese forces have recaptured Suichwan, the former site of an advanced American air base in Kiangsi province. Suichwan is midway between Hong Kong and Hankow.

Commandos On Raid

WITH THE FIRST CANADIAN ARMY ON THE RHINE—A small force of British commandos, Sunday night, raided Schouwen Island of the Netherlands coast between the Schelde and the Rhine where enemy movements had been detected, killing several Germans before returning to their base. Meanwhile, on Monday, along the Rhine especially from Munich and Wesel areas, the Germans were shelling Kleve and the roads to Calcar and Xanten. The First Canadian army in a final clean-up on the west bank of the Rhine took five to six hundred prisoners to bring to about twenty-one thousand their total for the offensive.

Yanks Expand Bridgehead

PARIS—The American First Army expanded its 3-mile deep Rhine bridgehead several hundred yards overnight along the river strip which the Germans said was almost thirteen miles long. There was no indication that the Nazis could organize any force capable of budging the Americans on the east bank of the Rhine. The American Third Army captured fourteen towns just to the south of the Remagen bridgehead and won domination of all the west bank of Moselle except the short stretch between Cochem and Erden. At least eight towns east of the Rhine were under American control.

February Bomb Deaths Fewer

LONDON—Nazi air action killed eighty-four civilians in Britain during the month of February and injured 1,151 others, the Home Security ministry reported today. This represented 102 fewer deaths and nearly five hundred fewer persons injured than in January.

Focus On Berlin Front

MOSCOW—The Russians began shifting large numbers of their forces to the Berlin front on Monday after smashing enemy resistance between the mouths of the Oder and Vistula rivers. Only a small chunk of territory at the northern extremity of Pomerania and the Polish Corridor remained to be overrun by the Germans.

COD FISHING IS RESUMED

Application Made for Raise in Price Ceiling to 12 Cents

Cod fishing has resumed on the British Columbia coast and live cod fishermen have applied to Dominion authorities to have the ceiling raised to 12 cents for live cod. Application was in the nature of a brief submitted, after the price control authorities had notified United Fishermen's Federal Union that the 1945 cod price would be unchanged from 1944.

Last season the cod fishermen operated under a 10 cent ceiling for "steamer" or "long line" or "dead" cod. The live cod, caught in nets and held in traps, brought 11 cents. In addition, the cod fishermen get the proceeds from cod livers.

M.L.A. SON DEAD

VANCOUVER, March 13 (CP)—Lieutenant Roderick M. Macdonald, son of R. C. Macdonald, M.L.A. for Dewdney, died of wounds in a German prison camp on January 9, his father was advised Monday. He had been wounded and taken prisoner on January 4.

EDUCATION OF EVACUATED JAP CHILDREN FEDERAL JOB, PERRY SAYS

VANCOUVER, March 13 (CP)—Education of Japanese children who have been evacuated from British Columbia is the responsibility of the Dominion government, and neither the B.C. school districts nor the province should pay for them, Hon. H. G. Perry, provincial Minister of Education said in the legislature Monday.

Mr. Perry said that Japanese children who had not been evacuated received the same education as other children in the province. He was speaking during discussion of the estimates of his department, which is expected to be passed today.

SALVATION ARMY TO HELP EUROPE

LONDON, March 13 (CP)—Salvation Army leaders now are preparing for their own "invasion of liberated Europe." The first British Salvation Army man to establish direct communication with those who continued their Army work through the German occupation has just returned to London.

He is Commissioner R. M. Astbury, international secretary, and he brought back information about stricken Europe's needs for use in drawing up Salvation Army plans for post-war relief.