

Light to moderate winds, cloudy and light, intermittent rain today and Friday.

The Daily News

Published at Canada's Most Strategic Pacific Port

VOL. XXXIV, No. 241.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1945

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Friday, October 19, 1945
High 11:56 21.6 feet
Low 5:45 4.2 feet
18:11 4.0 feet

Bulletins

FREE LIGHT PERIOD
VANCOUVER—There is to be another free light period in Vancouver, New Westminster, Vancouver Island and Kamloops from November 15.

CHARGES AGAINST NAZIS
BERLIN—A massive book indicting charging German war criminals collectively and individually with crimes against humanity was filed today, the first public session of the International War Crimes tribunal.

NORTH SYDNEY FIRE
NORTH SYDNEY, N.S.—A fire causing \$500,000 damage swept the business section of North Sydney early today.

IMPLACABLE SAILS
VANCOUVER—The aircraft carrier Implacable sailed today for Tokyo for another load of reparatives.

MANITOBA ELECTION
WINNIPEG—The latest count in the Manitoba election shows 40 coalitionists elected, eight C.C.F., with five seats still doubtful.

COALITION HAD 941 MAJORITY

B. C. Liberals and Conservatives had Vote Edge in Pre-Coalition Polling

VICTORIA, Oct. 18.—British Columbia Liberals and Conservatives, who, as a Coalition seek election at the October 25 general election, polled a majority of 92,893 votes in the 1941 British Columbia election, held here the Coalition was formed.

The vote in the last two elections (bracketed figures indicate members elected):
C.F. 151,440 (14) 119,400 (7)
Lib. 149,525 (21) 166,074 (21)
C.C.F. 140,282 (12) 119,521 (8)
Others 12,645 (1) 22,934 (2)
453,893 417,929

Reformed coalition after election.

The party standing after the British Columbia general election, October 21, 1941, follows:
Liberals, 21.
C. C. F., 14.
Conservatives 12.
Labor 1.
Liberals and Conservatives formed a coalition after the election.

JAMES MCGUIRE PASSES AWAY

The death occurred in Prince Rupert General Hospital this morning of James McGuire, age 67, for the last six years a light keeper for the Department of Transport at Prince Rupert. Mr. McGuire, who resided at the St. James Rooms, was unmarried. He was born in India. During his employment with the Department of Transport, Mr. McGuire was light keeper at the Holland and Green Island light-stations. Before that, he worked at the Lakelse Lake Hot Springs, north of Terrace.

PUBLIC STATEMENT

Referring to the advertisement of the Pattullo-Coalition meeting which appeared in this paper for several days, we would advise the public that the C.C.F. Committee offered to meet the Liberal Party in a public meeting on a 50-50 basis, both parties to have equal time, but we refused to appear on a Liberal platform tied down to Liberal control.

—C.C.F. Campaign Committee.

Presses For Palestine Immigration

Regular Army To Be Maintained in City

Local Forts to Be Maintained in Readiness For Future Action If Necessary, Announces Major-General Worthington
"Prince Rupert is a rather important place in defence of the Pacific coast and the department is fully cognizant of the fact," said Major-General F. F. Worthington, general officer commanding, Pacific Command, last night when he announced in an interview with the Daily News that it was the intention to retain here a detachment of the regular active army sufficient to keep the heavy fixed defences—the guns at Barrett, Frederick and Casey Points—in good condition and ready to get into quick action if need be.

JAPS WITHHELD MEDICAL NEEDS

VANCOUVER, Oct. 18.—The Japanese not only starved and beat the British wounded, but withheld from them virtually all the drugs from British nursing sisters caring for the civilian casualties in the prison camps, eight members of Queen Alexandra Imperial Nursing service said in an interview on their arrival here Wednesday from Victoria. They are enroute home to Britain.

They were brought to Vancouver aboard the Princess Joan with more than 800 liberated British army, navy and air force personnel. The group entrained on two special trains here for the Atlantic seaboard.

COASTER LAUNCHED

1475-Ton Ottawa Paquet Takes to Natural Element from Local Yard's Ways Today

First of two 1475-ton coastal freighters which are being built at the Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Shipyard slipped smoothly down the ways into the natural element at 11:15 this morning after being blessed by Major R. C. H. Durnford D.S.O., returning overseas padre, and christened by Miss Evelyn Macdonald, one of the veteran key members of the dry dock office staff. The vessel was the Ottawa Paquet, the keel for which had been laid June 11. A reception in the general office of the dry dock followed the launching ceremony.

The Ottawa Paquet, second of the coasters, which was laid down July 25, will be launched in about six weeks. Miss Macdonald carried a beautiful large bouquet of variegated chrysanthemums with which she had been presented by little Miss Doreen Goard.

At the reception the only toast was that to the King after the observation of which Manager Bernard Allen presented Miss Macdonald with a handsome engraved silver salver as the company's memento of the occasion.

There were also gifts from the staff of a beautiful Longines wrist watch and a handbag with a substantial cash content. A bracelet was presented to Doreen Goard.

The Ottawa Paquet is a utility freighter adaptable for coastal service in any part of the world. Her final disposition after completion has not yet been settled upon. She has yet to have her engines installed and deck and housework completed.

Temperature
Maximum 47
Minimum 39
Rainfall 14

COAST FIRM PURCHASES AERO TIMBER

VANCOUVER, Oct. 18.—War Assets Corporation announced Wednesday the sale of Aero Timber Products Limited to the Powell River Paper Company for \$950,000 and other valuable considerations.

The Crown company's assets comprised about 350,000,000 board feet of standing timber, camps, equipment, towboats and docks on the Queen Charlotte Islands from which it produced spruce for the war effort.

Close to 70,000,000 board feet of lumber was produced since Aero Timber was formed three years ago, 70 percent of it going to the United Kingdom.

PREMIER KING'S DISCUSSIONS

Informality Has Been Consistent Tenor of Mission Overseas

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Prime Minister Mackenzie King has spent 11 days in the United Kingdom. His visit has been consistently informal, but London sources believe it may have a bearing on forthcoming international conferences.

The Canadian prime minister has had talks with representatives of the British government, including Prime Minister Attlee, Foreign Secretary Bevin and Dominion Secretary Viscount Addison. He also has met with Canadian representatives in European countries and with others in close touch with conditions in liberated lands.

Mr. King has met with other Dominion's representatives in London. In this way, Prime Minister King has gleaned information not only on British viewpoints of international affairs but also on those of other Dominions and smaller powers.

\$100,000 FIRE AT ALBERNI

ALBERNI, Oct. 18.—Fire last night destroyed half a block in this city, rendering 10 families homeless. None of the residents of the destroyed buildings were injured in escaping. Damage is estimated at \$100,000.

Gutted were Corfield Motors, Alberni Bicycle Shop, Bank of Montreal, McNeill's Men's Wear and Copp's Shoe Store.

POST-VICTORY RECRUITS

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Twenty thousand girls have joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service since V-J Day. All are volunteers and all are reported anxious to serve overseas.

A VOTE FOR THE C.C.F.'S IS A VOTE FOR THE JAPS

STATEMENT BY GEORGE MEANY, A.F. & L. DELEGATE TO BLACKPOOL, RE TRADE UNIONISM IN RUSSIA:

"Let there be no quibbling or misunderstanding. We do not recognize or concede that the RUSSIAN worker groups are trade UNIONS. The Soviet worker groups are formally and actually instruments of the STATE. Those so-called TRADE UNIONS, ACTIVELY support the SOVIET SYSTEM of worker BLACKLISTS and DEPORTATION to labor camps which have resulted in VIRTUAL ENSLAVEMENT of MILLIONS. The SO-CALLED RUSSIAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT has denied to the WORKERS of SOVIET RUSSIA the BASIC human FREEDOMS that the AMERICAN WORKERS hold PREREQUISITE to a FREE NATION."

—Published by Pattullo Campaign Committee.

ADMITS ABUSE OF PRISONERS

LUENEBURG, Germany, Oct. 18.—Irma Grese, 22, admitted under cross-examination yesterday that she lashed prisoners at the Oswiecim concentration camp with a cellophane braided whip and clubbed them in spite of camp orders against such methods of handling them.

GIRL ATTACKED ON WATERFRONT

A 19-year-old girl employed in a waterfront cafe, reported to city police that she was the victim of an attempted assault early last night by a man who followed her from the Cow Bay area and attacked her on a landing of a stairway above the new fishermen's floats. The assault occurred around 7 o'clock.

The man was accompanied by a large dog, and made his attack as the girl reached a landing about half way up the stairway. After a struggle, during which the girl screamed repeatedly, the man dashed down the stairway. The girl told police that she believed she could identify the man if she saw him again.

PATTULLO, MICKLEBURGH SHARE STAGE AT LIVELY POLITICAL MEET

Prince Rupert's Independent and Labor-Progressive candidates for the provincial elections stood on the stage of the Capitol Theatre in a two-hour session of debate before a responsive audience of 600 last night and garnished their declarations of political belief with verbal pot-shots at each other and at the C.C.F.

Veteran member T. D. Pattullo and youthful Bruce Mickleburgh spoke alternately to an audience which varied between applause and heckling, and Mr. Pattullo, who had organized the debate, expressed disappointment that C.C.F. candidate William Brett had not been able to appear on the same platform.

Mr. Pattullo outlined what he declared was the history of progressive legislation inspired by administrations led by him in the past and specifically asked to be returned to Victoria to continue the fight for more advantageous provincial rights in the Dominion-Provincial sphere.

Mr. Mickleburgh saw the forthcoming election as a "crucial one in which the destiny of Prince Rupert will be decided" and, after outlining industrial requirements of north central B.C., took the recent governments of British Columbia to task for what he termed "inadequate" social legislation.

Tone of the meeting, which was spiced with copious sessions of heckling and applause, was set by G. W. Nickerson, the initial speaker. Supporting Mr. Pattullo, Mr. Nickerson occasionally found it necessary to

DRAIN POOL IN SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN

After an unsuccessful hunt by police and volunteer searchers yesterday, city police this morning were draining the pool in the C.N.R. Park in an effort to find a trace of Frank Murphy, local building contractor whose disappearance Saturday night has developed into a major mystery.

The 55-year-old contractor dropped completely from sight leaving no trace since he was seen briefly in a downtown cafe at 9 o'clock Saturday night. His disappearance was reported to police Sunday morning.

Police constables in rowboats probed under the wharfs along the waterfront yesterday on the theory that he may have collapsed and fallen into the harbor. Others, assisted by volunteers, searched through the bush areas of the city. No trace of the man was found.

The search is being continued today by specially assigned constables and policemen who normally would be off duty are sacrificing their off-duty hours to assist in the hunt.

President Truman Has Asked British to Admit 100,000 to Homeland

Does Not Want to Push British Authorities "Unduly"—Big Three Stalemate Still Unsettled

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (CP)—President Truman said today that he has asked Prime Minister Attlee to admit 100,000 Jews to Palestine and that the matter is still under consideration by Britain. The President also announced that no additional Big Three meeting is contemplated to settle the stalemate which developed from the London council of foreign ministers.

BOULDERS PILED ON HIGHWAY

Thousand Yard Slide to Depth of 12 Feet Blocks Road

Huge rocks and boulders which slid down a mountainside west of Amsbury, 85 miles from Prince Rupert on Sunday have created an obstruction on the highway 1000 feet long and in some places the rocks are piled 12 feet in height. The huge slide is being attacked by Public Works Department road crews with bulldozers and trucks but it cannot be predicted just when the road will be cleared.

Rumbling down the mountainside, the slide, loosened by heavy rains, cut a swath through the timber, depositing mud and earth on the railway and piling tremendous deposits of rock on the highway. The railway was cleared yesterday.

A number of Prince Rupert motorists who drove to Terrace Hazelton and Smithers to spend the week-end have not yet returned to the city.

IS APPOINTED COMMANDER

Former Local Naval Officer Is Given Advancement

Promotion of Lt.-Cmdr. Leslie Harrison, R.C.N., of Kelowna, the Royal Canadian Navy's manning commander on the staff of the Commanding Officer Pacific Coast in Vancouver for the past 15 months and former executive officer at H.M.C.S. Chatham, Prince Rupert, to the rank of acting commander, has been announced by R.C.N. authorities.

The manning commander supervises the records and appointments of all R.C.N. officers on the west coast. Currently he and his staff of six officers and three Wren ratings are busy with their biggest job yet—demobilization. In one recent five-week period, 277 officers went through their hands on the way back to civvie street.

A lieutenant-commander on the retired list since 1927, the popular officer was called up for active service in December 1939. He served variously at Esquimalt, Comox and at Prince Rupert, where he was executive officer of H.M.C.S. Chatham before being appointed to Vancouver in November 1944.

Cmd. Harrison's home at present is at Victoria. He and Mrs. Harrison have four children: Peter, an army lieutenant at Nanaimo; Deborah, Robin and Elizabeth in Victoria. His brother Ernest is in Kelowna. Before the war Cmdr. Harrison was prominent in Sea Cadet and Toc H activities in Kelowna.

On the manning commander's staff in Vancouver are: Lieut. J. H. Stevenson, R.C.N.V.R., Vancouver; Lieut. J. D. Garrard, R.C.N.V.R., Victoria; Lieut. (SB) Betty Rasmussen, W.R.C.N.S., Esquimalt; Sub-Lt. R. W. Gross, R.C.N.V.R., Vancouver; Sub-Lt. (SB) Elizabeth Taylor, W.R.C.N.S., Guelph, Ont.; Sub-Lt. (SB) Dorothy E. Reid, W.R.C.N.S., Nanaimo, Ont., and Wrens Marion Brown, Margarita Mackenzie and Eleanor Rutter.

INVESTIGATE PLANE CRASH

An official investigation will be conducted into the crash of an R.C.A.F. Norseman plane on Porcher Island on Sunday in which six Air Force personnel miraculously escaped from the demolished plane with only minor bruises.

Squadron Leader Benson, officer commanding the Seal Cove air base, said yesterday that an investigation board, composed of R.C.A.F. officers is due to arrive here today by plane from Western Air Command headquarters at Vancouver.

Some of the six men who figured in the crash and the spectacular search which followed may be returned to Vancouver within the next few days. S/L Benson said, the pilot, Flying Officer R. A. Kirkwood, of Vancouver, will remain until the investigation is complete.

SOVIETS VACATE MANCHURIA SOIL

CHUNGKING, Oct. 18.—Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh said yesterday that the Chinese central government has been informed by Moscow that Soviet forces have begun a withdrawal from Manchuria which will be completed by the end of November. Wang also announced that Chinese forces in northern Indochina will be withdrawn in the near future.

PRINCE RUPERT-RUSSIA DIRECT

Soviet Steamer, Now Loading Grain Here, Was Built at Portland By Kaiser

Making direct passage from Russia and returning there direct after she has completed, the Soviet freighter Nakhodka is now at the local elevator to take on a full cargo of some 300,000 bushels of wheat. Arriving Tuesday morning, the vessel is now in process of being lined by the Empire Stevedoring Co. and is expected to start loading in about three days.

The Nakhodka came here from Petropavlovsk will take her grain cargo from this port to Vladivostok.

This ship, a 10,000-tonner, was built as a liberty ship by the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation (Kaiser) at Portland in 1943 and was soon acquired by the Soviet government. Her master is Capt. S. P. Mishevsky and she carries a personnel of 49.

London Dockers Remain On Strike

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Striking stevedores here decided yesterday to remain away from the London docks where soldiers have been working for nearly a week to keep the food ships sailing. The strikers, demanding a 40-hour week and higher wages, have ignored back-to-work pleas from the Labor government, their own union leaders and the newspapers.

HEAR DR. LARGE, M.D., ON THE RADIO AT 6:45 THIS EVENING — AND ALD. NORAH E. ARNOLD AT 9:45 P.M. IN THE INTEREST OF T. D. PATTULLO.

See LPP Campaign Announcement on Page Two