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MELIORATING LOTTERY BAN

Attorney General Has No Statement to Make Regarding Vancouver Paper Report

VICTORIA — Acting Premier L. Maitland said last night that no representations by organizations conducting lotteries for community project purposes had been made to him.

Mr. Maitland was commenting on a Vancouver report of possible modification of the ban on lotteries announced Wednesday night to permit those now operating for community project purposes to be completed.

In his capacity as attorney general, Mr. Maitland said: "I have not as yet given the matter any consideration, nor have any representations been made to me."

Denial By MacArthur

Question of Russian Occupation of Japan Matter Beyond His Decision

TOKYO — General Douglas MacArthur today denied a broadcast that his headquarters had become embroiled in arguments with the Russians over the assignment of Soviet occupation troops to Japan and that he (General MacArthur) had threatened to resign.

MacArthur, Allied supreme commander in Japan, said: "I am here to serve and not to hinder or obstruct the American government. It is my full purpose to see the thing through. The question of Russian participation in the occupation is a matter for other decision than my own."

Larry Tighe of the American Broadcasting Corporation, who broadcast the original report, replied to MacArthur by saying: "I reaffirm the story which I previously broadcast, that the express desire of the commander of this area is at Russian troops not be allowed to take over the Japanese island of Hokkaido."

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

Vancouver Youth Alleged Involved in Connection With Traffic Death

VANCOUVER — A 17-year-old Vancouver youth, William Robertson, was charged yesterday with manslaughter in connection with the death of Thomas Paton who died in hospital without regaining consciousness December 6, five days after he had been injured when a truck struck and hurled a Main Street lamp standard almost 150 feet and Paton was thrown 35 feet. Police were unable to say whether Paton was struck by the standard or by the truck.

12:04 TONIGHT WINTER BEGINS

At four minutes after midnight tonight winter officially begins in this hemisphere. That is officially the time of the winter solstice, the period of the year's shortest day.

Actually, however, today and tomorrow are booked for an equal period of daylight. The sun officially crossed the horizon at 7:21 this morning, and set at 4:36 this afternoon, and the sun's rising and setting time for tomorrow are the same. However, the scientist who calculated these things didn't have Mount Oldfield at his back door. Mount Oldfield makes the sun's appearance here a bit later.

Calculated hours of daylight here today and Saturday are 9 hours and 15 minutes.

RETIRE OLDER MEN

CANBERRA—Prime Minister Chifley has announced that the older personnel in the Australian armed forces will be retired to make way for younger men who have done well in the war. Mr. Chifley adds that the three services will be more closely integrated.

GENERAL PATTON SUCCUMBS

Warning Is Issued—EXPLOSIVE ARTICLES FROM SOUTH PACIFIC DRIFTING TO THIS COAST

VICTORIA — Acting Premier R. L. Maitland announced last night that explosive war materials from the South Pacific were being washed up on the West Coast of Vancouver Island and warned citizens to take care in handling same.

Information, Mr. Maitland said, had been obtained by Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons from Constable George Redhead at Ucluelet who told of finding an aluminum canister containing a hand grenade. Other articles reported to have been found included a flare with a detonator in the end, a water bottle from Tarawa Island and a life raft from a ship.

POST OFFICE IN MIDST OF TORRENT

Postmaster J. R. Morison and his staff of 26 assistants at the city's two post offices are literally "sweating out" the pre-Christmas mail rush but this year they have a holiday to look forward to.

EXECUTIVES OF CIVIC CENTRE, REC, TO JOIN

Will Operate As Interim Ways-and-Means Committee Until "Y" Building Is Taken Over Permanently By City Group

Clearing the decks for the prospect of operating the YMCA service centre here in the near future, the Prince Rupert Recreational Council voted last night in favor of amalgamating its executive with that of the Civic Centre Association to form a joint operational executive.

Attended by 30 representatives of contributing bodies, the Recreational Council adopted a motion by T. N. Youngs, Civic Centre chairman, and Rec Council member that the two executives "form a joint executive to operate the 'Y' building and to advance the recreational program in Prince Rupert."

Declared to be a purely temporary arrangement, the joint council will carry on until permanent possession of the \$160,000 government-owned services centre becomes the property of the citizens of Prince Rupert through the Civic Centre organization.

Mr. Youngs said he believed that the two executives could amalgamate and operate jointly without requiring any changes in the constitutions of either body. In effect the joint executive will be an interim ways-and-means committee. Guaranteed funds of the Rec Council will be turned over to the joint body for dispersal.

"Actually, the joint executive will be a forerunner of the revised organization which will evolve when we take over the 'Y' building on a permanent basis," Mr. Youngs said.

Membership of the Rec Council on the joint committee will consist of the Rec executive and finance committee.

Definite information that the Canadian government will not be operating the "Y" building after the beginning of the year inspired the action to streamline the activities of the interested local groups to keep the building open as a community centre.

"If the building is closed by the government and not reopened until we come into permanent possession of it, it will deteriorate and our young people will be deprived of a place of recreation," Alderman Nora Arnold said.

Mr. Youngs estimated that cost of operating the building and the Rec program would be between \$1,200 and \$1,300 a month.

Negotiations are under way by Don Forward, who was recently engaged as executive director of the community centre, to have the government allow the building to remain open under the direction of local organizations until it can be taken over locally. The time involved in the transfer is unknown.

NEW PRINTERS FOR WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG — The publishers of the Winnipeg Free Press and Winnipeg Tribune have announced plans to enlarge the staffs of their strike-bound composing rooms. The announcement comes of the heels of a statement that returned servicemen are being recruited for work of the Winnipeg newspapers. The charge was made Wednesday night by V. J. Baines of the International Typographical Union.

One hundred and twenty printers on the two papers now have been away for six weeks. The publishers have declared that the Union has failed to accept an offer to negotiate a new contract under impartial arbitration.

However, the President of the Union local asserts that the Union has not closed the door on any further discussions with the publishers.

ATTACHE IN CHINA

OTTAWA — Defence headquarters in Ottawa has announced the appointment of Brigadier William Bestock of Vancouver and Kamloops, British Columbia, as Canada's new military attache to the Chinese government. Brigadier Bestock has been a permanent force officer since 1930. He replaces Brigadier O. M. M. Kay of Winnipeg, who has held the post since 1943.

1945 Military Review

CANADIAN ARMY HELPED LIBERATE HOLLAND; HAD MOMENTOUS YEAR

Army's Momentous Year Reviewed As All But Occupation Troops Leave Continent

By WILLIAM BOSS
Canadian Press War Correspondent

AMSTERDAM (CP)—Six years after the first Canadian troops crossed the Atlantic, almost all Canadian army personnel have left the Continent for home and virtually all but the one-division Canadian Army Occupation Force will be in Canada in March. To the Third Infantry Division will be left the task of teaching the people of northwest Germany that, this time, their armies were soundly beaten in the field. All Canadian forces will be out of Holland by the end of January, it is announced.

In the first half of 1945 Gen. H. D. G. Crerar's 1st Canadian Army—disbanded July 31 with its commander's return to Canada—had surged with other Allied forces across the Rhine to force unconditional surrender of Germany. Heavy bombers of the R.C.A.F. helped pave the way for the land victory, and Canadian fighter planes swept the roads and railways clear of German transport, Canadian naval craft, conveying merchantmen across the Atlantic, kept open the vital supply lines to the arsenal of North America.

Once Germany fell, the "demilitarization" of the Canadian soldier began. Military training was stopped; weapons and equipment were turned in; and parades were reduced to the minimum required for fitness and military smartness.

Current Affairs Study Organized

In their place appeared lectures on current affairs, rehabilitation, housing and land legislation. Discussion groups were organized and the troops began to think of themselves again as individuals. Entertainment was organized on a vast scale to make more bearable the time until repatriation.

The restoration of life, personal and public, along democratic lines was begun among the civilian population. German service personnel were kept penned up north of the Ems-Jada Canal until discharged, and the area was stripped of every vestige of military installations.

MANY CANADIANS SLAIN BY MEYER

Responsible for Death of 65 Prisoners of War in Addition to Original 48

AURICH, Germany — Evidence has been submitted in the war crimes trial of German General Kurt Meyer that the German Twelfth S.S. Division murdered 65 Canadian prisoners of war in addition to those mentioned in the charge against Meyer.

Major-General Meyer, who commanded the Twelfth S.S. Division, is standing trial charged with the responsibility for the murder of 48 Canadian prisoners of war.

The court president, Major-General Harry Foster of Picton, Ontario, has ruled, however, that Meyer could not be held accountable for the additional shootings.

Memorable 1945 began with winter patrolling north of Nijmegen in the Northwest Europe (Continued on Page 6)

URGE CORVETTES RE-FIT HERE

Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce has written a letter to C. Halterman, vice-president of Union Steamships Ltd., Vancouver, urging that a portion of the re-fit work required on three corvettes which the company proposes to take over be done at the Prince Rupert Dry Dock.

Announcement that Union Steamships proposes to convert three Castle class corvettes for use as coastwise passenger and freight vessels was made recently.

RAIL CHIEF'S XMAS MESSAGE

MONTREAL — In a message telegraphed to all officers and employees of the Canadian National Railways today, R. C. Vaughan, chairman and president, said in part: "For the first time in seven years Canada is able to enjoy a Christmas at peace. We all realize that the world is far from settled and that it faces colossal problems, but we are confident that humanity, which has come through so much suffering, is moving toward a time when the Christmas message will be understood in its full significance and goodwill among men will prevail."

Mr. Mathisen has just returned from a Fitness Council conference in Ottawa where the matter of contributions to local recreation groups was discussed, Mr. McGregor said.

Mr. McGregor will spend Christmas at home with his parents in Vancouver and will be back in Prince Rupert early in January.

BOLDEST BIRD

The golden eagle is the boldest bird of prey in the world.

GREATER GRANT FOR PRO-REC HERE EXPECTED

Confident that he will be able to obtain an increase in provincial government contributions to the Prince Rupert Recreational Council, Rup-Rec Director George McGregor sailed last night on the Prince Rupert for Vancouver where he will interview Pro-Rec Director Jerry Mathisen during his Christmas visit in the south.

He will also seek to get a quantity of equipment and training routine material from Pro-Rec headquarters and material for handicrafts and dramatic projects from Dr. Gordon Shrum, head of the extension department of the University of B. C.

"It's a free service and we might as well take advantage of it," Mr. McGregor said Thursday. "There are many interesting and instructional courses offered."

In regard to obtaining an increase in the provincial government's grant, he said that he believed that "we have a good chance of getting it."

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Bulletins

B.C. BEATS WASHINGTON
VANCOUVER—University of British Columbia defeated University of Washington 65 to 51 in basketball last night.

JAPS STILL TRAINING
TOKYO—It has been found that Japanese school children are still receiving military training on Shikoku Island under Japanese officers.

STALIN'S BIRTHDAY
MOSCOW—Looking tanned and rested after his long holiday, Marshal Stalin observed his sixty-second birthday today. He spent the day working at his desk.

COLD IN ALBERTA
EDMONTON — Vermillion reported 46 degrees below zero today. It is 33 below here, having dropped from 10 above last night. Street cars, trains and buses are all delayed.

SLIPPERY IN SOUTH
VANCOUVER—The weather moderated today but streets and roads were treacherously slippery. Grandview Highway is closed after hundreds of cars skidded. John Sharp of Pitt Meadows died as a result of a traffic accident on the Dewdney Highway owing to slippery roads.

NUERNBERG ADJOURNS
NUERNBERG — The war crimes trials against 21 leading Nazis adjourned today for thirteen days.

LOCAL HOTEL SOLD
Sale of the Central Hotel here to B. C. Longle of Spiritwood, Saskatchewan, at an undisclosed price is announced here. The former owner was A. Dixon.

WEREWOLVES ACTIVE
MUNICH—Bodies of several Americans and German anti-Nazis have been found recently in Bavaria, indicating that werewolves—German Nazi underground forces—are still at work in the province.

INVERLOCHY, Inverness, Scotland — A wild cat 35 inches long has been caught at Inverloch Castle. Eagles are swooping on lambs and rabbits in the area and wild life generally is increasing.

Pulmonary Complication Fatal To Noted Soldier

HEIDELBURG (CP)—General George Patton, who led the victorious United States Third Army from the beaches of Normandy into CzechoSlovakia, died this evening, a dozen days after his neck was broken in a traffic accident when the car in which he was riding for a pheasant hunting trip was struck

by an army truck. The general's stout heart weakened during the day from the effects of pulmonary complications which had beset his apparent recovery from a broken neck and partial paralysis. Patton was sixty years of age. His last command before the fatal accident was the Fifteenth Army.

DESERTER AMNESTY

Montreal City Council Leader Believes This Would Solve Montreal's Crime Wave

MONTREAL — Pierre Desmarais, leader of the Montreal city council, said he believes amnesty to army deserters is the solution to Montreal's crime wave. Thousands of young men, afraid to take jobs because filling out of essential papers will reveal them to deserters, have turned to robbery, often with violence, for a living, Desmarais said.

JAPANESE DECEPTION

TOKYO — Officers at Allied Headquarters in Tokyo have accused Japanese authorities of acts of deception. They charge that Japanese government officials misrepresented their food supply in order to get American supplies. The American Public Health chief—Colonel Crawford Sams—says Japan is in no danger of starving this winter.

To Sign Bretton Woods Agreement

WASHINGTON — Canada's ambassador to the United States, L. B. Pearson, will represent Canada at the signing of the Bretton Woods monetary agreements. The ceremony will take place in the American capital on December 27. The agreements establish an international monetary fund and an international bank of reconstruction.

Lays Blame On Kimmel

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Admiral R. K. Turner asserted today that Admiral Husband Kimmel did not comply with "entirely clear" orders and expressed the opinion that, if Kimmel had done so, losses at Pearl Harbor would have been cut "materially."

Turner also told the Congressional committee that the Pacific fleet under Kimmel had been prepared for "just such an attack" and was "ready for war."

Turner said the Navy Department had given Kimmel "perfectly specific and entirely clear" orders to take the necessary measures against Japanese attack.

WINNIPEG HAS FIRE TRAGEDY

WINNIPEG — A mother and five children were burned to death when fire destroyed the interior of a two-storey wooden house in central Winnipeg early today. The fire started about 3 a.m. and firemen battled the flames in fifteen below weather. Three other persons were injured.

The dead are: Mrs. Betty Armitage, aged about 50; her two sons, Jerry, 7, and Jimmy, 3, and three daughters, Shirley, 16; Elaine, 13, and Yvonne, six months.

The injured are Bernard Armitage, 53, husband of the dead woman, another daughter, Sonya, 8, and Reginald Benham, 42.

The fire started in the basement and spread rapidly up the back of the house.

JUNIOR CHAMBER SCORES CUT IN TRAIN SERVICE

Criticism of the announced policy of Canadian National Railways in reducing train service on the line from Prince Rupert to Prince George has been sent to Canadian National President R. C. Vaughan by the executive of the Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce.

"We agree that lack of business is justification for the proposed reduction in service, but we strongly protest the lack of any aggressive action by the C.N.R. to promote and energize such business as may be required to maintain maximum service over its lines," the letter states.

"We, therefore, suggest that any schedule changes be deferred pending the result of such action and urge in the strongest possible manner that you initiate steps whereby the C.N.R. through its various departments facilitate the development of this rich and potentially productive area between Prince Rupert and Prince George—thereby increasing the traffic over this section of the railway."

"At this crucial period in the re-establishment and re-employment of so many of our people, any regressive action cannot be condoned and so must be condemned as a definite step toward depression. That the people's railroad should become an instrument to that end is deplorable and shameful."

S.S. Toloa Brings Fish, Passengers

Her cabin windows still covered with blackout paint, the American troop transport and freighter Toloa docked here at 6 o'clock this morning to unload 25 carloads of frozen fish from Ketchikan for transshipment to eastern American markets over C.N.R. lines. She carried some 400 U. S. service troops and civilians from the Aleutians and Alaska ports for Seattle where she is due to arrive Monday.

Under command of Commander J. A. Boyd, U.S.N.R., the Toloa was due to sail from Prince Rupert late today. She is registered at New York City and has a net tonnage of 3,616.

Her passengers in considerable numbers were shopping downtown this morning, adding to activity of the business district.

I WISH THIS PICTURE WAS FINISHED—I ONLY HAVE 2 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

KAIEN HARDWARE
PHONE 3