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of Price Ceilings Will  
ly Affect Coal, Used Cars

ing of price ceilings on the list of articles  
ed last night by Finance Minister Douglas  
will have repercussions in Prince Rupert  
in increases in the price of coal and used  
cars, a survey this morning indicated.

opinion among business  
men throughout the city, how-  
ever, was that the dropping of  
restrictions would ultimately re-  
sult in a lowering of prices as  
the normal laws of supply and  
demand take hold.

Coal dealers forecast that re-  
moval of price ceilings on that  
commodity would result in an  
increase but none would say  
definitely how much it would  
be. Coal will be freed from  
price control on April 15, ac-  
cording to last night's announce-  
ment.

Local coal retailers say that  
retail price restrictions have  
squeezed them badly in the last  
few months, so that, even on  
moderately large turnovers,  
profit was slight.

"We planned to make a con-  
certed application for a ceiling  
increase," one coal dealer said.  
"However, removal of the ceiling  
has made it unnecessary. There  
definitely will be a price increase  
but I can't say how much it will  
be."

**MEAT PRICES ARE  
HIGH ENOUGH NOW**

Removal of ceilings on all  
varieties of fowl, non-standard  
types of sausage, canned and  
cooked meats, caused one meat  
retailer to comment, that he had  
no intention of raising prices  
unless wholesale prices forced  
him to.

"Personally, I think meat and  
butcher shop prices are as high  
as they can go and still find  
buyers for our products. Our  
price levels are linked with the  
packers. If they raise theirs,  
we will have to raise ours."

Cooking ranges, refrigerators,  
washing machines and other  
household equipment probably  
will not rise, now that they are  
free of price ceilings, retailers  
agree. Any initial increase will  
be followed by a levelling off  
as the law of supply and de-  
mand go into effect again.

"Now watch prices come down,"  
a household equipment retailer  
declared. "Even if they rise  
slightly at first, they will adjust  
themselves at levels suitable to  
the buying public."

Used cars are due for a price  
jump, since the margin between  
them and new vehicles has been  
separated too widely by govern-  
ment edict, according to a gar-  
age proprietor, who went on to  
predict that, even in this field,  
a levelling-off would take place  
within a three or four-month  
period.

"Prices on the best models of  
used cars have been held too  
low in their relationship to new  
models," he said. "They are  
bound to rise to a more balanced  
level."

**Freedom  
Short-Lived**

**Two Youths Make Getaway  
From Okalla But Were  
Soon Recaptured**

VANCOUVER — Two youth-  
ful inmates of Okalla Prison,  
eight miles east of here, made  
a dash for freedom today but  
were captured by prison guards  
following a chase through the  
bush country surrounding the  
prison.

The escapees, who were work-  
ing in the prison yard, dashed  
across the yard, scaled a fence  
and headed for the bush.

Fourteen guards and four po-  
lice constables joined in the  
chase during which warning  
shots were fired.

**Local Tides**

Thursday, April 3, 1947

High	12:03	20.6 feet
Low	6:00	5.7 feet
	18:21	2.9 feet

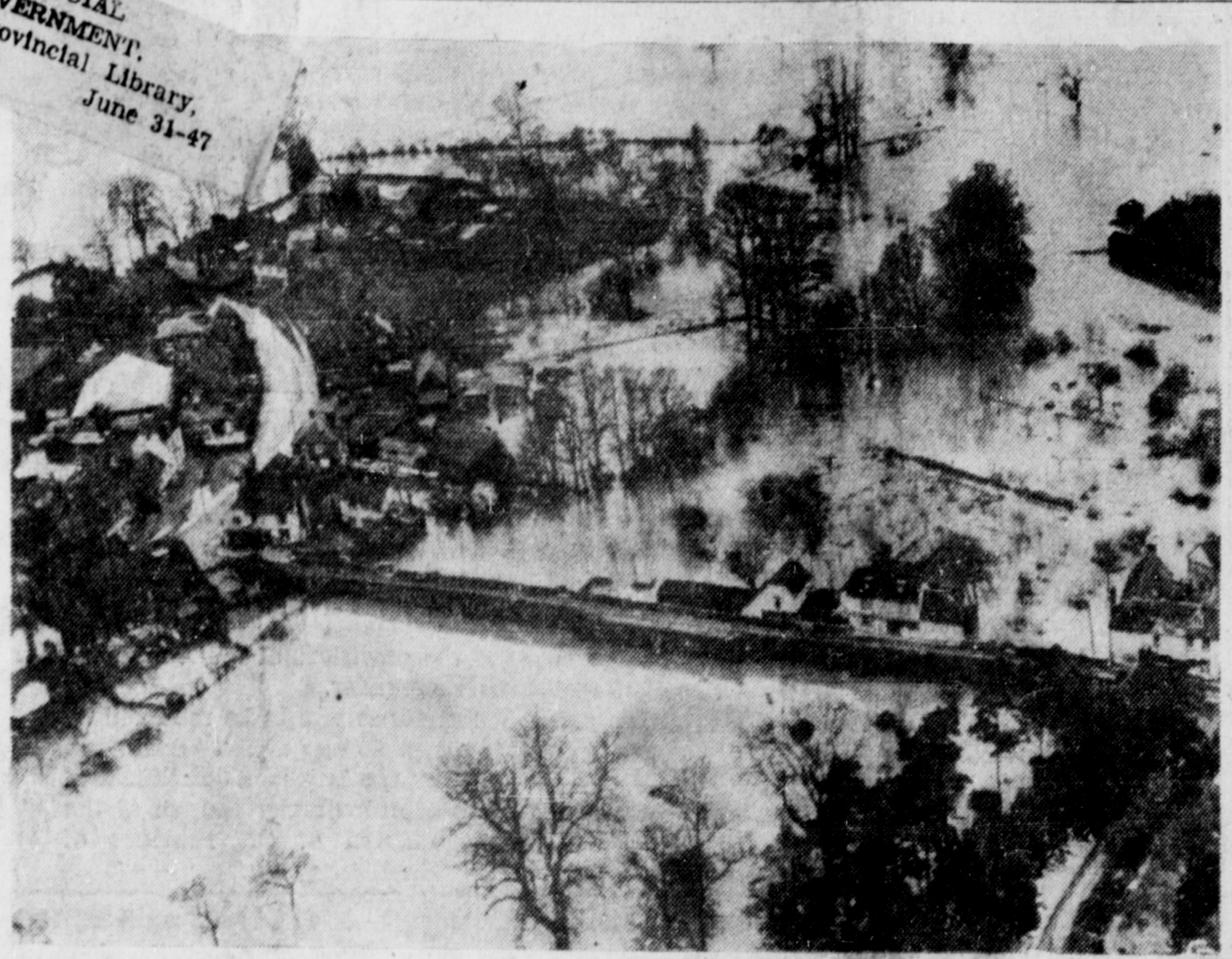
These BOMB  
SHIP

PHAI — Captain Wil-  
son of the British tank  
ship Wanshen, was  
injured today when his  
ship was bombed and machine-  
gunned while unloading U.N.R.  
supplies at the Chinese  
port of Shin Kwiu  
on the coast of U.N.R.A. re-  
gion.

Nationalist govern-  
ment subjects the Wan-  
shen to three attacks in which  
the ship was damaged. Chief Mate William  
and two Chinese quar-  
termen were injured.

# Hope Waning For Moscow Parley Success

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NATURE DEALS ENGLAND ANOTHER CRUEL BLOW—A Britain struggling to recover from the effects of the war and the most severe winter in 50 years has an additional problem with which to cope—flood conditions. This air view of the Kent village of Yalding shows the inundation caused by the overflowing of the Medway and Beult rivers. The most disastrous flood of the century has turned a 9,000-square mile triangle of Britain into a vast lake and made thousands homeless. The area bounded by the Bristol channel in the west, The Wash in the east and the Thames River in the south was described as chaotic as a result of the floods.

## More Ceilings Are Lifted

**Decentral of Long List of  
Articles Announced,  
Effective Today**

OTTAWA—Lifting of price lid  
by the government from another  
long list of goods and services  
was announced in Parliament  
yesterday afternoon by Hon.  
Douglas Abbott, minister of finance.  
The new decentral order  
applies to roughly one-third of  
goods and services which had  
still been under control.

The list of goods and services  
which remained until control  
covered many basic necessities of  
life in food, clothing and shelter,  
the financial minister said.

Rent restrictions must be con-  
tinued, Mr. Abbott stated al-  
though it was hoped changes in  
rental regulations would be an-  
nounced "very shortly."

Mr. Abbott expressed hope that  
the move would bring prices  
"smoothly to the levels which are  
now appropriate."

In general the new order, ef-  
fective as from today, removes  
these goods from the list of goods  
and services still under price  
ceilings.

## NOT HIRING MEN FOR BIG JOB YET

Prince Rupert office of the  
Employment Service of Canada  
has no orders for men for con-  
struction or survey work on the  
Celanese pulp plant which is to  
be built at Watson Island. Em-  
ployment Officer E. V. Whiting  
said Tuesday.

Mr. Whiting said that, while  
he has stacks of applications for  
employment on the new project,  
with many more coming in daily,  
he has as yet received no word  
as to when the work will start  
on the \$15,000,000 project.

Rumors circulating among job-  
seekers that preliminary work  
on the pulp plant would start  
on, or shortly after, April 1 have  
caused a flood of enquiries to  
pour into the Employment Office  
where they are filed pending  
further work on the plans of the  
company.

"Requests for workmen must  
be channelled through the Em-  
ployment Office, so we will be  
advised before the work starts,"  
Mr. Whiting said. "So far we  
have received no requests for  
men from that source."

The employment picture in  
Prince Rupert at the present  
time is greatly improved over  
the winter months when there  
was an average of 350 persons  
seeking work, Mr. Whiting de-  
clared. Resumption of activity  
in the fish houses and an in-  
crease in the building trades is  
employing an increasing num-  
ber of men.

"There is still a considerable  
number of unemployed, but it is  
getting down rapidly," he said.

## Five Years In Killing

**Father of Mrs. Evelyn Dick  
Pleads Guilty to Being  
Accessory to Son-in-Law's  
Slaying**

HAMILTON — Donald Mac-  
Lean, aged 60, father of Mrs.  
Evelyn Dick and former street  
car company janitor, was today  
sentenced to five years' impris-  
onment in penitentiary on a  
charge of being an accessory in  
the torso slaying of his son-in-  
law, John Dick. He pleaded  
guilty yesterday.

## STREET WORK TO BE BASED ON MAJOR PLAN

Prince Rupert citizens who  
expect the immediate start of  
a major street and sewer rehabi-  
litation program on the basis of  
the federal government's grant of  
\$143,000 to the city, will have  
to curb their impatience until  
long-term plans are laid and  
construction equipment avail-  
able, Mayor Nora Arnold be-  
lieves.

The reparations money, grant-  
ed to compensate for wartime  
military damage to streets and  
sewers, is to be put to use as soon  
as possible but it will require a  
considerable amount of planning  
before the project can be pro-  
perly started.

"Decisions on this matter rest  
with the Board of Works and  
City Council," she said. "But it  
is my personal opinion that the  
city can do no more than con-  
tinue its present street mainte-  
nance work until the major re-  
habilitation project is devel-  
oped. This will entail a tremen-  
dous amount of preliminary  
planning."

Mayor Arnold said she would  
be in favor of bringing in ex-  
pert technical advice for the  
project. She was non-committal  
as to whether the city should do  
the work itself or have it done  
on contract.

"The city has no road build-  
ing equipment to do the job,  
and road-making material is  
difficult to get. There is no good  
rock on Kaizen Island so it will  
have to be brought in. However,  
whether or not we could get a  
road contractor to come in for  
the job is another matter."

She agreed that if the provin-  
cial government could be pre-  
vailed upon to hard-surface the  
Prince Rupert-Port Edward road  
the same company doing that  
work might handle the city's  
street project as well.

In the possession of the city  
council is a comprehensive re-  
port compiled last year by City  
Engineer E. A. Phillips which  
contains recommendations for  
long-term street and sewer con-  
struction planning. This report  
may be the basis on which use  
of the federal grant and the pro-  
jected \$150,000 bonded loan may  
be used.

## General Marshall Still Optimistic On Outcome

**Question of Reparations Still Inspiring  
Dismal Feeling Over German Peace Talk**

MOSCOW (CP)—Secretary of State George C.  
Marshall was reported today, despite a general at-  
mosphere of gloom that the conference would break  
up in deadlock over the primary issue of reparations,  
to be hopeful that differences blocking progress on  
German peace settlement might be composed but  
British and French diplomats  
took a dismal view. The deputy  
foreign ministers assigned to  
work on the German issues  
found themselves badly snarled  
on reparations.

One question involved is the  
making of a report to the for-  
eign ministers' council on com-  
plaints of the inter-allied re-  
parations agency against Big Pow-  
er failure to meet reparations  
promises to eighteen smaller  
countries.

It was announced today that  
General Marshall had informed  
Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M.  
Molotov that, when present with-  
drawals of United States troops  
from China are completed, only  
6,180 military and naval per-  
sonnel will remain at the request  
of the Chinese government.

## Bulletins

**AIR FARES LOWERED**  
MONTREAL — TransCanada  
Airlines has lowered its Trans-  
Atlantic fares. One way from  
Montreal to London is down  
from \$375 plus tax to \$312  
plus tax and round trip from  
\$675 plus tax to \$516.

**TO MEET STALIN**  
MOSCOW—In an effort to  
obtain Russian concessions  
which will obviate a deadlock  
in the foreign ministers' coun-  
cil session on reparations and  
German peace, General Mar-  
shall may seek a special in-  
terview with Marshal Joseph  
Stalin.

**MAY ADVERTISE LIQUOR**  
OTTAWA — Federal restric-  
tions on advertising of liquor  
have been lifted, it is an-  
nounced.

**HURT BY DETONATOR**  
VANCOUVER—Leonard Lar-  
sen, 9-year-old Mount Pleas-  
ant boy, sustained serious in-  
juries to his hands and one  
eye may be affected as a re-  
sult of a fall with a detonator  
he had found in a ditch near  
Simon Fraser School. A num-  
ber of such detonators are  
missing from a building pro-  
ject and warning has been is-  
sued.

**RED ENVOY RECALLED**  
MOSCOW—It was reported  
here today that the Russian  
ambassador to Greece was  
being recalled.

**NEW FISHING TERMS**  
HALIFAX — New terms, in-  
cluding the division of catch  
proceeds for Nova Scotia fish-  
ermen, are in effect today as  
the majority of 500 fishermen  
prepare for sea after a 12-  
week strike. The new division  
will be sixty percent for crew  
and forty percent for owners  
as had been sought by the  
fishermen.

**ANTI-GAMBLING**  
VANCOUVER — Vancouver's  
anti-gambling campaign is in  
full swing today and during  
the night 34 Chinese were ar-  
rested in raids by the police  
who also seized gambling  
equipment.

**STEEL PRICE RISING**  
OTTAWA—Hugh Miller, as-  
sistant purchasing agent for  
the Canadian Pacific Railway,  
told the Board of Transport  
Commissioners, hearing the  
application of the railways for  
a thirty percent increase in  
freight rates, that he expected  
a five percent increase in steel  
prices.

**NO MEDICAL FACULTY**  
VANCOUVER—The Board of  
Governors of University of  
British Columbia decided to-  
day that there could be no  
medical faculty established  
this year owing to shortage  
of hospital beds and inade-  
quacy of the \$100,000 grant.

**UNION TO FILE CLAIM**  
NEW YORK — United Mine  
Workers of America is expect-  
ed to file claims in connec-  
tion with the Centralia, Illi-  
nois, coal mine disaster.

**CANADIAN DOLLAR LOW**  
NEW YORK — The Canadian  
dollar exchange was down to  
the lowest point today since  
last July. The discount was  
7 1/4 percent.

## Labor Bill Going Thru

**Highlighted Yesterday  
Afternoon's Sitting of  
Legislature at Victoria**

VICTORIA, — The labor bill,  
providing for government super-  
vision of secret strike votes and  
penalties for illegal strikes and  
lock-outs, again highlighted sit-  
tings of the provincial legislature  
yesterday.

Attorney General Gordon led  
the argument in favor of the  
bill. He held that the secret  
strike vote under government  
supervision would do much to  
eliminate labor unrest. It would  
make sure that workers really  
wanted to strike and there would  
be more public satisfaction as to  
their real desire.

Amendments, introduced in  
committee stage by Labor Min-  
ister George Pearson, provide for  
a direct strike vote in addition  
to earlier requirement of a vote  
of acceptance or rejection of  
conciliation board award.

Opposition Leader Harold  
Winch termed the supervision  
clause the "most vicious system  
ever introduced in Canada." Af-  
ter lengthy opposition the am-  
endments passed the committee  
stage.

## U.N. TO HEAR PALESTINE CASE

**LAKE SUCCESS —** The  
United Nations announced to-  
day that Russia, France and  
China had agreed to a special  
session of the general assembly  
on the Palestine case, thus clear-  
ing the final barrier to Britain's  
filing the explosive case with the  
international body. The United  
States previously gave its ap-  
proval.

## THE WEATHER

**Forecast**  
North Coast and Queen Char-  
lottes—Cloudy with widely scat-  
tered rain showers today. Thurs-  
day, overcast, little change in  
temperature. Lows tonight—At  
Port Hardy 30, Massett 30, Prince  
Rupert 30. Highs Thursday—At  
Port Hardy 45, Massett 43, Prince  
Rupert 45.

## C.P.R. OFFICIAL DIES IN SOUTH

VANCOUVER — George Bruce  
Burpee, 63, for some years gen-  
eral passenger agent here for  
Canadian Pacific Railway, died  
yesterday after having been in  
ill-health for some time. He  
came here from Montreal where  
he had served as assistant gen-  
eral passenger agent. He was  
born in St. John, New Brunswick.

## FOREIGN MINISTERS AT "BIG FOUR" CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW



Here is a general view at a meeting of the Big Four foreign ministers' conference in the Soviet aviation industry building, Moscow. U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall, is shown bending over papers on far side of table, with John Foster Dulles, U.S. delegate. Behind the small British flag in the

centre of the table, Deputy Soviet Minister Andrei Vishinsky, is at extreme left facing the camera next to Foreign Minister Molotov. British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin is in left foreground, while French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault sits at extreme right.