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Co-ops Gain Power In New Zealand Election

Election Picture Lacks Shape; Aldermen Scarce

What is going to happen in the forthcoming civic election is anybody's guess and a lot of people are of that opinion. Biggest conundrum of all is the election picture.

Six seats to fill, three candidates have filed for each while another five prospective candidates are waiting out papers but not yet entered.

On the other hand, the race promises to be a real contest. So far, candidates have filed in this, it is expected, to fill the field. The candidates are Ald. H. Robert McKay, Ald. W. A. McLean, Ald. Michael Kreuger, Ald. Glassey still had not filed this afternoon.

School Board picture, seats to fill, was partly Tuesday when W. J. Glassey is currently a trustee, resignation papers. Trustee estimate whose term also does not know whether re-election or not. Afternoon, no other had come forward.

H. M. Daggett and Helen, whose terms would not expire until next year, have both resigned for mayor, leaving Ald. W. A. McLean as the only candidate for another term in addition to the mayor's seat, two others are up for election.

What procedure would follow if there were sufficient candidates to fill the slate has not been decided. It is now returning to the city council to decide only five candidates themselves by the 11 o'clock deadline, each to be followed by a declaration of intent to run for office.

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Another 'Quake On Charlottes

Earthquake shocks are still recurring on the Queen Charlotte Islands and at 1 a.m. Saturday there was another tremor reminding at Masset of the major one on August 21 which caused consternation and considerable damage.

According to word from the islands, the latest shock lasted for about twenty minutes, shaking houses and wakening people up. However, no damage was done.

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More Native Schools—Economic And Health Betterment Result In More Indian Children

A general increase in this province's population of native children is reflected in the Skeena agency and has been directly responsible for the necessity of a building program which has already involved the construction of new and larger schools at Metlakatla and Kitkatla, now completed, and others at Green-ville, Kincolith and Hartley Bay on which work is about to commence.

Indian Superintendent F. E. Anfield estimates that there has been an increase in native school population in his agency of twenty percent in the last five years. It now totals about 500 children.

This increase, the superintendent attributes, partly to the improved economic conditions of the natives but possibly the more important contributory factor has been the betterment in the health of the natives as a result of the greatly expanded (Continued on Page 2)

Incredible Coincidence—Trawler's Net Finds Body of Missing George Powell

By a million-to-one chance, an American beam trawler's net Tuesday lifted from the floor of Hecate Strait, the body of a man believed to be George Powell, 36-year old Metlakatla fisherman and parts of the wreckage of the boat in which he disappeared last October 10.

The almost incredible coincidence took place about eight miles west of White Rocks at the north end of Banks Island in the general area where Powell disappeared in his trolling boat Rowena while crossing from Queen Charlotte Islands nearly seven weeks ago.

The body—officially unidentified, but believed to be that of Powell—was brought to the surface from 63 fathoms of water by the 90-foot trawler Coolidge II, of Bellingham, as it neared the end of a three-week voyage after bottom fish in Hecate Strait.

The Coolidge II, skippered by Capt. Harvey D. Riffe of Bellingham, spotted the body at 10 a.m. Tuesday when her net apparently snagged on the body. When her six-man crew raised the net, they found the body decomposed but of a man lashed to a smashed skull, part of the mast of a boat, a rife, life ring and two trolling poles. The body was clothed in rubber fisherman's garments.

The Coolidge crew experienced great difficulty in raising the mass, but finally got it on deck. Unfamiliar with Canadian procedure under such circumstances, Capt. Riffe headed for White Rocks harbor, but contracted another trawler, the B.C. Producer. Her skipper, Capt. Fred Kohse radioed the provincial police here and stood by the Coolidge.

Scotia and eventually through-out Canada.

"Your co-operatives out here are developed along lines pioneered by us back there," he said.

"It's a pretty sad state of affairs when people allow their problems to pile up into a mountainous scrap heap before they try to solve them," he declared.

"They should take out problems in our stride, because, if we allow them to pile up, any charlatan or demagogue can then convince the people that he can remove them by putting a stick of dynamite under them and blowing them up—in the form of revolution."

Dr. Coady will address a public meeting at the Civic Centre tonight and a Co-operative banquet Thursday night.

Labor Out By 12-Seat Margin In First Upset In 14 Years

NEW ATOMIC WEAPONS TEST

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States plans to make a new series of atomic weapons tests at Eniwetok in the Pacific. This was made known Tuesday night in a joint announcement by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Defence Department.

The announcement gave no indication when the tests will be held. They are to determine the efficiency of the improved weapons developed since the last experiments at the Eniwetok proving grounds in the spring of 1948.

BLOCKADE RUNNERS TAKE OWN CHANCES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State Acheson said today that American ships are entering the Chinese blockade port of Shanghai at their own risk.

He indirectly rebuked the 15-branch Steamship Line for having sent its vessels into that area, two of which have been shelled.

Acheson reported that the government has rejected all requests of the shipping for an American naval convoy.

FRIZZELL TO RUN

G. Douglas Frizzell, city motor dealer, said this afternoon that he plans to file papers for a one-year aldermanic term. He expects to file the papers Thursday.

MacLean Enters Race

Nomination of Walter Austen MacLean, for alderman were filed at the city hall this morning. Resident of Prince Rupert since 1921 and former member of the city public works department and alderman, Mr. MacLean was proposed by Nora E. Arnold and seconded by James H. Thompson.

FITCH FILES PAPERS

Nomination papers of Donald Franklin Fitch for alderman were filed with Returning Officer H. D. Thain this morning. His proposer is Richard Long and his seconder, Harold S. Whalen.

Snow Lower On Mountain Tops

Away later than usual, winter levelled down towards Prince Rupert with disconcerting nearness overnight, dropping a warning blanket of snow on the higher slopes of Mount Oldfield and Mount Hays within a few hundred feet of the rooftops.

City residents arose on this clear and cool morning to see the powdery mantle and to perceive its resultant chill. While cool rain was falling, the snow had been coming to the mountain tops and it was well down the sides of such higher crests as Mount Morse and those beyond.

Although the temperature overnight remained well above the freezing point—36 degrees—presence of snow at so low a level left a nip in the air this morning and a warning of the possible frigid prospects ahead.

However, the thing has some compensations in the public mind. Popular comment was aimed at reminding others that a year ago not only Mount Oldfield but rooftops and streets as well were snow-laden.

Trouble developed in the Falls River power plant last night and commencing at approximately 8:30 the city was in complete darkness for 20 minutes. Shawatians plant was the source of supply for a time after the "kick-off" at Falls River which, however, soon came on again.

Free Enterprise versus Socialism Basis of Voting

WELLINGTON (CP)—New Zealand electors today chose free enterprise over socialism, turning out of office the Labor Party and into power the National Party.

The National Party, campaigning for a return of free enterprise, captured 46 out of 80 seats in the House of Representatives. The Labor Party won the remaining 34. The result ended 14 years of government by the Labor Party.

At the dissolution of Parliament Labor held 40 seats and the National or Conservative Party, held 38. One seat was vacant and one held by Frank Langstone, Independent Labor.

Langstone, former High Commissioner to Canada, broke away from the Labor Party last August, opposing its decision to support compulsory military training.

The campaign resolved itself largely into a struggle between Socialism and free enterprise.

Sydney George Holland, National Party leader, said during the election campaign that his first objective will be to "get the people free from the domination of the State."

Leading Labor in its unsuccessful bid for re-election was Prime Minister Peter Fraser, crusty, Scots-born politician. Fraser, 65, has been Prime Minister since 1940.

Co-ops Score Decisive Victory Over School

The Junior Game Last Night Between Kinsmen and Rupert Hotel Was Excellent. There Was Basketball for the Whole Game

Last night Co-op went into high gear in the last half of the final quarter of the Senior League basketball game to rain baskets in from every angle, winning by a decisive 74 to 57 score. The Bo-Me-Hi team was leading 51-50 with about eight minutes left to play and it looked like anyone's game. Then the team fell apart and gave a display of wild passing and shooting that netted them exactly six more points while Co-op were going to town to garner 24. It was a big night for Arney, Flaten and Rupert Holstad, who grossed a total of 50 points. Ted Arney played a beautiful driving game, breaking up play after play and shooting swish shots from impossible angles. Rupert Holstad and Jim Flaten were equally effective although not adding quite the driving power and leadership provided by Arney.

Ladies' League
In a better than average game in the ladies' division the People's soundly trounced their arch rivals Dom's by a 21 to 9 score. There was just no holding Jackie Budinich who ran in a tidy 13 points to practically win the game on her own efforts. Once again there was too much holding and hacking, but the referees tightened up considerably to call 17 fouls.

Intermediate League
Fashion won a 32 to 27 victory over Merchants in spite of the fact that Merchants had the senior division. Davidson showed the effects of a month's idleness.

Chinese newspapers here said that 20,000 Red troops had crossed the Yangtze at 1 a.m. Tuesday, local time and entered the outskirts of Chungking.

BRITONS REACT TO N.Z. ELECTION

LONDON (AP)—Prominent Labor Party members today expressed disappointment when told of the Labor Party defeat in the New Zealand general election.

Alice Bacon, deputy party chairman said: "I am sure that this is only a temporary setback strengthened their team by the back."

Lord Woolton, chairman of the Conservative party called the defeat of the Labor party in New Zealand "a sign of the times."

PUBLIC MEETING

Civic Centre Auditorium, Nov. 30, 1949 at 8 p.m.
Speaker:
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