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opes To Make Atlantic Pact Effective

Air Lift Is Over p-Winter Is Beaten

By BRACK CURRY

LIN (AP)—The Allied air lift to Berlin is hump. The big challenge of winter has been bested. The goal now is to exceed this city's minimum needs—and it's doing just one week recently American and British dumped an average of just under 6,000 into Berlin's three usually accepted the city's minimum is 4,000 tons daily. air lift has defeated starvation threat, has been crippe blockade. Produc- ped by 60 to 70 than 100,000 Ber- ally or partially

the week ended Jan- the fleet of four-en- nes set a record since blockade was imposed They ferried in 41,546 food, coal and other The old mark was the last week in De-

city has a four-week baile foods on hand— better food position the beginning of the

RAISED blockade started the of the normal con- been hiked from 1,600 a day. Officials are eating better Europeans.

Berlin's besieged not so well off. of coal have for house heating unit.

day June 26, 1948 lift consisted of 32 Frankfurt to Ber- American and British average 552 flights a

load and unload the They number nearly round-the-clock Allied officials say Ger- are stealing from 10 percent of small goods flown to Ber-

operation is costing the more than $100,- Christopher May- Undersecretary for told the House that Britain's air average of £185,000 week.

American air forces planes flying the lift and 152 British.

SNOW PERSISTS DESPITE GENERAL HOPE FOR RAIN

Old Man Winter proved that there is still vigor in his aging grip. Last night, he sent down a three-inch snowfall to cover the wear-and-tear on his previous contributions during the last three months.

Prince Rupert people complained a bit bitterly of a certain bad faith in his night's work because previously the weatherman had predicted rain, a torrent of which would be the most welcome visitation possible.

Said one citizen despairingly as he dodged wearily through oversized snowflakes:

"If I ever hear anyone complaining about rain again I'll smother him in a snowbank!"

However, it almost was rain. It was a wet snow, just over the edge of what might have been rain. The temperature range, which varied from 35 down to 28 degrees, however, was just a bit too low.

To the Northern B.C. Power Co., a rainfall would have been most acceptable. It would have started a run-off at Falls River and Shawatlans to fill the water-short reservoir there, thus easing the hydro power crisis that has dragged on for almost two weeks.

To city motorists, wearied of the eternal routine of taking off and putting on traction chains, a real wash-away rain would be more than welcome.

To construction and other outside workers whose jobs have been slowed by weather conditions, a moderation of temperature and a heavy rain would be of assistance.

And to the fishing industry, whose operations, beam trawling, clam and shrimp fishing, have been intermitten because of the weather, a change would be far better than a rest.

BIG SAVING

Britain has developed a new inset fire which can be fitted into an existing grate, giving a heat output with coal of 37 per cent, compared with ordinary radiation of 25 per cent.

Russian Repatriation Mission Is Requested To Quit American Zone

IN OTTAWA JAIL—Sam Carr, one of the missing links in Canada's Soviet spy ring case, is in Ottawa jail after being deported by the United States following his arrest in New York. Carr fled Canada just before the espionage case broke three years ago and was found living in New York by U.S. agents two weeks ago. Deported from the United States, Carr was turned over to the R.C.M.P. at Prescott and taken to Ottawa. He is facing charges arising from the royal Commission espionage probe. Carr is shown here guarded by Constable James Cramm of the Ottawa police on his way to jail. (CP Photo)

FRANKFURT (CP)—General Lucius Clay requested the official Russian repatriation mission in the United States zone of Germany to leave the American-occupied territory, it was announced today. The "request" virtually amounted to an order.

Army authorities said that Clay, United States military governor of Germany, had asked the Russians to leave but they contended that their mission was "indispensible."

Following this, the Army announced: "Because voluntary repatriation of displaced persons who are Soviet citizens has virtually ceased, the Russian repatriation mission in United States zones will not operate after March 1."

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

Heavy rain occurred along the southern British Columbia coast during the night with over two inches of rain on the west coast of Vancouver Island and an inch at most other points. Cloudy conditions are expected for tonight and tomorrow with a return of freezing temperatures tonight. Heavy snow is falling in the interior today with cloudy skies and occasional snow flurries expected for tomorrow. Temperatures in the interior will show little change.

Forecast

Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Cloudy with snow flurries today and tomorrow. Wind west (25 m.p.h) today, light tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow: Port Hardy 30-38, Massett 25-34, Prince Rupert 25-34.

UNITED STATES IS NOT CHANGING POLICY DEAN ACHESON MAKES CLEAR

WASHINGTON, D.C., (AP)—Secretary of State Dean Acheson insisted today that the United States intends to make he proposed North Atlantic pact an effective security alliance. Acheson denied that the United States is backing away from declared policy.

In a statement Acheson declared: "With regard to the North Atlantic pact now under discussion, I should like to emphasize that there are no real differences in regard to objectives this government is seeking to accomplish."

TRANSPORT IS STILL CONFUSED

Aircraft Go Into Service to Move Stranded Passengers

Transportation picture between Prince Rupert and Terrace continued in a confused state today with no train expected to leave before Thursday morning at the earliest and weather conditions hampering emergency aircraft service to the interior town.

The railway this morning was maintaining its battle against snow conditions on the line and the snow plow which Tuesday began a westward battle from Pacific was expected to arrive here some time this afternoon.

Superintendent C. A. Berner said that, barring further difficulties, a train would leave for Terrace Thursday morning. The train for the East, which was to arrive here last night, turned back from Terrace.

Meanwhile, a Canadian Pacific Air Lines flight left for Terrace at noon with 10 passengers. Its departure earlier this morning was made impossible by a 10-inch fall of new snow at the Terrace air strip. Snow plows were clearing the strip this morning.

The Skeena Air Transport SeaBee, which has been operating a charter service since Saturday, took off this morning with four passengers for smaller than the C.P.A. Canso, Terrace and Smithers. Being it required less landing and take-off space at the Terrace air strip.

Superintendent Berner said that a heavy snowstorm was raging this morning along the line from Mount Robson west to Terrace, a condition which may bring further grief to railway transportation.

The rotary snow plow, which fought its way through the snow belt at the week-end, arrived at Kwinitsa at 10:45 today and was expected to have the line cleared to Prince Rupert this afternoon.

A delay in the aircraft schedule between Vancouver and Sandspit, caused by a temporary lack of a plane at Vancouver, would give the company's Canso plane time to make a trip to Terrace with a noon departure. The afternoon flight to Sandspit was expected to be an hour late in its departure and arrival because of the Vancouver delay.

RAIN WELCOME IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER—For a time Tuesday afternoon and evening rain fell in Vancouver. It was good old real Vancouver rain and was so welcome and attractive that thousands employed under cover crowded to the windows to enjoy watching the downpour.

But within an hour or so it became part snow and later, there was sleet. However, there had been some rain, and this was taken as a happy augury. It will take at least a week of rain to restore power to a normal condition.

CONCILIATOR HAS FAILED

Government Official Fails to Get Settlement Between City and Firemen

After failing to effect a settlement between the city and the members of the fire department in their wage dispute, Robert Forgie, conciliator for the Provincial Department of Labor, sailed yesterday afternoon by the Camosun on his return to Victoria. Mr. Forgie will report his failure to the department and the appointment of a board of conciliation in the dispute will probably ensue. Deliberation of such a board would satisfy the requirements of the Act and, should it fail, strike or lock-out action would then become permissible.

This afternoon the city council's wage committee is meeting with the Civic Employees' Union, which covers both City Hall clerical and outside public works employees. These workers are seeking a 25c per hour increase across the board for hourly paid employees and $40 a month for salaried workers. An adequate annual increase of $28,320 would be involved in such a demand.

There have been no further developments since disagreement between the Electrical Workers' Union and the city in which an increase of 25 percent is sought for male employees and $40 a month for telephone operators, all of which would entail an aggregate annual increase of $16,472.37. No conciliation has yet been applied for in this dispute.

FLY BARLEY FOR SWANS

VANCOUVER—A Royal Canadian Air Force plane flew to Lonesome Lake about 280 miles north of here, Tuesday, to deliver sacks of barley for several score of Canada's rare trumpeter swans, in danger of starvation.

Through long continued wild weather and other causes, the birds were risking death. They had become very weak.

Hemmed in by mountains, most of the peaks being six thousand feet high, the lake was not an easy objective for the fliers to gain. Yet the grain was safely dumped by parachute. An old unidentified trapper saw that the food was properly distributed.

Following the mercy flight and the old trapper's sowing of the barley, the flock of sixty migratory birds were pecking at the feed. The trapper is an employee of the provincial wild life department who is stationed at the food-bare winter retreat.

Bulletins

TRIALS STRICTLY SECRET

MUNICH—Strict secrecy today surrounded the opening of the first of five "Czech spy trials" before an eight-man United States military commission. Chairman of the military commission, which is empowered to impose the death penalty, has ruled revelation of trial testimony or even identity of the accused would endanger the security of the United States. Not even the verdict of the trials will be made known. The charge is of sale of important secret information to the Communist-dominated Czech government.

CONFERENCE WITH POPE

VATICAN CITY—Diplomats of 33 countries today expressed to Pope Pius condolences over the sentencing of Cardinal Mintzsenty of Hungary. The Pontiff, expressing his gratitude, thanked the mass audience which was unique in the history of the Holy See's diplomatic relationships. He said that he awaits the hour when all nations will put forth friendly hands to collaborate for the restoration of humanity which was at present torn by hatreds and discords.

VANCOUVER RAIN

VANCOUVER—Vancouver people virtually waded to work today after a 1.4 inch rainfall since yesterday. Hundreds of men were at work clearing catch basins to carry away the melting slush. It is doubtful if the rain was sufficient to improve very materially the water level in reservoir lakes of the hydro-electric plants. More freezing weather is predicted for tonight and tomorrow.

Mrs. Alex Gray, wife of Warrant Officer Gray, new staff officer of H.M.C.S. Chatham, accompanied by their daughter, arrived in the city this morning on the Prince Rupert from Victoria to take up residence.

SOIL-CEMENT

Soil-cement is a tightly compacted mixture of soil, portland cement and water which forms a paving material as the cement hydrates and solidifies the mixture.

DON'T MISS IT!
ROTARY MINSTREL SHOW
40 — FORTY — 40
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 8 P.M.
Reserved Seats Still Available at $1 and 75c
Rush Seats 50c
SPECIAL MATINEE, Thursday, 3:45 p.m.
Adults 50c Students 25c

Fighting To Save Stewart

W. D. Smith Speaks in Legislature—Wants Senator—Opposes Daylight Saving

VICTORIA — W. D. Smith, Coalition member of the Legislature for Atlin, speaking in the Throne Speech debate yesterday, called for an aggressive policy of development of the hinterland. British Columbia could not be effectively developed by concentrating around Vancouver.

Mr. Smith said there should be a representative of Northern British Columbia in the Senate.

The Atlin member opposed daylight saving.

Mr. Smith expressed fear that Stewart would become a ghost town unless the government did something fast. Closing down of the Silbak-Premier mine had steadily decreased the population, he told the House.

The House was asked by Mr. Smith to urge the federal government to build a road into an area eight miles to the north where one gold mine had already blocked out a yield of $4,000,000. He said $500,000 had already been invested in this mine which would employ 250 men if operated.

The Atlin member contended that mining was one of the best developers of any area and the whole province would benefit.

Private capital would not touch the area in which this mine was located until a road was built.

Mr. Smith also asked for a 58.3 mile link from Atlin to the Alaska Highway, 13 miles inside the Yukon Territory, to develop his constituency which he called a 'war casualty.'

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

Vancouver	
Bayonne	.06½
Bralorne	9.00
B.R. Con.	.03½
B.R.X.	.10
Cariboo Quartz	1.30
Congress	.03½
Hedley Mascot	.47
Pacific Eastern	.06
Pend Oreille	5.75
Pioneer	3.25
Premier Border	.04
Privateer	.19
Reeves McDonald	3.15
Reno	.06
Sheep Creek	1.45
Silbak Premier	.36
Taku River	.34
Vananda	.30
Salmon Gold	.14
Spud Valley	.09½
Oils—	
Anglo Canadian	4.65
A.P. Con.	.25
Atlantic	.71
Calmont	.41
C. & E.	5.00
Central Leduc	1.20
Home Oil	11.85
Mercury	.14½
Okalta	1.30
Pacific Pete	2.25
Princess	.32
Royal Canadian	.09¾
South Brazeau	.18
Toronto	
Athona	.12½
Aumaque	.36
Beattie	.57
Bevcourt	.29
Bobjo	.12½
Buffalo Canadian	.17
Consol. Smelters	106.50
Conwest	1.23
Donalda	.62
Eldona	.63
East Sullivan	3.00
Giant Yellowknife	5.50
God's Lake	.42
Hardrock	.17½
Harricana	.08
Heva	.11

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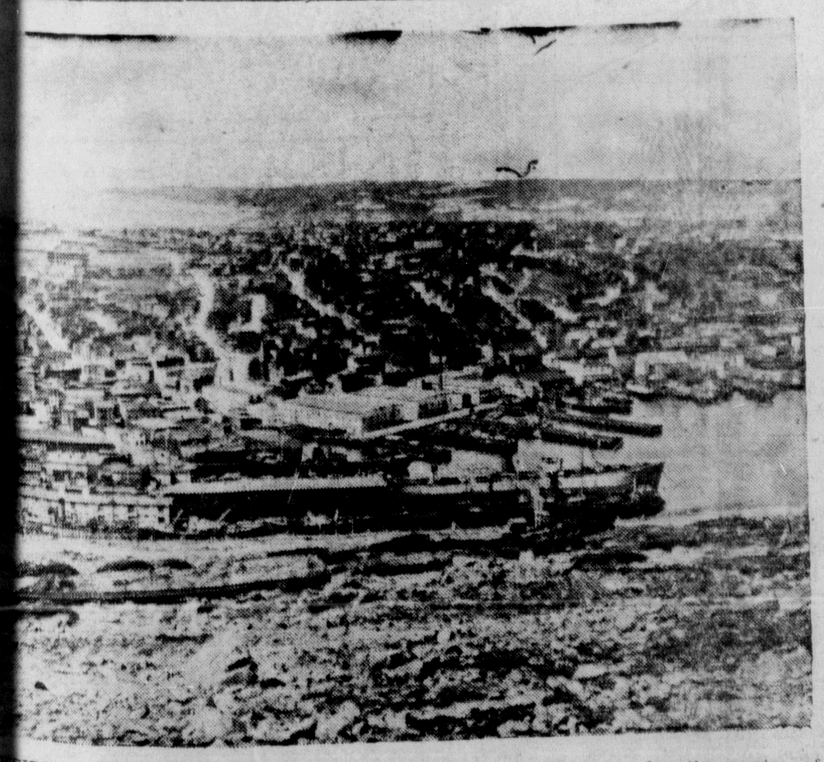
4:06	21.9 feet
16:27	20.1 feet
10:21	4.1 feet
22:33	4.6 feet



DOCKSIDE WHARVES—St. John's Newfoundland's largest centre, is also the centre of the commercial trade. This photo shows the storage and paper sheds along the harbour. Nearby the Newfoundland Railway operates large dry dock facilities. (CP Photo)