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## Prince Rupert Rallies To Aid Of Flood Sufferers In Province

### Provincial Set-Up Approved—Local Committee Formed to Conduct Campaign and Watch Local Needs

Spurred by spectre of disaster at their own door even though fortunately it may not be comparable with what other areas have suffered, Prince Rupert people, at a large and representative meeting Tuesday night, went all out in support of the appeal of Premier Byron Johnson and the Vancouver Board of Trade for the immediate institution of a province-wide flood disaster aid campaign. Naming Mayor Nora Arnold as chairman of the campaign they resolved that no time should be lost in launching the local effort and took steps to institute without delay a city and district-wide solicitation for funds. A unanimous enthusiasm and an impatience to get the campaign started with a minimum of delay marked the gathering. Subscription lists are being opened immediately and, to reinforce the voluntary response, canvassers will go to work with least possible delay. City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber, service clubs, women's organizations were all represented in the spontaneously enthusiastic campaign organizational gathering.

### Slain Newspaperman Was Once In Alaska

SALONIKA, Greece—George Polk, newspaperman, who was found with a bullet through his head off the port of Salonika, Greece, was employed in Alaska some years ago. It was in 1937 he served as city editor of the Daily News-Miner in Fairbanks. He was born in Fort Worth, and attended Virginia Military Institute. He was last seen in Salonika when he told friends he was trying to arrange an interview with Markos Vafiades, a guerilla leader.

### Halibut Sales

American	
Western, 58,000, 21.60c, 20.50c and 10.50c, Pacific.	
Onah, 25,000, 20.50c, 19.50c and 10c, Storage.	
California, 12,000, 20.50c, 19.50c and 10c, Storage.	
Nordby, 51,000, 20.70c, 19.70c and 10c, Storage.	
Urania, 48,000, 20.60c, 19.50c and 10c, Pacific.	
Prisco, 16,500, 20.60c, 19.70c and 10c, Pacific.	
Canadian	
Invercan, 21,000, 20c, 19c and 9.50c, Booth.	
Dollina, 25,500, 20c, 19c and 9.50c, Atlin.	
Metcalfe, 13,000, 20c, 19c and 9.50c, Booth.	
M. W., 5,500, 20c, 19c and 9.50c, Storage.	
Izumi, 4,000, 20c, 19c and 9.50c, Atlin.	
Robert B., 40,000, Teeny Milly, 30,000, Pauline V., 10,000, Arctic I., 19,000, Ankar A., 18,000, Gulvick, 16,000, Miss Margot, 17,500, Kyrielle, 15,000, Embia, 19,000, Maude J., 11,000, Oslo, 18,000, Combat, 24,000, Fredella, 17,000, P. Dolron, 23,000, Valiant, 12,500, Selma H., 18,000, Capella I., 13,000, Viking I., 21,000, Dove B., 22,000, Mae West, 15,000, Kalen, 23,000, Borgund, 9,000, Reward, 15,000, Helen II., 27,000, Parma, 40,000, Stream, 10,000, Northern Breeze, 33,000, Balsac I., 16,000, Steveston, 18,000, Covenant, 52,000, Larry H., 19,000, Gony, 19,000, Co-op.	

### LOCAL TIDES (Standard Time)

	Thursday, June 3, 1948
High	10:35 16.3 feet
	22:47 19.1 feet
Low	4:39 6.9 feet
	16:25 7.8 feet

## ALUMINUM CO. IS INTERESTED

Minister of Lands Well Pleased—Hurries Home to Flooded Constituency

An encouraging interest is being shown by the Aluminum Company of Canada in the possibility of establishing itself in a large way on the British Columbia coast, said Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands and forests and M.L.A. for Skeena, who was in the city yesterday on his way from Victoria to Terrace.

Mr. Kenney accompanied leading officials of the Aluminum Company recently on an inspection trip of the hydro-electric power possibilities of Bute Inlet on the lower mainland.

"They were so impressed," the minister reports, "that they decided further detailed explorations should be made."

It has already been announced that these explorations will include large power sites at the heads of Dean Channel and Gardner Canal.

Mr. Kenney expressed satisfaction over the progress being made towards the establishment by the Celanese Corporation of America of its cellulose pulp plant at Port Edward. Steady proceeding of the construction work is assured.

Mr. Kenney had not intended coming north on a visit to his constituency for another three weeks but hastened north to see how his people were faring in the flood emergency. He will be in the riding for the next 10 days or two weeks and will visit as many points as he can.

Mr. Kenney left for Terrace yesterday afternoon by the Skeena Air Transport's Seabee plane.

## Flood Damage In Fraser \$30,000,000

OTTAWA.—Flood experts, advising the federal government, last night placed the flood damage in the Fraser Valley at between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000. Flood losses in other ravaged areas of British Columbia are not estimated.

## People Weep In Appreciation; Villagers Are In Good Condition

### Pilot Pat Carey Lands Plane On Boiling Skeena River With Mrs. William Wasyk and Mrs. J. L. Bethurem Tuesday

People of the flood-damaged village of Usk, east of Terrace, breathlessly watched a sight never seen before on that section of the Skeena River Tuesday afternoon when an aircraft landed on its boiling current bringing them food and medical supplies.

The waterlogged community of 108 rushed to the

edge of the swollen river to welcome Mrs. William Wasyk and Mrs. J. L. Bethurem, passengers in a chartered plane who had flown from Prince Rupert to check on the safety of friends and relatives and bring supplies.

Pilot of the plane—a Central B.C. Airlines' Junkers—was Pat Carey, noted Port St. James bush flyer, who said that he had made rougher landings "but never on such fast water." With him was F. J. Quinn, his mechanic.

The visitors found Usk, last week one of the hardest-hit flood communities on the Skeena, making preparations to clean out almost a score of homes through which the muddy river rampaged for five days.

Now back in its normal bed, the river left deposits of silt in all but five houses in the community and some are so badly damaged by the flood that their owners may not bother to try and rehabilitate them.

Communication by rail speeder with Terrace had been re-established on Monday, 24 hours earlier and no one was suffering from hunger or want of clothes or bedding as they camped in tents on high ground behind the village. Social Service department workers visited the community Monday.

"The flood was not nearly as bad as in 1936," said Mrs.

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## Floods Still Menacing Fraser Valley; More Dykes Broken Today

CHILLIWACK—A dyke in the district of Sumas Prairie burst last night and the water there has flooded into the district along the Vedder Canal.

One thousand persons have been evacuated from the area. All other dykes in the Chilliwack area, however, are holding well. The largest dykes in that area

are at Rosedale and Glendale.

It is reported that 500 persons

have been taken from an inundated Mennonite colony. Servicemen and civilians in the

most part, are not worrying about broken dykes. It is the

ones in danger of breaking that

count to these men, who are

working close to 24 hours a day

in many sections of the Fraser

Valley. There are three main

danger points at this time—Pitt

Meadows, Woodward's Landing

and Queensborough on Lulu

Island. Dykes are also weak at

Pidgeon, Pitt River and Port

Hammond and Barston Island.

Sandbags are being taken to all

of these places.

Meanwhile the Army said that

50 tons of sand bags are on the

way from Winnipeg to Vancouver.

It is reported that four box-

car loads of sand bags have

reached Winnipeg this afternoon

and are being flown from there

to Vancouver. There will be

about 750,000 in all and they

are arriving by Saturday.

TRAIL IS IN DANGER

In the interior of southern

British Columbia, most cities re-

ported recessions in the floods.

In fact only Trail is in any im-

mediate danger. A report from

there, indicates, that two de-

tachments of the reserve army

unit, were sent to Trail last

night as the Columbia River

threatens to spill over the dykes

at that inland smelter city. The

Columbia is continuing to rise,

and weather bureau officials at

Spokane, Washington, report the

river is rising rapidly at that

point.

Hundreds of trucks and men

are still busy at Trail, with sand

bags and dyking, to keep the

river from the main street.

Many people and houses were

evacuated today, and thirty

homes have been flooded, in the

low lying sections of the town

along the river by seepage

through the dykes.

Road connections south from

Trail to Spokane have been

washed out and the Castlegar

ferry is expected to stop run-

ning today, thereby closing high-

way connections to the East.

Damage at Trail is reported

to be over the \$100,000 mark

and rising rapidly.

The Columbia River bridge is

still holding and reported in no

danger.

There were two other dyke

breaks earlier yesterday, one

on Lulu Island. The first oc-

curred early in the morning, one

mile east of Woodward Landing,

but the water is now under con-

trol. The second was a very

minor one, at the foot of Trapp

road in Burnaby and this was

also soon under control.

The Navy has not as yet

received a report on the boom

of logs which broke and was

headed for the Mission Bridge

yesterday afternoon. Two

Navy tugs were sent out to in-

tercept the boom and it is re-

ported the logs were broken up

but this has not been confirm-

ed officially.

Meanwhile, the last official

reading, taken at the Mission

Bridge was 24.4 feet. That was

a drop of 9/10 of a foot in ten

## CRUICKSHANK IS CRITICAL

OTTAWA—The Liberal Member for the Fraser Valley, George Cruickshank, blamed the federal and provincial governments and the Canadian Pacific Railway for the high flood damage. He said the Canadian Pacific Railway did not accept its responsibility in the dyking program.

The member said: "Instead of a few hundred thousand dollars spent over the years we have losses in the millions in a few days."

## Lord Beaverbrook Is Ill At Fredericton

FREDERICTON—Lord Beaverbrook is in bed under the care of a physician. He had come to receive an honorary degree from Mount Allison University was to confer on him.

## URGENT PLEA SENT FOR HELP

NEW WESTMINSTER—Farmers and business men of the Sumas, Matsqui and Abbotsford districts met in Abbotsford yesterday and drafted an urgent plea for action, sending it to the provincial government.

The group claimed that the Matsqui dyke could have been saved and stated that only one person was watching the dyke at the time of the break. The group said lack of direction was evident.

## SCRUTINEERS TO BE WATCHFUL

VANCOUVER—The CCF and Progressive-Conservative scrutineers reveal that when the Vancouver Centre by-election is held June 8, there will be a lot of challenging. Instructions have been given to challenge every voter who gives rise to the least suspicion.

## TERRACE GETS AIR MAIL TOO

Terrace has been added to the flood emergency air mail service which is now being operated between Prince Rupert and Smithers, it was announced today by E. T. Applewhaite, secretary of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce. Air mail and first class mail will be handled Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Skeena Is Receding

Skeena River flood waters, according to latest reports today, had receded four feet from the crest of the recent flood which it was stated today was twenty-eight inches lower at its height than the high water in historic 1936.

Welfare Officer Ed. Coughlan, back from Usk by aircraft last night, reported that all the people there were comfortable and in good shape. The men folk are back in their homes cleaning them up for reoccupancy. At no time was any severe hardship suffered by the people who have been camped under ideal weather conditions in the school house and some eight tents on the hillside nearby.

The government ferry was carried away together with the towers about a mile downstream and, as a result, the Adams sawmill, Usk's sole industry, is isolated. Nevertheless, it is expected it may get back into operation in about two weeks.

From all points up river today came reports of continued recession of the flood.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS DISAPPEARANCE

OTTAWA—"If we don't have a spiritual revival, we will soon have a wide open Sunday," said Rev. John Dempster of Calgary Baptist Church, speaking at a panel discussion here on the question of Sabbath observance.

Remarked Rev. Harold Garner of Chicago: "There will be no Sunday schools in the Anglican Church within the next eleven years, if steps are not taken."

## Transferred, Now Sees

REAL—Eight-year-old Guerin, after hospital here, has gone to his Valleyfield, his eyesight restored. The cornea, eye of a dead child, transplanted in the young Guerin.

## ADA WILL BUSINESS

Freight Rate Limitation Against Removed

INGTON—The state-made here before the Commerce Commission, unless the gross dis- against Alaska in rates on goods destined territory is removed, it can that a good propor- the goods shipped to Al- be carried on Canadian

matter was brought up representative Tollefson who declared that known as export freight have never been applied estic goods intended for but have been applied is intended for export est coast ports for South Hawaii and the Far

## SE FIRE ISOLATED

AVIV—Military head- said today that Egyptian and artillery attack- two places this morning of a cease fire order, busy it had been and that a month's truce agreed upon.

## More Deaths In Washington Floods

TLE—Attributed to flood- two more deaths have reported. The body of John rey, 29, a former para- has been found in the ater River, near Lewis- abo. A 33-year-old man, iramonte, was killed his truck and trailer were into the Columbia River ad cave-in.

## SURVEYS INTERIOR

AWA—Commencing early month, air survey photo- in connection with map- will be proceeded with about Northern British ia and Yukon. This work vide surveying along the River and through the y Valley. A. H. Ralfe will the survey mapping surveys e Skeena and in the vi- of Terrace, this, of course, subject to delays caused od conditions. Two air- fitted for vertical and tri- a photography, will be used.

## WHITE PASS RATES

COUVER—Freight rates e reduced on the White & Yukon Railway. Reduc- range between 10 and 15 ent in carload or less than ad lots. On straight or mix- loads from Vancouver, ia or Prince Rupert to horse a much greater cut e in effect on certain com-

## Men Available Jobs On Farms

AWA—S. P. Quilty, unem- ment supervisor, has an- nounced that the number of un- employed men would be greatly ed if more of them would of farm work. "We have 97 vacancies on the books," id, "and to date, not a single