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**BARBARA ANN MOST BEAUTIFUL**—Barbara Ann Scott, Ottawa, voted Canada's "newest personality" in 1947, tries out a difficult stunt at Davos, Switzerland. Miss Scott, 19, is again world champion figure skater, having first won her European title last year in an international contest at Davos, where yesterday she was voted most beautiful winter Olympics belle.

# Premier King Is Retiring This Year

## Calls For National Liberal Convention

**Varying Interpretations Are Read Into Long-Awaited Announcement**

OTTAWA (CP)—Liberal politicians today read varying interpretations into Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King's long-awaited announcement last night of his retirement. It touched off these conflicting interpretations:

### TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	
Bralorne	10.00
B.R. Con.	.04
B.R.X.	.08
Cariboo Quartz	2.35
Dentonia	.14
Grull Wihksne	.05 1/2
Hedley Mascot	.80
Minto	.02 1/2
Pend Oreille	2.35
Pioneer	3.30
Premier Border	.04 1/2
Privateer	.25
Reeves McDonald	1.25
Reno	.10
Salmon Gold	.21
Sheep Creek	1.05
Taylor Bridge	.50
Vananda	.18
Congress	.04
Pacific Eastern	.05
Hedley Amalgamated	.80
Spud Valley	.20
Central Zeballos	.01 1/4
Silbak Premier	.43
Oils—	
A.P. Con.	.16
Calmont	.50
C. & E.	3.95
Foot hills	3.50
Home	6.10
Toronto	
Athona	.08
Aumaque	21 1/2
Beattie	.73
Beycourt	.54
Bobjo	.14
Buffalo Canadian	.11 3/4
Consol. Smelters	96.75
Conwest	.88
Donalda	.85
Eldona	.74
Elder	.63
Giant Yellowknife	5.75
God's Lake	.87
Hardrock	.16
Harriana	.07
Heva	.16
Hosco	.36
Jackknife	.04 1/4
Joliet Quebec	.37
Lake Rowan	.11
Lapaska	.09
Little Long Lac	1.25
Lynx	.08 1/2
Madsen Red Lake	2.91
McKenzie Red Lake	.56
McLeod Cockshutt	1.40
Moneta	.35
Negus	2.26
Noranda	48.00
Louivourt	1.30
Pickle Crow	2.10
Regcourt	.06 1/2
San Antonio	4.05
Senator Rouyn	.54
Sherrit Gordon	2.85
Steeple Rock	2.08
Sturgeon River	.20
Silver Miller	.42

1. He meant outright relinquishment of the party leadership and the Premiership as soon as his successor is chosen by a national convention.

2. He would accept renomination to head the party and government.

Observers said that the Prime Minister's reference to his future and that of the party did not close possible acceptance of his draft by the convention.

Others, including two cabinet ministers, took an opposite view, saying he scarcely would accept a new mandate.

Mr. King's retirement brings into the spotlight Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, minister of external affairs, and it is believed that he will succeed the Prime Minister temporarily at least.

Last night Mr. King served notice of his impending retirement from political life, bringing into its twilight a long and distinguished Parliamentary career which includes nearly thirty years as Liberal leader and more than twenty years as Prime Minister of Canada.

Soberly and quietly, the 73-year-old Prime Minister broke the news to more than 800 party supporters who were gathered at the annual meeting of the National Liberal Federation. His statement said: "It seems to me that the time has come for the holding of a national convention, that the selection of a new leader of our party should not be further delayed."

Mr. King then expressed hope that the convention, first since he himself became leader here in August 1919 and the third in the party's history, could be held "in the summer of the present year."

The Prime Minister gave no hint as to whom he personally would like to see succeed him as Liberal leader and Prime Minister, the office which traditionally goes to the leader of the party holding the Parliamentary majority.

Mr. King frankly told convention delegates that the party does not at present have "efficient organization" necessary to win a general election and said that he felt the "actual" position should be known to the party and members so they could take action "before it is too late."

The Prime Minister ended his address with these words: "Of one thing you may be sure, if I cease to lead this party, I shall never cease to have the party's interest and its future near to my heart. Nor is it likely that I shall knowingly shirk any responsibilities which the needs of our time may seem to demand and which I feel I am able to meet."

**Telegraph Creek Youth Succumbs**  
Moses Carlick, 20 year old youth from Telegraph Creek, died Tuesday night at Miller Bay Indian Hospital, where he had been confined for several weeks. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Carlick of the Stikine River settlement.

**LOCAL TIDES**  
Thursday, January 22, 1948  
High ..... 9:46 19.7 feet  
                  23:08 16.5 feet  
Low ..... 3:19 10.0 feet  
                  16:50 5.2 feet  
William H. Brett, M.L.A., returned on the Prince Rupert this morning from a business trip to Vancouver.

## TITO SAYS—Atomic Bomb Is Possessed

**YugoSlavia Ready to Employ It**

TRIESTE, (CP)—The Italian newspaper La Voce Libera published today what it said was a secret speech by Premier Josip Tito of YugoSlavia in which he was reported to have said that YugoSlavia has the atomic bomb and is prepared to use it in the next war.

The newspaper said that, in a speech to his party executive at Zagreb November 18, 1947, Tito claimed that YugoSlavia had 150 divisions, atomic bombs and jet-propelled planes for the "final annihilation of reaction."

The paper said that it had had the text of the speech for a month but had delayed publication until it learned it was authentic.

Tito is said to have declared that war against Great Britain and the United States is inevitable.

## RAIN AND WIND RECORDED HERE

Prince Rupert had another 24 hour soaking between 4 a.m. Tuesday and 4 a.m. today during which the Dominion meteorological station at Digby Island recorded 2.85 inches of rain. There had been a comparable 24 hour period a couple of weeks ago when Jupiter Pluvius poured 2.17 inches. The rain was accompanied by a fresh southeast wind which reached a maximum of 36 miles per hour between 7 and 8 o'clock last evening.

(Vancouver newspapers and radio broadcasts persisted today in an erroneous statement that 3.85 inches of rain had fallen in 24 hours. The Daily News had endeavored to have this corrected).

## STARLET IS RUNAWAY

**Jaqueline Horner Found with Sailor in San Francisco Hotel**

SAN FRANCISCO, (CP)—Jaqueline Horner, aged 14, Hollywood starlet, missing from her Los Angeles home since last week, was found last night in a hotel here. She is being held at a juvenile home as a runaway and Wallace Walls, a United States sailor, aged 19, is booked on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Police discovered them at the hotel.

## THREE DEAD IN MONTREAL FIRE

MONTREAL, (CP)—Three persons were burned to death and 50 persons were rendered homeless when fire destroyed a rooming house early today in suburban Coteau Rouge. The dead are A. M. Paquin, aged 80, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Guentette.

## Is Fined \$50 For Reckless Driving

A fine of \$50 plus \$3.50 costs was levied against Oscar Franklin Stewart, local taxi driver, by Magistrate W. D. Vance in city police court Tuesday afternoon after he had been convicted of a charge of reckless driving. The charge arose out of an incident on Eighth Avenue East when a car crashed into two buildings. Roderick MacLeod acted as counsel for Stewart.

city purchasing department and that tools worn out or lost in the service of the city be replaced by the city.

The union asks two weeks' holidays with pay for employees with less than 10 years service and three weeks for men with more than 10 years service.



**GOODWIN SANDS CLAIM ANOTHER VICTIM**—The treacherous Goodwin Sands off England have claimed another victim in the 2,327-ton Italian steamer "Silvia Onorato" shown held fast in its grip in this aerial view. The Walmer lifeboat is standing by. Risking their lives every minute, the Walmer lifeboat crew rescued the master, 28 men and two German stowaways from the steamer. They also saved the ship's pet, a seven-month-old Alsatian pup named Jack. The Walmer men had only 30 minutes in which to work, and most of the time they themselves had to cling on for their lives while rescuing the others. The vessel, grounded between two banks of sand, was making her way from Rijeka, the Yugoslav port on the Adriatic, to Rotterdam, carrying 2,933 tons of plumbago. For three days the captain, Francesco Ruocco, had stayed aboard with his crew in an effort to refloat the vessel.

## 'Terrible Red Menace'

**United Nations Should Concentrate On Keeping It In Check, Declares Mackenzie King**

OTTAWA (CP)—Accusing Communism of aiming at global domination, Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King called last night on "free" nations of the world to "maintain preponderance of military strength on the side of freedom."

Mr. King denounced Communism as a "new and terrible menace" and advised the United Nations to limit some of its secondary activities and concentrate on organization of an international force to hold it in check.

Using some of the strongest denunciatory language of his career, Mr. King tongue-lashed Communism as he spoke before the annual dinner of the advisory council of the National Liberal Federation.

## DEATH CAR IN TERRACE

**Ill-Fated Vehicle, In Which Lars Albertson Lost Life, Bears Mark of Snow Battle**

TERRACE—The only damage it suffered being crushing of the rear part of the body which was caused by a tree falling on it when the road was being cleared of snow, the automobile, which was the prize in a drawing last year by the Prince Rupert Rotary and from which Lars Hilbert Albertson, Cedarvale logging operator, lost his life when caught in a snow blizzard on Christmas Eve, was driven back into Terrace a few days ago and is now in a local garage awaiting repairs.

The fact that oil was low, radiator almost dry and low chains broken when the car was found indicated that the unfortunate Albertson had had a hard battle trying to drive through the rapidly falling snow before he finally took to the road to perish Christmas Day from heart dilation due to exhaustion in his attempt to reach home at Cedarvale after the ill-fated Christmas Eve trip to Terrace. The vehicle was driven into Terrace by Herb Spencer after being dug out of the snow by public works department road clearing workers.

It was eleven miles east of Usk that the car was found.

## ROAD OPEN TO TERRACE

**From East, But Still Blocked Tightly to West**

After having been blocked by heavy snows which fell at Christmas, the Skeena River Highway eastward from Terrace was re-opened to traffic at the first of this week but is still closed and deeply buried west of Terrace in the area between Kwinitsa and Shames.

Snow fighting equipment met on Monday just east of Pacific enabling motor traffic to move into Terrace at that time.

Not only is there snow lying unremoved on the road three feet more and deep between Shames and Kwinitsa but there are several slides intervening to further complicate matters. At that the situation this winter is not as bad as last winter when there was six feet of snow on that part of the road.

## Great Battleships Are Being Scrapped

LONDON, (CP)—Lord Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons today that four of Britain's battleships will be scrapped during the next 12 months. The ships are the Queen Elizabeth, 32,700 tons; the Valiant, 31,000 tons; Nelson, 33,950 tons, and Rodney, 33,900 tons.

## National Chamber Official Is Coming

To conduct field clinics for the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in the area between Prince Rupert and Prince George, Larry Eckroyd, from the national chamber headquarters in Montreal, will visit this district between April 4 and 17. There will be conferences with individual boards at the various points in each community. In connection with the finalization of arrangements for Mr. Eckroyd's tour, the executive of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia is now active. In all, Mr. Eckroyd will spend three months in British Columbia.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTENINGS

Two rites of baptism were solemnized at morning service in First Presbyterian Church on Sunday. Son of Mr. and Mrs. James Caine, Rand Block, born January 3, 1944, in Airdrie, Scotland, was christened Alan Caine. The other baptism was of Kathryn Jeanne Richardson, born February 11, 1945, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Elmer Richardson, 933 Fifth Avenue West. Other baptisms at First Presbyterian Church this month have been those of Roni Jean Wilson, born May 12, 1947, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wilson, 341 Fourth Avenue East, and Donald Allen McKeever, born July 24, 1947, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Roy McKeever, 1363 Sixth Avenue East.

## 'Hoarding' and 'Profiteering' To Be Investigated By Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced Tuesday night that the government plans to establish a special Parliamentary committee to investigate publicly cases of "hoarding" and "profiteering" in essential commodities and services.

The government, at the approaching session of Parliament, will seek the appointment of a special committee of the House of Commons to investigate "this all-important national problem," Mr. King said in his speech to the National Liberal Federation.

All political parties will have representation on the committee.

The rising cost of living constituted a serious problem, Mr. King admitted.

## HOCKEY SCORES

**Pacific Coast**  
Oakland 7, Tacoma 4.  
San Francisco 1, Fresno 2 (overtime).

Mrs. M. Campbell of the Prince Rupert Hotel staff returned this morning on the Prince Rupert after a month's holiday spent in Vancouver.

## COUNCIL'S WAGE COMMITTEE TALK CONTRACT REVISIONS WITH UNIONS

Applications for changes in the working agreements between four labor unions and the city of Prince Rupert are being studied by members of city council's wage committee in hope of arriving at compromises which will be acceptable to both the city and the union members.

Being studied is an application for a new agreement by the Prince Rupert section of the International Association of Fire Fighters whose eleven local members constitute the city fire department, exclusive of the chief and assistant chief.

Requests for revisions of existing agreements have also been submitted by the Civic Employees' Federal Union, covering both "inside" and "outside" workers, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The requests were submitted to the 1947 city council late last year and were tabled for consideration by this year's council. Their approval, whether in complete or modified form, is intended to be effective for the year of this year.

City council's wage committee consists of the chairman of the four civic standing committees—works, utilities, police, health and licensing and finance. Its members, in the same order, consist of Aldermen McKay, Dickerson, Brooks and Bank and Black.

## WAGE INCREASES BEING SOUGHT

Common to the requests from all unions is one seeking wage increases. The firemen are asking a wage scale based on \$1.50 a month for firemen and \$2.16 for maintenance men; \$216 for first class firemen; \$210 for second class firemen; \$200 for third class firemen and \$190 for probationers.

The firemen's union asks to be considered the bargaining agency for the firemen and requests a six-month period of probationary employment with promotion to higher wage categories every six months thereafter, with shorter periods if recommended by the fire chief.

They request two weeks' holidays with pay after the first year of employment and three weeks after five years. Sick leave would be on the basis of