

McRae Is Choice Coalition Candidate

Unanimously Accepted As Candidate
After Narrow Win Over Weldon
McAfee On First Ballot

James McAfee, prominent 33-year-old local businessman and wartime naval officer, was nominated as a joint Liberal and Progressive-Conservative candidate for Prince Rupert Tuesday night. He was the Liberal candidate for the nomination.

McAfee, who was given 44 votes to 33 by the Conservative Party, was the first ballot choice. After the first ballot, the issue, Mr. McAfee, was the nomination. Immediately after the executives of the Conservative Party met in session to discuss the campaign between the two candidates, the 15 election date. The result of the coalition was a visit to Prince Rupert by Premier Byron on a tour of the center which will include engagements in the city and at such points as Telkwa, Smithers, Terrace and Prince Rupert.

The convention was presided over by W. M. Watts. Mr. Watts acted as the motion of Dr. R. G. Oscar Harvey. Moving for secretary was J. J. seconded by B. J.

In the proceedings, Mr. Watts welcomed the delegates of the native people, expressing his gratification that they had been granted the responsibility of the franchise which the duties and responsibilities, that were thereby involved.

One of the actual factors in deciding to run, said Mr. McAfee, had been his faith in the coalition which had given the best type of government and

SEVEN PERSONS BURN TO DEATH

HINTON, West Virginia. — Seven persons perished today as a fire swept a two-family frame house and burned it so quickly that all seven sleeping occupants were trapped without chance of escape.

The dead are: Mrs. Anna June Deeds, 24-year-old divorcee; her two children, Kay 4, and Hazel 6; Mr. and Mrs. James Ellison, their daughter, Diana, three months; and Homer Tinsche, 30, a visitor.

:: TODAY'S STOCKS ::

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

Vancouver			
Bayonne	.06	Beattie	.46
Bralorne	9.40	Bevcourt	.24
B.R. Con.	.03 1/2	Bobio	.11
B.R.X.	.10	Buffalo Canadian	.12
Cariboo Quartz	1.25	Consol. Smelters	96.50
Congress	.04	Conwest	1.10
Hedley Mascot	.21	Donalda	.47
Pacific Eastern	.05	Eldona	.61
Pend Oreille	4.00	East Sullivan	2.67
Pioneer	3.30	Giant Yellowknife	6.10
Premier Border	.02 3/4	God's Lake	.35
Privateer	.16	Hardrock	.17
Reeves McDonald	2.00	Heva	.06 3/4
Reno	.05	Hosco	.20
Sheep Creek	1.25	Jacknife	.04
Silbak Premier	.34	Joliet Quebec	.36
Taku River	.30	Lake Rowan	.09
Salmon Gold	.12	Lapaska	.09 1/2
Spud Valley	.07	Little Long Lac	.73
Oils		Lynx	.13 3/4
Anglo Canadian	4.15	Madsen Red Lake	3.00
A.P. Con.	.23	McKenzie Red Lake	.41
Atlantic	.73	McLeod Cocksutt	1.05
Calmont	.41	Moneta	.42
C. & E.	5.80	Negus	2.45
Central Leduc	1.06	Noranda	54.00
Home Oil	11.35	Louvicut	.10 1/2
Mercury	.11 1/2	Pickle Crow	2.08
Okalta	2.50	Regcourt	.04 1/2
Pacific Pete	2.86	San Antonio	4.00
Princess	.29	Senator Rouyn	.37
Royal Canadian	.08 3/4	Sheritt Gordon	1.59
South Brazeau	.16	Sleep Rock	1.40
Toronto		Sturgeon River	.16
Athona	.14	Silver Miller	.33
Aumaque	.15		

Agreement to Lift Berlin Blockade



J. D. McRAE, COALITION



W. H. BRETT, C.C.F.

GLASGOW STORE FIRE—14 DEAD

GLASGOW, —Three shop-girls jumped 50 feet from the roof of the building to the street below as fire swept a department store here today. Fourteen bodies of victims have been recovered so far. Several others are missing. A police official said he feared more were dead.

LOUIS ASTORIA IS LAID AT REST

Final rites for the late Louis Astoria, who passed away in the city on Monday were held this morning at Annunciation Church with Rev. O. P. Mohan, O.M.I., as celebrant. The service was attended by many friends of the city pioneer who died at the age of 85 after more than 40 years of residence in the city.

The graveside rite at Fairview Cemetery was conducted by Rev. F. Rayner, O.M.I. Pallbearers, including family members, were Angelo Astoria, Louis Astoria, Louis Astoria Jr., C. P. Balagno, Harry Astoria and Leon Blain.

LOCAL TIDES

(Pacific Standard Time)
Thursday, May 5, 1949
High 5:55 17.9 feet
19:33 16.4 feet
Low 12:58 5.7 feet

TWINS AND TWINS

WAINWRIGHT, Alta. — Wainwright hospital set something of a district record recently when two sets of twins were born within three days.

Brett Is Nominated

At a nominating convention held in the C.C.F. Rooms, Fulton Street, Tuesday night, W. H. Brett was again unanimously re-nominated as candidate to represent the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in the forthcoming provincial election for the Prince Rupert riding. J. S. Black was convention chairman. Mr. Brett accepted the nomination with appreciation.

Committees were appointed to take care of the election campaign.

Films were shown the delegates, including the National C.C.F. convention held last year in Winnipeg.

Arrangements were made for a federal nominating convention to be held in the near future.

LIGHT PLANE IS STILL MISSING

VANCOUVER, — Search planes skimmed through the narrow valleys of the Coquihalla Pass country today in the hunt for William Grant, Vancouver pilot, and his nurse passenger, Sheila Cure of Cardston, Alberta, who disappeared Tuesday night over the Similkameen Valley. They had taken off at 8 p.m. from Princeton and are believed to have run into a snowstorm.

Eight planes searched all day yesterday and resumed the hunt today. Provincial police patrols and forest workers have joined in the search.

'Big Four' Arrives At Momentous Decision

Foreign Ministers' Conference On Whole
German Question to Follow Soon

LONDON (CP)—The Big Four agreed today to lift the Berlin blockade and counter-blockade. All restrictions will be mutually lifted. After a "reasonable period" a foreign ministers' conference will be held to compose differences over the whole German question. It will be the first time in a year and a half that such a conference has been held.

Russia, it is expected by the Press Association's diplomatic correspondent, will lift the Berlin blockade on May 12. Date of May 23 is being mentioned as the time for the foreign ministers' council to meet in Paris. The Foreign Office declined to comment on this report.

Preparation of the federal voters' list in Skeena riding will get under way next Monday when teams of enumerators begin to circulate through the large territory to register voters for the Dominion elections which are set for June 27.

The enumeration period, which will see 140 representatives of the C.C.F. and Liberal taking names of eligible voters, will extend to May 14, a six-day period.

According to the Elections Act, enumeration is to begin on the forty-ninth day prior to the election and is to be conducted by representatives of the two parties which led the polls in the previous federal election. In this riding, the parties are the C.C.F. which captured the seat in 1945 and the Liberal party which backed the runner-up.

The enumerators will team up in pairs, with one C.C.F. representative working with a Liberal. Forty enumerators will compile the voters' list in Prince Rupert and 100 will operate in the large rural area. Since voters need not register for the list as was the case in the provincial election list, the work is expected to be completed quickly.

STRANGE CHOICE

EDMONTON — A thief recently took his time about ransacking an Edmonton home. He went through all the drawers and cupboards and finally the ice-box. Loot: One wrist watch, one baked potato.



CHINESE STUDENTS CHOOSE FREEDOM—BUT — Students from North (Communist-held) China are shown with their "I Chose Freedom" banner as they arrived in Lungghwa camp outside of Red-dominated territory. An increasing number of students are leaving North China and coming south in what is described as the "I chose freedom pilgrimage." However, one student reports that Communist authorities are now demanding that students going south to study pledge that they will return. One student said he was required to furnish six guarantors before he was permitted to leave.

TO STOCKHOLM FOR CONFERENCE

Miss P. M. Mooney R.N.,
Hospital Superintendent,
Leaves Today

Her ultimate objective being Stockholm, Sweden, to attend an interim conference of the International Council of Nurses June 12 to 14, Miss P. M. Mooney R.N., lady superintendent of the Prince Rupert General Hospital, left on today's plane for Vancouver. She will be away until August and Miss Edna Dobbie R.N. will be acting lady superintendent of the hospital during her absence.

Miss Mooney will attend a Tuberculosis Seal Sale organization meeting in Vancouver on behalf of the local Soroptimist Club before enplaning for Montreal where she will sail May 13 aboard the Empress of France for Liverpool. After visiting with relatives in London, where she nursed during the war, Miss Mooney will go to Newcastle to embark June 8 on the steamer Venus for Bergen, Norway, whence she will go to Stockholm by rail. After the nurses' conference, she will make a tour of Europe including Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, Lucerne, Locarno and Venice. She will sail from Liverpool for Montreal July 19 on the Empress of Canada enroute home.



C.C.F. CHIEF COMING—Harold Winch, Leader of the C.C.F. Opposition in the provincial Legislature, after a speaking tour through the central interior, will arrive in the city by car tomorrow from Terrace where he is speaking tonight. Tomorrow he will be heard here. This is Mr. Winch's fifth election campaign. W. H. Brett M.L.A. is accompanying him in from Terrace. Mr. Winch will leave by plane Saturday for Vancouver.

Reds Take Hangchow

Important China Port Falls
to Communists—Appeal to
Save Shanghai

SHANGHAI, — China's Nationalist government confirmed today that it has yielded Hangchow to the Communists without a fight. The loss of this port and rail city 100 miles down the coast cut Shanghai's last stand escape route to South China. Chinese press dispatches said that a force of 400 Communists took over.

A Hong Kong report says that an appeal may be made to the United Nations to prevent Shanghai being made a battleground.

EFFECT OF OIL LINES

C.N.R. Vice-President
Is Not Pessimistic

WINNIPEG — Commenting on the effect of pipe lines carrying oil from Alberta to prairie refineries, Alistair Fraser of Montreal, traffic vice-president, Canadian National Railways, said here that, while these new transportation arteries would affect rail traffic, he was not pessimistic over their coming to Western Canada.

"If they can stimulate industry in the west pipe lines will be as good for our business as they will for the oil companies," he said. While considerable tank car traffic might be lost to the rails eventually there was every prospect that new industries would spring up and generate sufficient rail business to offset the loss.

The greatly mechanized farm industry would benefit from cheaper fuel and lubrication and should enable the grain grower to compete more successfully abroad. "If it benefits Canada it benefits the railways," Mr. Fraser summed up.

Premier To Visit Here

Head of Coalition Government
To Be Here On May 21

Premier Byron I Johnson of British Columbia, in the course of a tour of central British Columbia, will visit Prince Rupert from May 21 to 23, addressing a public meeting on the night of May 21, it is announced. He will arrive here by car and proceed south by plane.

After visiting Atlin, Fort St. John and Dawson Creek, Premier Johnson will be in Prince George May 18 and from there his itinerary is as follows:
May 18 (noon)—Vanderhoof.
May 18 (night)—Burns Lake.
May 19 (noon)—Telkwa.
May 19 (night)—Smithers.
May 20 (noon)—Hazelton.
May 20 (night)—Terrace.
May 21—Prince Rupert.

FORD STRIKE THREATENED

DETROIT, — Negotiators raced against time today in an effort to avert a strike of 60,000 Ford workers. A strike at the big Rouge River plant is scheduled for noon tomorrow.

At issue is a charge by the United Automobile Workers (CIO) of a "speed up" on the assembly lines.

Ford denied the union charge.

It's... KLONDYKE NIGHT IN PRINCE RUPERT

DANCIN' — VODVIL — BEARD JUDGIN'
PORK AND BEANS — GAMIN'

THE CARNIVAL OF THE YEAR IN DAYS OF '98 STYLE
ALL TO AID GYRO SWIMMING POOL PROJECT
CIVIC CENTRE — FRIDAY, 9 P.M.