

New Calls for Punishment in Communism

er of Opposition d Send Exponents ed System to Jail

WA, (CP) — George Drew, Progressive leader, urged the government in the commons yesterday to sponsor legislation to make it possible for the courts to punish communism in Canada. He denounced as a "vile, treacherous doctrine" and said: "Let's have a clearly drawn section of the Criminal Code which will make it possible for the courts to find that any organization, which has as its stated purpose the overthrow of our free system, is guilty of a criminal offence and that those who take active part in an attempt to overthrow the system shall also be guilty of a criminal offence punishable by long term imprisonment."

"By all means let us protect freedom," said Col. Drew, "but freedom does not mean freedom to destroy freedom itself."

The Leader of the Opposition said he was not suggesting that the government be given power to hold inquiries in secret as a basis of subsequent prosecution.

Mr. Drew also suggested that communists be barred from sitting in Parliament and provincial legislatures. Parliament should express "indignation, more vigorous, challenging and effective, than anything yet uttered in regard to indignities upon religious leaders" in communist countries.

Opposition parties, declared Drew, should support a motion of non-confidence so that the government would be overthrown and the way opened for a general election and the restoration of responsible government.

A bitter attack was launched by Drew on the government's control policies during the continued Throne Speech debate last night. He described the administration as a "snooper state" with investigations, controllers and others prying into private business and called upon powers to Parliament. He referred directly to existing legislation to continue restrictions on rents, timber, steel and food prices, urging separate bills for each type of control.

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STAY NORTH OF YANGTSE

CANTON, (AP)—Acting President Li Tsung-Jen said today that the communists must not cross the Yangtse River if they want peace. He said that a Red attack on Nanking or Shanghai, south of the river, would bring an end to peace negotiations.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
The fact that normal winter weather has returned to the Pacific Coast is well borne out by 24-hour precipitation of 1.35 inches at Vancouver and 3.51 inches at Pachenia Point on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Temperatures have risen steadily overnight on the coast and in most sections of the interior. Indications still point to a continuation of the milder weather as storms continue to sweep in from the Pacific. Some let-up in the rain is expected today but it will become more general tomorrow morning ahead of the next storm. Overcast skies are expected in the interior with rain in southern sections and snow persisting over the northern sections.

Forecast
Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Intermittent rain today and tomorrow. Winds southeasterly (20 mph) mild. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—at Port Hardy 38 and 45; Massett 34 and 44; Prince Rupert 36 and 44.

Jehovah's Witnesses Rights Bill Tabled

OTTAWA—The biggest petition in history, containing 625,000 signatures and calling for a Canadian Bill of Rights, has been tabled by Alistair Stewart (CCF). It is circulated on behalf of Jehovah's Witnesses, urging an amendment to the British North America Act to guarantee freedom of speech, press and worship.

FISH EXPRESS BOOST OPPOSED

Maritimes Might Benefit at Expense of Pacific Coast

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WESTERN POLITICOS—Premier E. C. Manning, left, of Alberta and J. Harper Prowse, Alberta Liberal leader, discuss matters at the Alberta Legislature opened last week. At 39, Mr. Manning has been premier for six years and a cabinet minister for 13 years. He leads the 51 Social Creditors in the 57 seat legislature. Mr. Prowse, 35, is Canada's youngest political party leader. During the last session he represented the army in the provincial house. (CP Photo)

:: TODAY'S STOCKS ::

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

Vancouver		Toronto	
Bayonne	06 1/2	Athona	12
Bralorne	9.00	Aumague	31
B. R. Con.	03 1/4	Beattie	56
B. R. X.	10	Bevcourt	27
Cariboo Quartz	1.40	Bobjo	12
Congress	03 1/2	Buffalo Canadian	17
Hedley Mascot	45	Consol Smelters	105.00
Pend Oreille	5.50	Conwest	1.27
Pioneer	3.40	Donalda	57
Premier Border	04 1/4	Eldona	51
Privateer	19	East Sullivan	2.86
Reeves McDonald	3.00	Giant Yellowknife	5.25
Reno	06	God's Lake	41 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.43	Hardrock	16 1/4
Sibak Premier	35	Harricana	07 1/4
Taku River	37	Heva	10 1/4
Vananda	33	Hosco	28
Salmon Gold	14	Jackknife	04 1/2
Spud Valley	06 1/2	Joliet Quebec	39
Oils		Lake Rowan	08
Anglo Canadian	4.30	Lapaska	08 1/4
A. P. Con.	23	Little Long Lac	85
Atlantic	76	Lynx	14
Calmont	40	Madsen Red Lake	2.74
C. & E.	5.00	McKenzie Red Lake	41
Central Leduc	1.15	McLeod Cockshutt	1.07
Home Oil	11.75	Moneta	45
Mercury	12	Negus	2.35
Okalta	1.25	Noranda	56.75
Pacific Pete	2.40	Louvicourt	35 1/2
Princess	32 1/2	PieKle Crow	2.12
Royal Canadian	09 1/4	Regcourt	05
South Brazeau	18	San Antonio	4.10

MILLION DOLLAR LIQUOR BUSINESS IN PR. RUPERT—FOURTH IN PROVINCE

Only three British Columbia cities exceeded Prince Rupert for volume of liquor sales in the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of the liquor Control Board. They were Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster. Prince Rupert's liquor sales for the year amounted to \$1,045,667.15 of which \$301,495.44 was net profit. Statisticians can, of course, deduce a per capita liquor expenditure in the city of more than \$100 per year for every man, woman and child of which almost one-third is net profit.

B.C. MAY OBTAIN JAP COAL ORDER

VANCOUVER—There is a prospect of British Columbia selling about \$7,000,000 worth of coal to Japan, announces W. E. Uren, chairman of the Dominion Coal Board. The coal is badly needed by the Japanese steel industry. Mr. Uren says there is a good prospect of British Columbia receiving the order.

Town Terrified By Animal Hoax

WILLMAR, Minn.—A radio entertainer's false broadcast about a teamload of wild animals being loose in the streets, started a panic. The story said a circus train had been disabled in stormy weather and animals had broken out. Calls from scores of frightened citizens swamped the police telephone switchboard. All children were called home. Defence parties were hastily organized. All lights were switched on. Doors were locked.

POWER OUTLOOK MAY IMPROVE

Although No Change is Yet Observed

The city's electric power shortage has felt no relief from the last couple of days of warmer weather, but water levels at Shawatlans and Falls River are expected to start to rise if higher temperatures penetrate to them within the next few days.

"No change," was the answer of Northern B. C. Power Co. General Manager T. B. Black today to questions regarding the water levels at the two hydro plants but he added that a spell of milder weather "would certainly help" the situation.

Temperature at Falls River has been hovering at the freezing level, while at Shawatlans, the highest recorded yesterday was 36 degrees for a short period. Meanwhile, the water reserve at Shawatlans was described as "quite safe" by Mr. Black on the basis of the quantity being now used. The level is about 5 1/2 feet under normal.

At Shawatlans yesterday, a meagre quarter of an inch of rain fell, while up at Falls River there was more snow—six inches of it.

Economies in power use in the city have held the volume of electricity used to about 10 per cent under its normal level and this saving has been of considerable assistance in maintaining good service, Mr. Black said.

Embargo on Railway Traffic Because of Hazards Along Line

Only Bare Essentials Being Accepted Between Here and Terrace—Conditions Deteriorate

Sudden arrival of warm weather conditions in the lower Skeena Valley since Sunday has caused such a deterioration in the situation on the Canadian National Railway line between Prince Rupert and Terrace, a distance of 96 miles, that an embargo was declared today against the acceptance of any traffic

except essential food supplies for the people between the two points. "We will do the best we can to make delivery of such essential supplies but are promising nothing and are making no predictions," said Superintendent Al Berner today.

Softening conditions along his snow and slide-harried line, following on two or three days late last week of the sharpest cold weather of the winter, presented the menace of more slides or cave-in of snow piled up to a depth of fifteen feet on either side of the track for some twenty miles in the snow belt.

Berner admitted that conditions had become too dangerous to permit passenger travel in the meantime. However, an effort would be made to bring in freight including coal, meat and other commodities which have been detained at Terrace as well as accumulated mail and express. Aircraft might be resorted to, as was done last week, to bring in stranded passengers.

Meantime, the rotary snow plow, which had been sent out Saturday night from Prince Rupert to monitor a passenger train and three freights, finally got through to Terrace at 6:30 Monday evening. Its arrival there followed a 48-hour journey over the 96 miles, delay having been caused by gales and drifting snow. The passenger went in to Terrace immediately behind the plow and the freights arrived there at midnight. The plow was at Pacific this morning being serviced in readiness to start digging itself back to Prince Rupert.

A passenger train, which would ordinarily have arrived at Prince Rupert Saturday night, was turned back East from Terrace as is being done with another westbound passenger which would be due here tonight under normal schedule.

Story of a gruelling 16-hour battle with characteristic vigor, patience and resourcefulness of a hard-pressed railway crew was disclosed today. Late Saturday an eastbound freight locomotive was obliged to abandon eighteen cars in snowdrifts at Telegraph Point. Gathering together an extra crew and heading out with a small spare locomotive, Superintendent Berner proceeded to the scene and, in the face of a 40-mile gale and heavily drifting snow, was able to dig out the cars manually and have them back to Prince Rupert.

It was being suggested today that local business people, until there was a definite improvement (Continued on Page 2)



IN THRONE SPEECH DEBATE—W. H. Brett, M.L.A., heard at Victoria.

Prince Rupert In B.C. House

Brett Wants Early Action on Arterial Highways—What About Jasper Road?

VICTORIA (C.P.—W. H. Brett, C.C.F.—Prince Rupert) yesterday welcomed the government's decision to implement recommendations regarding the construction, maintenance of arterial highways in municipalities. However, Mr. Brett said, the minister of public works had yet to indicate when the recommendations made several years ago would be carried out.

This, said the northern member, was a serious matter to Prince Rupert which was faced with an "unbearable load" of maintaining and rehabilitating streets and other facilities which had been strained by wartime activities.

Mr. Brett also regretted that the Premier had omitted any mention in his policy address of the Prince George-Jasper Highway. He said he suspected the missing link would remain since such completion would mean cutting off the influx to Vancouver.

Brett also demanded that spawning ground salmon be protected in any power project. He reiterated the demand for a coastguard service.

LOCAL TIDES

Wednesday, February 23, 1949
High 10:16 18.6 feet
23:48 17.2 feet
Low 4:22 10.9 feet
17:17 5.2 feet

Condemned By Papers

SOFIA (AP)—A Bulgarian Communist party newspaper today published resolutions from various Protestant churches in Bulgaria condemning "the treacherous activity" of 15 Protestant churchmen who are scheduled to go on trial for treason, espionage and black market money dealing.

The newspaper Dejo used a heading "Religious Organizations and Groups Condemn Pastors, Spies and Traitors". The communist-dominated press for the third successive day printed a purported confession of one of the 15 Protestant church leaders facing trial.

The latest confession is attributed to Georgi Chernev, head of the Pentecost church of Hungary.

Two other confessions printed over the week-end are alleged to have been from the supervisor of Methodist churches and Congregational churches in Hungary. All are quoted as saying they worked with American and British espionage groups in Bulgaria.

Atomic Bomb and Snorkel Warfare

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—The United States Navy showed off yesterday for a mock battle with atom bombs and "snorkel" submarines. Major warships, including the 45,000-ton aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt, sailed from East Coast ports for the mid-Atlantic and later the Caribbean.

CZECH HOCKEY PLAYER SKIPS

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Tenek Marek, 23-year old member of the Czechoslovakian hockey team which won the world's championship Sunday, disappeared Sunday night while his teammates were attending a banquet in their honor.

As soon as the Czech team boarded a train to return to their home, Marek reappeared in his hotel room.

It is reported that he plans to go to the United States where he has a "rich American fiancée."

ANNA STRONG IS DEPORTED

MOSCOW (AP)—Anna Louise Strong, American newspaperwoman, accused by the Russians of being a spy, has been deported by the Soviet Union. It is not said where to.



FOUND DEAD ON TRAIN—Mrs. Martha Leona Kelly (left) 28, wife of Inspector Frank Kelly, head of the criminal investigation bureau of the Ontario police, and Earl Fauman, 31, Toronto lawyer, were found dead in a compartment of the Toronto-Montreal pool train when it arrived in Montreal Monday morning. Both had been shot and a revolver was found nearby. Police believe it was a case of murder-suicide or a suicide pact. The Fauman photo is by Lyonde. (CP Photo)



KEY SCORES

National League
Detroit 2 (tie).

FAST BASKETBALL

CONNAUGHT—New Westminster vs. BOOTH
MEMORIAL HIGH—Prince Rupert
February 23-24 8oc & 5oc
Preliminary Games Each Night (44)