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# KEENA FLOOD CONDITIONS GROW SERIOUS

## IMPROVEMENT STREETS

**City Defines Program For This Summer**  
To receive first attention, the city's summer road program was defined by council last night after T. B. Black had questioned progress has been made start the rebuilding of streets to receive an initial surfacing will be Avenue East, Hays Cove, Conrad Street, two Third Avenue west of Street and Eighth Avenue.

At the same time, the city will be patching and repairing streets not earmarked for rebuilding this summer.

Engineers were informed by Don Stewart that sufficient asphalt to begin surfacing had arrived at the first scowload of from Denise Arm is expected.

Stewart said that except for gravel, all other equipment and material are ready to begin the program.

Ray Reports—  
Saskatoon Solutions  
Numerous

and Allowance Payments Sought  
(By Philip M. Ray)  
Saskatoon (Special to Daily News)—With delegates seated according to provisions of the Prince Rupert representation by J. S. Wilson, V. G. and P. M. Ray, business of the Dominion Council of the Canadian Legion was in progress since the spacious naval hall of H.M.C.S. Unicorn.

Continues superb, typical of this attractive prairie polis.  
Following the opening address by the president, Brigadier Alexander, the minister of pensions, Milton Gregg, was heard.  
There are 585 resolutions on agenda and night sessions been resorted to.

High Columbia has had a voice in all discussions. Resolutions from the coast provinces are in caucus on Monday.  
Veterans' allowances and pensions were among the first items discussed and following among the principal resolutions to be passed:

1. Continue to press for a rate of \$50 for single and married veterans.  
2. Partial abolition of the reduction in allowance for a veteran whose wife is working.  
3. Extension of benefits of

## LAD TAKES 70 MILE CANOE TRIP ON SKEENA

Norton Youngs, jr., flouted the rampaging Skeena River Monday and became the envy of more than one Prince Rupert holiday maker stranded at Terrace.  
Norton, a high school student, decided Friday that he would emulate the old voyagers so, when he got a ride to Terrace, he took his canoe along. While motorists at Terrace were becoming jittery over the prospects of getting back to the city, the lad calmly put his canoe in the water and headed west.

He landed at Telegraph Point, 70 miles from Terrace, at 3:30 yesterday afternoon, a little more than eight hours after leaving Terrace. He "took it easy," he said.

At Telegraph Point, friends picked him up in a car and drove him and his canoe the final 30 miles to Prince Rupert.

## THINKS FORCES IN PRIBILOFFS

VICTORIA, (C)—Dr. G. Clifford Carl, director of the Provincial Museum, believes the Pribiloff Islands in the Behring Sea, famed for fur seal herds, have been garrisoned by the United States for an emergency.  
First Canadian to visit the islands since the Second World War, Dr. Carl said in an interview that he receives frequent radio messages from the governor of the islands.  
The Pribiloffs are in a strategic position on the great Arctic Circle Route from Edmonton to the Orient. The Americans built a large airfield on the larger island of St. Paul during the war.

### Halibut Sales

American	
Lloyd, 47,000, 19.40, 18.50 & 10.	Storage.
Canadian	
San Juan, 52,000, 19.40, 18.40 & 10.	Storage.
Sea Pride, 30,000, 19, 17.50 & 10.	Pacific.
Ozume, 10,500, 19.20, 18.20 & 10.	Whiz.
Skugald, 18,000, 19, 18.10 & 10.	Booth.
Reward, 17,000; Arctic I, 12,000; Mae West, 6,000; Panda, 10,000; Takia, 45,000, Co-op.	

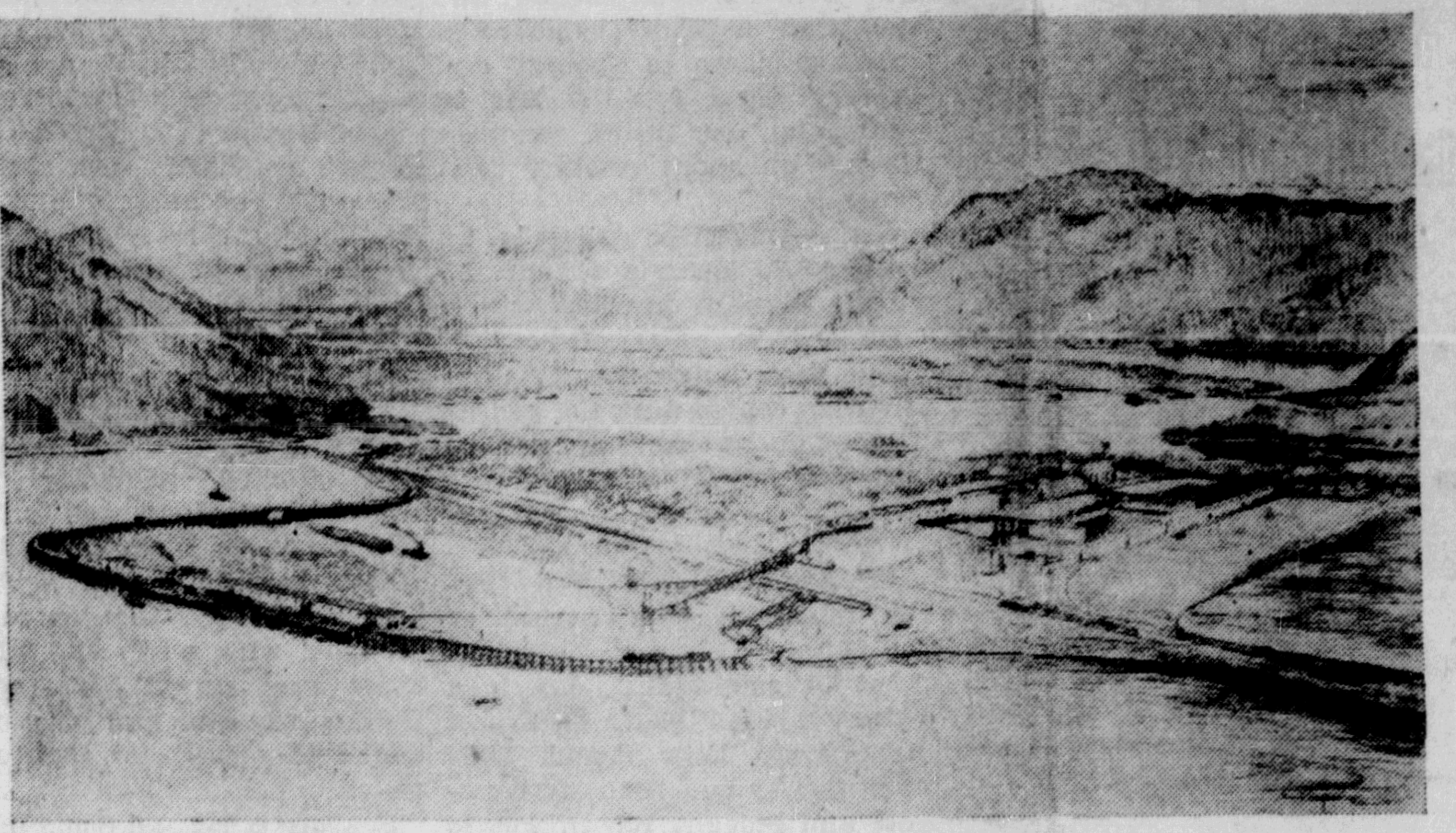
### LOCAL TIDES

Thursday, May 27, 1948

High	3:40	19.3 feet
	16:59	17.1 feet
Low	10:26	4.0 feet
	22:31	9.6 feet

Canadian veterans serving in Great Britain only a minimum of 18 months in World War I.  
4. On death of a recipient, payment of a maximum of 12 months' allowance to widow or children.  
5. Abolition of hospitalization charges to married veterans.  
6. Extension of Class 5 treatment to all veterans honorably discharged.  
7. Abolition of the means test or revision upwards.

Yesterday the convention called for an extension of Canada's immigration policy, favoring immigrants from Britain. The Dominion can now absorb immigrants the convention felt, reversing a stand of two years ago against immigration at that time.  
One of the outstanding social features of the convention was a great Victoria Day dance on Monday night.  
Delegate Philip M. Ray attended the Saskatoon Rotary Club luncheon in the Bessborough Hotel on Monday.  
Delegate J. S. Wilson arrived Monday to join the Prince Rupert group.



PORT EDWARD CELLULOSE MILL—Here is a nartist's sketch of how the new \$25,000,000 cellulose pulp mill at Watson Island, eight miles from Prince Rupert, will appear after completion. The picture is from a drawing recently deposited by officials of the Cellulose Corporation of America with the Department of Lands at Victoria. The big horseshoe dock is shown with the mill buildings to the rear across the railway tracks where a million dollar excavation job is now near completion.

## 'MOB ACTION' FOLLOWS DANCE

What the city police described as "mob action" resulted in a constable being injured and the escape of a man being arrested for drunkenness on Second Avenue near McBride Street at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning.  
Constable Robert Harmon had a tooth knocked out, suffered bruises about the face and had his uniform torn by a group of men, said to number about 80, who apparently resented the police action in arresting a man who allegedly was creating a disturbance.

Constable Harmon and Constable A. L. Rossiter responded to a call from the Civic Centre where, it was reported to police headquarters, a drunken native was creating a disturbance among a crowd which was leaving a dance.  
The two policemen had difficulty putting the man in the wagon and, during the struggle, a crowd, obviously sympathetic to the native, gathered around. As the policemen tried to drive away, several men opened the back door of the police wagon and released the man.

Constable Harmon separated him from the crowd for a second time and placed him back in the police car. He was released a second time and borne away by the crowd.  
During the confusion, blows were exchanged and the police say that Constable Harmon was

## Flooded Rivers Rage Throughout Province

Courtesy B. C. Police Radio  
KIMBERLEY, (CP)—Flooded Mark Creek continued to rage today as its seasonal peak still approached and Public Works department officials braced themselves against worse water damage.  
Two thousand workers battled floods along the Kootenay, Columbia and Fraser rivers.

A dam on Gaspard Creek broke near Clinton causing \$50,000 damage.

About 3,000 acres are flooded at West Langley and Salmon Flats and Mayor C. Swan of West Langley has requested Attorney General Gordon Wismer to close beer parlor and liquor stores.  
The Attorney General has authorized the swearing-in of special constables from the militia. Heffley Creek has isolated North Thompson communities by sweeping away a highway bridge and washing out 300 yards of C.N.R. right-of-way.  
The Fraser River has breached the dykes at two places at Agassiz.

Pulp and paper mills spend \$85,000,000 annually in transportation.  
"Kicked in the face." He lost a tooth and received bruises on the face.  
The native, centre of the disturbance, escaped after being borne off by the mob.



AIRMEN GET MEDITERRANEAN DUNKING — Choppy seas made the rescue of three U.S. Navy fliers a hazardous venture, when on manoeuvres from the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Valley Forge, their torpedo-bomber crash-landed in the Mediterranean. They are shown attempting to board the U.S.S. William C. Lawe, which put out a small boat for them.

## Thousand Feet Of Track Out At Salvus; Highway Unsafe And Closed

### ALDERMEN VOTE CHLORINATION TO DISCONTINUE

Chlorination of Prince Rupert domestic water supply was officially halted by city council last night "until there is visible proof of disease attributable to conditions of the water."

The safeguard, imposed during the war by the military authorities, was terminated by a 5 to 3 vote of the aldermen in the face of a written opinion by the Prince Rupert Medical Association that its "members were unanimous in their feelings that chlorination of the city water supply should be continued."

The recommendation to halt chlorination was introduced by Alderman Arthur Brooksbank, chairman of the health committee, for the second time this month after earlier argument had failed to arrive at a vote.

Two weeks ago the initial move was made by Alderman George Casey and, after discussion, the matter was referred to the health committee for recommendation.

The committee, Alderman Brooksbank declared, had decided that chlorination was an "eastern movement" and that, while there was a need for it in the east where the water was bad, there was no need for it in Prince Rupert.

He dismissed the Medical Association's opinion by saying that "doctors have eastern training and eastern viewpoints."  
"The committee felt that any time there was disease attributable to the water supply, chlorination could be quickly re-imposed," he continued. "Chlorinating this city's water now is like giving a healthy man medicine. Besides, the city has to bear the expense of it."

Voting in favor of discontinuing chlorination were Aldermen Brooksbank, Casey, Rudderham, Morin and McKay while Aldermen Black, Stone and Nickerson voted against dropping it.

God's Lake ..... .65  
Hardrock ..... .17  
Harricana ..... .09 1/2  
Heva ..... .13  
Hosco ..... .37  
Jackknife ..... .04 1/2  
Joliet Quebec ..... .45  
Lake Rowan ..... .09 1/2  
Lapaska ..... .05 1/2  
Little Long Lac ..... .91  
Lynx ..... .10  
Madsen R. Lake ..... .265  
McKenzie Red Lake ..... .45 1/2  
McLeod Cockshutt ..... .115  
Moneta ..... .41  
Negus ..... .245  
Noranda ..... .51.00  
Louvicoourt ..... .72  
Pickle Crow ..... .2.20  
Regcourt ..... .05  
San Antonio ..... .3.90  
Senator Rouyn ..... .44  
Sherrit Gordon ..... .2.65  
Steep Rock ..... .2.05  
Sturgeon River ..... .16  
Silver Miller ..... .28

A. P. Con. .... .18  
Calmont ..... .56  
C. & E. .... .7.05  
Foothills ..... .3.25  
Home ..... .9.25

### Toronto

Athona	.07 3/4
Aumaque	.18
Beattie	.64 1/2
Beavcourt	.36
Bobjo	.13
Buffalo Canadian	.08
Consol. Smelters	115.00
Conwest	1.18
Donald	.77
Eldona	1.25
East Sullivan	2.65
Giant Y'knife	4.95

## HIRSUTE ELIXIR MAY HAVE BEEN STUMBLED UPON AT PRINCE RUPERT

The greatest of all fish bi-products may have been discovered by accident right here in Prince Rupert. Who knows, hirsute blessedness may now be restored, making possible a double blessedness—luxuriant beards for the cheeks and chins of the very young who would appear more mature or a return of the beloved locks to the elder men whose baldpates have bereaved them of the coveted youthful look.

Calling at the Daily News yesterday was Miss Pat Galloway of Fraser Street who brought with her for the editor's inspection a can of cat and kitten food produced from fish which had been laid away for a time. Reopening

### Terrace Cut Off Except by Air—Pacific and Usk Evacuating—Repetition of 1936 Looms as Water Still Rises

Conceding that they are in for a fight with flood conditions in the Skeena River, already eight feet above normal and steadily worsening, Canadian National Railways offices here late yesterday afternoon ordered back to Prince Rupert the regular eastbound passenger and express train which was dispatched east on schedule Monday evening but was able to get no further than Kitwanga, 153 miles east, where a fifty-foot washout of the track made it impassable and has been gradually becoming longer. Up to yesterday afternoon it had been hoped to either bridge or detour the wash-out but prospects of that being speedily affected dimmed Tuesday afternoon as Skeena waters continued to rise. Railway officials definitely are looking for further trouble and felt it advisable to bring the train back to Prince Rupert without delay in case it might be caught between washouts. The train contained ten express cars of halibut destined for the United States. It got back at 12:15 last night.

Further washouts on the railway line have been developing and the train, which was to have come in last night from the East, was turned back to Jasper from New Hazelton late yesterday afternoon. Mail and express for Prince Rupert is being re-routed via Vancouver and should arrive here at the end of the week. However, it was reported today that there was a large slide on the Vancouver line near Kamloops.

Railway officials today gave Sunday as the earliest time by which there could be any hope of resumption of railway service in and out of Prince Rupert and that would depend on when the water of the Skeena River started to recede.  
Its continuing rise is not only preventing a start being made on repairs but is steadily increasing the damage.

Five smaller washouts, in addition to the large one near Kitwanga, were known to have occurred up to midnight last night—one near Usk, one at Pacific, two near Dorreen and one near Ritchie. In addition to the washouts, there is water over the track at other points.  
Wires went down early this morning so there was no word of the situation since then. Logs and debris coming down river are knocking down telegraph poles.

Major new serious development in the Skeena River flood situation came this morning with the report that 1000 feet of railway track had been washed out one-quarter of a mile west of Salvus, 58 miles east of Prince Rupert. This completes the isolation of the Terrace district both by railway and highway.

From Terrace came word by telephone late yesterday afternoon that preparations were being made to evacuate the low-lying villages of Pacific and Usk which were the worst sufferers in the historic flood of 1936 when the Skeena River last went on the rampage and stopped railway traffic for six weeks.

Following a trip as far as East Kwinitsa where he found swirling, muddy water of the Skeena River over the road for a considerable distance up to two feet in depth, District Engineer J. C. Brady of the public works department ordered the highway closed in the interests of public safety. "If a car should get caught in a swirl alongside the river, anything might happen," he said. "The road is certainly unsafe for traffic." At least one bridge is afloat and in addition to Kwinitsa, there is also water

over the road in the Shames area.  
A statement issued by Mr. Brady said: "The Prince Rupert-Terrace section of the highway is closed owing to Skeena River flooding over a long section up to two feet deep. When water recedes sufficiently repairs will be made and the road opened as soon as possible."  
One of the last motorists to come in over the highway from Terrace Monday night was Duncan McRae who left Terrace at 6:35 p.m. He reported gravel bed streams on the Amsbury Hill in freshet then, one already running over the road and wearing it away. At that time the water on the road east of Kwinitsa had reached a depth of eighteen inches, a small bridge there being then afloat.

One of the local cars which became stuck owing to the fan drawing water over the ignition of the engine was that of L. C. Eby who had to be extricated and towed into Prince Rupert.

## Arabs Reject Truce Order

Courtesy B.C. Police Radio  
CAIRO, (C)—The Arabs today rejected a cease-fire appeal by the United Nations.  
The announcement, given at Damascus by the Syrian Premier, came as the U.N. Security Council deadline approached. The deadline is set for tonight.  
The Jewish military braced itself for an Arab onslaught and Israel's provisional government informed the Council that it has reconsidered its previous willingness to comply to a cease-fire order.

Jerusalem underwent its first air bombing Tuesday, but there are no details.  
Are Being Flown In From Smithers  
Arrangements were being made today to fly back from Smithers James T. Harvey and O. G. Stuart of this city who were caught in the interior by the week-end trains and unable to return by highway or train. Also at Smithers awaiting return here are Mrs. Harvey and family and Miss Zona Hedley.

THE WEATHER  
Forecast  
Clearing skies and higher temperatures are expected here and throughout the province.