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FALL OF SUCHOW APPEARS IMMINENT

Withdrawal of 250,000 National Troops Ordered

NANKING (CP)—Critical battle for Central China appeared today to be shifting from Suchow to the approaches of this capital. Two hundred and fifty thousand Nationalist troops at Suchow have been ordered to withdraw southward to engage main communist forces. The entire battle for Suchow may depend upon the ability of the Suchow garrison to make withdrawal.

FEDERATION IN EUROPE

Proposal Along Very Cautious Lines is Made Public

LONDON, (P)—Text of the memorandum on a European movement, representing five principal international bodies which are working towards a united Europe, has been released in London. It is to be submitted to a meeting in Paris.

The memorandum redefines a "limited but immediately realizable proposal" for a European Assembly by stating that it should be made clear it "is not a federal Parliament nor even a constituent or pre-constituent assembly and possesses no legislative or constitution-making powers."

The memorandum gives backing of the European movement to the British government proposal for immediate creation of a European council of ministers.

U.N. ASKS FOR ARAB WITHDRAWAL

PARIS, (P)—The United Nations political committee voted today to take up the question of withdrawal of foreign troops (Arab) and military personnel from Palestine.

They voted 22 to 16 to take up this provision contained in the Polish and Russian resolutions. Britain and the United States joined with Russia in voting for the proposal. Six countries abstained.

UTILITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Young Liberals Opposed by Close Vote to Public Ownership

VANCOUVER (P)—The British Columbia Young Liberal Association, in convention here, voted down a public ownership resolution. It called for public ownership in British Columbia of all "natural" monopolies such as utilities and communications.

After a tie vote a later roll call poll resulted in a count of 27 to 24 against the resolution.

UNION ENTERS NEW AGREEMENT WITH COMPANY

A new agreement, which provides for basic wage increases of 15 cents an hour, plus a one-cent an hour cost of living bonus, pegged to the national living cost index, was signed at the week-end between Northwest Construction Co. and the Prince Rupert local of the International Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers' Union.

The document was a revival of an original agreement signed a year ago and brings company employees to a wage level standard for the Vancouver-New Westminster area.

The new pact raises the wage scale for common and building labor from 90 cents and \$1 to \$1.10. Jackhammer men and breakmen now receive \$1.30 an hour as compared with \$1.15 formerly while powdermen receive \$1.45 as against \$1.30 under the old agreement and rock foremen now get \$1.55 as against \$1.40 before.

In addition, the agreement contains a clause wherein the official cost-of-living index is to be revised every six months after August 1, 1948, and the rate of wages adjusted upwards or downwards at the rate of five cents for each five points fluctuation.

The agreement was signed by A. B. Love and B. J. Smithson for the union and Neil G. Kingston and G. A. Martin for the company. At present the agreement covers about 20 employees.

The agreement was negotiated by William James, consultant and conciliator for the agent. Mr. James left for his headquarters in Vancouver by plane today.

It is a standard pact which has been entered into by 130 other companies and some 5,000 laborers throughout the province.

In place of a former rigid "union shop" clause, the contract now contains a "union preference" stipulation, under which the company agrees to give preference to union men in the matter of employment.

New officers of the union, elected at the week-end, are: President, A. B. Love. Vice-Presidents, M. Beaton. Secretary - Treasurer, B. J. Smithson.

Executive—J. R. Cross, J. Mayner and J. Stewart.

POPULOUS CITIES

One-third of all the people in Australia live in Sydney and Melbourne.

Bulletins

CANADIANS TAKE HONORS

CHICAGO—Canada captured three kingships—wheat, oats and soy beans—on Sunday as the famed International Grain and Hay Show rolled into full stride. Scoring over 100 entries from the best American and Canadian wheat lands, Sidney John Allsop of Red Deer won the coveted title of wheat king to become three times winner in the great Mid-West competition and add a new crown to his world wheat championship won at Ontario's Royal Winter Fair.

BIG VANCOUVER FIRE

VANCOUVER—A spectacular three-alarm fire early Sunday raced through the John F. Sigurdson Millwork Co. plant in Vancouver's False Creek industrial area. It destroyed \$150,000 worth of high grade lumber and paint. Lt. Walter Carfrrier was one of ten firemen injured. He was dragged unconscious from burning wreckage.

LONGSHOREMEN WORKING

NEW YORK—This East Coast port was active today after an 18-day strike of longshoremen. Two thousand two hundred men reported for work Sunday. Joseph P. Ryan, president of the International Longshoremen's Association (A.F.L.), predicts "peace along the waterfront for a long time to come." (On the West Coast voting on a new agreement between operators and union is proceeding with some jurisdictional complications).

By-Elections Being Held

MURDER, SUICIDE ON ONTARIO FARM

TILLSONBERG, Ont., (P)—A farm laborer shot and killed his former employer, critically wounding the latter's wife, then committed suicide in Tillsonberg hospital after driving the wounded man to that institution early Sunday, police said.

Dead are Bruno Gudavich, 48, Otterville farmer and John Matulevicius, employed on the farm where Gudavich was a share grower. Mrs. Gudavich, 27, was struck by three bullets and is in critical condition.

Police said the shooting followed an argument.

Developing Iron Ore In Labrador

MONTREAL — Leslie Roberts, author, says extensive operations are now going on in Labrador where iron ore it is expected, will replace the diminishing ores of the Mesabi and other Lake Superior iron ranges.

Expectation is that by 1953 there will be shipped a minimum of ten million tons of ore a year. The statement is made that the field is so rich that prospectors pass by all deposits with less than 55 per cent iron content.

PROVINCIAL VOTING GOING ON TODAY IN ROSSLAND-TRAIL AND SOUTH OKANAGAN

VICTORIA, (P)—Policies of Premier Byron Johnson and his Liberal - Progressive-Conservative coalition government are under the eye of the electorate today as voters cast ballots in two by-elections — Rossland-Trail and South Okanagan. It is a straight fight between Coalition and C.C.F. in both constituencies.

In Rossland-Trail Alexander D. Turnbull is Coalition candidate, opposed by James Quinn C.C.F.

Bruce Woodworth, son of J. S. Woodworth, founder of the C.C.F. party, is C.C.F. nominee in South Okanagan. He is opposed by Robert Brown-Clayton.

ANONYMOUS BEAUTY

MELBOURNE, Australia, (P)—A "Miss Terry" was an unknown factor in the 'Miss University' contest at Melbourne University. Girl contestants were nonplussed when "Miss Terry" made her appearance and was revealed as the Trinity College cow.

HER CASE IS NOT SO GOOD

"Sympathetic Hearing" is About All Madame Chiang May Receive

WASHINGTON, D.C., (P)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek's arrival here this week is expected to touch off a drive for United States aid to China's Nationalists.

Authoritative informants say, however, that, while Madame Chiang will be shown "every courtesy," it is made clear that there is little sympathy for her official mission.

This attitude is shown in the "hands off" policy of the Department of State.

Boy In Ottawa To Receive Stature By Governor-General

ROY CLIFFORD left on Wednesday evening for Ottawa where he will be invested by the Governor General of the Silver Cross, the highest award for bravery.

He received this award in September, 1947, when he rescued his old brother, Billy, from the flames of their burning home in Ottawa.

Billy died from shock a few hours later in the Prince George Hospital and Roy spent many weeks in the hospital for plastic treatment in Vancouver.

The old lad arrived in Ottawa today and was met at a private home where there is a youth of his own name.

His expenses are being met by the Government House and his stature will take place at the Government House on Thursday.

Young Liberals Would End Coalition

SEPARATE ORGANIZATION FOR ELECTION IS URGED

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS (CP)—Termination of British Columbia's Liberal-Progressive-Conservative coalition was unanimously approved by the British Columbia Young Liberal Association at the closing session of the first annual two-day convention Saturday.

In the debate on coalition, speaker after speaker urged immediate Liberal organization for the next election in every constituency.

The convention also urged the repeal of the provincial three percent sales tax "as soon as federal funds are available to replace funds now being derived from the sales tax."

The resolution anticipated that further federal funds would be forthcoming under Dominion-provincial agreements.

The Association also asked extension of the franchise to "all classes of citizens to whom it is now denied" and supported adoption of the single transferable vote in federal and provincial elections.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
Rain was falling over the coast this morning ahead of another active storm approaching from the west. This storm is expected to cross the coast tonight bringing snow to the interior. Strong southerly winds ahead of the storm will shift to northwest behind the storm, accompanied by clearing conditions in most sections.

Forecast
Queen Charlottes and Northern Coast—Cloudy with intermittent light rains this morning. Rain this afternoon and evening, becoming cloudy with scattered showers on Tuesday. Winds southerly (30 m.p.h.), increasing to southeasterly (45) this afternoon and evening and shifting to westerly (30 about midnight). Winds westerly (25) Tuesday. Milder. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy 36 and 44, Massett 36 and 40, Prince Rupert 37 and 43.

Northern B.C. overcast with intermittent light snow today. Cloudy tomorrow. Winds light, continuing cold. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Telegraph Creek 16 and minus 2.

NEVER SAY DIE

SYDNEY, Australia (P)—A citizen of 91 had just been nominated for membership in the Australian Jockey Club. When it was explained to him that there were 700 ahead of him on the waiting list, and he would probably have to wait several years, he said: "That's all right, I can wait."

Local Company Is Incorporated

Project At Prince Rupert Is Contemplated

Incorporation of the Charles M. Hays Hotel Corporation Ltd. is announced in the latest edition of the B.C. Gazette. The company is capitalized at 2,000,000 shares of no par value.

Incorporation of the company lends support to current suggestions that a large, modern hotel is being planned for this city. Recently, architects' sketches for such a building were brought here.

According to the plan, the building may be an 11-storey structure situated on the site originally intended for the Grand Trunk Pacific hotel at the waterfront end of Fifth Street.

The building, as outlined in preliminary sketches, would contain about 150 modern rooms, as well as dining room, beer parlor and ballroom.

Objects of the company are listed as "to carry on the hotel business in all its branches."

Names of any of the principals involved were not given. The company is named after Sir Charles M. Hays, Grand Trunk Pacific Railway president in the early part of the century who was responsible for the founding of Prince Rupert.



BENEFIT—When John Ross Robertson, founder of the Toronto Telegram, died in 1914, he stipulated in his will that his estate should go to the Hospital for Sick Children, for maintenance of that institution. Terms of his will were such that the paper was offered for sale until the death of his widow. Now the trustees have sold the property for \$3,610,000. Proceeds of the sale will be added to the estate and the entire amount given to the hospital. Under construction at present is the new 600-bed building to replace the present inadequate facilities. An architect's scale model of the new hospital, to cost about \$7,500,000, is shown here. Although the estate will not help to build this building, it will be used for its maintenance. (CP Photo)

ANS SNUB RAY ATHERTON

The Trouble With Halifax

ONE need go no further than Prince Rupert to discover that between the average service man and the port of Halifax, there exists a feeling that cannot be described as friendly.

It's been there for years, perhaps as long ago as the days of the First Great War. The fact of this attitude—and it is not one-sided—having come to the point that it has, prompted Admiral E. R. Mainguy, O.B.E., not long ago, when speaking in Halifax, to make candid reference to an unfortunate situation, and which drew some comment from the Chronicle.

The Navy, Admiral Mainguy admitted, was not blameless. New entries, he said, most of them under 21, come to the port with their minds already prejudiced against it.

They live in barracks, rarely seeing the more desirable parts of the city. On the other hand, the city appeared to ignore the

men in blue, neglecting to make the stay of the ratings, pleasant or amusing in the slightest degree. There are about 3,000 officers and men in town, and when they obtain shore leave, the expected means of entertainment cannot be found. Halifax, Admiral Mainguy suggested, might try to be more friendly, while naval officers could be less exclusive and high-halted.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT—Mr. Atherton's visit to Prince Rupert during the war was an alternate duty assignment. He was one of a farewell given to him in Ottawa not long ago. The presentation of a cigar box inscribed with the names of the Diplomatic Corps containing the names of the missions. The Russian at Ottawa neglected to acknowledge the invitation to reception.

Mr. Atherton's visit to Prince Rupert was a largely unpublicized one. He was met at the U.S. military headquarters in Roosevelt

LIKE TULIPS
HOLM, (P)—In proportion to its population, no country in the world imports more tulips than Sweden. While in 1947 year were received 2,800 tons because of restrictions, the figure for 1948 was 3,500 tons.