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FLOOD CONDITIONS IN B. C. STILL GRAVE

Authorities Surveying Skeena River Situation

make a survey of conditions in the central flood areas with a view to determining what relief may be necessary, Inspector F. B. Johnson, provincial police, and Ed. Coughlan, social welfare department are leaving this morning by air for the interior. They will visit the Skeena as well as Smithers and Bulkley Valley. Johnson left today. Coughlan will leave Monday. Reports from the interior indicate that the Skeena River, which reached flood height on Tuesday, has now stopped rising, but during yesterday's rain it was actually higher than it had been on Wednesday. Weather has been cooler at night, but still warm by day. Fog prevails only as far up as Kwisno. From there it is bright and hot.

Communist Is Defiant

Tells United States Senate His Party Will Not Keep Law
WASHINGTON, D. C. — William Z. Foster, leader of the American communist party, yesterday attacked a bill designed to curb communism in the United States and told the senators that the party would not comply if it becomes law. As the Senate considered the Mundt-Nixon bill, Foster said the bill would create a Fascist police state and set up a caste of political untouchables.

RAIDED RED BOOK SHOP

MONTREAL. — A provincial police anti-subversive squad, in the second big raid of its kind during the year under Quebec's padlock law, yesterday seized a truckload of books from a bookstore which they said was the distributing centre for Communist literature. The raid was ordered by Premier Duplessis and the police said they found copies of Karl Marx' communist manifesto of 1848 as well as pamphlets printed in Belgrade.

FLOOR PRICE UNDER BUTTER

(Via Army Signals)
OTTAWA. — The federal government Friday gave dairy farmers in Canada a guarantee that the wholesale price of butter will not drop below 57 1/2 cents a pound anywhere in the country. Agriculture Minister Gardiner tabled in Commons an order-in-council which established a floor price under butter of 59 cents a pound at Charlottetown, Halifax and St. John, 58 cents at Montreal and Toronto and 57 1/2 cents at Vancouver. This means that the retail price now cannot go below 61 cents in British Columbia.

PEACE FOR PALESTINE

LAKE SUCCESS. — Resolutions aimed at bringing peace to Palestine today confronted the Security Council of the United Nations with the Arabs accepting Great Britain's proposal and the Jews refusing the Russians'.

All Conscripts Are Rejected

SASKATOON. — The Canadian Legion convention, after an angry debate, voted Thursday to refuse admission to NRMA troops who served active overseas in World War II in 1946. The Legion also rejected NRMA men generally.

Army Engineers Build Bailey Bridge At Angliers

A detachment of Royal Canadian Engineers from the 3rd Field Engineer Regiment of Montreal were flown north to Angliers, Quebec where they threw a Bailey bridge across the Quinze River in real Army style reminiscent of the river crossings in Europe during the last war. The bridge, which is 240 feet long, was constructed in three 50 foot spans and one 100 foot span and was quickly assembled and put across the river in near record time by the Reserve Force lads with the help of some of the company's workmen.



Larger shot shows the bridge nearing completion. All the Bailey bridge material was purchased in the United Kingdom and was brought over to the bridge site last April. Between two and three hundred people from the surrounding district were on hand to witness the construction.

Efficiency Of Pilots

Secret of Enviably Safe Record of Canadian Commercial Aircraft

The enviable record of safety achieved by the commercial airlines of Canada is no coincidence or mere matter of good fortune, according to Jack Fairies, chief check pilot of Canadian Pacific Air Lines for British Columbia, who is in Prince Rupert in the course of a trip over the company's Vancouver - Prince Rupert operation. Fairies attributes it largely to the strict regulations of company and government in regard to the continued efficiency of flying personnel.

Flying personnel must keep in continual training and be up-to-date and well posted at all times. "They are carefully checked up every three months and if they are not up to scratch in every phase of aircraft operation and control, they are grounded," Fairies says. Examining the flying personnel is one of Fairies' principal jobs as chief check pilot.

VANCOUVER GETS HOUSING PROJECT

VANCOUVER. — Reconstruction Minister C. D. Howe said yesterday that the federal government was to build one thousand homes here early this fall at a cost of \$7,000,000. The low rental project will be handled by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and veterans will receive priority.

Fish Sales

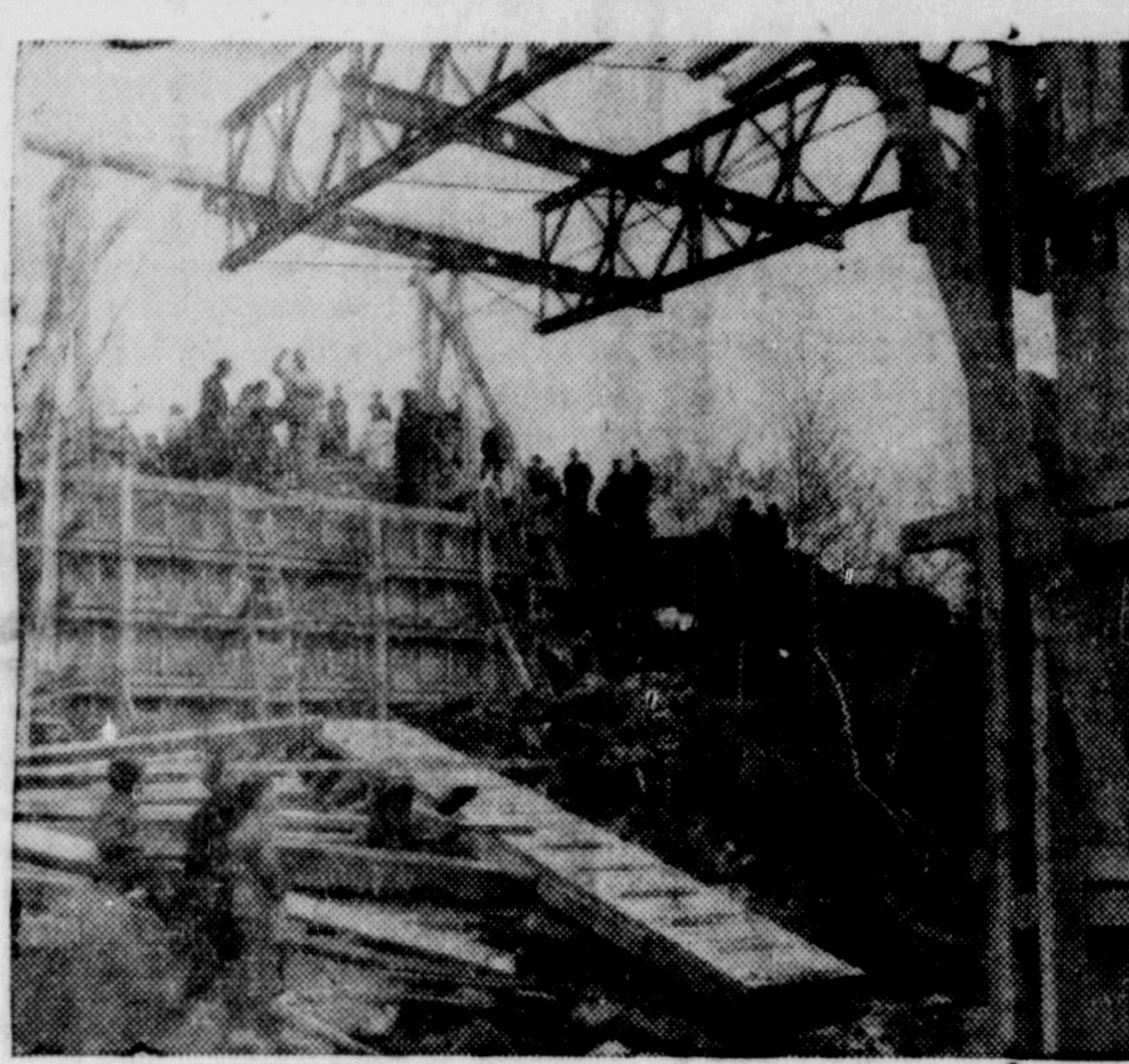
American
Pierce, 19,000, 20:50, 19.50 and 10, Storage.
Canadian
Cape Race, 6,000, Co-op.
North Foreland, 11,000, Co-op.
LONDON. — A three-year old boy fell 50 feet from a five-storey home, bounced off a ledge 20 feet from the ground and landed on the pavement of a crowded street. He escaped with a broken leg.

LONDON. — They are trying out a new idea in London parks to aid cupid—two-seater benches for couples. Mrs. Strauss, supply minister's wife, who suggested it, said: "It must be very awkward when a young couple want a private talk or gossip if others are sitting on the same seat."

LOCAL TIDES

(Standard Time)
Sunday, May 30, 1948

High	6:15	16.0 feet
	19:46	16.6 feet
Low	0:32	10.4 feet
	12:56	6.9 feet



In smaller picture local residents watched with interest the rapid construction of the bridge which the Army Engineers set up in approved style. No time was wasted as the Army Engineers hustled the bridge across the gorge at the Quinze River power site.

BILL WRATHALL BACK IN ACTION AS HAMS HANDLE TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC

Veteran operator of Government and Canadian National Telegraphs, retired these last several years, W. W. Wrathall is back in action again, pressed into service as a result of the tie-up of normal communication services through Skeena River flood conditions. In fact, his home on Fifth Avenue East, where he has his licensed BETLK amateur radio station, is a virtual signals centre these days of emergency as he leads local "hams" who have stepped into the breach to help handle commercial traffic following the normal wire failure.

Handling traffic both by key and radiophone, Bill Wrathall reported yesterday afternoon that he was still being able to keep up with the demands. Local hams are handling business for such points as Alice Arm, Stewart, Hazelton, Smithers and Terrace, the first outgoing link being from here to Jimmy Walsh's station BETAGO at Terrace whence it is relayed further along.

Baseball Scores

National League
Philadelphia 6, New York 3.
Brooklyn 7, Boston 5.
Chicago 10, Cincinnati 8.
American League
Washington 2, Boston 1.
Detroit 4, St. Louis 5.
New York 3, Philadelphia 6.
Cleveland 2, Chicago 0.
Pacific Coast League
Seattle 5, Portland 4 (11 innings).
San Diego 7, Sacramento 3.
Oakland 9, Hollywood 7.
Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 2.
Western International League
All games postponed again.

Naval Task Force Bucks Fraser River to Rescue Deluge Victims

Families Waded Out of Torrent in Sorry Procession—Army Given Complete Control

VANCOUVER—Early this morning, a task force of the Royal Canadian Navy began bucking the turbulent waters of the Fraser River to carry out flood rescue work. Thirty ships, in all, including the frigate, Antigonish, are taking part in the evacuation of hundreds of homeless women and children. Entire families, carrying all their worldly goods, are wading knee deep in the waters, along the river banks.

All the Navy units will operate on a 24-hour shift basis. Shortly after the naval auxiliary vessel Laynor arrived from Victoria last night, with her decks laden with power boats, she was sent up river, to move the stranded ones. The naval tug, London, is already in the Mission City area.

A radio centre has been established at Mission and small radio units will go along with the rescue teams. Meanwhile the Canadian Navy has officially branded the floods, in the Fraser Valley, as "Operation Overflow."

It is predicted that the peak of the water, is only a matter of hours away.

Across the line, the Governor of Idaho, has asked Canadian officials to confer with United States authorities on the flood crisis in the Pacific Northwest. Governor Robbins made the request for an immediate meeting, as the wild waters, pushed the death toll, in the Northwest States to ten and devastated new areas. National Guard units of Washington have been called into service.

The Attorney General of British Columbia has announced that the army has been given an absolutely free hand in the present emergency. Mr. Wismer has issued an order under the Militia Act, which gives the Army, full power to mobilize men, to meet any situation, arising from the floods. He said he had been assured by Army officials in Vancouver that men were being called out and mobilized where and when needed.

The Attorney General has offered suggestions that the Army, Navy, Red Cross, Public Health officials, police and other public organizations, get together to appoint one man to direct flood relief operations. He said that his proposal had been well received and that meetings of the various groups were expected immediately this morning.

Another trainload of flood refugees arrived in Vancouver late last night. The latest group, numbering about 300, had been evacuated from Harrison Mills, Dewdney and Agassiz, three of the hardest hit spots in the Fraser Valley. They were brought into Vancouver in a special relief train of two coaches and a baggage car. Altogether 559 evacuees have been brought into Vancouver from the stricken areas.

ELSEWHERE IN PROVINCE

At Trail, a close watch is being kept on the movement of the Columbia River. Civic officials there, predict that the strength of the banks will be put to a major test on Sunday. Meanwhile another 20,000 sand bags are being sent from Vancouver to Trail today.

The town of Princeton is reported to be practically isolated by flood waters. However, there have been no reports of water actually reaching the town itself. Princeton is located on the Similkameen, a branch of the Okanagan River system.

The situation at Kimberley seems to be slightly improved. The town was hard hit this week, when the waters of Mark Creek went on a rampage. However, in last reports, the town is creeping back to normal, as the creek

BULLETINS

U. S. FLOOD-HIT
SEATTLE—More thousands were fleeing from their endangered homes through the Pacific northwest today. The floods are the worst in 54 years. The United States death toll, from this cause, to date, is 15, and property losses and damage soared into uncounted millions.

FATAL CHICAGO FIRE
CHICAGO—Six persons, including two children, perished in a fire in the Erie district in the southwestern part of the city.

CONTROL OF BERLIN
BERLIN—A meeting of the four personages sitting here, to conduct the control of Berlin, is ending today. The Russian representative said he would no longer sit next to his American counterpart.

ROYAL WEDDING
COPENHAGEN — A source close to the Royal Family stated today that Princess Anne of Roumania and King Michael would marry June 5.

BATTLE OF JERUSALEM
CAIRO—The battle tempo in Jerusalem remains high. Egypt has thrown her air force into the crucial struggle.

CHRYSLER STRIKE OVER
DETROIT—The seventeen days Chrysler strike has been settled on a basis of thirteen cents an hour.

AIR SERVICE TO SMITHERS

Acting on direct instructions of the president of the company at Montreal, J. A. Barber, superintendent of sales, Canadian Pacific Air Lines, Vancouver, arrived in the city by air Thursday afternoon from Vancouver to organize an emergency air service between Prince Rupert and Smithers during the tie-up caused by the Skeena River floods washing out the Canadian National Railway Lines.

The plan is to use one of two Canso amphibians stationed at Prince Rupert in the service to the interior, carrying passengers, freight and express. Up to two flights daily will be available, depending upon the requirements of the situation.

Mr. Barber left this afternoon for Smithers with the first flight and expects to be back this evening. Before leaving he was in consultation with local railway officials. Accompanying Mr. Barber is Jack Fairies, chief pilot of C.P.A. for British Columbia.

There will be a regular morning flight daily between Prince Rupert and Smithers with provision for an alternate evening flight in case of morning fog conditions at Prince Rupert such as existed today.

The morning flight is scheduled to leave at 8:30 daylight time, arriving Smithers 10 a.m., leaving Smithers 10:30 a.m. and returning here at 12 noon.

The alternate afternoon flight leaves at 5 p.m. daylight time, arriving Smithers 6:30 p.m., leaving Smithers 7 p.m. and returning here 8:30 p.m.

The passenger fare has been set for \$20 one way and \$40 return with the express tariff 10c per pound.

LAST BATTLE IN JERUSALEM

With Old City Gone, Jews Are Making Final Stand in New Quarter

CAIRO. — Although beleaguered Jews had surrendered to the Arabs in old Jerusalem yesterday, the battle in the new city continued with the Arabs closing ever closer in. Egyptian bombers also closed to the assault.

Last Jewish defences inside the old city were dimmed out by Arab shock troops which were called in to dispose of the last Jews holed up in three store-houses of the south wall.

As the Jews and Arabs battled inside and outside Jerusalem for control of the Holy City, a new plan to halt the bloodshed in Palestine seemed doomed to failure.

Most severe fighting is taking place around a strategic position vital to Tel Aviv.

TO RECLAIM MARITIMES

OTTAWA. — Agriculture Minister James G. Gardiner yesterday outlined to the Commons an \$880,000 program to reclaim 80,000 acres of wasted and water-logged maritime farmlands. The area is known as the marsh lands and twice daily is normally submerged in flowing tides.

The money will be used to build dykes and protective works in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island so that the land may be returned to agriculture and productivity increased. The program may last from five to 10 years.

TO DETERMINE SMUTS FUTURE

PRETORIA—General Smuts, whose government has been defeated, met his followers today to consider whether or not he will remain in politics.

The newly elected Nationalist Government will shortly study the question as to whether or not they will study the issue of framing an entirely new Nationalist administration.