

British Election Extremely Close

Rig Remaining

When the Royal Commission No. 1 ceased its work a few weeks ago, it left behind it a report which will remain in the public mind for some time. The report was a study of the rigging of the election.

Board Set Up, Strike Delayed

WASHINGTON — President Truman today set up an emergency fact-finding board, automatically heading off a nationwide railroad strike scheduled for Monday. The action has the effect of delaying the strike for sixty days. Dispute is between the carriers and brotherhoods of railway conductors and railway trainmen.

Masset Has Good Times

Prosperity at Principal Community of Northern Graham Island

Principal community of northern Graham Island, the town of Masset is enjoying continued prosperity. It is reported by B. T. Phillips who arrived in the city yesterday by air and expects to remain until the first of the week. Most notable activity of late at Masset, says Mr. Phillips, has been the construction of the new crab cannery for Sam Simpson's Queen Charlotte Cannery. The project is now nearing completion and, in about a month's time, should be ready to start packing the "hellfish" for which the north Graham Island beaches are famous. Primarily designed for crab canning, it will be readily convertible for the putting up of clams, shrimps and prawns. A year round operation, it will provide a substantial measure of employment for both whites and natives. The site is just to the north of the government dock. Holland and Phillips are about to start pile driving for the cannery dock.

This should be a big cycle year for pink salmon in Masset waters.

Considerable improvements have been made at A. B. Anderson's Masset sawmills in Delkatla Slough, along the road from Masset town, and twenty men are in steady employment there.

A number of houses are being improved around the town and some face-lifting is being done on Karl Lindner's Earlscourt Hotel.

Not quite so definite are these projects but Masset is hearing that an air strip is to be put in near the point on the south of Delkatla Slough where it joins Masset Inlet.

A somewhat unique marine incident of the winter at Masset was the washing up on the North Island beach of large quantities of luscious abalones which had been torn from their normal rocky habitats. Frosty weather kept them in good shape and they were hauled into Masset by the sackful. Many were the fine feeds which the Masset folk had of the succulent delicacy.

Woman Shot, Chinese Dead

Tragedy Shortly Before Noon in Second Ave. Rooming House

A Chinese waiter is dead and Constance McInnes, a white woman, is in General hospital with a serious wound in her right temple after a shooting affray in the King George Hotel on Second Avenue.

Frank Mah, waiter at the Rex Cafe, was dead at 11:55 this morning. He was found by Const. John Brady of the city detachment, B. C. Police, face down, blood turned to the left and head oozing out of the wound. A small revolver was clutched in his right hand.

Witnesses C. S. McBride and Vic Johnson were asleep when they heard the shots. Running to their door, they saw the woman rush out, blood pouring out of her temple. She ran down the stairs where the ambulance later picked her up and took her to hospital.

The witnesses said they heard the woman scream four times before she ran from the second storey room. The woman is believed to be an ex-CWAC. A month ago she was taken to hospital where her stomach was pumped out.

McBride stated that he and Johnson had not heard previous arguments between the two.

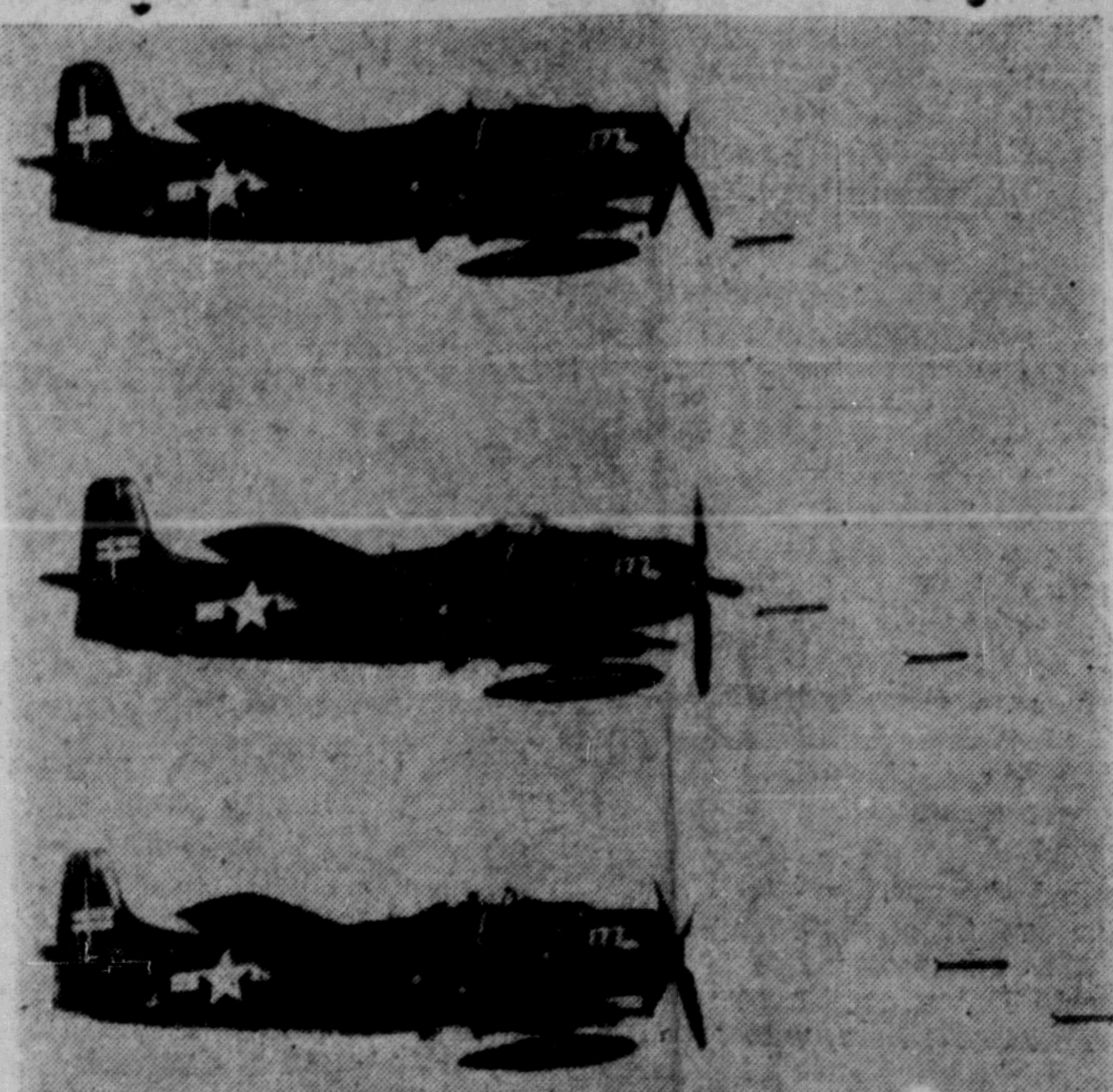
The woman is approximately 25 years of age while Mah is about 40. The bespectacled Chinese was well known here, having worked at the Rex Cafe for a number of years. He had been drinking coffee a few hours before the shooting with Const. Brady, the officer who had discovered his body.

Sgt. Lance Potterton, Const. Ross Gibson and Const. Brady were first on the scene following a telephone call from the landlady Mrs. Annie Prystay. While Sgt. Potterton and Const. Gibson acquired the keys to the room, Const. Brady rushed up the stairs and found the door closed. Pushing it open, he saw the body on the floor.

Sgt. Potterton is continuing the investigation.

Proceeding With Contempt Charge

WASHINGTON — Judge Richmond B. Keach refused today to drop contempt of court charges against the striking coal miners' union and ordered trial for Monday. He told attorneys for the United Mine Workers of America that they could have trial by jury if they desired.



MIGHTY MOUSE MAKES DEBUT—Developed by the U.S. navy, the "Mighty Mouse," a powerful new type aircraft rocket, is shown in these photos being fired from a Douglas Skyraider during a test at the naval ordnance station, Inyoken, Calif. The rocket, more deadly than any developed during World War II, is fast and powerful enough to destroy any known aircraft with a direct hit.

ASKS FOR RIGHTS—Frank Calder Of Atlin Makes Maiden Speech In Legislature

VICTORIA—(CP)—Frank Calder, University educated full-blooded Indian, made his maiden speech in the Legislature yesterday as C.C.F. member for Atlin demanded a bill of rights, such as was laid down in the United Nations, for all minority groups. Quoting the late Booker T. Washington, noted negro educator, Calder said: "No race can hold another race down in the ditch without staying in the ditch with it."



FRANK CALDER M. L. A. Heard in Legislature.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

The latest of a series of active Pacific storms is this morning moving into Alberta, leaving all but the northeastern section of the province in a moist southerly flow of mild Pacific air. There was some indication this morning of a minor disturbance was developing about 700 miles southwest of Vancouver Island but this storm is expected to affect only the southern sections of the province tomorrow.

Forecast

North Coast Region—Cloudy with occasional showers today and Saturday. Winds light. Mild. Lows tonight and highs Saturday —At Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 36 and 43.

National League

New York 7, Chicago 3
Detroit 1, Montreal 1

The Indians do not ask for a hand-out, Calder said. They ask for equal opportunity on education, health matters, employment and equality of citizenship.

While Calder was not in favor of racial discrimination, he deplored the action of private fishing companies in sending to the interior of the province to recruit former Japanese fishermen in numbers to man fishing boats. This would drive out the older assets who had been such an asset during the war.

Saskatchewan Rink Winner

QUEBEC — A determined Saskatchewan rink yesterday won the Canadian school curling championship when it nosed out a powerful Manitoba rink by one victory in the last round of play. Third place was occupied by British Columbia with Prince Edward Island fourth.

Labor Leader's Brother Suicide

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois — Thomas A. Lewis, aged 67, brother of John I. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, was found shot to death in his home here today. Deputy Coroner Catherine Rutherford said he had shot himself because of ill-health.

LOCAL TIDES

Saturday, February 25, 1950
High 6:31 17.3 feet
20:05 13.9 feet
Low 13:53 8.3 feet

To Our Patrons:

Owing to the deplorable condition of the Port Edward Road we cannot always guarantee that our buses will be on time; we hope that whoever is responsible will see that something is done about it.

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SEARCH CONTINUES
Planes and surface craft are continuing the search around Princess Royal Island, down the coast from here, for five missing men from the United States B-36 bomber which was ditched a week ago last Tuesday after taking fire. The missing men are now believed either to have failed to survive their plunge or to have perished in the sea.

DAYLIGHT SAVING
VICTORIA—British Columbia will have daylight saving again this year from April 30 to September 24. The government makes the announcement following the adoption by Vancouver city at the recommendation of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

THREE ROAD ROUTES
VICTORIA—Randolph Harding (C.C.F.-Kaslo-Slocan) told the Legislature yesterday that British Columbia should have three highways linking with the TransCanada Highway. However, he believed a southern route through the Crow's Nest into this province should be the first choice.

PLAYER IS FINED
MONTREAL—Billy Reay of the Montreal Canadiens was fined \$100 today by President Clarence Campbell of the National Hockey League for a "punching" Referee Hugh McLean. The incident occurred when the Canadiens were playing at Detroit February 20.

MORE INSURANCE
OTTAWA—Measure for the extension of unemployment benefits was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday and was approved by Opposition parties although they did not agree that this was the means of meeting the unemployment crisis. There will be supplementary payments for January and February for those whose insurance had run out in the fall. The maximum for receiving payments is raised from \$300 to \$5800.

U.S. Official Takes Plunge

VIENNA — A man identified by police as the United States naval attaché to Bucharest plunged to his death in a railroad tunnel south of Salzburg today.

Semi-official sources said today there was no hint of foul play. United States Army investigators tentatively identified the man as being Capt. Eugene Karpe close friend of Robert A. Vogeler American business man, who was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment on Tuesday on a charge of being an American spy.

Laborites Win But By Scantest Margin

LONDON—(CP)—The Labor government tonight had won a victory in the general election of yesterday by a small majority. In one of the closest election races in British history, the Socialists edged out Winston Churchill's Conservatives.

The latest standing of elected members was:
Labor 313
Conservatives 287
Liberals 7
Doubtful 20
The Speaker.

There are 625 seats in the House.

Figures compiled by the Canadian Press tonight showed that Labor had won more than 313 seats necessary for a majority in the House of Commons. This was on the basis of seats already conceded and likely results on basis of leadership.

Complete report from all seats will not be available for several days.

Four remote Scottish constituencies do not report until Monday. Two of these were held by Conservatives, one by National Liberal and one by a Labor man in the last House.

Voting in a Manchester division has been deferred until March 9, due to the death of a candidate.

The Labor government's lead in the elections was whittled down today under a flood of Conservative victories in farm and small city districts. The Labor margin in the contest for House of Commons seats plummeted from an overnight figure of 61.

Many of today's first returns were from districts the Laborites were conceded in advance. Still to be heard from were many normally safe Labor districts in Scotland.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee learned early today that he had scored a personal victory in Walthamstow, West, riding of London. In a four-cornered race Attlee piled up 21,095 votes to 8,988 for his Conservative opponent.

Also successful was Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Sir Stafford had three opponents—Liberal, Conservative and Communist.

Barry Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin won in Woolwich East.

Health Minister Aneurin Bevan won in the Welsh constituency of Abayvale.

Five ministers to report success were Labor Minister George Isaac, Education Minister Geo. Tomlinson, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison, the last-mentioned in Lewisham South.

There was jubilation among Conservative leaders at London Party headquarters as Labor's lead was reduced.

Winston Churchill was re-elected to Parliament. His son, Randolph Churchill, was defeated by Michael Foot, Labor journalist, but his son-in-law, Duncan Sandys, was a winner.

Churchill rolled up a total of 37,239 votes to 18,604 for the

Laborite, Seymour Hills. In the last House of Commons Labor held a 148-seat majority over the Conservatives. Both Liberals and communists took a severe beating.

Communists Wiped Out
Communist representation in the House was wiped out when Willie Gallacher, fiery representative of West Fife in the last Parliament, lost the riding. His only colleague in the House, Philip Pirbright, was beaten yesterday. Harry Pollitt, general secretary of the party, was defeated as he had been in the 1945 election.

Yesterday's voting resulted in a record 85 percent poll and voters seemed to divide their choice almost evenly between Conservatives and Labor with little for the Liberals and other minority groups.

Anthony Eden, who stands second to Churchill in Conservative party leadership, was re-elected to the House for Warwick and Leamington division.

Between 4:45 and 5 p.m. today Labor and their combined foes were dead level four times and four times Labor went into a one-seat lead. Three minutes later Labor spurred into an overall lead of five seats.

Clement Davies, leader of the Parliamentary Liberal party, led a small band of followers back into the House when he was re-elected in Montgomery riding.

The possibility of another election was being freely discussed as late afternoon counting put Winston Churchill's Conservatives closer to Labor.

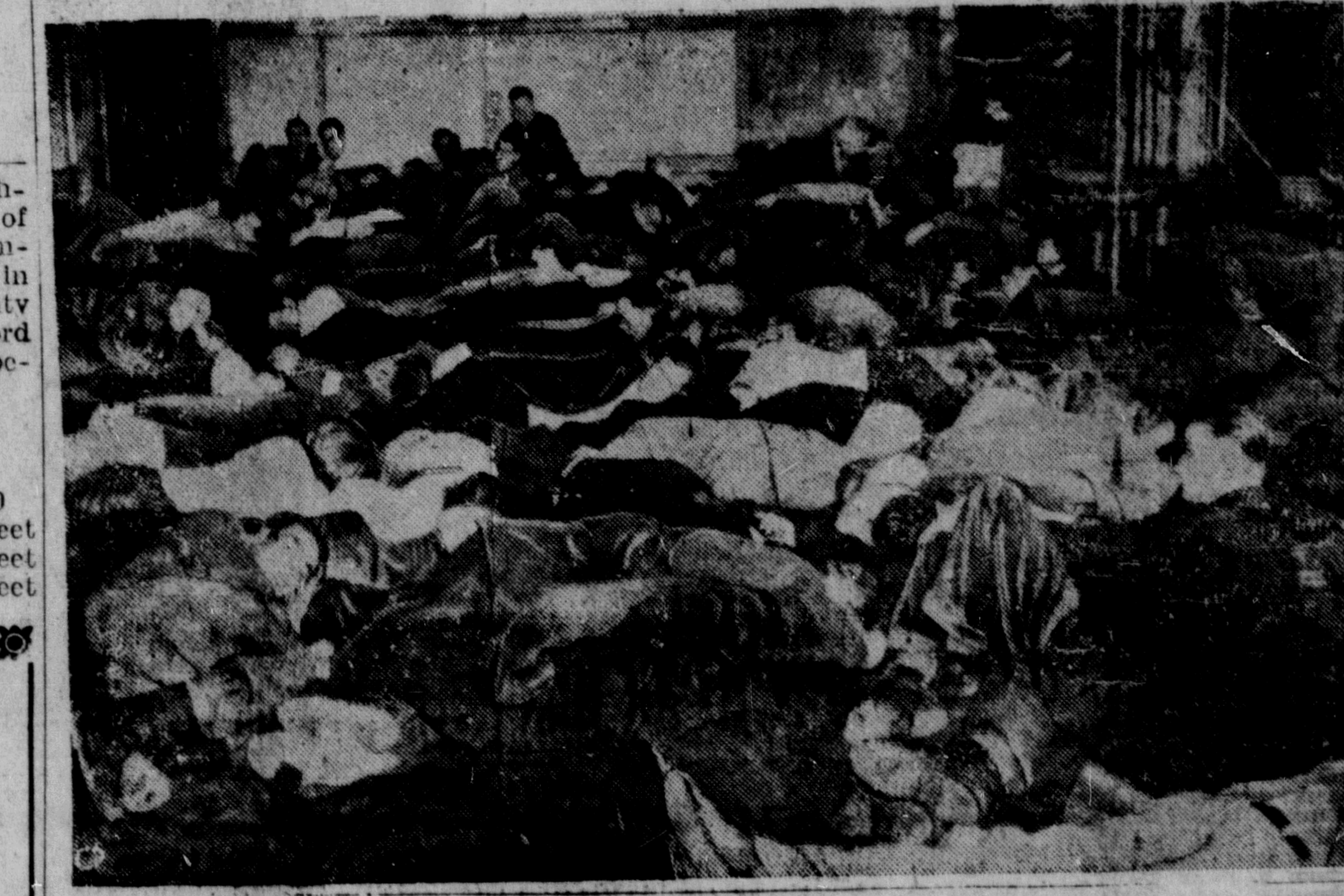
Morgan Phillips, general secretary of the Labor Party, said Labor "needs a majority of thirty seats to function effectively as a government."

Ambulance Kept Busy

City ambulance was busy yesterday as four calls were answered—one in the morning, two during the afternoon and the fourth in the evening. First call of the day was at 11 a.m. when Ewart Bayliss of the St. Elmo Hotel was taken to General Hospital.

At 1:30 p.m., the ambulance met the Queen Charlotte Airlines Rapide to take off Mrs. Wilfrid Brown of Masset, stricken with appendicitis, who was then rushed to General Hospital.

Stanley Wilkins, Prince Rupert Hotel, was transferred to hospital at 4:30 p.m., and in the evening at 9:15, J. E. Cook, 1056 Ambrose, was taken to hospital by the ambulance.



JOBLESS HUDDLE—Some of Toronto's unemployed huddle on the floor of the Fred Victor Mission on Jarvis Street. This photo was taken in the February cold spell when the men had no other place to sleep. The mission went to 10 below zero in downtown Toronto. Each night the Mission tries to take care of the overflow from the St. Lawrence market where hundreds line up nightly for free accommodation provided by the city. (C. P. Photo)

TODAY'S STOCKS	
(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)	
Vancouver	
Bayonne	.04
Brolorne	9.50
B. R. Con	.03
B. R. X	.06
Cariboo Quartz	1.42
Congress New	.20
Hedley Mascot	.24
Pioneer	3.35
Premier Border	.03 1/2
Privateer	.14 1/2
Reeves McDonald	2.15
Reno	.03
Sheep Creek	1.11
Silbak Premier	.37
Taku River	.12
Vananda	.11
Salmon Gold	.06
Spud Valley	.04
Oils	
Anglo Canadian	3.98
A P Con	.22 1/2
Atlantic	1.40
C & E	7.00
Central Leduc	1.10
Home Oil	.10
Mercury	1.25
Okalta	4.40
Pacific Pete	.34
Princess	.06
Toronto	
Athonsa	.08 1/2
Aumajue	.12 1/2
Beattie	.58
Bevcourt	.29
Bobjo	1.21 1/2
Buffalo Canadian	.98
Con. Smelters	96.25
Conwest	1.09
Donalds	.53
Eldona	.29
East Sullivan	5.15
Giant Y Knife	6.15
God's Lake	.32
Hardrock	.34 1/2
Harricana	.05 1/2
Heva	.06 1/2
Hosco	.08 1/2
Jackknife	.07 1/2
Joliet Quebec	.70 1/2
Lake Rowan	.05 1/2
Lapaska	.04 1/2
Little Long Lac	.58
Lynx	.16
Madsen Red Lake	2.95
McKenzie Red Lake	.54
McLeod Lockhart	2.97
Mouela	.35
Negus	1.47
Noranda	70.00
Louvicourt	.17
Pickle Crow	1.87
Regcourt	.04
San Antonio	3.65
Senator Rouyn	.31
Sherritt Gordon	2.21
Steep Rock	2.45
Sturgeon River	.92
Silver Miller	.67
Upper Canada	3.30