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International Situation West Of Berlin Easing Up After Blockade

Budget And Sales Tax Improved At Victoria; Premier Johnson Attacked

VICTORIA (CP)—Debate on Finance Minister Anson's budget ended last night but not one last attempt by the C.C.F. opposition to the budget sales tax issue. The C.C.F. leader, Winch, forced the division, contending that the budget was \$12,000,000 short and it could not be

PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF BREAK, ENTRY

A quantity of flavoring extract and several cans of sardines were the loot of a burglar who entered the vacant Commodore Cafe last night and made an energetic effort to break his way into a safe in the building.

Shortly after the breaking and entering was discovered, Everett Booth, about 25, was picked up in a Third Avenue Cafe by alert Constable Jack White and charged with the offence. He pleaded guilty in police court this morning.

RAILWAYMEN REJECT RUSS DEMAND

Striking railwaymen voted to reject the two-month wage increase demand.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
The weather disturbance which has given rain and snow along the southern border of British Columbia today is moving southward with weather conditions improving behind it. Clear cold weather covers the central and northern sections of the province. However, increasing cloudiness and milder temperatures are expected tomorrow.

Forecast
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Clear today and tonight. Cloudy Saturday. Wind north (15) today. Light Saturday. Lows tonight and highs Saturday—Port Hardy 30 and 42, Massett 32 and 39, Prince Rupert 32 and 42.

SHIPOWNERS TAKE TERMS

Agree to Accept Commissioner's Award on Deep Sea Strike

VANCOUVER—British Columbia deep-sea ship owners agreed yesterday to accept in full the recent award of Mr. Justice J. D. McNiven, government commissioner, who investigated the month-old officers' and wireless operators' strike.

Spokesman for the Shipowners' Association of British Columbia said Thursday that they were willing to accept the commissioner's award on the question of security watches in foreign ports and overtime for radio men which they had previously disputed.

It is thought that the way may now be open for the ending of the strike which has been tying up deep-sea ships on both coasts.

YEAR WETTER BUT SUNNIER

The year 1948 is turning out to be both a much sunnier and much rainier year than 1947, a summarization of official weather summaries to date shows. So far this year the sunshine has totalled 204.2 hours compared with 166.9 hours in the first three months of last year. The precipitation aggregate thus far in 1948 is 25.87 inches as against 20.84 inches in the corresponding period of last year. In March this year sunshine totalled 93 hours compared with 98.9 hours in the same month last year while the precipitation this March was 6.8 inches compared with 4.27 inches.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Mrs. Rita Peterson, appeared before Magistrate W. D. Vance in city police court Wednesday on a charge of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm against Peter Wingham. The case was adjourned until April 7. Accused is alleged to have used a knife to inflict cuts on Wingham in a Second Avenue house on the night of March 20. Wingham spent two days in hospital. Rod MacLeod is acting as counsel for Mrs. Peterson.

ITALIAN LABOR LEADER SLAIN

ROME—A Sicilian labor leader was machine-gunned to death today and two persons were wounded as violence broke out again in the midst of Italy's election campaign. Dispatches from Palermo, Sicily, said that Calogero Cangialosi, secretary of the Labor Federation, was shot and killed at midnight.

The situation, as a result of the incident, becomes even more intense following the declaration yesterday by Giuseppe di Vittorio, Communist president of Italy's six million-member General Confederation of Labor, that a country-wide strike would be called if the police fail by April 8 to find another Sicilian labor leader who disappeared twenty days ago and who the leftists charge had been killed or kidnapped by the rightists.

Finns Reject Russ Demand

Hitch In Negotiations At Moscow Cause Tension At Helsinki

HELSINKI—Guards were stationed around President Juho Paasiviki's home today to deal with possible demonstrations following reports of a hitch in negotiations for a military pact proposed by Soviet Russia.

New instructions are reported to have been sent from the Finnish government to its treaty delegation at Moscow. These are said to reject a Russian demand for permission to be allowed to fortify borders.

LOCAL TIDES
Saturday, April 3, 1948
High 9:08 16.0 feet
22:49 16.2 feet
Low 3:22 11.2 feet
16:09 7.1 feet

TRAINS ARE NOW MOVING ONCE MORE

BERLIN (CP)—The international situation concerning Berlin was much eased today although the Russian government had flatly rejected the protest of the United States, Great Britain and France on the travel restrictions which require all British, American and French trains to submit to inspection before passing through Soviet-controlled zones to and from the German capital.

Two British freight trains moved into Berlin today despite the advertised blockade of land traffic without submitting to Soviet inspection.

A score of United States planes pierced the barrier too, flying food and passengers into the city.

British officials reported they had no special trouble getting trains into the city.

The United States Army issued orders for movement of similar trains tomorrow.

The first public utterance by a high Russian official in reply to the protest by the western allies that the Russian restrictions violated agreements made today. Col. Sergei Tulpanov, the Soviet military administration's information chief, said: "What we have decided on border and traffic controls remains in force."

With the allied train service to and from Berlin remaining uncertain on the second day after refusing to submit to the inspection, United States military authorities continued flying food into Berlin Thursday to thwart the Russian squeeze which aimed at forcing the wartime western allies from the former German capital with the program of travel and transport regulations which they have put into effect.

All military trains between Berlin and the western zones had now been halted up to today with the exception of one; British barge traffic to the four-power capital has been stopped; rigorous examination of traffic has been instituted on Autobahn, the only highway linking the city with the west, and one railway coach occupied by civilians of several nationalities has been turned back.

One United States officer permitted his train to be examined yesterday and it went through but there was no explanation as to the reason for this exception.

There was the makings of an incident yesterday when the Russians put up a road block against a British convoy on a road near Berlin, withdrawing, however, when a force of United States armored cars was brought up.

A British spokesman said today that "we have just as much right to remain in Berlin as in our own zone."
Thus Britain served notice that she intends to stay in Berlin regardless of what happens to the Allied Control Commission.

YALE ELECTION DATE IS MAY 31

OTTAWA—Date of the federal by-election in Yale has been set for May 31. It was learned today from the office of Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Three candidates have been nominated: W. A. C. Bennett, Progressive - Conservative; E. J. Chambers, Liberal, and O. L. Jones, C.C.F.

The election is called to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Hon. Grote Stirling, Progressive - Conservative, because of ill-health.

House of Commons vacancies also exist in Vancouver Centre and the Ontario riding of Ontario but no dates for by-elections have yet been set.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

| Vancouver | |
|--------------------|---------|
| Bralorne | 9.00 |
| B. R. Con. | .02 1/2 |
| B. R. X. | .07 |
| Cariboo Quartz | 1.40 |
| Grull Whksne | .05 |
| Hideley Mascot | .60 |
| Minto | .03 |
| Pend Orelle | 3.00 |
| Pioneer | 2.85 |
| Premier Border | .04 |
| Privateer | .19 |
| Reeves McDonald | 1.55 |
| Reno | .08 1/2 |
| Salmon Gold | .17 1/2 |
| Sheep Creek | 1.00 |
| Taylor Bridge | .48 |
| Taku River | .55 |
| Vanada | .15 |
| Congress | .02 1/4 |
| Pacific Eastern | .05 |
| Hedley Amalgamated | .03 |
| Spud Valley | .11 1/2 |

Oils—

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| A. P. Con | .14 |
| Calmont | .39 |
| C. & E. | 4.00 |
| Footfalls | 3.00 |
| Home | 6.14 |

| Toronto | |
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| Athona | .06 |
| Aumaque | .18 |
| Beattie | .62 |
| Bevcourt | .44 |
| Bobjo | .10 1/2 |
| Buffalo Canadian | .12 |
| Consol. Smelters | 100.00 |
| Conwest | .88 |
| Donalda | .65 |
| Eldona | .70 |
| Elder | .52 |
| Giant Y'knife | 4.35 |
| God's Lake | .55 1/2 |
| Hardrock | .16 |
| Harricana | .07 |
| Heva | .10 1/2 |
| Hosco | .30 |
| Jackknife | .04 |
| Joliet Quebec | .30 |
| Lake Rowan | .10 |
| Lapaska | .10 |
| Little Long Lac | 1.01 |
| Lynx | .08 1/2 |
| Madsen Red Lake | 2.68 |
| McKenzie Red Lake | .50 |
| McLeod Cockshutt | 1.13 |
| Moneta | .27 |
| Negus | 2.15 |
| Noranda | 47.00 |
| Louvivourt | .65 |
| Pickle Crow | 1.98 |
| Regcourt | .08 3/4 |
| San Antonio | 3.95 |
| Senator Rouyn | 41 1/2 |
| Sherritt Gordon | 1.85 |
| Stee Rock | 2.00 |
| Sturgeon River | .19 |
| Silver Miller | .30 |

EDMONTON'S BIG SNOW
EDMONTON—Edmonton woke up to 11 inches of snow this morning, an all-time record for April. In Calgary there was 1-10 inch. In Whitecourt in the Peace River there was ten inches.

train service between Paris and Berlin was suspended today by order of French occupation headquarters. The cancellation order followed action by Russian border guards at Marlenborn yesterday in evicting sixty-seven passengers from a French train on the ground that their documents were not in order.

All inland water traffic in or through the Russian zone from the British zone had been suspended today by Soviet refusal to accept as valid documents carried by canal barge skippers.

Sinister Infiltration Is Menace Asserts Canada's Prime Minister

WILLIAMSBURG, Pennsylvania (CP)—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King of Canada declared here today that, if freedom is to be preserved for nations still free, a way must be found speedily "to ensure the nations will not be subordinated, defeated or destroyed one by one."

"Menace to freedom comes from sinister plans to undermine the structure of free government within the borders of individual nations."

Mr. King was speaking at a special convocation of William and Mary College in celebration of Canadian-American Day.

The Prime Minister, with President Truman, Viscount Alexander and Governor Tuck of Virginia received honorary law degrees.

BULLETINS

NO STATEMENT YET

MONTREAL—No statement was available today as to the final disposition of former United States Army waterfront installations at Prince Rupert, the option of Kenneth Meek on which was to expire March 31. "You will be kept in mind when the situation is clarified," a spokesman of War Assets said in response to an inquiry on behalf of the Prince Rupert Daily News.

VETO OVERRIDDEN

WASHINGTON—President Truman today vetoed the four billion dollar tax reduction bill as being inimical to the economy of the government but the veto was quickly overridden by both House and Senate so the bill stands. The 16-power foreign aid bill was approved by House this afternoon.

U.B.C. MODEL SCHOOL

VANCOUVER—B.C. Teachers' Federation ended its convention today approving a model school at the University of British Columbia and mandatory University entrance certificate for all prospective teachers who would have to take at least a two-year course and three years to become Bachelors of Education.

MORE BETTER NURSES

VICTORIA—At the opening of the convention of the Registered Nurses' Association of British Columbia today, the president, Miss Evelyn Mallory, said that training schools were not turning out enough nurses and some of the graduates were not adequately fitted for the profession. Miss Mallory advocated a central school of nursing to supplement present hospital training school facilities.

STRIKE BREAKING UP

HALIFAX—Canadian Seamen Union members signed up with one ship here and two ships at St. John today on the basis of the terms of Mr. Justice McNiven's conciliation proposals which the shipping companies have agreed to.

Ontario Is Prosperous

Provincial Treasurer There Compares His Position With B. C.

TORONTO—Provincial Treasurer Frost today announced a record \$25,039,000 surplus in Ontario government accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31. He said Ontario had acted wisely in refusing to accept the Dominion grant in return for yielding provincial fields of taxation and contrasted his province with British Columbia which proposed a sales tax to bolster up its revenue.

The Ontario budget does not call for any new taxation.

FLYERS HAVE STRONG LEAD

EDMONTON—Edmonton Flyers today had won eight straight hockey play-offs without defeat. Last night the Flyers edged out Trail Smoke Eaters by a score of two to one to gain a commanding three to nothing lead in games in the Western Canada senior semi-finals.

CHILD AID CONTINUES

Despite "Iron Curtain" Which Now Envelops Czechoslovakia

Distribution of food and clothing to children in Czechoslovakia by the Unitarian Service Committee will be "scrupulously supervised" to ensure that the intention of contributors to feed needy children is being properly put in to effect. The Prince Rupert Rotary Club has been advised by the Unitarian Service Committee.

Following a visit here in February by Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, U.S.C. director for Canada, the Rotary Club "adopted" a Czechoslovak child. Since the Communist coup in that country, fate of the arrangement has been uncertain.

Authority for the assurance was given as Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, Minister of External Affairs, who told Canadian representatives of the International Children's Fund of the United Nations that distribution of supplies will be properly supervised even in countries behind the "iron curtain."

In a letter to the Rotary Club read at Thursday's meeting, Dr. Hitschmanova stated that "we now have assurance that the International Children's Emergency Fund is continuing to work in Czechoslovakia. We will keep in touch with Unitarian Service Committee field workers and the United Nations authorities, and you can be confident that at the first sign of supplies being misused, they will be diverted to France immediately."



SEES MENACE—Premier King concerned about infiltration threatening free nations.

U. N. Assembly Being Called

LAKE SUCCESS—The United Nations Security Council last night called a special session of the 57-member United Nations Assembly to reconsider the Palestine problem. The vote for the special meeting was 9 to nothing, Russia and the Soviet Ukraine abstaining. The Assembly will convene April 16 in New York City.

Second Annual Rup-Rec Show To Climax Civic Centre Season

The most active season in the history of Prince Rupert's Civic Centre will culminate on April 16 and 17 with the second annual Rup-Rec mass display in which more than 300 people, ranging from pre-school children to adults will demonstrate phases of their gymnastic and recreational programs.

Directed by the Civic Centre's two Rup-Rec instructors, Neil Ross and Margaret Slinn, the display will compress into an interesting two hours, highlights of the modern techniques used in modern "keep fit" instruction.

Gymnastics, rhythm drills, folk dances and other types of elementary and advanced training routines and specialties will make up the program.

The display will be officially opened on the night of Friday, April 16 by Mayor Nora Arnold and on the following night by Civic Centre Association President Dr. R. G. Large.

Premier Byron Johnson, who was invited to attend the opening of the display, will be unable to come but he has replied with a letter wishing every success to the show.

Rup-Rec directors Neil Ross and Margaret Slinn are confident that the participants in the display will put it over with an equal amount of enthusiasm as they have shown during the last six months during the regular class sessions.

"The fine part of this type of work is that those who take part do so because they want to. The features of the display will be the things they learned during voluntary attendance at classes."

"The 'physical jerks' have no place in Rup-Rec training, Mr. Ross points out. The gymnastics used for all exercises have been scientifically worked out in accordance with the theories of Niel Buhk, organizer of the People's College of Physical Education at Ollerup, Denmark. The theories propounded there are internationally accepted as the best modern standards of physical education.

"Most advanced work will be demonstrated by the Rup-Rec leaders' class—men and women. These 10 people, organized and directed by Neil Ross, will show advanced tumbling, balancing in precision routine, while five of the men in the group will demonstrate samples of advanced and spectacular apparatus work. Other demonstrations on the program will be: Group games by Rup-Rec junior boys, a group of 18 directed (Continued on Page Two)

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