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## Soviets May Reopen Railways, Rumor Says Russia Denies Freedom of Danube

### Conferences With Believed Near

VOYS IN SESSION AGAIN  
THEMSELVES TODAY

OW MORE FRIENDLY

Radio Moscow today paid tribute to partnership of Russia and the United States upon the two nations to renew world peace. It was a rather more than has been heard for some time.

While Berliners today awaited talks in Moscow, rumors spread that the railway lines between East and West. The United States in Berlin, General George P. Marshall had heard a story from a "fairly accurate" German source but added that it could only be classified as "pure rumor."

Meanwhile representatives of Great Britain, United States and France met at the British embassy again today, apparently to map out the next move in negotiations with Russia on east-west differences. Indications are that still more conferences will be held by the three western envoys with Soviet leaders. There is no hint of impatience. The meeting of the envoys today seemed to be of unusual importance in view of high officials who accompanied them.

### WOULD PERMIT BUTTER IMPORT

OTTAWA, (CP)—The National Dairy Council has asked the government, in view of a probable serious shortage of butter this winter, to make arrangements for importation of the commodity, resumption of rationing or the permitting of a substitute (oleomargarine). The Dairy Council said that its desire is to meet the demand rather than to increase prices.

### MANITOBA HAS POLIO DEATH

WINNIPEG (CP)—First death in Manitoba from poliomyelitis this year was reported today by the provincial government. There have been twelve cases this year to date.

### BIG ADVANCE IN COST OF LIVING

OTTAWA — Advance of the cost of living index to 156.9 in July this year, a record high level, marks a total increase of 21 points since the same month a year ago.

### Two Dead In Mountaineering Tragedy in Southern Interior

SAN FRANCISCO (CP)—Two California mountain climbers died and two were injured when lightning struck a British Columbia peak last Wednesday, a member of the party reported by telephone to Associated Press last night.

The dead are Rudolf Pundt of Berkeley and Bob Becker of Los Gatos.

A 20-year-old girl and a 21-year-old youth are in satisfactory condition in hospital at Cranbrook. They arrived at hospital Monday with back and leg burns.

A party of eighteen were climbing Purcell Spear, a peak in Purcell Range, about 150 miles north of Cranbrook, when the storm broke. The four victims were struck by lightning when huddled in a small cave. Both the dead men rolled over a cliff and dropped 1000 feet.

All were University of California students and members of a party of Sierra Club alpinists who make frequent trips to British Columbia and Alaska.

The two injured survivors, Ann Strong of Berkeley and John McKinlay of San Francisco were reported from Cranbrook to be recuperating satisfactorily in the hospital following their bizarre experience which occurred on the 11,500-foot Bugaboo Spear.

The Purcell Range is in the Selkirk Mountains.

### CONVENTION TO BE FREE

Will Be No Dictatorship at  
Big Conservative Meeting

OTTAWA (CP)—Dick Bell, national director of the Progressive-Conservative party, said that the party's leadership convention here in September will not be "dictated to from the top."

Bell said he considered the National Liberal convention which ended here Saturday had been "incredibly autocratic and arbitrary."

"Ours will be a free and uncontrolled convention," said Bell.

### INCREASE IN POPULATION

Pulp Mills Will Boost  
Number of People In North

VANCOUVER—Shipping men are reckoning on an increase in population on the north coast of anywhere from seven to eight thousand people as a result of the cellulose mill at Port Edward and a pulp mill at Ketchikan. And in the event of aluminum interests becoming established, the estimate will, of course, be much larger.

### Is Commission On Rail Rates Legal?

OTTAWA—The Department of Justice has been instructed by the cabinet to call for a ruling from the Supreme Court of Canada on the legality of a Royal Commission and the national Liberal convention gave its approval to the request last week. It has become known that the government took the step of calling for the ruling on the Royal Commission in deference to the wishes of the seven provinces even before the demand was made by the Liberal convention.

### Executives Left Washington Paper

WASHINGTON—The will of Mrs. Eleanor Medill Patterson bequeathes the newspaper Times-Herald to seven of the paper's veteran executives. All are to have equal shares. The property includes real estate and building. The new owners will include general manager, editor, mechanical superintendent, circulation director and night managing editor.



GANDHI MEMORIAL STAMP SOON TO BE ISSUED—On August 15, 1948—the first anniversary of India's independence—a new issue of postage stamps are to be issued. For the first time in India's postal history, the stamps will bear the effigy of an Indian, Mahatma Gandhi. A total of 31,500,000 memorial stamps will be issued in four denominations. Written on the stamps, beside the denomination, will be "2 Oct. 1869-30 Jan. 1948"—the dates of Gandhi's birth and death. On the top left, the word "Bapu" (Father) appears in two scripts, Hindi and Urdu. The stamps are being printed in Switzerland in a press noted for its perfect technique. Here a Swiss artist is seen giving the finishing touches to the design of one of the stamps.

### :: TODAY'S STOCKS ::

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Vancouver			Bevcourt		
Bralorne	6.90		Bokjo	.11	
B. R. Con.	.02½		Buffalo Canadian	.09	
B. R. X.	.09½		Consol. Smelters	113.50	
Cariboo Quartz	1.00		Conwest	1.22	
Grull Whiksne	.04		Donalds	.65	
Hedley Mascot	.36		Eldona	1.24	
Minto	.01½		East Sullivan	2.61	
Pend Oreille	3.90		Giant Yellowknife	4.35	
Pioneer	2.40		God's Lake	.57	
Premier Border	.02		Hardrock	22½	
Privateer	.16½		Harricana	.06¼	
Reno	.08½		Heva	.10½	
Salmon Gold	.13		Hosco	.38	
Sheep Creek	1.19		Jackknife	.04	
Taylor Bridge	.30		Joliet Quebec	.36	
Taku River	.32		Lake Rowan	.07	
Vananda	.30		Lapaska	.04	
Congress	.03¾		Little Long Lac	.75	
Pacific Eastern	.05½		Lynx	.06	
Hedley Amalg.	.05		Madsen Red Lake	2.27	
Spud Valley	.09		McKenzie Red Lake	.35	
Central Zeballos	.01		McLeod Cockshutt	.90	
Silbak Premier	.27		Moneta	.35	
			Negus	2.10	
			Noranda	49.75	
			Louvicourt	.56	
			Pickle Crow	1.87	
			Regcourt	.04½	
			San Antonio	3.30	
			Senator Rouyn	.46	
			Sherrit Gordon	2.40	
			Steep Rock	1.87	
			Sturgeon River	.12	
			Silver Miller	.34	
Toronto					
Athona	.68				
Aumaque	.15½				
Beattie	.56				

### ANNUAL HARVEST OF FUR SEALS

A cargo, having a value of about \$500,000 will soon be enroute south from the Bering Sea. It will be the proceeds of the annual fur seal hunt on the Pribilof Island of which Canada receives a 20 per cent share. Thousands of pelts are being packed in large casks for delivery in Seattle, during the later part of August.

### Fish Sales

Canadian  
Zapora, 29,000, black cod, 15½¢; 5,000 halibut, 22¢, 21¢ and 11¢. Cold Storage.  
Fredelia II, 20,000 black cod, Co-op  
Dovre B., 20,000 black cod, Co-op.

### ITALY WINS YACHT RACE

Canada Finishes Tenth in  
Olympic Aquatic Event

TORQUAY, Devonshire, (CP)—Bill Gooderham of Toronto finished tenth today in the Olympic Star class yacht race here. An Italian boat was first with British second and United States third.

### When Tobacco and Liquor Were Cheap

TORONTO—A copy of a Williamsburg Township account book dated 1830, now in the Toronto Public Library, showed tobacco selling at 25 cents a pound, whiskey selling at 20 cents a quart.

### HUDSON'S BAY RAILWAY IS RE-ENTRUSTED

OTTAWA, (CP)—The 510-mile Hudson Bay Railway, now almost completed, has been "re-entrusted" to the Canadian National Railways and placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Transport Commissioners, it was announced today.

The Transport Department said that the changes would be effective August 1.

The move puts the Hudson Bay Railway under provisions of the Railway Act instead of the Government Railways Act.

### BLUE CROSS FOLDING UP

VANCOUVER—The Blue Cross Hospital Service will go out of business at the end of this year, it was announced today, as it is impossible for it to meet the requirements of the new government hospitalization plan. Claims up to December 31 of this year will be paid and there will be refunds of fees applicable beyond that date.

### Rupert-George Air Line Turned Down

PRINCE GEORGE—Canadian Pacific Airlines has turned down a request from the Prince George Board of Trade for an air line service between Prince George and Prince Rupert. Potential traffic for such a line does not warrant its inauguration at this time, C.P.A. has advised.

### MEAT SHOPS CLOSING UP

LOS ANGELES—On account of the spreading buyers' strike in protest at rising meat prices, thirty-four small meat markets in this city have closed up. One which remains open has a sign: "Buy meat for health, name your own price!"

### SIDEWALK FOR SEVENTH AVE.

Construction of a wooden sidewalk on the north side of Seventh Avenue between McBride Street and Hays Cove Circle was authorized by city council last night. The plan includes two safety crossing zones, one at Green Street and the other at Cotton Street, to permit children of King Edward School to cross without danger from traffic. Prince Rupert School Board sought such safety zones in a letter to the council.

### Soviet is Adamant In Control Determination

BELGRADE (CP)—Eastern Europe's solid Communist bloc today beat down a western power effort to win freedom of navigation guarantees on the Danube. By a vote of 7 to 3 the conference called to write a new convention governing transport on central Europe's major waterway rejected a French attempt to substitute a preamble of its own for the one prepared by Russia for the new pact.

Controversy was over the Russian clause asking recognition for "sovereign rights" for Danube States.

A move for representation of Great Britain, France and Hungary on the Danube Board of Control was also rejected.

### To Join Up Next Year

Newfoundland May Enter  
Confederation on  
March 31 Next

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., (CP)—The Canadian government has informed the Newfoundland commission that it does not think Confederation is "practicable" before March 31, 1949.

The date was set in reply to a commission inquiry regarding trade. The commission had asked when a Confederation would be effected in order to guide commercial interests wishing to import essential supplies.

Present tariffs imposed on goods entering the old colony would disappear on the advent of Confederation and prices would thus be affected.

### PACIFIC COAST SALMON PACK

British Columbia's canned salmon pack for the week ending August 4 totalled 355,697 cases, according to the latest figures released by the Chief Supervisor of Fisheries, Vancouver. The pack is substantially larger than for the same period of any season in recent years.

Skeena River pack was 141,000 cases, almost one-third of the total for the whole coast, while the pack for the whole of District Two, of which Prince Rupert is headquarters, was 258,254 cases.

Sockeye predominated, the total for the coast being 146,245 cases, followed by 94,082 cases of pinks, 36,467 cases of chums, 50,450 cases of coho, 17,787 cases of bluebacks, 8,734 cases of springs and 1,932 cases of steelheads.

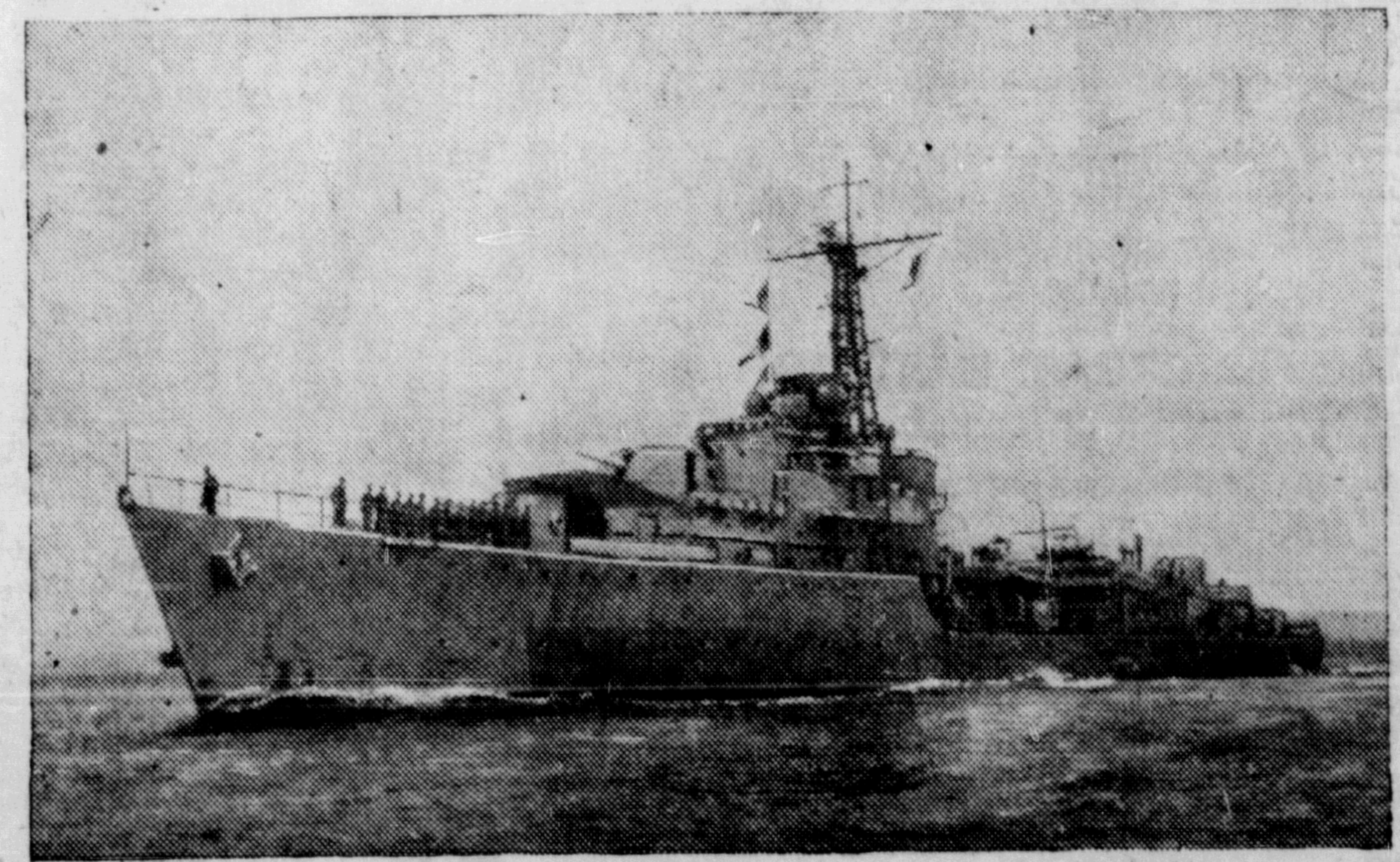
Production in cases in the Naas and Skeena areas was as follows: sockeye, 75,813; pinks, 28,701; chums, 18,502; coho, 12,879; springs, 4,191, and steelhead, 915.

### TRUMAN SIGNS, NOT SATISFIED

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—President Truman today signed the Republican bill on housing passed at the special session of Congress although he criticized the Republicans thereon, saying that the measure fell far short of what was needed. It was an "emasculated" bill, he said, but he had signed it because it would be of "at least some help."

### LOCAL TIDES (Standard Time)

Wednesday, August 11, 1948  
High 6:04 17.1 feet  
18:21 19.0 feet  
Low 12:00 6.8 feet



H.M.C.S. CRESCENT—Canadian destroyer may be one of several warships here during Carnival Week and possibly for Port Day.