

Statehood For Alaska Approved

Indians and Japanese To Get Vote

Franchise Being Extended To People in This Province

PRINCE RUPERT (CP)—Premier Byron Johnson in the Legislature yesterday an amendment to the Electoral Franchise Act which would give the franchise to Indians on reserves and Japanese and British subjects. The amendment does not touch the Liquor Act regarding Indians.

Indians who are off the reservation have the franchise. Doukhobors are now the only residents of British Columbia who are unable to vote.

Regret Expressed At Death of Official

A resolution expressing regret at the recent death of H. W. Brighton, British Columbia representative of the federal Department of Trade and Industry, was passed at the meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night. Mr. Brighton visited the north last fall on the occasion of the annual convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia at Juncos and manifested keen interest in the development of the port of Prince Rupert. The local Chamber will seek to learn who is to be his successor so a continuity of that interest may be maintained.

TIDES
March 9, 1949
8:01 17.6 feet
12:00 15.1 feet
4:36 11.2 feet
8:29 6.3 feet

COMPLAIN PERSECUTION—LET TO COMMERCE CHAMBER

Discriminatory and persecutory treatment of visitors to Prince Rupert received discussion at the meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night. The Chamber passed a resolution urging the authorities, in their current reconsideration of the Liquor Act, to immediately repeal the liquor law which is discriminatory and persecutory treatment of visitors to Prince Rupert.

AIR STRIP RULED OUT

In view of the extremely high estimated cost of \$1,250,000 and "overestimation" of its actual value as a factor in improving of air transportation in and out of Prince Rupert, the Department of Transport has informed the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce that it does not consider as justified the establishment of an air strip at Tugwell Island.

Hold-Up In Vancouver

Lone Bandit Gets Away With \$1100 from Girl Counting Cash
VANCOUVER (CP)—A lone bandit, holding a handkerchief over his face, snatched \$1080 early yesterday from the office of a Vancouver trucking company.

HIS STORY WAS HOAX

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said yesterday that a large-scale search here during the week-end for the fugitive desperado, Mickey McDonald, had been touched off on a hoax tip from 31-year-old John Perry Zoma.

PLASTIC LENSES

Contact lenses are being made from plastic in lieu of glass.

Union War Threatened

Trades and Labor Congress and American Federation Not Seeing Eye to Eye

OTTAWA (CP)—The Trades and Labor Congress executive today threatened a jurisdictional war in Canada with the American Federation of Labor, its powerful United States ally, if the A. F. of L. makes good a veiled threat to pull some of its unions out of the Congress.

The Congress leadership cut loose with a slashing attack on "unwarranted" A. F. of L. attempts to dominate the T.L.C. in a letter prepared for dispatch to the 400,000 members of the Congress.

Immediate touch-off spark was a sharp reprimand delivered to the Congress by the American Federation of Labor executive last month over the Congress' suspension of Frank Hall, chief of the railwaymen's Union of the American Federation, which has been interpreted as an ultimatum to the Congress to fall in line with A. F. of L. policies or lose at least some of its international affiliates with a total membership estimated at 300,000.

Hall has been endeavouring to clean the Congress of communists. If any of these unions try to withdraw from the Congress, the executive declared in a letter, "we will have no other choice than to take over jurisdiction" of those unions.

TRAIN LATE BUT NOT FOR SLIDES

A late connection at Jasper will cause tonight's westbound passenger train to arrive an hour and forty minutes behind its scheduled arrival time of 10:45, it was announced at the railway divisional office here this morning. It should arrive here at 12:25 Wednesday morning.

No obstructions have occurred on the line in the lower Skeena sub-division since the week-end and train service is running smoothly, it was reported. Last night's eastbound train left on schedule and freight train movements are frequent.

Danger of further snowslides along the Skeena is diminishing daily as a result of warm winds which are causing the snow to disappear quickly on the higher slopes. However, the snowslide danger is not yet completely over, it was pointed out.

TO ADVERTISE BUILDING SOON

Administration Structure of U.S. Installations to be Offered Within Few Days

The administration building portion of the United States wartime installations here will be advertised for sale within 10 days, the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was advised last night by War Assets Corporation.

The Chamber has been interested in the possibility of having the building taken over for use in providing additional housing in the city.

The Chamber also was advised that the matter of disposal of such installations as the large warehouse had been brought to the attention of the Minister of National Defence for investigation of its possible value for preservation for defence purposes.

The Chamber was assured that there would be full protection for any persons who might bid for use instead of demolition and plenty of time would be given prospective purchasers to investigate.

Bulgarian Clergymen Sentenced to Life

SOFIA (CP)—Four top defendants in Bulgaria's trial of Protestant churchmen were today sentenced to life imprisonment. Nine of the others got from five to nine years. Two were given suspended sentences.

All were accused of spying for Britain and the United States and most of them for black-market currency dealings.

Sentenced to life are Rev. Vassil Ziapov, 48, Congregationalist; Yanko Ivanov, 48, Methodist; Nikola Naumov, 49, Baptist; and Georgi Chernev, 46, Pentecostal.

MANITOBA-B.C. EVEN

HAMILTON (CP)—Manitoba and British Columbia went into a first-place tie today after the third round of the Canadian curling championships. Each has three straight victories.

Ontario, which entered the round tied with the western provinces, dropped a 14 to 6 decision to the British Columbia rink, skipped by Reg Stone of Trail. Manitoba defeated Quebec 16 to 5.

Lands Committee For Raising of Territory

President Truman Will Now Ask Congress For Immediate Admission

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—The lands committee of the House of Representatives today approved of statehood for Alaska and Hawaii.

Representative Morris (Democrat - Oklahoma) cast a dissenting vote on Hawaii and Representative Marshall (Democrat-Minnesota) voted against Alaska in only two minor objections.

President Truman will now ask Congress for immediate admission of the two territories as states.

BILL ODUM SETS MARK

Flies Non-Stop from Honolulu to East Coast of United States

TETERBORO, New Jersey, (CP)—Big Bill Odum soared in from Honolulu shortly after 11 a.m. Central Standard Time today, setting a 5000-mile world non-stop record for light planes.

Odum, aged 29, set down his Beachcraft, which carried 288 gallons of gasoline, just 36 hours and one minute after leaving Honolulu.

Hundreds of people swarmed around the plane as the former war ferry pilot succeeded in his second attempt to break the record.

Last time in January he had been forced down at Oakland, California.

Premier of China Quits

Will Open Way, It is Believed, To Peace With Communists

NANKING (CP)—Premier Sun Fo and his cabinet, carry-over from the Nationalist regime of the retired Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, quit today. His resignation opens the way for a Premier more acceptable to the Communists in peace talks to end China's civil war.

Sun is on the Communist's war criminals list and has been at odds with Acting President Li Tsung-Jen.

General Ho Ying-Chin, far more acceptable to the Reds, is expected to succeed Sun.

SWEDEN TO TAKE CARE

Determined to Provide Herself for Defence, Chief of Air Staff Declares

VANCOUVER (CP)—Sweden is determined to provide herself with defensive armament, Lt. Gen. Bengt Jorgenskiold, chief of staff of the Swedish air force said here at the week-end after a tour of Royal Canadian Air Force installations in Northern Canada. The general said his trip had resulted in a "very satisfactory" exchange of information.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

Vancouver	
Bayonne	.05
Bralorne	9.00
B. R. Con.	.03
B. R. G.	.11
Cariboo Quartz	1.32
Congress	.04
Hedley Mascot	.43
Pend Orelle	5.50
Pioneer	3.30
Premier Border	.03 1/2
Privateer	.19
Reeves McDonald	3.10
Reno	.05 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.35
Silbak Premier	.36
Taku River	.30
Vananda	.31
Salmon Gold	.18
Spud Valley	.08

Oils	
Anglo Canadian	4.35
A. P. Con.	11 1/2
Atlantic	.76
Calmont	.46
C. & E.	4.90
Central Leduc	1.18
Home Oil	11.50
Mercury	.13 1/2
Okalta	1.55
Pacific Pete	2.48
Princess	.31
Royal Canadian	.09

Toronto	
Athona	11 1/2
Aumaque	.21
Beattie	53 1/2
Bevcourt	.24
Bobjo	.12
Buffalo Canadian	16 1/2
Consol. Smelters	103.75
Conwest	1.35
Donalds	.53
Eldona	58 1/2
East Sullivan	2.78
Giant Yellowknife	5.50
God's Lake	.42
Hardrock	16 1/2
Harricana	06 3/4
Heva	.10
Hosco	25 1/2
Jacknife	.04
Joliet Quebec	.37
Lake Rowan	08 1/4
Lapaska	.06
Little Long Lac	.74
Lynx	.12 1/2
Madsen Red Lake	2.75
McKenzie Red Lake	38 1/4
McLeod Cockshutt	1.00
Moneta	42 1/2
Negus	2.25
Noranda	54.25
Louvencourt	.28
Pickle Crow	2.12
Regcourt	.05
San Antonio	4.15
Senator Rouyn	.41
Sherrit Gordon	2.25
Steep Rock	1.60
Sturgeon River	.17
Silver Miller	.42



WAR RECORD OF SCOUTS—Prime Minister St. Laurent, right, leafs through a copy of "The Left Hand Shake," the story of scouting during the Second World War. The volume was presented to the prime minister by Jackson Dodds of Montreal, Canadian scouting commissioner. F. Desrochers, left, general librarian of the Parliamentary Library looks on. (C. P. Photo)

H. G. T. PERRY—Sees Central British Columbia On Eve of Great Development

The whole north country—Prince Rupert and Central British Columbia—is on the eve of a great upsurge of industrial and economic expansion, H. G. T. Perry of Prince George declared before the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce last night.

"After a lifetime in the north, I was never so enthusiastic, so hopeful as I am today," asserted the veteran newspaper publisher who saw for the immediate future an unprecedented epoch of development tributary to the railway line between Red Pass and Prince Rupert.

A great consummation directly tributary to Prince Rupert was, of course, the \$25,000,000 celanese mill at Prince Rupert. Then there was the very definite possibility of the Aluminum Company of Canada plant in this area.

The importance of primary industry was apparent, Mr. Perry pointed out, when it was considered that, for every person employed in such an industry, indirect employment was given for 4 1/2 more persons.

Mr. Perry had, he said, observed with interest business which had been transacted by the Chamber. He suggested that the Chamber get in touch with the regional development division of the provincial Department of Trade and Industry, through W. H. Crocker of Prince George, when it required information such as had been requested in connection with resources tributary to possible northern railway development to Alaska.

As for a railway to the Peace River country, Mr. Perry expressed enthusiastic belief that as much of the fine coal of that area would reach the coast at Prince Rupert as over the Pacific Great Eastern to the south. Grain and cattle would also find its outlet through this port.

The discussion of treatment of natives at Prince Rupert and the question of the return of the Japanese to the Pacific coast led Mr. Perry to an inspiring appeal for an embracing of the great principles of freedom and liberty including that "of the people of the lesser nations in our midst," as expressed in the United Nations Charter of Human Rights.

"If we do not admit the equality of race, how can we avoid being called hypocrites?"

Buck was interned in the last war by Mr. St. Laurent who was then minister of justice.

NO ORDERS, MINES QUIT

HALIFAX (CP)—The current ailment in the Nova Scotia coal industry, where and how Nova Scotia coal is to be sold, will be diagnosed this week at Ottawa.

During the past fortnight several pits have been worked only part time and several miners have been thrown out of work. The reason is no orders and the reason behind that has been given as the mild maritime winter.

REPRESENTATIVE SOL BLOOM DIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CP)—Representative Sol Bloom, New York Democrat, who rose from near poverty to riches and world prominence, died suddenly last night of a heart attack almost on the eve of his seventy-ninth birthday. Song writing, acting and business enterprises made him a millionaire before he was 20 years of age.