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ALL YOUNG ENOUGH TO LIKE CLOWNS—This informal picture of Great Britain's ex-prime minister and war leader was made as he and Mrs. Churchill attended a performance in London's Olympia Theatre, where he responded jovially to greetings extended by Coco, the clown.

## Chiang Flees Into Exile As Reds Spurn Nationalist Truce Appeal

### Missing Plane, With Eleven On Board, Sighted, All Safe

CHURCHILL (CP)—A Royal Canadian Air Force plane, on its way back to Churchill from a mercy flight to Coral Harbor, has been sighted and those on board are announced safe. This was revealed today as an all-out search had left only a slender hope.

The announcement that a search plane from Northern Manitoba had sighted the missing Arctic mercy flight plane was followed close by word that all men aboard were alive. The missing plane was sighted 70 miles southeast of Churchill. The Dakota aircraft had been missing on the return leg of its mercy flight to Arctic Bay in the Far North.

Last night there had been S.O.S. messages from the missing plane which was carrying eight Air Force men, a sick radio operator, for whom the flight had been made, a doctor and an Eskimo. The distress messages ceased at 2:35 a.m., almost three hours after they had first been heard. They failed at that time to give the plane's location which might have been anywhere in an area of several hundred square miles.

The plane took off last Monday from Rivers, Manitoba, on a 4,000-mile return mission into the land of winter darkness and was headed back for Winnipeg with its mission well under way towards completion when the trouble hit.

The last message had said the plane was over ice, having strayed off its course while on the way from Coral Harbor.

The pilot is K. E. Moore of Vancouver. Other members of the crew are Flt.-Lt. A. B. Tony Morabito of Vancouver and Flt.-Lt. F. L. Rowe of Vancouver.

The two patients aboard the craft are Harold Dunn, Department of Transport radio operator with a stomach ailment, and an Eskimo who accompanied him as an additional hospital case, the Army doctor being with them.

### POOLE CITIZENS PRESENT PLAQUE

Gratitude of the people of the city of Poole, Dorset, England, to the citizens of Prince Rupert was given permanent expression at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club here yesterday afternoon when Mayor Nora E. Arnold received a plaque from the English city in appreciation of food and clothing parcels sent from here a year ago.

The plaque was presented by the club which had received it from the Rotary Club of Poole which handled distribution of the parcels overseas.

Two new members, Fred Hemsworth and James Rogerson, delivered autobiographical addresses to the meeting in the Broadway Cafe.

### SUPERVISING CEASE-FIRE

OTTAWA (CP)—Four former Canadian Army officers were named yesterday to serve as military observers on the United Nations Commission supervising the cease-fire in India-Pakistan fighting in Kashmir. They include Lt.-Col. H. H. Angle of Kelowna. They will leave next Monday from Ottawa on an air trip to Kashmir.

### Door Forever Closed To Peace, Communists Assert

NANKING (CP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek stepped down today as President of China, handing over reins of government to the Vice-President, Li Tsung-Jen. Chiang, it was announced, had taken a "leave of absence" and is going into exile, ostensibly to rest. He is proceeding to his home town in Chekiang Province and go from there to Formosa where he has consigned his property. Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, who went to the United States a few weeks ago to appeal for aid for Nationalist China, is now in New York visiting with a sister.

Chiang is to issue a statement, it is said, probably tonight.

Final intentions of Chiang Kai-Shek did not seem entirely clear amid a welter of rumors, some official and some not, that he was intending to retire permanently.

Meanwhile a Shanghai report says that the Chinese Communist radio has rejected in strong terms a Nationalist appeal for immediate, unconditional cease-fire as a prerequisite to peace negotiations. The radio said that the government's unreasonable decision "closed the door for any peace talk."

### Wheat Price Is Satisfactory

Prairie Seems to be Pleased With \$2 Bushel Under New Agreement

WINNIPEG, (CP)—Western Canada's reaction to the new Anglo-Canadian wheat agreement terms calling for \$2 a bushel wheat appeared today to be moderately enthusiastic. The price came as no surprise to the man who grows wheat, agriculture or government officials.

Premier T. C. Douglas of Saskatchewan said the price was not unexpected. "It is a reasonable provision at this time," he said.

A. E. Sproule of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool said the price was "satisfactory."

The government announced yesterday that the 1949-50 wheat price under a four-year Anglo-Canadian wheat contract would be \$2 a bushel, covering 140,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat and that Canadian wheat and wheat flour that would be shipped to Great Britain through the Canadian Wheat Board during the final year of the present agreement. This represents no change from the \$2 paid for 140,000,000 bushels last year, the price having been raised from the previous \$1.55.

### CRASH-LANDING WITH 5 ABOARD

SEATTLE (CP)—The Civil Aeronautics Association reported today that an Alaska Airlines DC-3 apparently had crash-landed in rugged country 30 miles northeast of Homer, Alaska, with the fate of five occupants undetermined. The plane was sighted on the slope of a hill on Kenai Peninsula, northeast of Kodiak Island.

### Prime Minister Of Burma Resigns

RANGOON (CP)—Burma's Prime Minister, U Nu, has tendered the resignation of his cabinet to the President.

### YEAR'S PUBLICITY EFFORT REVIEWED RELATIONS COUNCIL ANNUAL MEET

Publicity work done for Prince Rupert and district last year was summarized and new officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Public Relations Council held in the city hall council chamber last night.

Highlight of the Council's 1948 efforts was listed by Miss Honora Silversides as the publication of 21,000 copies of a colorful publicity pamphlet which received wide distribution and acclaim.

Initial project for the current year was urged by Secretary E. T. Applewhite as a financial drive to raise funds for the continuing publicity work which the Council plans. Mr. Applewhite was re-elected to office.

The following slate of officers will serve in 1949:

President, J. K. McLeod.  
Vice-President, Edward Musselman.  
Treasurer, R. G. Hopkins (re-elected).  
Secretary, E. T. Applewhite (re-elected).  
Internal Affairs Chairman, Alderman H. M. Daggett.  
External Affairs Chairman, Robert McKay.

Sub-committees will be appointed at a later date by the executive, including a finance committee to embark on the fund-raising drive to enable the Council to operate.

The 17 delegates present from various business and fraternal organizations expressed their thanks to Miss Silversides and Mr. Applewhite for the leadership given during the year.

Miss Silversides' report which outlined the Council's work, stressed not only the outside publicity given, but also emphasized the efforts of the internal relations committee to improve conditions for tourists and visitors to the city.

"Being quite aware that the city knows there are many local places in need of improvement, we nevertheless sought early attention for some of the most disagreeable spots such as the garbage dump, Cow Bay, the dangerous sidewalk east of the Civic Centre and the unkempt grounds in front of the Museum and Health Unit, as well as those at Alder and Service Parks," Miss Silversides said.

The Council also provided funds for a publicity bureau in the Museum during the summer

### ULSTER TO VOTE ON FEBRUARY 10

BELFAST (CP)—Sir Basil Brooke, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, announced that the Ulster Parliament will be dissolved today with a general election February 10.

### THE WEATHER

Synopsis  
A low pressure area centred off the west coast of Vancouver Island is causing a southerly flow of moist Pacific air aloft over southwestern British Columbia. Snow now falling over these regions is expected to end about midday but cloudy skies are likely to persist throughout the day. Widely scattered light snow flurries will be general over the interior. Below zero temperatures were recorded in the southeastern interior while over the rest of the province the mercury varied from zero at Prince George to near freezing at the coast. Some clearing is expected along the coast tomorrow as northwesterly winds develop and somewhat lower temperatures will be recorded in most of the coastal areas. Little change is expected over the interior.

Forecast  
Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Variable cloudiness and widely scattered snow flurries today, clearing tonight. Clear Saturday. Winds northerly (18 m.p.h.) over the Charlottes and light along the mainland. Cold-er. Lows tonight and highs Saturday: Port ardy 26 and 35, Massett 23 and 35, Prince Rupert 20 and 35.

### NATIVES SEEK MORE MONEY FOR SOCKEYE

KITWANGA—Native sockeye salmon fishermen at this upper Skeena settlement expressed dissatisfaction with 1948 sockeye prices paid by canners and indicated their intention to ask for higher prices when the 1949 agreement comes up for negotiation.

Harold Sinclair, Upper Skeena branch president of the Native Brotherhood of B.C., charged that rental costs of boats and equipment were exorbitant and more than offset the price increases gained last year. Sockeye price on the lower Skeena last year was 20 cents a pound. Equipment costs ranged from \$1,000 to \$3,000 to native operators of cannery boats, he declared.

As an indication of profits made on the fishermen's products, he said that canned sockeye salmon sold at Kitwanga at \$1.06 a pound.

The Kitwanga branch of the Native Brotherhood will join the other branches and the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union in summer price negotiations. Mr. Sinclair cautioned that extreme care be used in the negotiations with the canners' committee.

### DRAWINGS FROM UNITED STATES

Helping to Finance Shipment of Canadian Food to Britain

OTTAWA, (CP)—Finance Minister Douglas Abbott said today that drawings on unused portion of the United States loan continue at \$10,000,000 a month. He said that the drawings were "particularly helpful in maintaining a flow of Canadian products to the United Kingdom."

The minister of finance said that last year the United States European aid plan had financed a "substantial portion" of the food purchased in Canada for United Kingdom consumption. Resumption of the drawings would provide a "necessary and valuable addition to the assistance provided by the United States."

### COUNTRY WINDING GALES

WIND—Gales, with gusts up to 40 miles an hour off the coast of Scotland and northern Ireland, have sent vessels, many fishing craft, to sea for shelter and brought about to ships in difficulty the crew of the trawler, the Star, which ran aground on the rocks of Lewis, was rescued by breeches buoy by the lifeboat.

An Aberdeen men aboard a vessel, drifting helplessly, were all saved.

### CONGRATULATION SPECTACULAR

ABLE Russian Ambassador Was Close to Truman

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In the respects, the occasion of the inauguration yesterday of Dwight D. Truman as President of the United States was the most spectacular in the history of the nation. It is estimated that 100,000 persons, many from other states, were on the sidewalks, roofs and balconies of anyone could stand.

A short and solemn ceremony in the White House, President Truman took office, after which there was a monster parade.

President and Vice-President Albin Barkley drove in a motorcade. There were 40 bands playing "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Missouri, My Home State" as well as many other selections.

Over the course of the actual ceremony was like a combination of the Old Home Week and the Gras of New Orleans. There was mild and sunny weather and a note of good cheer and urge to

### 20 DAYS TO AUSTRALIA

OTTAWA, (CP)—A new air service will bring Australia to within 20 days of Vancouver in the Commonwealth Pacific Lines announced today operating of planes for service February 16. The plane here from Sydney will arrive next day.

### CROSS SOCIETY MEETING

A meeting in Civic Centre, Wed. Jan. 26, 8 p.m. must be a representative attendance if Red work is to be carried on.

## Bulletins

### EDEN IS COMING OVER

LONDON—Anthony Eden, deputy leader of the Conservative party, left by plane Thursday night for Montreal on the first leg of a two-month tour of the British Commonwealth. He is to speak in Vancouver before leaving for New Zealand.

### VICTORY FOR B.C.

OTTAWA—The provinces opposing freight rate increases scored a victory yesterday when the Board of Transport Commissioners ruled they would hear evidence on non-rail income of railways (hotels, steamships, etc.) in their case for a boost. British Columbia counsel had sought to have that money—\$25,000,000—taken into consideration in the CPR's plea that it needed an increase to operate.

### TURN DOWN CANNED SALMON

LONDON—Food Minister Strachey said today that his ministry had turned down the Canadian offer of tinned salmon on a deferred payment basis because it was not known when Britain would have enough dollars. "If they would agree to payment in sterling, we could do business," said Strachey, "but we must keep our dollars for more essential foods such as wheat."

### MORE SNOW, LESS POWER

VANCOUVER—More snow was today expected to complicate the Lower Mainland's power shortage. Rationing of electricity went into effect at midnight with the British Columbia Electric ready to cut off power offenders. Rain is necessary to end the power shortage but still it is not in prospect. By statistics, it is long overdue.

### J. H. THOMAS DIES

LONDON—Rt. Hon. J. H. Thomas, former Labor leader, who resigned as Colonial Secretary in the late Stanley Baldwin's National government after inquiries of alleged budget leaks, died at his home in suburban Bulwich today.

## PEARSON WARNS OF COMMUNISTS

OTTAWA, (CP)—Hon. L. B. Pearson, minister of external affairs, Thursday night warned Canadians not to be "deceived by those phony olive branches which now seem to be waiting here and there in Europe on orders of Moscow."

In an address prepared for delivery on a TransCanada network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, he said that Canada policy for peace is "peace with freedom."

Pearson also said that the group of countries led by Russia was making it difficult to establish peace and was blocking the progress of the United Nations.

Portland cement is so finely ground that 90 per cent will pass through a sieve with 40,000 openings to the square inch.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

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

Vancouver		Beattie	
Bayonne	.06 1/2	Bevcourt	.25
Bralorne	9.20	Bobjo	.13
B. R. Con.	.03	Buffalo Canadian	.18
B. R. X.	.08	Consol. Smelters	118.00
Cariboo Quartz	1.40	Conwest	1.36
Congress	.05	Donalda	.56
Hedley Mascot	.45	Eldona	.70
Pend Oreille	5.80	East Sullivan	3.20
Pioneer	3.30	Giant Yellowknife	5.35
Premier Border	.04	God's Lake	.52
Privateer	.09 1/2	ardrock	.18
Reeves McDonald	3.15	arricana	.08 1/2
Reno	.08	eva	11 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.55	Hosco	25 1/2
Silbak Premier	.40	Jacknife	0.04 1/2
Taku River	.28	Joliet Quebec	.44
Vananda	.39	Lake Rowan	.09 1/2
Salmon Gold	.12	Lapaska	.09 1/2
Spud Valley	.06	Little Long Lac	.95
Oils		Lynx	14 1/2
Anglo Canadian	4.50	Madsen Red Lake	2.65
Atlantic	.80	McLeod Cockshutt	1.08
Calmont	.48	Moneta	.50
C. & E.	6.10	Negus	2.26
Central Leduc	1.43	Noranda	57.50
Home Oil	12.65	Louvicourt	.39
Pacific Pete	2.95	Pickle Crow	2.12
Okalta	1.40	Regcourt	.07
Princess	.38 1/2	San Antonio	3.85
Royal Canadian	.10 1/2	Senator Rouyn	.42
South Brazeau	.21	Sheritt Gordon	2.35
Mercury	.13	Sheep Rock	1.65
Toronto		Sturgeon River	.16
Athona	.13 1/2	Silver Miller	.37
Aumaque	.20		