

The Flood Tide

Objective \$25,000

Acknowledged to date	\$253
Mayor Nora Arnold	\$50
Sefton	5
O. Lefisto	5
Gustafson	5
Anonymous	5
Grace Richards	2
J. J. Jacobs	5
Federick Moore	1
J. Armstrong	5
James Hadden	10
H. Morgan	10
Anonymous	150

First Attack Made by Navy

Another Phase of Palestine Warfare—United Nations Truce Edict

CAIRO, (CP)—The TransJordan reign office said today that the Arabs had already accepted the truce for cease fire.

Reuters reports from Amman that Count Bernadotte, United Nations Palestine mediator, ordered a cease fire in Palestine at 9 a.m. Sunday and a truce came into effect at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Jerusalem has had 24 hours comparative peace. Hagana forces were holding all but a small part of the modern city yesterday. Arab forces made no attempt to improve their positions.

The first naval attack took place yesterday when the Egyptian fleet bombarded the port of Beersheva between Tel Aviv and Haifa. Four hundred Jews were killed. A vessel was sunk in the harbor and port installations were damaged.

COLUMBIA RIVER STILL RAMPAGING; \$110 MILLION DAMAGE; NO RELIEF YET

PORTLAND, (CP)—Unbridled waters charged today to a new high, punching out dykes over a far larger flood front in northwestern United States.

Reinforcements have been rushed to soggy dykes along the lower Columbia River's shores in Oregon and Washington as the massive flow of the big river threatened to widen its most destructive 1200 mile surge to the Pacific.

A fresh flood crest is mounting in the Columbia far up the mountains where the blazing sun quickly changes deep snow pack to run-off water.

The Snake River, a main tributary of the Columbia, is also flooded.

Flood Flashes

DID NOT EVACUATE

USK—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Skinner took the second floor of their residential hotel was flooded but they remained nonchalantly upstairs until the flood receded.

FIFTEEN ARE MISSING

PORTLAND—Fifteen persons are still missing following the Vanport flood but there is no confirmation that they may be dead. From 10 to 15 feet of water still covers the city.

WIRES ARE ALIVE

VANCOUVER—People of the Fraser Valley flood areas have been warned not to touch fallen light wires. They may be alive.

MORE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

VANCOUVER—The Canadian Army sent out a new call today at Vancouver for volunteers to assist in repairing the dykes and stemming the flood waters of the Fraser River.

TRAIL EVACUATES

TRAIL—All residents of Riverside Street, Trail's lowest thoroughfare, have been evacuated as the Columbia River continues to rise.

ISLAND EVACUATED

NEW WESTMINSTER—Muddy waters of the Fraser River flooded over most of Barnston Island today after a dyke cracked on the northeast shore. The island has been completely evacuated now.

RAILWAY DAMAGED

VANCOUVER—Near Hatzic Lake, 45 miles east of here, the roaring Fraser River carried away a Canadian Pacific Railway pump station and the station keeper's house. Other houses were also carried from foundations and floated downstream. The double bed of C.P.R. Railway was snapped and rails left twisted grotesquely in the air.

BEACHES CONTAMINATED

VANCOUVER—Vancouver beaches will be sampled by the health department to determine if there has been bacterial contamination as a result of Fraser River floods. If contamination is found, the public will be warned.

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Southern B.C. Anxiously Hoping Worst Is Now Over

Fraser and Thompson Rivers Receding—Columbia Still Critical With Danger at Trail

VANCOUVER (CP)—The one big question today in the minds of 1,000,000 flood weary persons in British Columbia is: "Is the worst over?"

With nearly 60,000 acres of watery waste, 9,000 persons are homeless and devastation is estimated at \$30,000,000.

"Valley of Misery" residents hopefully eyed the slowdown of the Fraser today.

At Mission, thirty miles west of here, the river dropped from 24.30 to 24.09 early today.

The major concern of the Fraser Valley centres is the Chilliwack area. The city is practically isolated, the Navy reported early today.

In the North Okanagan the Thompson River has shown a fall from 20.2 feet to 20.6 feet.

Reports from the North Thompson watershed also indicate that the river is dropping slowly in the mountains.

While flood fronts in the Kootenays reported relief in most areas, Trail, 230 miles from Vancouver, had an unchanged situation as the Columbia River overflowed into low-lying homes.

The nearby village of Castlegar, which received last flood shipments two weeks ago, was isolated at midnight last night.

Bulletins

EXPECTING OCTOBER 15
LONDON—Princess Elizabeth is expecting a baby. This becomes officially known today. All engagements after the end of the month have been cancelled. The event is expected about the middle of October.

LIVING INDEX UP
OTTAWA—The cost of living index rose 1.7 points from April 1 to May 1, the new figure being 153.3, the highest on record.

HOT WEATHER ON PRAIRIES

Favors Seeding But Makes Germination Irregular

WINNIPEG — Weather over the western region this past week has been considerably warmer than usual for this time of the year with high winds in many sections and little or no precipitation, according to the weekly crop report of the Department of Agriculture of the Canadian National Railways.

This condition favored seeding operations which in many districts have been completed but, with top soil drying out rapidly in many localities, uneven germination of late sown crops becomes a possibility. As with early sown crops and hay, weed growth has been rapid, requiring extra cultivating prior to seeding.

In the Okanagan weather has been quite hot, causing rapid development of all fruit. Heavy rains together with hot weather caused flood conditions in some sections which will necessitate considerable replanting of vegetables if the water drains off before too long.

Evacuee Train Itself Held Up

VANCOUVER—A train full of evacuees, from Harrison Mills, was itself isolated yesterday. The train, cut off by the high water, was still stalled, up to last evening.

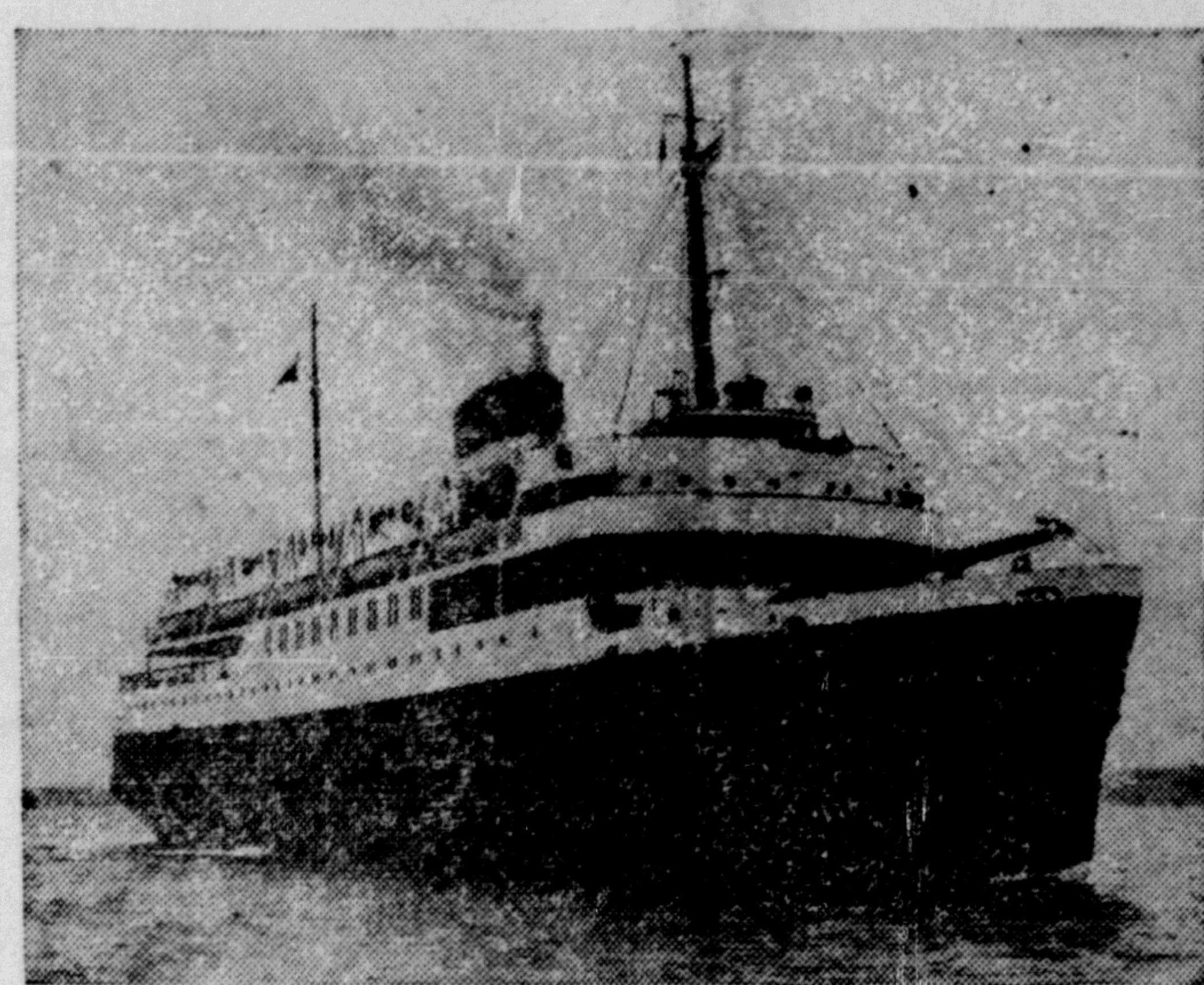
THE WEATHER

Synopsis
The storm which moved into the southern interior yesterday is still causing expansive cloudiness from the Cascades to the Rockies. Rain is reported from the Kootenays and thunderstorms are expected to develop there this afternoon. The Cariboo and Prince George areas are mostly cloudy. Coastal areas are clear except for some low cloud patches over the water. High barometric pressure along the coast indicates that a fine warm week-end is in store for the province.

Forecast
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Variable cloudiness this morning and again tonight. Clouds in the afternoon and evenings. Light winds. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow: Port Hardy 45 and 66, Massett 45 and 60, Prince Rupert 45 and 60.

LOCAL TIDES

(Standard Time)		
Saturday, June 5, 1948		
High	12:14	17.4 feet
Low	6:05	4.2 feet
	17:55	7.6 feet



NEWEST PASSENGER LINER ON THE PACIFIC COAST—T. S.S. Prince George, built for the Canadian National Steamships regular passenger and tourist service between Vancouver and Skagway. The new ship has just finished her trials and will be in Prince Rupert on her first sailing north June 12 with a passenger list made up of members of Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. The ship is 350 feet long and carries 322 passengers and will make trips every 10 days throughout the summer months, with calls at Ocean Falls, Prince Rupert, Ketchikan and Juneau. Following acceptance trials, the Prince George arrived in Vancouver from Victoria this week and is now outfitting for her maiden voyage.

Highway Damage Revealed By Public Works Officials

Assistant District Engineer W. E. Bottomley Estimates Road From Prince Rupert to Terrace May be Opened in Three Weeks

First comprehensive survey of damage to the northern trans-provincial highway between Smithers and Prince Rupert was released today by the local office of the Department of Public Works on the basis of a survey just made by Assistant District Engineer W. E. Bottomley.

Mr. Bottomley arrived in the city last night and left shortly after by plane to return to Smithers. He traversed the 250 miles of road from Smithers to Prince Rupert by various means of transportation, including "long walks."

At present, he is unable to say when all the road damage will be repaired sufficiently to let traffic by from East Kwinitsa to Terrace but an "approximate estimate is in the neighborhood of three weeks."

Here is the report turned in to District Engineer J. C. Brady last night. It begins at Smithers, ending at Prince Rupert:

Smithers Bridge—Water cut across the field on the Smithers side of the bridge and washed out the new approach for about 250 yards and washed the surface off the old road for about 400 yards, leaving several bad holes. We are keeping traffic moving on the old road at present.

Mosquito Flats—36 miles west of Smithers. Water washed out the road for about 200 feet but can be repaired by fill. Traffic has been maintained across the flats.

Shandilla Creek Bridge—The Skeena washed out the fill at the west end of the bridge. This will be fixed in two days.

Whiskey Creek—Four feet of water across the road just east of the bridge.

Meanskinish Bridge over channel of Skeena River on road to Cedarvale ferry—The 68-foot king truss span has been washed out here but this does not interfere with traffic on the main road. The Usk ferry is out but this is off the main road. The road between Smithers and Terrace is expected to be passable by June 6.

TERRACE TO PRINCE RUPERT

Remo—Washout about 60 feet wide and almost full width of road.

Colony May Have Split Between Self Gov't and Joining Confederation

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland (CP)—With 136,453 voters of 176,297 eligible accounted for, the results of Newfoundland's constitutionality referendum showed the commission form of government with 19,633; confederation, 55,813; and responsible government 61,006. In the percentage there is 44 per cent for responsible

RUSSIAN SHIP VISITS HERE

A Russian ship, the 10,000-ton passenger-cargo boat Chukotka, bound from Vancouver to Vladivostok, docked at Prince Rupert shortly before noon today to take on fresh water. The ship, travelling without passengers but with some hemp cargo, is a former German boat, seized as a war prize at the end of the war. Her master is Captain Alexeev. She was the centre of interest of a wharfside throng after she docked. She was expected to sail tonight. She came from Vancouver with Capt. Alex Sinclair as pilot.

FISHERMAN DROWNS AT SEAL COVE

A Vancouver fisherman was drowned this morning at the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. dock at Seal Cove when he fell from the wharf into the harbor. He was Johan Gottfred Lundgren, crew member of the halibut boat Robert G. Johnston.

His body was recovered by William Gomez, Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. worker. He was given immediate artificial respiration, but failed to rally. Witnesses to the mishap said that Lundgren was staggering near the wharf edge and lost his balance and pitched over the side. He was in the water for about eight minutes.

An inquest has been set for Saturday morning by Coroner M. M. Stephens.

Lundgren, who was 48 years old, lived in Vancouver. He was born in Bergen, Norway, and was unmarried.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

VANCOUVER	
Bralorne	8.25
B. R. Con.	.03
B. R. X.	.05
Cariboo Quartz	1.35
Dentonia	.02 1/2
Grull Wilksne	.04
Hedley Mascot	.45
Minto	.01 3/4
Pend Oreille	3.90
Pioneer	2.90
Privateer	.03
Premier Border	.20
Reeves McDonald	1.90
Reno	.08 1/2
Salmon Gold	.15 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.14
Taylor Bridge	4.40
Taku River	.35
Vananda	.36
Congress	.03
Pacific Eastern	.05
Hedley Amalg.	.02
Central Zeballos	.01
Silbak Premier	.34
Oils	
A. P. Con.	.17
Calmont	.55
C. & E.	6.50
Foothills	3.00
Home	8.80

GOVERNMENT OF PARAGUAY FALLS

BUENOS AIRES, (CP)—La Nacion correspondent for Informosa reported today that President Higinog's Paraguayan government had fallen. A dispatch said this morning that Higinog, whose forces had recently put down a revolt, had been succeeded by Manuel Frutos, chief justice of Paraguay Supreme Court.

C.N.R. EMPLOYS MOTOR TRUCKS TO REPAIR ROADBED

Motor trucks were called into service today to assist in the repair of the Canadian National Railways line eastward from Kwinitsa where the receding Skeena River has left a trail of washouts and roadbed damage which may take weeks to repair.

The trucks, recruited from city transfer and construction companies, will haul gravel from Kwinitsa, western limit of the flood damage, to repair the roadbed which is reported to be washed out in many places between Kwinitsa and Terrace.

This morning, the railway company had obtained the use of nine trucks and were said to be seeking "as many as we can get."

The trucks will probably repair the tracks as far east as Terrace. Work crews have been out for the last couple of days. A power shovel will be sent out to a gravel pit near Kwinitsa to load the trucks.

In order to haul the gravel for the railway repair, it will be necessary to make repairs to the highway which borders the track in that area.

Railway officials would make no prediction as to when the line would be in operation again.

Meanwhile, Canadian National Telegraphs have begun to restore their service which was washed out by last week's Skeena flood. A circuit was put through last night, but failed during the early morning. It was restored again today.

Radio network programs were carried this morning for the first time in almost a fortnight. Commercial service, however, was not back to normal this morning. Telegraph linemen are working continuously to repair the damage.

Twenty-five Thousand Dollars in Ten Days

FLOOD RELIEF OBJECTIVE FOR PRINCE RUPERT SET—CANVASS STARTS TODAY

Twenty-five thousand dollars in a lightning ten-day campaign was set last night by the Prince Rupert committee as its primary objective for the British Columbia Flood Emergency. Enthusiastic canvassers went to work today covering the city to bring about the realization of that objective with a minimum of delay—by June 12 at the ultimate. Mayor Nora Arnold started the flood relief tide flowing at last night's meeting with a personal subscription of \$50.

While house-to-house canvassers are pursuing their sacrificing task, internal canvasses of industrial and other employees are being organized and the canvass will also reach out to workers whose duties keep them out of town, particularly the fishermen on the grounds who will be reached at their base camps. Nor will be unorganized communities.

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GYRO CLUB SWIMMING POOL

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned, for the construction of a Cement Swimming Pool at McClymont Park. Tenders must be received by 5 p.m., June 12 and be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of 10% of tender. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Blueprints and specifications on request.

E. D. FORWARD, Secretary, Box 1145, City. (132)