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The Berlin Impasse

IT IS OBVIOUS that there must be an end to the impasse on the Berlin blockade within a very short time. The present situation cannot go on long. Somebody must give in. Strong extensions of determination have been made. Yet there is still the chance, and a very good one it is, for the two sides to get together. Very possibly it may come to some sort of a mutual understanding that will bring to a stop once and for all the friction, long too continuing now, over the matter of occupation and re-establishment of Germany. It is all so unnecessary too since all that can be at the bottom of it is a selfish desire for political or economic advancement of one side.

Direct negotiation with Moscow is now stated by the western powers to be the last recourse for a settlement. Maybe this has been only too long deferred.

Meantime until some understanding is reached and the present snarling ended, there cannot but be a state of tenseness throughout the world over the possibility of another war which everyone, of course, shudders to think about.

THE SALES TAX

THE EARS of the Victoria government must have been burning since July 1. It is a long time, if ever, that we can recall such a hue and cry of protest over anything like that which has been aroused over the application of the three percent sales tax. In spite of the apologies, explanations and salvy statements of the government, it has already proven not only a nuisance but painful. Five days have gone and few citizens—man, woman or child—have not felt personally the new direct tax to the like of which we in British Columbia have not been used and which, naturally, we do not relish.

There has been a lot of political damage done, but the government cannot say it was not warned. It is said that the people will get used to anything—that retail sales taxes elsewhere have been as badly received at first but finally accepted although we have not heard with complete agreement. It is going to take a lot of getting used to in British Columbia.

Now that we are starting to pay, the government would be well to rush on the benefits which it will probably find it has been easier to conceive than to deliver.

THE MENNONITES

CANADIAN-BORN Mennonites, totalling 1,689, are on their way from Quebec to Paraguay in South America where they propose to remain.

Canada first heard of the Mennonites in 1874 when quite a number arrived in Manitoba where, as the years rolled on, comfortable farm homes were established.

Reasons have been given as to why the mass migration south is under way. There were four special trains and fourteen freight cars necessary in moving people and possessions from Winnipeg.

A lawyer of that city, who served as legal adviser, feels the present move is a mistake. He has mentioned the country—100,000 acres of primitive land, tropical climate, certainty of illness. There are 516 children under ten years. There are women over eighty, two in wheel chairs. Far away fields he emphasizes, are not always green.

CONTRACT LET

Prince George Concern Gets Job at Burns Lake
The contract for installing a waterworks system in Burns Lake has been let to Spidel & Sons of Prince George. The Scope, contract figure is \$65,000. It is expected the job will be completed in September.

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"All-Up" Mail TO HIGH SCHOOL

Cuts Delivery Time to Two Days From Eastern Canada

The new "all up" air mail service has brought eastern Canada within two days of Prince Rupert for all first class mail within the one-ounce weight limit and has boosted volume of air-borne mail "considerably" since it went into effect on Thursday.

Post office authorities here point out that the "all up" treatment is effective only on regular first class mail within the one-ounce weight limit. Air letters above that weight must carry the regulation seven-cent stamp for the first ounce and five cents for each additional ounce.

Distribution of "all up" mail is being made in all parts of Canada served by air lines and puts Prince Rupert on a two-day delivery service with Montreal and Toronto. Surface delivery time is four to five days.

However, air mail letters, bearing seven-cent stamps, still command priority in scoring and delivery over "all up" letters and postal authorities advise that, if special attention is desired for letters, they be sent at the air mail rate.

So far, because of congestion at major sorting points, such as Vancouver, the volume increase has not yet been determined, but it is known to be considerable.

Mail arriving and departing on regular C.P.A. flights between Vancouver and Prince Rupert has increased greatly in the last two days.

SAWLOG SCALE

Slightly Below First Six Months of 1947

Sawlog scale in the Prince Rupert forestry district for the first six months of 1948 was 109,393,587 board feet, a decrease of 600,000 board feet under the amount for the same period last year, according to the monthly report issued by the district forestry office here.

During the same period this year, the pole and piling cut was 1,619,317 lineal feet, a drop of 159,000 feet under the first six months of 1947.

Sawlog production during June was 19,633,182 board feet, a slight decrease under June, 1947, while pole and piling totalled 303,317, an increase of about 70,000 lineal feet.

During June, production of railway ties totalled 12,766 ties, double that of June, 1947. There were 66 units of cordwood cut during the month.

Sawlog scale for June:
Fir, 1,060,216.
Cedar, 3,911,469.
Spruce, 8,520,252.
Hemlock, 4,258,729.
Balsam, 381,565.
Jackpine, 1,357,519.
Miscellaneous, 43,432.

10 FIRE CALLS

City fire department responded to 10 fire calls during June, only one of which resulted in damage. So far this year, there have been 55 fire calls with damage set at \$10,500. For the first six months of 1947, there was loss of \$26,000 resulting from 56 fire calls. Last month a blaze did \$500 damage to the roof of a dwelling on Comox Avenue.

Customs Receipts

Custom and excise revenue at the port of Prince Rupert during June totalled \$60,188.90, bringing the receipts for the first six months of 1948 to \$264,056.29. Receipts for the same period last year were \$213,163. The June figure was the highest for any month so far this year.

You saw it in the Daily News

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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In the Matter of the "Administration Act"

In the Matter of the Estate of William Aitken, Deceased, Intestate.
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All parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified, to me on or before the 24th day of August, 1948, after which claims filed may be paid without reference to any claims of which I then had no knowledge.

DATED this 25th day of June A.D. 1948.
ROBERT F. JOHNSTON,
Official Administrator.
Telegraph Creek, B.C. (163)

Sixty Graduates From King Edward School

To mark the closing of the term of 1947-1948 at King Edward School, picnics at McClelland Park and classroom parties were held by all divisions. Pupils were given their report cards and new groupings were explained for the coming term in September. In September at least 80 new students will be enrolled in the school to take the place of the 86 who graduated to Booth Memorial School.

Pupils graduating from Grade Six to Grade 7 in Booth are as follows:

Jean Anderson, James Boteman, Robert Brewerton, Richard Cameron, Christlieb Cuthill, Ronald Cicconi, Earl Gamblin, Elizabeth Garner, Mary Greenwood, Shirley Hangan, George Henry, Ronald Hemmons, Olaf Husvik, Donald Jensen, Fred Kristmannson, Dorothy Eveleigh, Kenneth Farrington, Duane Loughlin, John MacDonald, Mary McKenzie, Bill McKenzie, Ross Martin, Mathilde Marki, Margot Melgard, Yvonne Nielson, Gordon Morrison, Helen Olson, Arlene Pope, Robert Peder-

sen, Tommy Sedgwick, Harold Weber, Dennis Adolph, Donald Larsen, Clifford Johnson, Ovet Alger, Melvin Anderson, Raymond Anderson, Ross Anderson, Robert Barnes, Harold Brunzen, Paul Brentzen, Glen Chandler, John Davidson, Robert Dennison, Christopher Erickson, Verne Erickson, Joan Geddes, Jean Golds, Grant Furman, Arthur Good, Barry Hallin, Alfred Hodgkinson, Elizabeth Red Jordan, Smith, Marion Kelly, Raymond Kelly, James Langridge, Louise Leask, Shirley Leask, Lloyd Magnusson, Elizabeth Mordant, Doreen Olsen, David Owens, Roy Mostad, Ronald Shaw, Marion Valderhaug.

GOOD SHOWING

Pupils of Borden Street School Put Up No Less Than \$146 for Flood Relief

No less than \$146 was raised by pupils of Borden Street School for the British Columbia Flood Emergency Relief Fund. Previously there had been a donation of \$25. Since then another \$21 has been turned in by Principal J. F. Wilson as a result of the effort of his pupils, particularly the boys.

Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.J.

A rock came through a window in the Daily News office early last Friday afternoon, sending shattered glass over a desk, and causing a lone proof reader to give a start and look up. This reminds one of the Dawson dance hall where the card on the piano bore the following words: "Please don't shoot the pianist. He's doing the best he can."

One notices in the daily press that coppers are scarce—especially around midnight when a few lusty lads are noising a few and are very vocal.

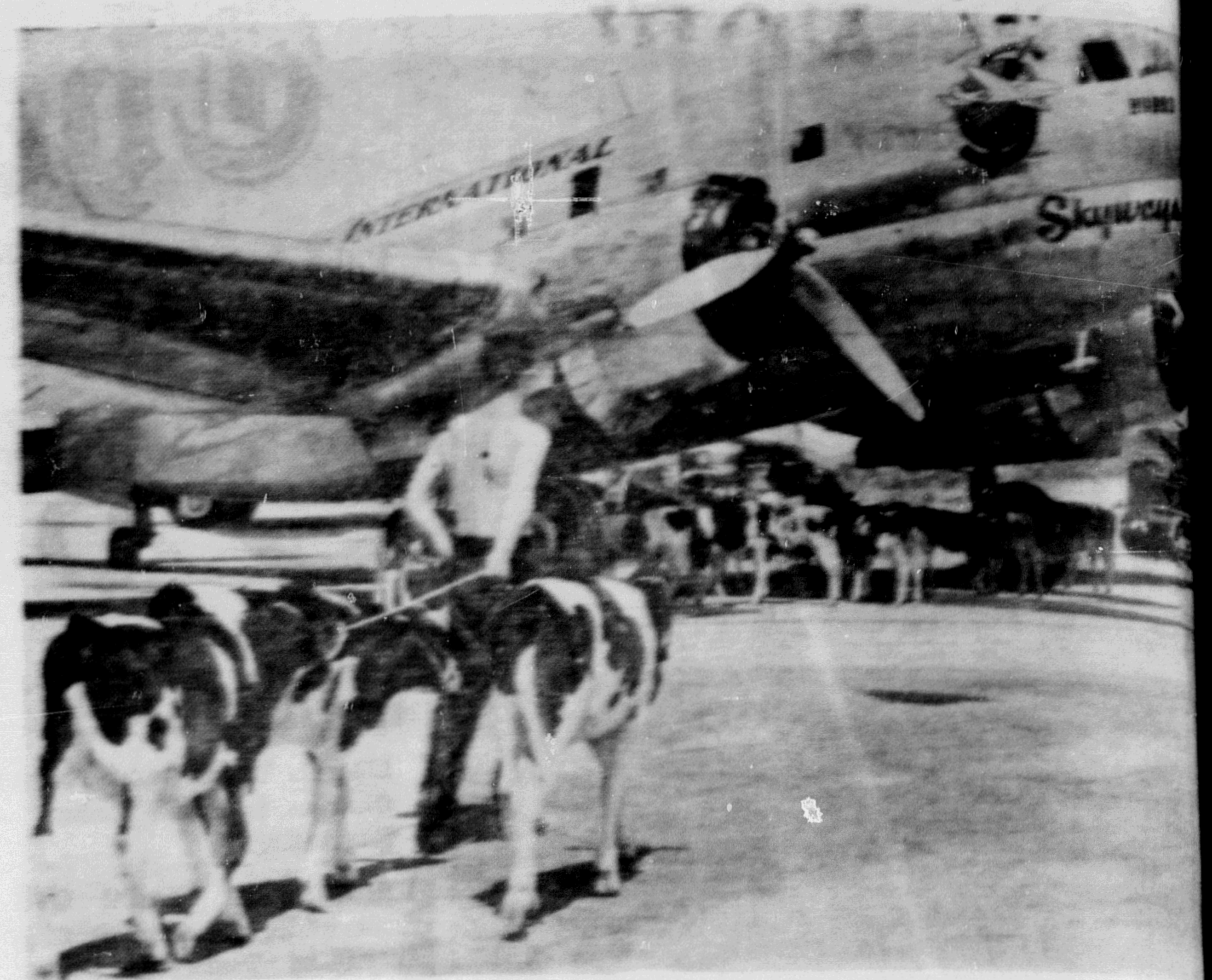
Hate off to Dr. C. R. Twinn, for many years in the C.N.E.S. service, is skipper aboard the luxury yacht Corsair, now in northern waters. This beautiful craft once owned by Pierpont Morgan, was built in Maine in 1930. Her fall cruise is slated to commence in October from San Francisco and will include calls at Honolulu, the Fiji and New Zealand.

kills which is more than anything else has ever done. When enough winged pests get down to business, you might as well call it a day. Ask surveyors, prospectors, engineers, holiday makers and multitude of others. But this time, it appears the bane of the summer wilderness is marked for destruction.

Capt. Harry Nedden (retired), for many years in the C.N.E.S. service, is skipper aboard the luxury yacht Corsair, now in northern waters. This beautiful craft once owned by Pierpont Morgan, was built in Maine in 1930. Her fall cruise is slated to commence in October from San Francisco and will include calls at Honolulu, the Fiji and New Zealand.

From Vancouver—Miss E. Bussey, A. Richards, A. V. Burne, Mrs. R. Fretwell, J. Van Wallegan.

From Sandspit—Miss P. Jones, Miss W. Young, Mrs. J. Ross, Mr. Casey, W. Young.



40 CANADIAN HEIFERS FLOWN TO ECUADOR—Oakes Field, Nassau, Bahamas, bustling aerial crossroads as part of a shipment of 40 Canadian pedigreed Guernsey change planes en route to Quito, Ecuador, from Toronto, Ont.

SEES BIG MINE

Ald. Casey Optimistic About Outlook for Alice Arm Property

Another big mining operation in the Alice Arm area is envisaged by Ald. George E. Casey who returned home last week after spending the past few weeks carrying out annual development work on his Adam lead and zinc property on the Illiance River. Mr. Casey has opened up his ore body to a

width of 76 feet and is highly having been successful pleased with the showing and the Torbert Mining assay returns. In addition to see to make an examination of the base metals, up to 18 ounce the property this year. After having held and developed the property for thirty-eight years now, Mr. Casey is one WHAT? Two can live with the further encouraged through

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