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C. CHAMPIONSHIP  
**BASKETBALL**  
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY  
8:30 p.m.  
ETS AT CIVIC CENTRE

# Communists Are Crossing Yangtse River

## Victoria M.L.A. Says Record of Province's Coalition Outstanding

### Confident It Will Be Returned to Office So That B.C. May Progress Undisturbed

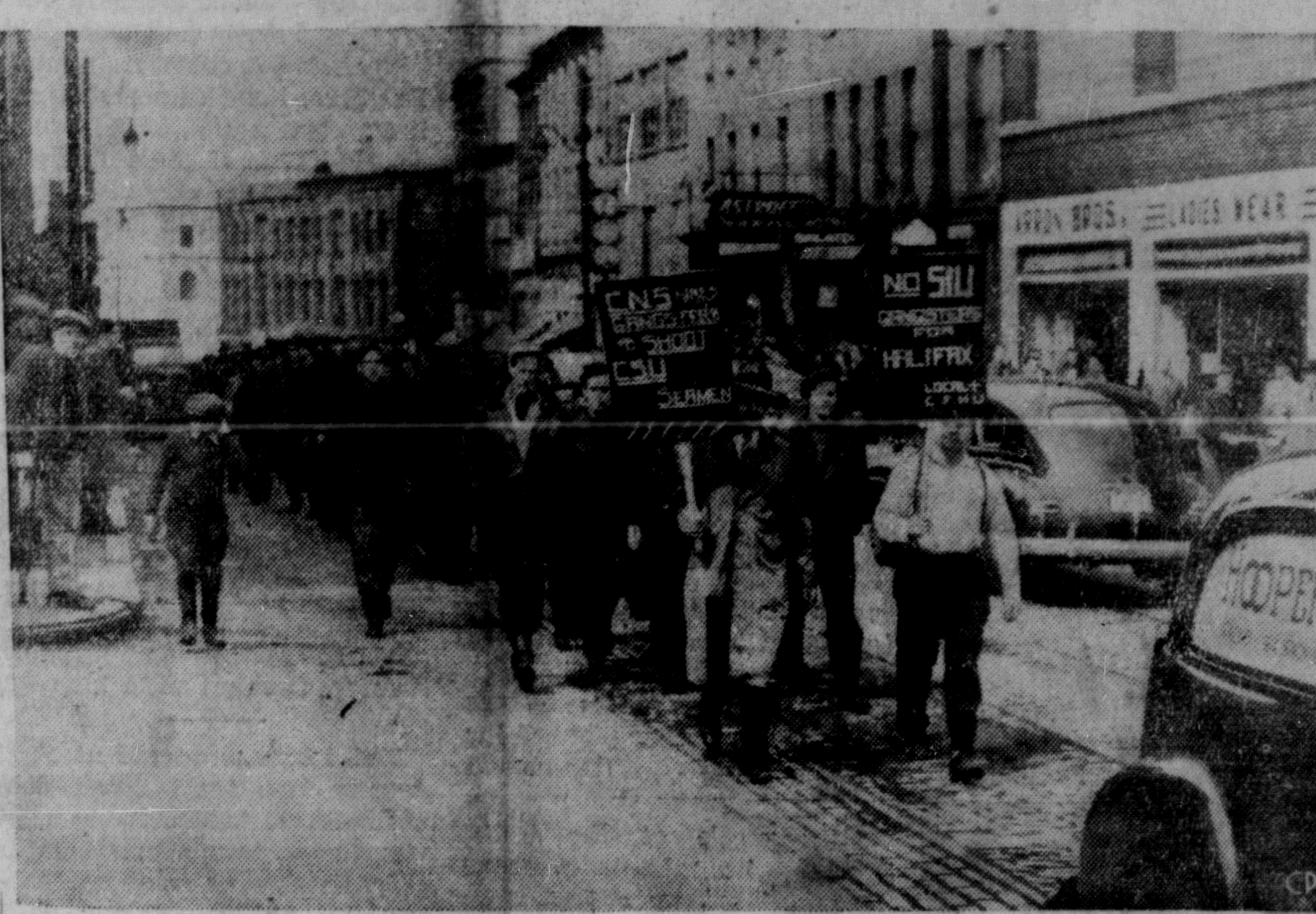
Mrs. Nancy Hodges, M.L.A., Victoria, at the Civic Centre last night, expressed pride in the eight-year record of British Columbia's coalition government and certainty that it would be returned to power in the forthcoming June 15 election. The Victoria newspaperwoman who has been a member of the coalition government since it took power in 1941, told her listeners that "I don't think that in the whole of the history of British Columbia there has been a period in which it was more important for people to figure on what will be decided at the polls than in this election."

The issue, she said, was simplified to the question as to whether or not the people of British Columbia were willing to sustain the policies of the coalition which has provided the most progressive legislation of any provincial government in Canada or revert to a type of Socialism which has been marked with failure after failure in its administration of Saskatchewan.

"British Columbia is now in a position where it must go forward or remain static," she asserted. "That thought was in the mind of Premier Johnson when he announced his vast program of development at the last session of the legislature."

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STAGE PROTEST RALLY—About 1,000 Canadian Seamen's Union members and sympathizers paraded through the streets of Halifax in a protest demonstration against the shooting of seven C.S.U. members during the pre-dawn waterfront battle with members of the rival Seafarer's International Union. This is a section of the parade showing the signs and placards carried by the striking seamen.

## Forty-two Are Dead On British Warships

### Two More Vessels Attacked By Reds—Crescent Now at Shanghai

SHANGHAI (CP)—While crossings of the Yangtse River at several points by the Communist forces were reported today, Chinese Communist leaders issued a general order to "liberate all of China."

Meanwhile known dead from Chinese Communist attacks on four British warships reached 42 tonight. British naval authorities said the cruiser London had fifteen dead and twenty wounded and the sloop Black Swan had five wounded. These two latest vessels to be hit by Communist artillery on the Yangtse River near Nanking arrived back in Shanghai late tonight. Behind them lay the crippled sloop Amethyst which they had sought to aid. The Amethyst had some twenty dead and 30 to 40 aboard. Among the wounded on the Amethyst is the captain.

In port here undergoing repairs after yesterday's battle is the destroyer Consort which discharged sixteen wounded and ten dead.

Meantime a Royal Canadian Air Force flying boat from Hong Kong took off from Shanghai with doctors and medical supplies but failed in an attempt to reach the Amethyst.

Late today funeral services were held for ten men who died on the Consort.

C. C. Davis, Canadian ambassador to China, is still at Nanking and the embassy remains open.

It has been announced that the Canadian destroyer Crescent, now at Shanghai, will not enter the Yangtse but will remain here, as she has been doing, against an emergency.

## KEYNOTE OF UNITY

### Prime Minister St. Laurent Speaks in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG (CP)—Prime Minister L. S. St. Laurent told 5,500 people last night that Canada's unity did not come spontaneously but from constant planning and patient building.

Before the greatest audience of his western tour, Mr. St. Laurent declared: "We remain united only by conscious and deliberate policy. We have built Canada but must strive to maintain the structure we have built."

## BASEBALL SCORES

**American League**  
Cleveland 7, St. Louis 3.  
Boston 2, Philadelphia 3.  
Chicago 2, Detroit 5.  
Washington 0, New York 3.

**National League**  
Philadelphia 5, Boston 6.  
New York 2, Brooklyn 6.  
Chicago 4, Pittsburgh 0.

## TODAY'S STOCKS

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

Vancouver	
Bayonne	.06
Bralorne	9.15
B. R. Con.	.03 1/2
B. R. X.	.10
Cariboo Quartz	129
Congress	.04
Hedley Mascot	.29
Pacific Eastern	.14
Pend Oreille	4.40
Pioneer	3.65
Premier Border	.03 1/4
Privateer	.16
Reeves McDonald	2.10
Reno	.05 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.30
Silbak Premier	.33
Taku River	.25
Vananda	.25
Salmon Gold	.13
Spud Valley	.07 1/2
Oils—	
Anglo Canadian	3.75
A. P. Con.	.20
Atlantic	.68
Calmont	.45
C. & E.	4.70
Central Leduc	1.00
Home Oil	10.50
Mercury	.13
Okaita	2.45
Pacific Pete	2.45
Princess	.25
Royal Canadian	.08 1/2
South Brazeau	.15
Toronto	
Athona	14 1/2
Aumaque	.19
Beattie	.50
Bevcourt	.29
Bobjo	.12
Buffalo Canadian	13 1/2
Consol. Smelters	98.25
Conwest	1.18
Donalda	.56
Eldona	6.2
East Sullivan	2.90
Giant Yellowknife	6.20
God's Lake	.38
Hardrock	.07
Harricana	.07
Heva	.08 1/2
Hosco	.22 1/2
Jacknife	.04 1/4
Joliet Quebec	.36 1/2
Lake Rowan	.09
Lapaska	.10 1/2
Little Long Lac	.82
Lynx	.14
Madsen Red Lake	2.99
McKenzie Red Lake	.45
McLeod Cockshutt	1.10
Moneta	.46
Negus	2.48
Noranda	55.75
Louvicourt	.17 1/2
Pickle Crow	2.20
Regcourt	.04 1/2
San Antonio	4.10
Senator Rouyn	.40
Sheritt Gordon	1.95
Steep Rock	1.35

## Would Keep Reds in Open

### Best Way to Fight Communism Is to Establish Superiority of Democracy

"The only effective way to deal with communism is to establish a strong and positive belief that our own democratic way of life is far superior to any totalitarian ideology," declared Mrs. Nancy Hodges, M.L.A. for Victoria, in a luncheon address before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club yesterday. "Eternal vigilance is the price of the liberty and freedom which are appreciated so much. If we had an Uncle Joe at the head of a Soviet government in this country, there would be no government but merely another little politboro which would even tell us when we could blow our nose or turn around in bed." All efforts should be made to offset insidious communistic propaganda.

## FISHERMEN, OFFICIALS CONFER ON METHOD OF BOOSTING TUNA FISHERY

An early survey of this year's prospects of the north coast's fledgling tuna fishery was urged by some two-score fishermen yesterday at a meeting sponsored by the Department of Fisheries at which last year's gleanings of information was placed at the disposal of the industry.

Dr. John Hart, senior biologist of the Pacific Biological station, Nanaimo, outlined information gained through patrols by departmental boats and from the logs of tuna skippers which had been submitted for study. He sought further suggestions for co-ordinating efforts of fishermen and scientists in making tuna a reliable secondary fishery.

Held in the Civic Centre the meeting was under chairmanship of Frank Warne, of Vancouver, assistant supervisor of western fisheries, who with Mr. Hart, had come north especially for the conference.

Likelihood this year is that the departmental tuna patrols will begin by fisheries protection vessels about June 1 and extend as far north as Forrester Island at the north side of Dixon entrance. It was indicated that they may begin in the north and work south during the season.

Capt. Llewellyn Sheppard, master of the fisheries protection vessel Laurier, and Inspector A. Touchings, of Port Alberni, who had been assigned last year to the tuna fishery, outlined their experiences with the fish and sought information from the fishermen on their experiences.

Inspector Touchings displayed a number of Japanese books, specially designed for tuna long-lining. This method, while apparently successful in Japanese waters, had not been satisfactory on the basis of his attempts to use that technique last summer.

Early tuna patrols this summer, the fishermen felt, might relieve the pressure on the halibut fishery if tuna turned up in these waters in June.

While no pattern of the movements of tuna had been established, Capt. Sheppard said that surveys last year showed that they were often encountered at the edge of the so-called "blue" water. Early in the season, they were well off the continental shelf and as the warm water moved inshore, the fish followed.

He could not explain the absence of fish in blue water off the Queen Charlotte Islands late in July and their appearance there a month later.

Dr. Hart told the meeting that the sizes of fish caught indicated that they were from two age groups and that this was significant because it might mean that the fishery could be sustained because it was dependent

## THE WEATHER

### Synopsis

Fresh Pacific air covers the entire province. There should be a marked improvement in general conditions over most regions during the next 24 hours. The coastal areas remain generally cloudy with shower activity mainly along the northern coast. Tomorrow is expected to bring relatively clear skies to most of the interior.

### Forecast

Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Cloudy with showers today. Cloudy Friday. Winds south-westerly (20 m.p.h.) in the exposed areas and light winds lessened elsewhere. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight and highs Friday: Port Hardy 28 and 54, Massett 40 and 50, Prince Rupert 37 and 50.

## LOCAL TIDES

Friday, April 22, 1949

High	9:34	16.4 feet
	22:39	17.4 feet
Low	3:51	10.0 feet
	16:07	6.9 feet

Rev. Dr. Peter Kelly, veteran United Church missionary pastor, returned to the city on Tuesday night's train after an Easter visit to interior villages of Hazelton, Glen Vowell, Kispiox and Kitsegukia and is leaving this afternoon aboard the mission boat Thomas Crosby for the Queen Charlotte Islands whence he will proceed to his headquarters at Ocean Falls.

## TODAY'S BASEBALL

**National**  
New York 4, Brooklyn 1.

**American**  
New York 2, Washington 1.

## VILLIAGE IN HARD LUCK

### Neelin, Manitoba, Has Fire Added to Other Afflictions

NEELIN, Man. (CP)—"Hard Luck Village" is the moniker bestowed on this little community 100 miles southwest of Winnipeg. Bridges and roads are still partially blocked by flood waters and the valley surrounding the centre of the town can only be crossed by boat.

After one of the worst winters on record, roads were blocked and supplies were low. Then last Saturday came the clincher. Fire threatened to exterminate the main street. Flood water was a blessing, being used to help extinguishing the fire.

## WOMAN DIES ABOARD BOAT

Mrs. Isabella Adkins, wife of James Adkins, a fisherman, was found dead in the cabin of the trolling boat, the Almac, moored at the dry dock at 1:50 this morning, having apparently succumbed to a heart condition in her sleep. Mrs. Adkins was 51 years old. She was born at Kitimaat. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four sons.



AIRLIFT PIN-UP GIRL—That's the title held by vivacious Marge MacGregor, drum majorette of Queen's University pipe band. "I could fly coal and flour all year if I had a girl like her on my instrument panel," a Canadian pilot flying the Berlin airlift with the R.A.F. commented when he heard a description of the Pembroke, Ont., co-ed. The whole squadron agreed and dispatched a letter to Marge asking for autographed photos. This is the one she sent. The fliers rate her on an equal basis with Grable, Lamour and Dietrich. (CP Photo)