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entral Interior Situation Easing Ioday

OUDY, COOLER WEATHER LIEVES FLOOD WATERS

rganization of Relief Measures Speeded Calamitous Picture Is More Fully Seen-Repairs Will Be Huge Task

ool, cloudy weather came to the Skeena and lev River valleys during the week-end to relieve he time being at least the danger of further deration of the already calamitous flood situathe full seriousness of which was becoming more

apparent as reports trickled in

from various localities. Head-

way has been made with the

organization of relief measures

in transportation and com-

munication. At the same time it

has become apparent that the

restoration of the regular ser-

flood waters which have been

clearly of unprecedented propor-

tions, will be a task of first-class

Between Kwinitsa and Prince

vations, indicate the railway line

has suffered bad washouts at

innumerable points. In some

places, the rails have been left

USK MOST SERIOUSLY

It began to look late Saturday

that Usk, a village of 108 per-

sons 107 miles east of Prince Ru-

of lower Skeena River floods

communication received by the

of W. W. Wrathall of the Prince

Rupert Amateur Radio Club

eral store and some twenty resi-

and two expectant mothers. The

HIT COMMUNITY

ws Seek ss Help

Britain and United s of Favoring Arabs

USALEM-An army of the te fighting forces has on Russia to help end agn of the so-called Britishggression in Palestine opeal was made in a radio ast last night.

was charged that Great and the U nited States pushed a suggestion th the Security Council to the one made during panish Civil War. It was the open pattern would rms to Jews but would passage open for arms to abs. In spite of a requestice for Arabs and Jews lanned important military ts in the Holy Land.

armies appear to be drivan onslaught in Tel Aviv

ary developments occuriftly in the Holy Land on units were planning s on an attack on Jerusain Tel Aviv but the dis- pert, was the most severely s from Jerusalem gave stricken community as a result

legram filed late Sunday which by then had reached unprecedented proportions, exceeding even 1936. "Usk is completequiet, except for sporadic bombing of the centre ly washed out," was the terse

nwhile, top - ranking Isofficials and the Arab al committee prepared to er the United Nations Sec-Councils latest truce pro-The Council called or and Jews to agree by six Tuesday on a four weeks fire throughout the Holy

LIC HEALTH

- Local health and public health personall flooded areas throughprovince have gone into ency action, the British Dia Department of Health

le health personnel, many om have held educational igns in their communities cipation of floods, will be to answer any questions blic may have concerning hazards in general and sterilization in particular. Department again reazed the warning that in flooded areas drinkaboiled or otherwise unwater are in danger of cling intestinal diseases.

to contamination.

Woods-Johnson left for the er canneries by boat. scene in the morning and Ed. Coughlan, welfare chief at Prince Rupert, left yesterday for Terrace to take up temporary headquarters. With him went Miss Jeannine Coupal, public health nurse.

way line would hold out.

Canadian Pacific Airlines Saturday instituted an emergency Officials warn that water daily air service between Prince

Sources in flooded areas Rupert and Smithers. (Continued on Page Two)

PUBLIC MEETING

to organize

FLOOD RELIEF CAMPAIGN

City Hall, Tuesday, 8 p.m. epresentatives of Service Clubs and all Organizations

requested to attend.

N. E. ARNOLD,



vices, after the recession of the EXPLAINING U.S. PALESTINE SWITCH—U.S. alternate Philip C. Jessup (right) is pictured explaining the details of the draft trusteeship agreement for Palestine which the U.S. submitted to the first committee of the United Nations General Assembly, to Gen. Andrew G. L. McNaughton of Canada (left). Meanwhile, a three-man truce commission, set up in Jerusalem, is checking George, aerial and other obser- a report of an Arab invasion of the Holy Land. The Jewish agency contends that Arab forces appear to be moving towards an attempt to take over the country by the time the British mandate ended on May 15.

hanging in the air with the grades inundated below. In other places hillsides have been swept cood Disaster Hits over the line to leave it buried. The damage to telegraph lines has been equally serious. "Far worse than 1936," says one ob-

server. In that historic year, the PORTLAND-Vanport, a suburb of Portland, devastating flash flood hit only the Skeena River. This time the Oregon, has been swept to pieces by flood waters flood front has encompassed as which broke through the embankments, north of the well the Bulkley, Nechako and Fraser Rivers, making the area city. At least seventeen are dead. Over 18,000 people from end to end of the central were caught in the town which was built during the

Flying To Canneries

Natives from Kitwanga Coming from Smithers by Plane

With the Canadian National to debris, while others are mar-Railway line in the Skeena Val- ooned in their houses. ley tied up by flood conditions, Daily News through the courtesy Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd and town is not definitely known but sorted to aircraft to bring their The river level was that high native cannery workers to the before the embankment broke. whose station VE7LK was being mouth of the Skeena River.

used as an emergency commu-Nelson Bros. are flying some nications clearing house. All 65 natives in for their plant at people have been evacuated from Usk and some of the buildings Co. is bringing down about 15 are already missing. The buildat the present time. ings include two hotels, a gen-

A special train is being used for the movement from Kitwandences. The people have left the ga to Smithers whence the navillage and are camped on higher tive folk are to be flown to ground above the town. Among Prince Rupert.

them are women and children William Tocher proceeded to the interior last week to organtown is completely cut off except ize the movement.

for the railway to Terrace, thir-The native workers will teen miles distant, over which used in connection with the a speeder went out Saturday af- handling of spring salmon. The ternoon taking canned milk of sockeye canning season will which the town had run com- start about June 27.

pletely out. There was some In 1936, the year of the predoubt as to how long the rail- vious big Skeena River flood, the native cannery workers were Provincial police and welfare | transported from Kitwanga via moved quickly Saturday to the Jasper Park to Vancouver by rail relief of Usk. Inspector F. B. | and brought to the Skeena Riv-

YALE TODAY

KELOWNA -- Political interest centred on the Yale by-election in which voting is taking place today. The poll is to elect a successor to Hon. Grote Stirling, retired member. It is a three-cornered contest in which prominent campaigners of all parties have taken part. Candidates are:

C. Bennett, former M. L. A. for yesterday afternoon and sent North Okanagan.

EASY TO MAKE deserts.

From the air, the town tooks ficially it is said 17 perished. like a toy village which was crushed by a giant's foot. The exact number of deaths may not be known for several hours, perhaps for days. Thousands of persons have been rescued. Human chains have been formed to pass women and children to safety. Hundreds of people are clinging

The depth of the water in the Canadian Fishing Co. have re- may be as much as 15 feet deep.

The survivors, said they were swept out even before they had heard that the river had broken Port Edward. Canadian Fishing through the embankment. Men, women and children were caught in the waters and many have been swept away.

The waves have been likened to ocean breakers, as they swept through the town. The waves, each one higher than that before tore the flimsy wooden buildings from their foundations. Homes and people were swirled away, by the waters of the swol-

len Columbia River. Three hours after the banks gave way, most of the two storey apartment buildings had been swept into the turbulent waters of the Columbia River.

No one even attempted to salvage their belongings, people fled as they were.

Thousands were gatehered on the higher regions around Vanport—children were tied together to prevent straying. Many thought they were safe in the second storey of their homes but as the river rose in the streets buildings were swirled around like match boxes.

Motorist Hails Plane, Police Out

A distress signal from the Skeena River Highway was Progressive-Conservative, W. A. picked up by a passing aircraft Sgt. George Mead and Con-Liberal, Edward J. Chambers. stables Symons and Davidson C.C.F., Owen Jones, former out to investigate. It turned out mayor and councillor of Kelow- that Gus Olsen had driven car partly off the road into the swirling flood waters of Skeena River. By the time the Peach halves filled with tart officers arrived he had been jelly make pleasing salads or safely extricated from his plight.

Battle Against Fraser Flood at Pitt Meadows

Supplies Being Dropped to Relief Workers From Aircraft-More Evacuations Made-Railway Traffic to Vancouver Paralyzed

VANCOUVER—Major battle against the Fraser Valley floods now is being fought at Pitt Meadows, ernment ticket. just 22 miles east of Vancouver. Reinforcements have been rushed to the danger scene where waters threaten to break through the defence works. Evacuation of whole towns is continuing. The naval force on "Opera-

residents of two towns on the

upper Fraser today to relief

centres. More than 1000 resi-

dents were taken from the holi-

day resort of Harrison Springs

wild-running Alouette River.

dyke was still holding.

lian workers.

district declared a state of em-

The serious flood situation in

in an appeal to school children

raging Fraser River. Although,

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in a naval diving tender.

Bulletins

VANCOUVER ISOLATED VANCOUVER-For the first

time in railway history, Vancouver is isolated from Eastern Canada by transcontinental railway. Both C.N.R. and C.P.R. tracks are awash. Embargos were placed on all shipments to the east. Trans-Canada airlines are doing a capacity business. Almost 1,-200 people have been carried from Calgary to Vancouver by a fleet of T.C.A. planes.

PROBE FLOOD PORTLAND- The waterlogged debris of the nearby warbuilt city of Vanport was probed today for possible victims of a flood that destroyed the city of 17,700 within minutes. Officially, there are ms known dead 12 hours after a wall of water burst upon the dyke-guarded community on the south bank of the flooding Columbia River but unof-

MAJOR ARAB DRIVE

CAIRO- Arab armies were reported today to be grouping for a three-pronged assault on Tel Aviv, military headquarters of the state if Israel.

LOCAL TIDES

(Standard Time)

	Tuesday,	June 1,	1948	
High	***************************************	8:35	15.5	fe
		21:26	17.6	fe
Low	***************************************	2:50	9.3	fe
		14:47	7.7	fe

Czechs Anti-Communist

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY,

PRAGUE-Totals of yester day's ballots against the Com-Slovakia's election have ranged as high as 39 per cent in some regions. With half the votes

tion Overflow" transported the

highway is in as good shape as its ever been," said R. E. Benson Sunday, speaking of the drive taken by Dr. Cade and himself the preceding afternoon.

They left at two o'clock and were back by six. Kwinitsa is the beginning of the trouble zone. There the flood was in munist fixed slate in Czecho- full force. Beyond there, they went on foot for a short dist-

Despite reports to the concounted, more than a half mil- trary, they are of the opinion lion votes were against the gov- that the water is not (or was not) higher than the record of CzechoSlovakia has more than 1936. Certainly, there are no eight million registered voters boats passing through the tunbut it appeared that many stay- nels. Snags and other debris in ed away from the poles rather the river are numerous. Once, a than vote in the one-wided con- black bear was sighted crossing the highway.

Flood Flashes!

while 200 residents of the town of Agassize were moved to safety called a public meeting for Tues- sawmill at Dorreen is flooded. day night to organize and co- The Watson family there has New crisis today confronted ordinate the local relief effort been flooded out and evacuthousands of exhausted workers for flood-suffering interior com- ated. fighting against the worst floods munities. Local service clubs and in British Columbia's 77-year other organizations are being reiquested to be represented with house is flooded and part of the Pitt Meadows district is 30 delegates. miles southeast of here. One

thousand persons were being Mrs. Eric Christiansen of Usk. moved from the path of the in touch with her father, H. A. with the main street flooded and Dodd, tosay said "everything is three families evacuated. Reeves of municipalities in the all right" there. There is no actual want or distress. The population of the lower village, forc- Bulkley Valley the highway is Men worked throughout the ed to leave their flood-filled washed out or covered with night to hold the fast-crumbling homes, were comfortable in the water. dykes and speed the evacuation schoolhouse and the large resi-Navy officials said today that the dence of James Gould on the

the Fraser Valley of British Columbia was pointed up last night Association was preparing to or- area of the Skeena River floods, ganize today for the sending of that the flood level had receded to aid in the battle against the relief medical supplies to in- 14 inches from the high mark. terior flood stricken centres if Temperature was 50 above today no new major breaks have been necessary. recorded, the officials are ap-

pealing for school children to Railway service is being maingather up all fabric sacks suitable for sand bags to reinforce the flooding dykes in the valley. ing it necessary to transfer pas- lief supplies to Terrace. The Royal Canadian Air Force sengers, express and mail to is also busy, making reconnois- buses and trucks for Smithers. sance flights and dropping sup- From Smithers another train is of Salvus, who last week was plies to harassed army and civi- being run as far west as Kit- driven with his family into the Forty thousand sand bags were

flown in from the East and another 60,000 are already on the A tired sailor summed up the headquarters this afternoon. The track. whole situation in these dramatweather is cooler and the Skeena River is down two feet. The Bulkated and the cabins were removed. Damage, \$1000.

> Kispiox Indian village is flooded and the residents evacuated.

and are camped on a hillside.

Land line wire service might! be resumed to Prince Rupert by suggested this afternoon.

Mayor Nora Arnold today, The Albertson & Sorensen

At Kitwanga the ferrymans cemetery has been washed out.

Telkwa reports \$1000 damages

At several points in the

Provincial police headquarters here were advised today by Inspector F. B. Woods-Johnson, The Prince Rupert Medical now at Terrace near the distress lafter two cooler days.

Arrangements were being made ained from Jasper through to today for the Skeena Air Trans-Houston where wash-out is mak- port Seabee plane to fly in re-

Section Foreman E. G. Storey attic of his section house, reported to railway headquarters At Old Hazelton "everything is here today that the water was under control" was the report now out of the station house received at provincial police with eight inches still over the

"Everything under control" was ley River is also down. Four a morning report from Terrace. families on the main street near There was enough food, a mesthe river front had to be evacu- sage said, and plane service is good. "Weather is cooler and conditions should improve from

At Smithers it was expected today that train service would Seventy natives were driven be resumed through to Jasper from their homes at Glen Vowell by Wednesday. At present trains are running only as far west as Houston.

A bridge across a slough of the middle of the week, it was the Skeena River at Cedarvale has been washed out.

WATER HERE; NAVIGATION MENACED

Great uprooted trees, swept out of the Skeena River by waters of the big flood, were being carried into Prince Rupert Harbor last night and were proving a danger to navigation all the way to Watson Rock at the north end of Grenville Channel.

Capt. William McCoombe, master of the steamer

CAYUGA NOT COMING HERE

Naval rescue work in the flooded Fraser Valley has caused ting the ship off its course as it cancellation of the scheduled steamed north from Watson visit of the Tribal class destroyer | Rock. H.M.C.S. Cayuga to Prince Rupert on June 4. Cayuga, com- water has had a brown, muddy manded by Commander Robert- appearance, quite unusual here, son, was scheduled to visit here and undoubtedly attributable to from June 4 to June 7 on a rout- the flow of the flood waters. ine training cruise. The destroyer is at present taking part | C.P.R. steamer Princess Ade-

Cardena, which arrived in port last evening from the south, reported sighting many such trees. The muddy waters of the flood, sweeping out of the mouth of the Skeena, kept set-

Since late Saturday harbor

in the evacuation work in the laide, Capt. Fred McGraw, is due Fraser Valley where hundreds in port at 5 o'clock this afterhave been forced to leave their noon from Vancouver and way-

Sees Three Great Possibilities

Doug Frizzell, an old timber with new ideas, has come forward with a three-way proposal for a gigantic Skeena River damming project. He suggests a great dam on the Skeena River just above Hazelton, where the Skeena and the Bulkley join, would:

First, control flood waters of the Skeena which every so often go on the rampage.

Second, make an enormous power development possible. Third, back the water up far enough to open up the Groundhog coal fields.

There is a natural site for a dam just below Kispiox, says Mr. Frizzell. The dam could be 150 feet high. The potential would be comparable with other waterpower developments now being investigated by the Aluminum Co. of Canada in connection with the proposed establishment on this coast of a \$400,000,000 aluminum plant project.

The local man has already offered his suggestion to Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands, with whom the Aluminum Co. is now in direct contact.

RED CROSS MOVING IN Instructed to Make Such

Purchases as Necessary For Flood Relief

Red Cross organization moved into the Skeena River flood relief picture today with receipt 20.50s and 10c, Booth. of authorization to the local branch from provincial headquarters to purchase emergency food and medical supplies in recommendation of the provincial police.

The Terrace branch is already ways of formulating relief plans. | temperature.

Fish Sales American

Carolen, 18,500, 22.10c, 20.60c and 10.50c. Pacific. Marilyn, 24,000, 22.10c, 20.60c and 10.60c, Storage. Canadian

Cape May, 4,500, 21.50c, 20.50c, and 10c, Atlin. Kam Falls, 16,000, 21.50c, Skeena M., 10,500, Co-op. Lois N., 64,000, Co-op. Jutsen, 4,500, Co-op.

THE WEATHER Prince Rupert-Cloudy with understood to be active in the fog patches, little change