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Hong Kong Is Being Placed On War Basis

United States Tightening Policy In Asiatic Arena

United States Navy said that the 25,000-ton five plane aircraft carrier Boxer and two destroyers have been dispatched to the Philippines.

WASHINGTON D.C. (CP)—The United States today reported to be shaping a vigorous new policy backed by a strengthened Asiatic fleet—to block spread of Communism in the Far East.

Hope Best Money Maker

WOOD — Bob Hope is his pal, Bing Crosby, for 1949. Motion picture exchange of the United States choice in a poll by the Picture Herald, trade publication which will make the argument in its issue on Saturday.

Today's Stocks

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Vancouver, Canadian, and various commodity prices.

Vancouver Is Storm-Lashed

Floods Threat Easing in Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island

VANCOUVER — A wave of cold air, moving down over southern British Columbia yesterday, brought relief from heavy rains, sleet, snow and snowslides as crews are working to restore to normal rail and highway communications and telegraph, telephone and power services.

Balmy winds, heavy with rain, which blew through British Columbia during Wednesday, caused more floods and power failures, cave-ins and slides as the province reeled from the most freakish weather it has experienced in twenty years.

At Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island driving rains eaned in an embankment and sent tons of earth and rock crashing down on an unoccupied summer cottage, pushing it more than forty feet. Two inches of rain fell.

Situation At Quick Eased

Improving situation and nothing to worry about was the advice received today by E. T. Applewhite, M.P. for Skeena, from Len Evans with whom he communicated by long distance after reading newspaper reports yesterday of the Bulkley Valley town of Quick being almost cut off as a result of ice blocking the river.

The word received by Mr. Applewhite was that the river was plugged with ice for a distance of eight miles immediately below Quick but the level of the water had fallen three feet which made the situation less perilous.

Veteran Coast Pilot Is Dead

VANCOUVER — Captain George William Roberts, known up and down the coast as "King of British Columbia sea pilots," died Wednesday at his home here. He was 77 years of age.

Ketchikan Wins

Prince Rupert Close To Eleventh Hour Victory

Alaskan Elks Live Up To Expectations As Fast Moving Outfit

Ketchikan Elks were just as good as their advance publicity claimed as they won a thriller at the Civic Centre last night by a narrow margin, over Prince Rupert All-Stars, the final score being 56-54.

Opening of New Road in Summer

The 61-mile new highway from Jake's Corner connecting the mining town of Atlin with the Alaska Highway and the outside, which was recently opened to traffic, will be officially opened next summer, it has been announced.

Snow Flurries But Still Cold

Long before daybreak today there was a light snow flurry. What the weather is going to do continues to keep people guessing, although continued cold is still officially predicted.

Very Heavy Earthquake

MANILA — The earthquake which rocked the Philippine Islands yesterday was rated at Intensity Seven. That is the third heaviest on the earthquake scale.

Refugees Arrive

Trainloads of weary storm refugees poured into Vancouver overnight as winter slowly released its grip on British Columbia's interior roads and passes.

New President Of C.N.R. To Be Heard

MONTREAL — Donald Gordon who assumes the duties of chairman and president of the Canadian National system on New Year's Day, will make his first public address to the members of the Canadian National Family on a C.B.C. feature broadcast entitled "Railway Life," over the trans-Canada network, on January 1, at 7:30 to 8 p.m., Pacific time.



DUKE AND PRINCESS INSPECT U.S. SHIP—Princess Elizabeth is shown with U.S. Vice Admiral John J. Ballentine, as she and the Duke of Edinburgh (on left behind the Princess), inspect the 17,000-ton heavy cruiser U.S.S. Des Moines at Malta in the Mediterranean. Vice Adm. Ballentine commands the Sixth Task Force fleet of the United States navy.

Would Oust Nationalists

LAKE SUCCESS — The Russian Soviet Ukraine took the first step today to oust the Chinese Nationalist delegation from the United Nations security council.

One Goes Up—One Goes Down

The two cent drop in the price of chocolate bars as announced yesterday, is effective January 1 but at least one local store here is now selling these chocolate covered sweets at five cents.

The Weather

Really cold air is pouring out of the Yukon over all of B.C. today and all indications are that the province is in for several days of unusually low temperatures.

Workmen Hurt In Explosions

VANCOUVER — Seven workmen were injured yesterday in two separate explosions in British Columbia Electric Co. plants. One is dead.

Young Couple's Frost Ordeal

MEDICINE HAT — A young couple were in hospital here today suffering from frozen legs and hands following a 36-hour ordeal in a stalled truck on a lonely road 3 1/2 miles southeast of their home.

Wreck Was "Horrible"

CALGARY — Thirty-five persons are in hospital and 24 are suffering from injuries following yesterday's train wreck at Southeast, railway siding 95 miles southeast of Calgary, one of the worst wrecks in Alberta's history.



STUDENTS BRING PEACE AND QUIET TO U.N.—Peace reigns in speeches made at United Nations headquarters at Lake Success, New York, when students visit the rooms where history is made. Here, Hon. Paul Martin, Canada's minister of health and welfare, addresses a group of Dominion students in one of the assembly halls.

Extraordinary Powers Conferred On Governor

HONG KONG (CP)—This British crown colony, faced with the possibility of a general strike, today gave its governor virtual war powers to use at his discretion. Emergency regulations were published empowering the governor to take steps to meet attack or internal disorder.

Flash

P.G.E. BLOCKED — The battle against snow and slides on the Lower Mainland moved into Central British Columbia today along line of the government-operated Pacific Great Eastern Railway. No trains are moving on the P.G.E. and snow ranges up to five feet along the line.

RECOGNIZES COMMUNISTS

NEW DELHI — India today recognized the Chinese Communist government and said diplomatic relations with Chiang Kai Shek's nationalist regime would cease immediately.

APPEAL IS DENIED

VANCOUVER — Appeal of William Worrobec against a death sentence for murder has been denied. Execution is scheduled for January 28.

Tides

Table with 2 columns: Time and Tidal Height. Shows high and low tide times for Saturday, December 31, 1949.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT

Ketchikan vs. Prince Rupert