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Truman Realistic

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, admittedly one of the world's outstanding international realists, frankly tells the Congress of the United States that a large portion of the forty billion dollar budget which he presented yesterday is to head off another war.

TO END WAR IN CHINA

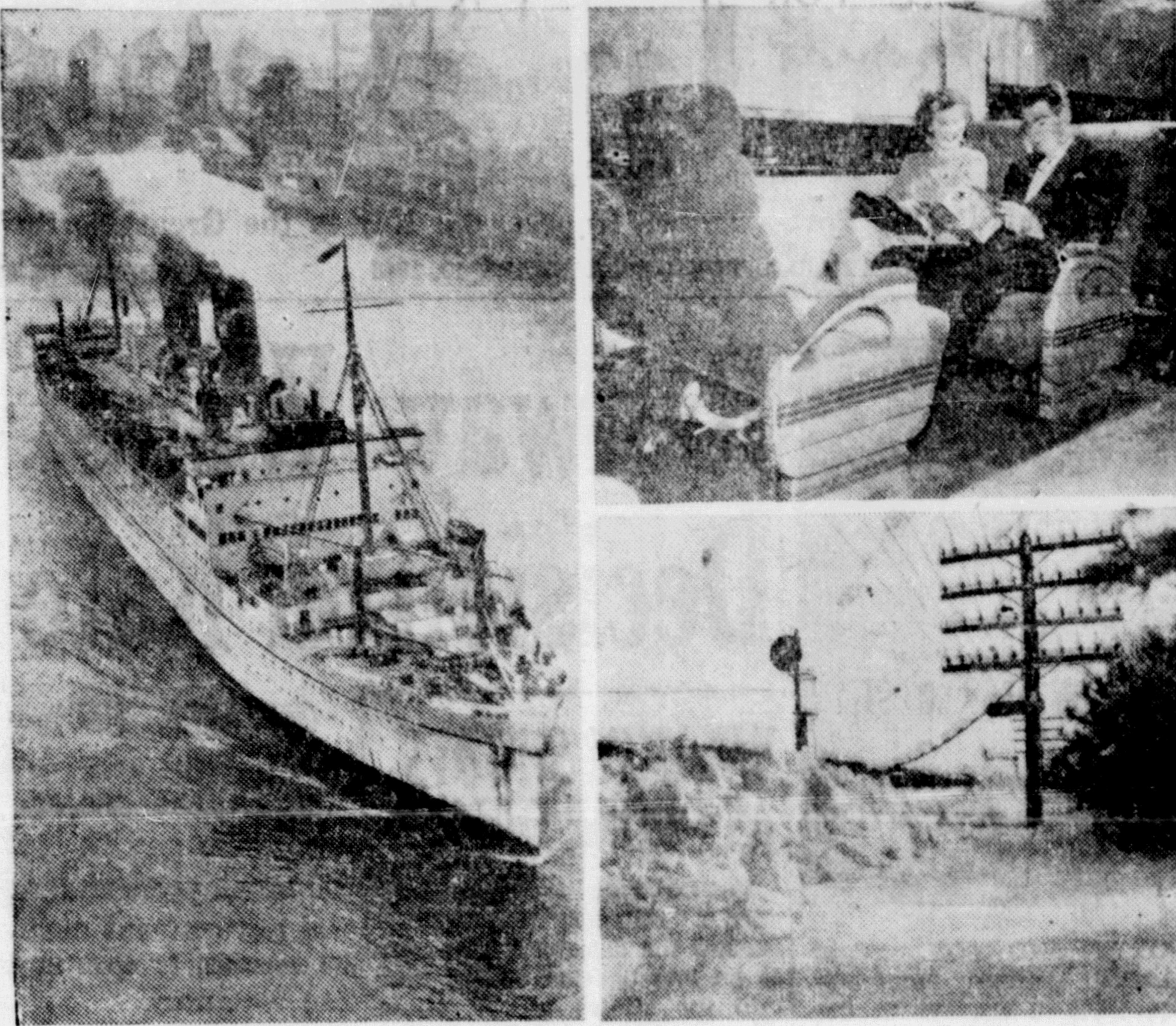
THE QUICKEST WAY to end the civil war in China would, of course, be to stop the shipment of arms to the country—arms from this country to the central government of Chiang-Kai-Shek and from Russia to the Communist rebels.

ABOUT RAIN

RESIDENTS OF PORTLAND which gets a mere 41.62 inches of rain annually are lectured on the art of capitalizing on their rainfall by Richard L. Neuberger Oregon feature writer who holds up Ketchikan (annual rainfall 150.89 inches) as a drenched example of community pride.

THE FINAL BATTLE

CERTAIN BIBLICAL prophets have interpreted from the Scriptures that the last great war of the world will be fought in the Middle East in the very cradle of Christianity.



RAILWAYS IN POST-WAR—Resumption of transatlantic passenger service between Canada and the United Kingdom by the Empress of Canada, left above, was an important event in 1947.

Britain Acquires Control Of Big Transport System

NATIONALIZATION MEASURE LARGEST EVER UNDERTAKEN; GOVERNMENT TO PAY \$1,000,000,000 AS COMPENSATION

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LONDON (CP)—Britain's railways, canals, long-distance road haulage services, the London Passenger Transport, and hotels, steamships and other assets owned by these concerns passed January 1 into the hands of the British Transport Commission, appointed by the Transport Minister.

More than \$1,000,000,000 will be payable to private owners as compensation, mainly in the form of government stock.

Under this measure of nationalization, the largest ever undertaken, the nation acquires:

Sixty railway undertakings operating 52,000 miles of single track, and about 585,000 privately-owned railway wagons.

Road haulage concerns which operate beyond a limit of 25 miles. Nearly 200,000 licence-holders operating 450,000 vehicles are affected.

Road passenger services in which about 4,800 operators use 93,000 buses and coaches.

Canals of more than 1,640 miles operated by 19 concerns.

In addition, B.T.C. will keep docks and harbors operations under review. Where deemed expedient, these services will be acquired by the national service.

EFFICIENT SERVICE MUST BE PROVIDED B.T.C., under the Transport Nationalization Bill passed last summer in the face of strong Conservative opposition must exercise its powers "to provide, secure, or promote the provision of an efficient, adequate, economical and properly integrated system of public inland transport and port facilities within Great Britain and to extend and improve that system."

B.T.C., headed by Sir Cyril Hurcomb, former director of war transport, will be helped by five executive groups composed of officials skilled in certain branches of transport and associated service. The executives will have first responsibility for railways, London Transport, docks and inland waterways and hotels. The commission will assure co-ordination between the various executives to run the whole transport system as a single unit.

Sir Eustace Missenden, former Southern Railway general manager, who started work as a boy sweeping out a village station will head the executive for British railways with 600,000 railwaymen under his direction.

B.T.C. will have wide powers to improve transport services. It may issue stock to borrow money for capital purposes up to £250,000,000 and in addition raise not more than £250,000,000 in temporary loans.

Opponents of the plan say they agree co-ordination of

EXPRESS SURVEY IS BEING MADE

To Ascertain If Extension of Pick-up and Delivery Here Is Justified

To make a survey to ascertain if, under the regulations, express pick-up and delivery service may be extended to the newly populous area of the city east of Hays Cove, H. H. Herget, travelling representative of the Canadian National Express from Edmonton, arrived in the city at the end of the week.

Extension of the pick-up and delivery express service was requested recently by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce at whose instance Mr. Herget was sent here.

URGE USE OF ELEVATOR

City council will make a further effort to have Prince Rupert's grain elevator used for the export shipments of grain. The aldermen last night passed a resolution urging the federal government and the Wheat Board to use the nationally-owned railway and grain elevator for shipping grain to foreign countries.

What City Council Did

City council last night adopted a finance committee report covering the sale of lots 19 and 20, block 3, section 2 (Graham Avenue) to L. G. and Frances Crampton for \$600, subject to a 50 percent rebate for ex-service personnel.

On recommendation of the Board of Works, council authorized construction of a lane between Second and First Avenues at the rear of the new Lindsay garage and Dr. Hankinson's new office building.

Adopted a report of the licensing committee which granted two new business licenses—a dry cleaning license to P. K. Deane and an electrical appliance repairs license to G. J. Elliott.

Approved a utilities committee recommendation that a street light be installed between 1815 and 1823 Graham Avenue, the owners of the adjoining property, Frank Dibb and A. E. Field, having undertaken to defray the cost of the power. Similar action was taken on a request from the Hospital Board, that a light be placed on Fourth Avenue at the approach to the Nurses' Home.

Receiving a request from the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, city council decided to remain with the organization and authorized payment of the \$25 annual dues.

Adopted a recommendation by the board of works that the Catholic Church be reimbursed to the amount of \$55 for improvements made to the Catholic section of Fairview Cemetery last year. This is in accordance with an agreement made with the city some years ago.

Referred to the wage committee a letter from the Carpenters' Union which informed council that union wage scale for journeymen carpenters is now \$140 an hour, instead of \$125 as was the case last year. The wage committee will meet at an early date to consider the carpenters and other union request for wage revisions.

Gave first reading to a land sale bylaw covering several lots sold by council to individuals in 1947. The bylaw was introduced by Alderman T. B. Black, chairman of the finance committee.

On recommendation of the finance committee, council awarded the insurance covering three buildings at the Seal Cove air base to Armstrong Agencies. Amount of the insurance is \$6,500.

Received the report of the City Engineer for work done by his department between December 20 and January 7. The report contained a long list of works projects either completed or under way.

Received and filed a friendly letter from the Kitkatla council expressing thanks to the city for donating the former fire hall bell to the Porcher Island community for use as a church bell. The bell now hangs in the steeple of St. Peter's Church, Kitkatla, the letter stated.

City council will meet Commissioner John Shirras on the B.C. provincial police when he visits the city late in February, the aldermen decided. A new police contract will be discussed at the meeting.

RAPS BILLBOARDS WINNIPEG—An avowed enemy of billboards, Alderman Hilda Hesson has warned the Winnipeg city council she is considering organizing all Winnipeg women against the billboards which she terms unsightly eyesores.

Advertisement for Reupholstering and Repairing Our Specialties, including truck and auto cushions repaired and recovered.

Advertisement for LOVIN'S BLUE S18, 330 SECOND AVENUE, prompt attention given to outside orders.

Advertisement for VICKS VA-TRO-NOL, quickly relieves distress of sneezy, stuffy head colds.

Advertisement for GOLD SEAL SALMON, LOOK FOR THE NEW RED AND WHITE GOLD SEAL LABEL.

Advertisement for RUPERT RADIO & ELECTRIC, reliable radio and appliance service, free pick-up and delivery.

Advertisement for A. MacKenzie Furniture Limited, "A GOOD PLACE TO BUY", CHESTERFIELD SUITES, BEDROOM SUITES.

Advertisement for HYDE TRANSFER, From This Date WAR ASSETS COAL will be: LUMP-Sacked \$12.00 per ton, MINE RUN—Loose \$11.00 per ton.

Advertisement for SINGER Sewing Machine, Immediate delivery of treadle and electric sewing machines in Prince Rupert and district.

Advertisement for KNOX HOTEL, A QUIET, PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE, COMPLETELY RENOVATED—ROOMS REDECORATED.

DELAYED DIVIDEND It took S. N. Behrman to sell his first play "The Old Man."



"You know, a lot of us confuse socialism and socialists. I'm continually running into confusion of thought when I get people talking politically."

"The fact is that the parties have shown as keen a sense of social responsibility as the socialist has. They have more that in a democracy capitalist system it is the state to protect the helmsman, the aged and the infirm."

Advertisement for MAC SHOE HOSPITAL, WE DOCTOR SHOES, HEEL THEM, ATTEND TO THEIR BUBBLES, SAVE THEIR SOLES.

Advertisement for Electrical Contracting, HOUSE WIRING REPAIRS, Reliable Radio and Appliance Service.

Advertisement for HANDCRAFTS AND SOUVENIRS, FOR PRINCE RUPERT PEOPLE, GIFTS that are DIFFERENT!

Advertisement for Big Market, YOU MAKE A SALES TALK TO 3000 SUBSCRIBERS EVERY TIME YOU ADVERTISE IN The Daily News "YOUR OWN NEWSPAPER"