

G.E. EXTENSION IS DECIDED UPON

Important Announcement Made By Premier in Policy Outline

CLASH OVER MINDSZENTY

President Truman Has His Say Over Prosecution of Hungarian Cleric

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—American officials yesterday foresaw a new clash between Russia and the western powers growing out of the treason trial and conviction of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty in Communist Hungary. Authorities predicted the clash would come when United States and other western powers try to call Hungary to account for her actions against the Cardinal.

Meanwhile President Truman yesterday denounced Hungary's treatment of the Cardinal as "infamous," describing the treason trial as a kangaroo court which will go down in history as a blot against the country which carried it on.



CONDEMNED TRIAL — Dr. Tibor Eckhardt, former leader of the Peasant's party in Hungary and now in exile, speaking in Windsor, Ont., called the treason hearing of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, primate of Hungary, a sham trial and said the cardinal had been drugged and tortured to confess. (CP Photo)

Building From Quesnel to Prince George Commencing This Summer — \$89,000,000 Program Reviewed

VICTORIA (CP)—A development program calling for expenditure of \$89,000,000 spread over a period of from one to three years was announced yesterday by Premier Byron Johnson in a policy speech to the British Columbia Legislature. Mr. Johnson disclosed that the biggest item in the program is the extension of the provincially-owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway from its northern terminal at Quesnel to Prince George and a truck and bus highway from Vancouver to the southern terminus at Squamish. These two projects and more equipment for the railway will cost \$13,329,000.

COUNCIL WINS DISPUTE WITH WAR ASSETS

City council can consider itself \$459 to the good as a result of the surrender of War Assets Corporation in a two-year argument over the cost of an electric power line which now serves the municipal chlorinating plant.

Word that the Crown company had yielded to the city's clamor to obtain the utility for a nominal sum was received Thursday at the City Hall, three weeks after the intermitting campaign had been renewed.

Council moved on January 25 to request that the power line be turned over to the city for \$1 after it had been suggested that if War Assets continued its demand for \$460, it be charged rental for the street allowance on which the line is situated.

The argument originally arose over a misunderstanding. Two years ago when the city bought the former army chlorination plant for \$3,409 from War Assets, it had the understanding that the power line which connected it to the Northern B.C. Power Co. system was included in the sale.

The aldermen learned later that War Assets wanted an additional \$460 for it, contending that it had originally cost \$5,000 to erect.

They then set about to consolidate an argument supporting their stand that it should be turned over to the city for \$1. Measure of their success was contained in the first two words of a telegram received Wednesday from the War Assets lands and buildings department. They said: "You win."

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
A surge of exceptionally cold air has pushed southward over all of western Canada and is now moving into the United States. Blizzard conditions were general over most of the Canadian prairies this morning. Cloudiness and a few snow flurries were persisting in southern areas of the province this morning but the weather will become clear and extremely cold in all areas by this afternoon and continue so tomorrow.

Forecast
Prince Rupert and Central British Columbia—Clear and cold on mainland, cloudy on Queen Charlotte Islands, north wind, 15 miles per hour, high temperatures—Prince Rupert, 38 above; Smithers, 10 above; Prince George, 5 above.

CHURCHMEN ON TRIAL

Bulgaria Charging Protestants With Treason and Other Offences

SOFIA, Communist government Bulgaria is going to put fifteen Protestant ministers and officials on trial soon on charges of treason, violating the currency laws and spying for Great Britain and the United States.

Bulgarian Foreign Minister Topencharov said that the churchmen have "already confessed" to spy charges.

TO ORGANIZE LOCAL "HAMS"

W. W. Wrathall to Co-ordinate Amateur Radio For Emergency

AN INSTANCE TODAY
Its own land communication facilities completely disrupted by snowslide conditions in the lower Skeena Valley, Canadian National Railways turned gratefully to "ham" radio here last night to obtain an appraisal of the line situation between here and Smithers. Unable to get in touch otherwise with the dispatcher at Smithers, C. A. Berner, divisional superintendent, conversed through W. W. Wrathall's amateur radio station with the interior divisional point. Mr. Berner this morning spoke appreciatively of Mr. Wrathall's co-operation.

W. W. Wrathall, VETLK, 335 West Fifth Avenue, Prince Rupert, has been selected to set up an organization of local amateur radio operators prepared to furnish organized emergency communication in time of disaster, it is announced by Communications Manager F. E. Handy of the American Radio Relay League, national association of radio amateurs. Mr. Wrathall is the dean of local radio pioneers.

Mr. Wrathall's assignment, which carries the title of emergency co-ordinator, is to band together members of the amateur radio service in his community to perfect arrangements for emergency radio communication by hams in the event of natural disasters or other emergencies. In addition to use of normal station equipment working from commercial power, amateur stations using self-powered radio transmitting and receiving equipment are needed.

UNIONISTS WIN ULSTER VOTE

BELFAST (AP)—Sir Basil Brook's pro-partition Unionist government today was re-elected and won a "mandate" for northern Ireland to continue as part of the United Kingdom.

Early today, the Unionists held 27 seats necessary for reelection.

The election was fought on the single issue of "King or republic." About 90 per cent of those eligible voted.

SAYS INDIANS ARE TAX FREE

Right of Federal Government to Extract Being Tested

VANCOUVER (AP)—Indians of British Columbia are challenging the government's right to collect income tax from them. Thomas Harry Hunt, member of the Quakwilt nation, which holds aboriginal and fishing rights, is taking Supreme Court action in a test case to see if the government can legally tax the livelihood of the natives. The tribe has 1900 members.

The Alert Bay fisherman charges that \$1825 worth of fish taken from catches to the B. C. Packers as contract fishermen and handed over to the income tax department was taken without right.

Hunt grounds his contention on an agreement between British Columbia and the Dominion when the province entered Confederation which guaranteed them all aboriginal rights.

In 1851 an agreement with James Douglas then Governor of British Columbia gave his nation the right, Hunt contends, to fish in a government-owned area without taxation.

Most of the other nations lost these rights through right of conquest when they opposed British settlement but the Quakwilt, being friendly, retained the rights.

C.P.R. NEEDS MORE MONEY

OTTAWA (AP)—The Canadian Pacific Railway is seriously in need of more earnings, a New York accountant told the Board of Transport Commissioners today. The accountant, Paul Grady, said the company needed more net earnings to make up for what he termed "deficiency in wages on the capital invested in the railway enterprise."

Simultaneously, the Board heard Saskatchewan counsel suggest that a big spending program proposed by the company might bring it back next year in search of another freight rate increase.



DISCLOSES DEMANDS—International President Walter Reuther of the United Auto Workers (C.I.O.) combined baby sitting with speaking when he announced the union's 1949 demands to Canadian members of the union in Windsor during the weekend. Daughter Linda is shown on the speaker's platform with Roy England (right) president of Local 200 while father Reuther listens intently to a speaker. (C. P. Photo)

POWER USE IS UP SLIGHTLY

Reduction in electric power consumption in the city during the last 24 hours dropped down to 16 per cent from its high peak of 18 per cent on Wednesday, while water level at the Falls River hydro plant continues to lower, Northern B. C. Power Co. manager T. B. Black said today.

However, the reduction in electrical use is making itself felt and, if it continues, the company may be able to operate its plant into the middle of next week, instead of closing down at the week-end, he added.

"Need for conservation is still vital," Mr. Black said. "If the people co-operate, we may manage to get by without taking extreme measures."

Clear, cold weather with freezing temperatures is still holding up the water run-off at both Falls River and Shawatlans to the water supply in the reservoirs is steadily decreasing.

Yesterday, Mr. Black said, it appeared as if the Falls River hydro plant would have to be shut down at the week-end, but the drop in the use of power is making itself felt to such an extent that the plant may be able to continue in service for a few extra days.

In the meantime, company officials are ardently hoping for a break in the weather—a widespread temperature of at least 36 degrees and torrents of rain.

SAM CARR IN CANADA

OTTAWA (AP)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police headquarters announced today that Sam Carr had been brought to Canada this morning and taken into custody by two R.C.M.P. officers who started immediately for Ottawa with him. Carr is being charged under the Official Secrets Act. There are no charges against Mrs. Carr who returned with him.

SASKATCHEWAN HOUSE MEETS

To Try Again to Help Debt-Ridden Farmers

REGINA (AP)—The first session of the eleventh Saskatchewan Legislature opened today with a promise by Canada's only Socialist government that it will make a second attempt to implement legislation to assist debt-ridden farmers during crop failure years.

The first such attempt ran aground when the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that it was ultra vires of the Legislature.

PENICILLIN FACTORY
The Indian government plans to set up factories for the manufacture of liquid hydro-carbon, synthetic ammonia and penicillin.

CASEY TO RENEW FIGHT FOR MANUAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Alderman George B. Casey's battle against installation of an automatic telephone system here will be resumed next Monday night when he presents a resolution to city council urging that a new manual system be installed instead—at a cost which he estimates will be half the \$550,000 required for an automatic one.

Authority for Alderman Casey's claim that a satisfactory manual system can be installed at a saving of \$275,000 under the cost of an automatic is Ernest Love, the telephone engineer who installed the present system in Prince Rupert, and who now is operator of the telephone utility at Stewart.

Alderman Casey's resolution is based on information contained in a letter he received from Mr. Love relative to the telephone necessary.

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LOCAL TIDES

Saturday, February 12, 1949

High	0:58	19.1 feet
	12:42	22.2 feet
Low	6:42	7.5 feet
	19:17	1.2 feet

Street lights are being turned off sharp at six these mornings, the power situation through lack of rain, continuing to make conservation necessary.



DOM—Paul Vatkin, 57, blind and crippled by rheumatoid arthritis after serving 13 years of a life sentence and his way home to Grand Forks. With him is Major of the Salvation Army who aided in obtaining the cataract eye ailment resulted in blindness six months ago. He was sentenced in 1936 for trying to set fire to a woman. He was a member of the fanatical Sons of a Mother sect. (C. P. Photo)

Waging Snow Battle

Company officials here said they could not be definite as to when train service would be resumed. Their best hope was to have the rails cleared in time for a train to leave at noon tomorrow. This, however, is conditional on the amount of snow found along the 50-mile blockaded stretch.

Wind and snow conspired Wednesday night to pile drifts to a depth of six feet on long stretches of track and to further complicate matters, two large slides came down in the Kwinitsa snow belt.

The first known slide from this end is five miles west of Kwinitsa. It is 400 feet long and 20 feet deep. The farthest east is two miles west of Exstew. What lies in the 26-mile territory between is undetermined owing to lack of communications. The known slides are varying from 10 to 20 feet in depth and 100 to 600 feet in length.

It had been intended to bring a rotary plow from Jasper to the Terrace end but the plan help in the snow battle from was changed in view of a heavy snowstorm which is raging in the Tele Juane subdivision in the mountains.

Railway weather reports today disclosed 5 below temperature at Smithers, 27 below at Vanderhoof and 18 below at McBride.

The storm was described Thursday by Division Superintendent C. A. Berner as one of the worst to ever strike the division between Pacific and Prince Rupert. More than three feet of new snow has fallen between Exstew and Kwinitsa.

A freight train left the city this morning to serve way points as far east as Cassiar on the Skeena slough.

DEFENCE GROWING

A strong difference of opinion between Gen. Arthur and the government in Washington appears to be growing over the Pacific in American hands.

The same as during the war—whether Japan is being fought in favor of a concentration on the Pacific.

It may be decided by the Defence Secretary in Washington and the United States in Japan, south Korea and Guam.

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