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## People of West Germany Fearful of Red Invasion

Accepting American and British Occupation  
As Lesser of Two Evils—Impressions of  
Terrace Man on Return

There is a constant air of tension and uneasiness in Western Germany and everyone seems to think it will only be a matter of time before the Russians march in. The consensus is that they would do so if ever the western occupation authorities moved out.

The Germans do not like western occupation but they are fearful of what would happen if American's and British ever withdrew. Therefore, the situation is accepted as the lesser of two evils.

So says Hans Koch, Terrace hotel proprietor, who was in the city with Mrs. Koch yesterday on their way back to the interior after a two months' absence during which they visited Mr. Koch's native home at Bad Harzburg, 25 miles from the city of Brunswick, in the British zone of Germany. While they were there Mr. Koch's mother celebrated her twenty-fifth birthday. His brother is a building contractor at Bad Harzburg which is a resort town in the Harz mountains and is now a British leave centre. Round about farming, lumbering, mining are pursued but it is not primarily an industrial area.

As a matter of fact, Bad Harzburg is only two miles from the border of the Russian-occupied zone of Germany and what goes on in the Soviet dominated sphere is well known.

Mr. and Mrs. Koch left January 4 and travelled to Vancouver whence they flew to New York and embarked on the Queen Mary for Cherbourg. They had four days in Paris, where life is gay with champagne at \$12 a bottle and girls dance nude in the choruses. On the way back, they visited more chaste and sober London. They arrived on the Prince Rupert yesterday from Vancouver and continued on to Terrace on last night's train.

Mr. Koch spent only twenty-eight days in Germany but it was a relief to get out, he says. One always feels that something is going to happen, fears what the next day is going to bring forth. "I'll never go back to Germany, you couldn't drag me back," he declares.

In spite of alarms and restrictions, however, the people stay on in hope of better days to come. Mr. Koch's mother, for instance, would never leave. As for the other people, their interests are there. They could never sell out and take their money with them and move to a new country. The only way to get out of Germany today is to sacrifice everything.

There is no rationing in Western Germany, Mr. Koch says. "You can buy anything if you have the money at prices about the same as here." Only American money is accepted, however. Like in the other European countries today, they just do not take such money as British or Canadian.

Unemployment is a serious problem but that can be understood when it is explained that three-quarters of the population of all Germany is now on half the land in Western Germany. Germans do not stay in the Russian-occupied zones if they can escape to Western Germany which is, therefore, full of refugees.

Housing is extremely scarce. No one is allowed more than one room to live in—that is a single person or a man and wife—and that includes the owners of their own homes. Such owners are required to share their dwellings and their only advantage is that they can have the pick of the room. At that, it is really a liability to own property since taxes are so high, actually exceeding any possible revenue. "There is no such thing as living off one's property in Germany," says Mr. Koch. That does not mean that construction of housing projects is not going on but it is government sponsored.

Mr. Koch took occasion to visit the city of Brunswick which was badly bombed during the latter days of the war. Blocks and blocks of the city were utterly devastated and, after five years, there has been still no start made on even cleaning up the rubble, much less rebuilding. The streets, of course, have been cleared. It is estimated that it will take at least seven years to clear up the devastation. While the buildings of Brunswick were to a large extent of frame construction, it is noticeable that there is no wood left whatever in the rubble. It had evidently been picked out for use as fuel.

## Coast Freighter Is Hard Aground

VANCOUVER — The Canadian Pacific coastal freighter Nootka was still hard aground today at Chatham Point on Walker Island, 125 miles northwest of here, today.

Capt. Charles Robson, skipper of the 3500-ton vessel, which grounded in fog last night, said the vessel might be refloated at the high tide today but she remained fast.

Pulp cargo is being unloaded to lighten the ship.

## Canada Swamps Belgium 33-0

LONDON — Canada defeated Belgium by a score of 33 to 0 last night for her second victory in the international hockey tournament here. Edmonton Mercury are representing Canada.

Harry Allen, Leo Lucchini and Billy Dawe each fired three goals as the Mercuries breezed to a routine 13 to 2 victory over Switzerland in the first game of the world hockey championship. It was a fast but one-sided game before 6,500 fans.

## FRESNO IS OUT OF HOCKEY RACE

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Monarchs last night eliminated Fresno from the Pacific Coast Hockey League race with a 4 to 2 victory over the Falcons.

## Rent Control May Be Last

OTTAWA — Indication is that the extension of rent controls for another 13 months, of which Minister of Justice Stuart Garson gave notice in Parliament this week will be the last. An official of the government said that, if economic conditions warrant it, the controls may be lifted at the end of the 13-month period, April 30, 1951, for which the Minister of Justice is asking. By the same token, if the shortage is still acute at the end of the 13 months, the government may ask for further extension.

## Encouraging Of Native Artist

VICTORIA — Hon. W. T. Straith minister of education, said yesterday that the government was doing all it could to encourage the young native artist, Judith Morgan, who hails from Kitwanga, in her work. Five of her paintings had been purchased to be hung in the legislature building. Mr. Straith referred, among others, to Emily Carr and said the government has been missing the boat in failing to recognize British Columbia artists.

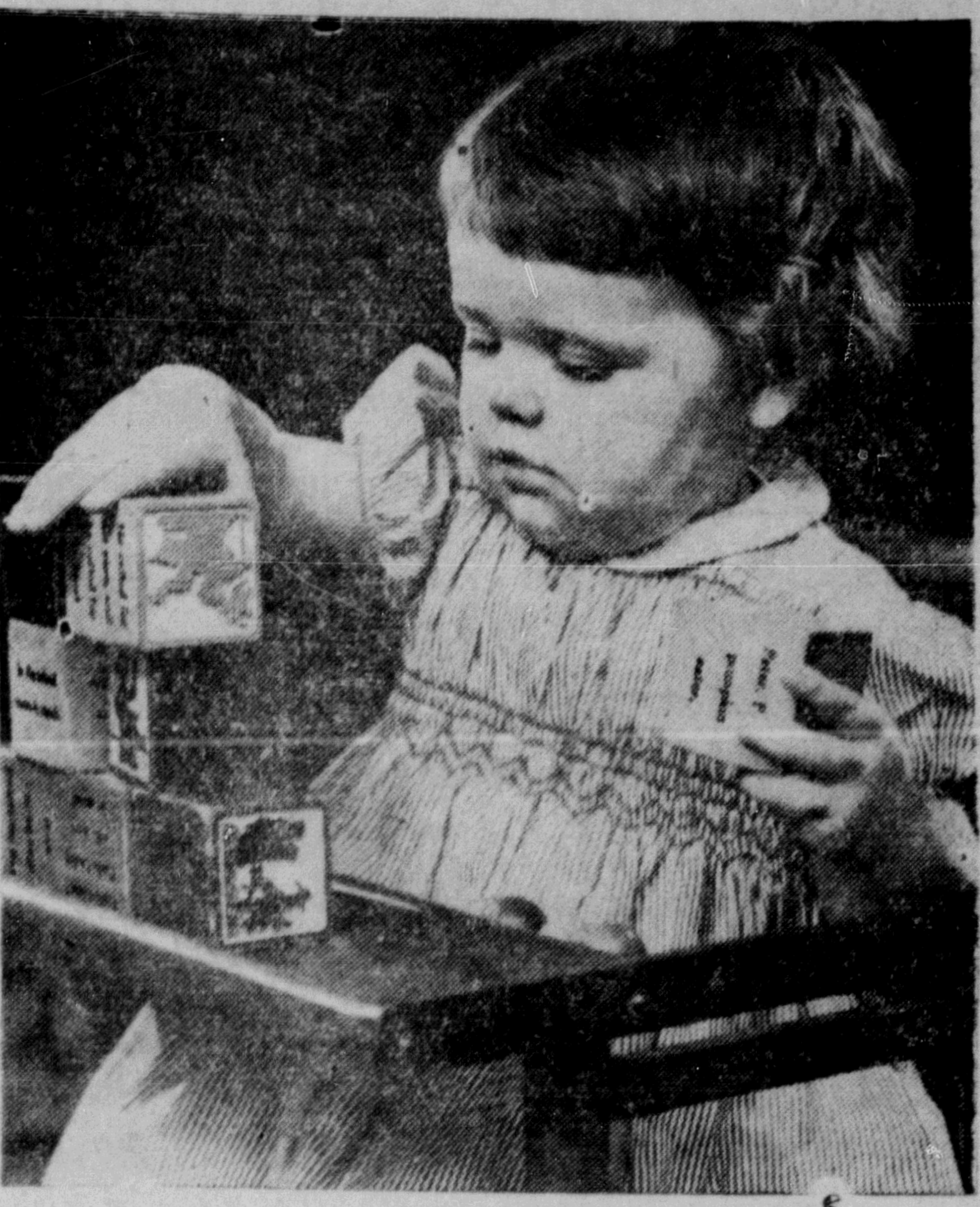
## THE WEATHER

**Synopsis**  
More than three inches of rain had fallen on the West Coast of Vancouver Island in the twenty-four hours ending at four thirty this morning and there is every indication that almost as much will fall again today.

The storm that brought gales and rain to the coast during the last twenty-four hours is moving inland today, bringing snow to the interior regions from the Cariboo to the Yukon boundary. The southern interior, which remained cloudy and mild throughout the night, will get no more than a few showers in most sections today with somewhat more general rainfall tomorrow.

**Forecast**  
Northwest Region — Cloudy with scattered showers today and Friday. Little change in temperature. Winds — southerly 15 miles per hour. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow — At Port Hardy, 40 and 46; Sandspit, 39 and 45; Prince Rupert, 40 and 46.

Miss Nina Youngman of the Bank of Montreal staff is sailing tonight on the Prince Rupert for a three weeks' holiday trip to Los Angeles.



More Baby Bonuses



More Funds for Aged Pensioners

## Government Is Sustained

OTTAWA, — By a vote of 155 to 55, the House of Commons yesterday defeated a C.C.F. motion of non-confidence in the government and brought towards its close a name-calling, hop-skip-and-jump debate on the speech from the Throne.

An angry, noisy Chamber heard Prime Minister St. Laurent and George Drew, Progressive Conservative Opposition leader, cross verbal swords in a battle which lasted for two hours.

The latter spoke for 115 minutes, the former twelve. Drew criticized on a score of points, "self-adulation, too tight strings of exchange control and lack of plans for a Commonwealth conference regarding inter-Commonwealth trade."

The Prime Minister charged Drew with waging "partisan political warfare."

The C.C.F. motion, a traditional Opposition thrust, was tacked to a Progressive - Conservative amendment to the Throne Speech which has not been voted upon yet. It added a few word amendments.

It was the second angry session of turbulent scenes in the House in as many days. Tuesday night Drew had carried a stinging attack as Opposition leader against Defence Minister Claxton and thrust the Chamber into a late hour vote on his party's motion for appointment of a House committee on defence. That motion was rejected 161 to 51 in a straight government-opposition count which carried the Chamber fifteen minutes beyond the 11 o'clock closing hour. C.C.F. and Social Credit parties placed their strength beside the Progressive-Conservatives.

## SOCIAL SECURITY, DEFENCE BUDGETS GREATEST IN PEACETIME HISTORY

Social security and defence expenditures will hit new records in the coming year following the budget estimates presented by Finance Minister Abbott in Ottawa. Increasing population requires more family allowance outlay. Unemployment insurance will be extended. More funds have been allotted to old age pensioners. The armed forces' budget will be \$425,000,000, the largest in Canada's peacetime history, and \$43,000,000 greater than last year. Of this the air force will be allotted the largest share.

## Junior Smoke Eaters Win

TRAIL — Trail Junior Smoke Eaters staged off a last period drive by Prince Albert Mintos last night to take a 5 to 3 victory in the first game of the best of five series in the Memorial Cup play-off series.

## Canadian Seaman In Juneau Hospital

Shortly after the ss. Princess Norah, on her last voyage north, put out from Juneau for Skagway, it was necessary to return to the Alaska capital to land Larry Johnson, one of the crew. Some of his fingers had been seriously injured when a heavy door closed on them. As there is no doctor at present in Skagway, and in order to give Mr. Johnson treatment as early as possible, he was placed in St. Anne's hospital in Juneau.

## British Naval Training Out

OTTAWA — The Navy announce a new step that fits into the three man Malmgren Royal Commission which, last Fall brought down a lengthy and sweeping report.

Cadets of the executive branch — the general list that makes up the bulk of the officers — will now be trained in Canada rather than partly in Canada and partly in Britain. It had been the practice to give them two years training in Canada and then send them to the United Kingdom to train for another two or three years. Thus it was the Royal Navy that rounded off cadet training, and inadvertently or otherwise, worked occasional changes in young susceptible accents. Now they will take four years at Canadian colleges in the same way as army and air force cadets, and as naval cadets of the electrical and supply branches.

## Flash

### CHALLENGE TO RUSSIA

SAN FRANCISCO — Speaking before a University of California gathering today, Secretary of State Dean Acheson issued a new challenge to Russia to demonstrate her desire for peace by subscribing to a 7-point program to end tension and anxiety by discontinuing its aggressive diplomacy. If mutual security could not be obtained, United States would have to resist aggression where it finds it, Acheson declared. United States was ready to "discuss, negotiate and agree" but was loath to play the part of "international sucker."

### M. P. DIES

MONTREAL — Maurice Hartt, Liberal Member of Parliament for Montreal Cartier, died at his home here last night. He was 54 years of age.

### SYDNEY MAYOR GUILTY

SYDNEY, Nova Scotia — A Supreme Court jury today found Former Mayor Dan Jack MacLean innocent of murder but guilty of manslaughter in the death of Joseph MacKinnon, crippled 68-year old registrar of voters. He will be sentenced Saturday. Earlier Chief Justice J. L. Hisey had told a jury that there was no evidence of murderous intent. MacLean was charged with slaying MacKinnon by running him down with a car.

### CHARGE WITHDRAWN

QUEBEC — Charges of attempted suicide against Mrs. Arthur Pitre, one of the key figures in Quebec's air disaster murder case, was withdrawn today. Mrs. Pitre, 41, was a crown witness in the murder trial of J. Albert Guay who has been sentenced to be hanged for murder. She delivered to a Quebec airport a parcel which Guay had given her and which police said contained the time bomb which destroyed the plane.

### ANTI-DUMP APPLIED

OTTAWA — Canada has applied her rarely used anti-dumping laws to prevent a flood of cheap Japanese goods from entering the Canadian market at "ridiculously low prices." A government official said today that the laws had been applied against Japanese knitted goods, men's shirts, children's dresses and cigarette lighters.

### HOCKEY SCORES

**National**  
Boston 4, New York 1  
Chicago 4, Toronto 0  
Detroit 4, Montreal 1  
**Pacific Coast**  
Seattle 4, Tacoma 0  
New Westminster 5, Portland 0  
Los Angeles 4, Fresno 2  
San Francisco 5, San Diego 4



LIFE BEGINS AT 106 — That's what you would think from the enthusiasm Mrs. Elizabeth Alexander of Toronto showed for the party celebrating her 106th birthday March 14. Her advice on how to live to a ripe old age is "hard work and raise a big family." York County's oldest resident, Mrs. Alexander, has outlived two husbands and her 10 children. But still living are 21 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren. (CP)

## Chinese Not For Communism

OTTAWA — "It is extremely doubtful if the Chinese people generally will accept Communism. They are fundamentally democratic at heart, and while it is unwise to make predictions, it is my opinion that the Chinese will find their own way to a democratic way of life ultimately."

So spoke Rev. Dr. George M. Ross, after forty years experience as a missionary in North China, speaking at a missionary supper in St. Mark's United Church here.

## Russia Lifts Her Boycott

TOKYO — Russia yesterday ended her six-week boycott of the Allied Council for Japan. Lt.-Gen. Kuzma Derevyanko and his Soviet delegation came back after removal from the agenda of questions concerning Russia's failure to complete repatriation of Japanese war prisoners.

The Russians walked out of a council meeting Dec. 21 rather than discuss Gen. MacArthur's charge that more than 370,000 Japanese taken prisoner by the Russians at the end of the war have not been returned. This was followed by Russian walkouts from two other meetings.

## Hockey League Play-Off Evened

Kamloops — Sparked by brilliant five goal performance of Billy Hryciuk, Kamloops Elks downed Nanaimo Clippers 8 to 5 last night to even up the Mainland-Okanagan Hockey League play-off series at one game each. Nanaimo took the first game Monday 5 to 2.

## AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver (today) — Mrs. E. Loneragan, E. Slatta, D. Moore, G. Najor, T. Olsen, G. W. Eggington, H. Lien, W. D. Clahren.  
To Sandspit (today) — Mrs. M. Anderson.  
From Vancouver (Wednesday) — Inspector F. B. Woods-Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Stevenson, Mrs. D. Irving, W. Calhoun.