

Sloop Amethyst Escapes From Chinese Reds

BLOOD CLINIC REACHES CITY

Prince Rupert People to Start Giving Blood to Red Cross Tonight

With five hundred names now on the volunteer donor list and still more expected to offer their "pint," the mobile blood transfusion clinic of the Canadian Red Cross Society reached Prince Rupert on the steamer Camosun last evening from Vancouver. It was accompanied by Col. M. D. Robertson, divisional director of blood transfusion service for the Red Cross; Miss I. d'Hondt, nurse; Miss M. Kydd, technician, and Miss L. Lynn, driver.

Arriving this afternoon by plane from Vancouver are Dr. J. D. Nelson, clinic physician; Miss I. Curtis, another nurse, and Miss I. Golebowski, Miss J. Service, Miss M. Stewart, Miss H. Noble, Mrs. L. Ager and Miss H. Kohmer, nurse aides.

Col. Robertson returns south by air tomorrow. The others will remain with the clinic until it has finished its work in this area.

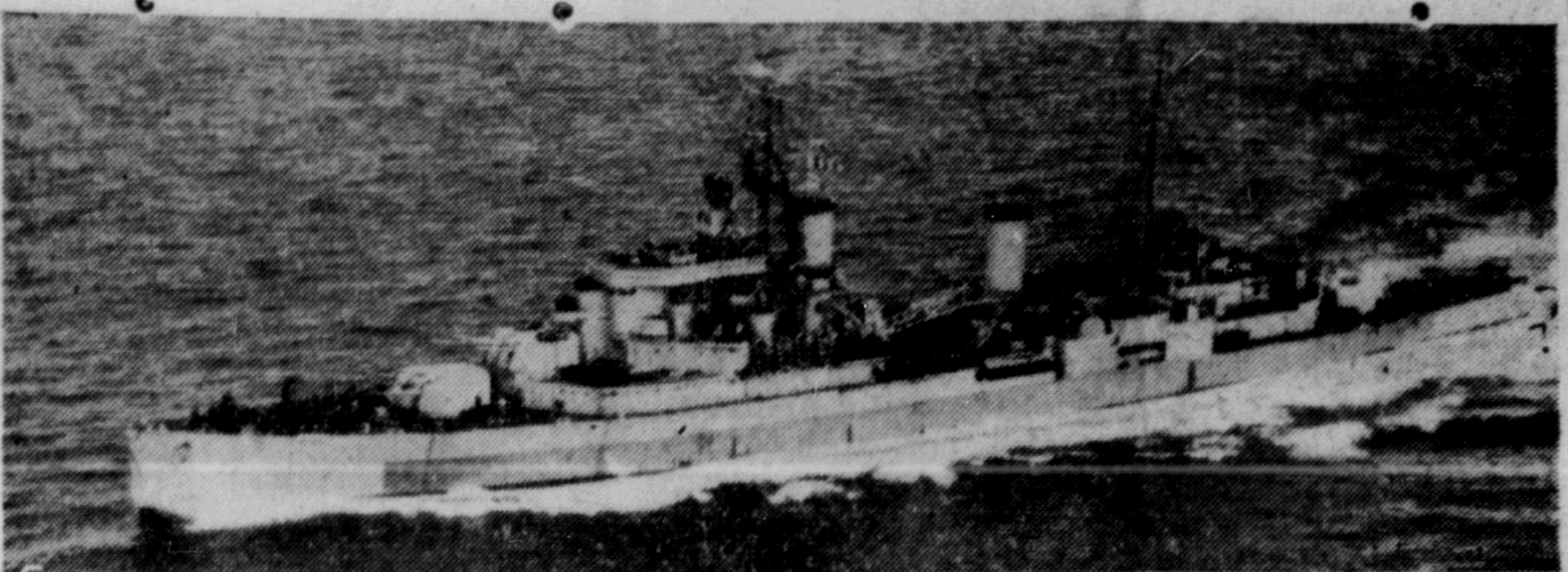
The clinic will be conducted in the Civic Centre, using the main auditorium, the teen-age room and the east end of the main lobby.

Starting tonight, the Prince Rupert volunteers will be run through this evening, Tuesday and Wednesday. The clinic will visit Port Edward on Wednesday evening and will be in Terrace Thursday, returning here on Friday and returning to Vancouver on the Catala that night.

Principal equipment is the clinic van which carries the clinic apparatus and the containers for the blood.

SITKA PULP MILL PROMOTER HERE

Bernhard B. Mullen of Juneau, vice-president and treasurer of the Alaska Industrial Corporation which is interested in establishing a 200-ton rayon pulp mill at Juneau, was a visitor in the city over the week-end. He was interested in progress of Columbia Cellulose Co.'s development at Port Edward. Mr. Mullen said that his company, now in the financing stage, hopes to raise \$30,000,000 in the United States to process timber from Forest Department lands in the Alaska panhandle. He arrived in the city Saturday on the Princess Louise and sailed north again this afternoon on the Princess Norah.



COMING THIS WEEK—H.M.C.S. Ontario, Captain Hugh F. Pullen, sailed from Juneau this morning for Prince Rupert and is due here Friday for a five day visit. The presence of the ship in northern waters is for a practice cruise. She sailed from Victoria July 14 and is due back in Esquimalt August 14. There are 56 officers aboard with a total ship's company of 775 officers and men. Also aboard the Ontario are 63 naval cadets from Royal Roads and 180 new entry seamen. The cruiser had been in Juneau since last Wednesday. The U.S. welcoming party comprised Lieut. Commander E. W. Chester, naval aid to Alaska's governor; Mayor W. Hendrickson and H. S. Rowland of the Juneau Chamber of Commerce. The Ontario, built in Belfast, Ireland, was commissioned in April 1945 and is the senior ship in the Pacific Naval Command. She is 556 feet long, 9,000 tons displacement and mounts nine six-inch guns.

VANCOUVER BOY IS TITLE WINNER

OTTAWA, C.—Hard-hitting Paul Willey of Vancouver won a brilliant upset victory over Montreal's Raymond Page at the 31st deadline, thereby avoiding the penalties that go with late payment of taxes.

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City's Tax Receipts Up

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Honors Even In Baseball

Prince Rupert All Stars divided honors with Smithers in a two-game series at the interior town yesterday.

Smithers won the afternoon game 13 to 11 and Prince Rupert took the evening encounter 9 to 5.

Each was a nine-inning game. Lindsay started on the mound for Prince Rupert in the opener and came back for the finish after being relieved by Dahl and Letourneau. Abel was the catcher.

Spicer and Gordie Hetherington comprised the Smithers battery. Letourneau and Morgan successfully carried the battery burden for Prince Rupert in the evening. It was a Gideon-Gideon battery for Smithers.

The local team drove to the interior Saturday, returning home early this morning.

Arrivals in the city on the Princess Norah this afternoon from Vancouver were Mrs. F. Doxsee and two children and Miss B. Doxsee.

TRIANGLE KILLING

NEW YORK C.—After watching from a fire escape, a policeman early yesterday shot and killed his ex-showgirl wife and a man. He then committed suicide at the foot of a bed.

The dead are:

Patrolman William R. Lane 30; his wife, Blanche, 28, a waitress, from whom he had been estranged for eight months, and Arnold Carpenter, 37, a carpenter with a wife and two sons.

The triple shooting took place in the Brooklyn home of Mrs. Lane's parents.

A visitor in the city this afternoon was C. C. Clark, vice-president of the Zurich General Accident and Liability Insurance Co. of Evanston, Illinois, who is making the round trip on the Princess Norah. He is accompanied by Mrs. Clark.

Hopes For Agreement

OTTAWA, C.—Prime Minister L. St. Laurent today hinted at hopes that a tax agreement could be reached between the federal and Ontario governments. Certainly a general federal-provincial conference would be held within the next year or so.

Mr. St. Laurent said the date of the opening of the new Parliament may be announced this week.

The Prime Minister said he had seen Premier Frost of Ontario before going on his recent vacation. "Although we spoke only in generalities, I got the impression that we both realize we have a responsibility to our respective constituents and that they expect us to act accordingly," he said.

Flash

VICTORIA—Plan for a national housing scheme in which British Columbia would participate has been placed before the federal authorities. Premier Johnson discussed it with Reconstruction Minister Winters during his current visit to Ottawa and with eastern housing authorities in Toronto. Details of the plan, which would involve millions of dollars, have not been made known.

BEATING COMMUNISTS WASHINGTON—President Truman told Congress today that the Greek government, with United States help, is making "solid progress" toward winning its civil war with the Communists. He attributed this to improved Greek leadership, accumulation of United States military supplies, months of training of Greek soldiers and "determination, decisiveness and aggressiveness in orders of the Greek high command."

CHAPMAN IS WINNER SAINT JOHN, N.B.—Smiling Dick Chapman, 38-year-old stock broker from Oysterville, Mass., came through in a grim, uphill struggle Saturday to win the Canadian amateur golf championship. Chapman, winner of the United States amateur in 1940, defeated Phil Farley of Toronto at the 38th hole in a drama-packed final before a gallery of 2000.

U.S. ATOMIC CONTROL WASHINGTON—The Atomic Energy Commission was informed today that new and more effective atomic bombs were being manufactured by the United States on an industrial basis. New uranium and plutonium sources had been found and United States had its own resources which could be used if the present supply was cut off.

MILITARY AID NEEDED WASHINGTON—Former Secretary of States George Marshall told Congress today that the Truman military aid program to Europe under the Atlantic Pact was necessary. Economy now might mean heavier expenditure later.

ATTLEE ILL NOW LONDON—Prime Minister Attlee as been confined to bed at his Chequers home since the week-end. He had a severe chill but his condition is said to be not serious.

History Is Made In Sloop's Epic Dash To Freedom Down Yangtse

ABOARD H.M.S. JAMAICA, AT SEA (CP)—This 8,000-ton cruiser sped today to rendezvous with the British sloop Amethyst whose bold escape from Chinese Communist captivity in the Yangtse River Saturday made naval history. The meeting is expected to take place tomorrow.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis Temperatures are considerably lower today than yesterday over southern British Columbia due to the influx of an extensive cloud layer from Washington State. Cloudiness is expected to show a gradual decrease tomorrow. Over the remainder of the province the weather is mainly sunny and warm.

Forecast North Coast region—Sunny today and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Wind light. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—Port Hardy 50 and 68; Massett and Prince Rupert, 50 and 66.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

Vancouver	
Bayonne	.05 1/2
Bralorne	.98 0
B. R. Con	.03
B. R. X	.07 1/4
Cariboo Quartz	1.15
Congress	.03 1/2
Hedley Mascot	.24
Pacific Eastern	.04
Pend Oreille	4.75
Pioneer	3.25
Premier Border	.04 1/4
Privateer	.20
Reeves McDonald	2.25
Reno	.04 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.15
Silbak Premier	.40
Taku River	.30
Vananda	.14
Salmon Gold	.11
Spud Valley	.08

Oils	
Anglo Canadian	3.20
A. P. Con	.16
Atlantic	.67
Calmont	4.40
C. & E.	.31
Central Leduc	.70
Home Oil	9.50
Mercury	.09 1/2
Okaka	1.34
Pacific Pete	2.45
Princess	.20
Royal Canadian	.06 1/2
South Brazeau	.14

Toronto Closed, Civic Holiday.

Dramatic details of the Amethyst dash for freedom were recounted by Vice-Admiral A. C. G. Madden, second in command of the Royal Navy's Far Eastern section.

The vessel had been pinned down by Communists in the Yangtse since April 20 when she was caught in a disastrous duel with Red shore batteries.

Madden said the escape was "all very well planned and conducted." The timing was a vital factor.

"The Amethyst slipped her anchor cable Saturday night at 10:12 Hong Kong time, making as little noise as possible," Madden said. "She followed astern of a steamer."

The ship was challenged and, ironically, a Red gunboat, also in the same area, was set afire by the Reds' guns.

The Amethyst replied to shore batteries with one round of her main armament and a large amount of fire from her Bren and oerlikon guns, Madden said.

In London the Admiralty announced that the King had radioed a royal order for the Amethyst crew to be served an extra ration of rum to all hands in celebration. The King also approved award of the Distinguished Service Order to Lt.-Cdr. J. S. Kerans, the Amethyst skipper.

A crew of eight brought the Amethyst down the river.

Exterminate Commie "Rats"

SYDNEY, Australia—Information Minister Arthur Calwell yesterday told a Labor rally that the government will use the army, navy and air force in an all-out fight against communists in Australia. The Labor government was pledged to wipe out communism in the Commonwealth, he said.

The government put members of the forces in mine pits today.

Seineboat Crew Has Miraculous Escape

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver—C. S. Davidson, Hon. E. T. Kenney, Dr. P. J. Cheney, J. N. Maiver, A. N. McNee, J. Spillsbury, M. Ferrie, R. Joyce, G. Senko.

To Sandspit—N. Price. From Vancouver—Mrs. E. Crum, M. Olsen, J. D. Blanchard, Miss E. Coulter, Miss M. Starratt, Mrs. F. Campbell, J. Kulin, T. Beatty, R. Lund, Mrs. S. King, H. Schmidt, R. Webber, R. Ingram.

From Sandspit—E. Held.

Q.C.A. To Masset—Mrs. E. C. Trumble, Miss E. Trumble, T. Thomas, Mrs. A. White.

To Port Clements—Mrs. E. L. Orr.

Tides

Tuesday, July 2, 1949		
High	7:26	16.1 feet
	19:33	19.4 feet
Low	1:17	5.9 feet
	13:13	6.1 feet

Frank Dibb returned to the city last night after spending the week-end at his summer home at Lakelse Lake. Mrs. Dibb, who has been there for the past week or so, returned with him. Mr. and Mrs. George Dibb and family are still at Lakelse.

RECORD YEAR FOR MUSEUM

Cruise boats are bringing far more tourists to Prince Rupert than in any year since the end of the war, attendance figures at the Museum of Northern British Columbia indicate.

According to the visitors' book kept in the Museum office and which is signed by all who pay the 25 cents admission fee 536 people have visited the Museum between June 1 and July 30, according to Curator C. E. Cullin.

For the same period of 1948, only 360 people had inspected the exhibits in the institution. The two totem poles erected at the front of the building are a drawing card for tourists, Mr. Cullin said, although some merely photograph them from the street and continue on without entering.

Million to One Rescue Near Q. Charlotte Sound

A million-to-one rescue chance saved the lives of four British Columbia fishermen when their fishboat was wrecked Saturday off Cape Caution, 200 miles south of Prince Rupert.

The crew of four of the fish packer Grier Starratt, an early day Prince Rupert vessel, scrambled into a skiff when their vessel perished on high rocks in dense fog and darkness.

Shortly afterwards the gill-netter K.A. appeared on the scene to pluck the shipwrecked seamen from the treacherous waters.

Under such conditions the rescue is believed to have been nothing short of a miracle.

The four rescued men are Doug Nichol of Vancouver, captain; Shirley Cottell, Mission, mate; Jim Low, Vancouver, engineer, and Vic Palmer, Vancouver, cook.



HE CAUGHT ONE AND ONLY ONE—Holidaying at Baie de Chaleur, N.B., Prime Minister St. Laurent tried his hand at fly casting. He caught a four-pound trout shortly after this photo was taken and was the only fisherman of his party to make a strike. Others quickly changed to his lure, but had no luck. The Prime Minister returned to Ottawa today to meet Premier B. I. Johnson of British Columbia.

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