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HIEFS MEET—Gen Waid Haislip, second from right, vice-chief of staff of the United greets Canada's chiefs of staff on their arrival in Washington for defence talks. at: Air Marshal W. A. Curtis, Lt.-Gen. Charles Foulkes, Gen. Haislip and Vice-Admiral (C.P. Photo)

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NEW YORK- Judge Saul Streit Monday ordered charges of first or second degree murder be withdrawn in the trial of Ralph Edward Barrows, accused of slaying Colin Cameron Mac-Kellar, Montreal textile execup resort to a four- tive. Nov. 5. 1948.

> The judge ruled that the state had failed to prove a felony murder or an intent to kill in their case against the 20-year Grand Rapids, Mich., youth.

Judge Streit left for the jury only consideration of manslaughter in the first or second degree.

The wealthy Montrealer was found dead in his Canadian Club suite on the 19th floor of the

8:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Midnight to 3:00 a.m.

5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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per T. B. Black

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Evidence during the trial indi- freezing in the unwieldy nets. 18.0 feet cated that Barrows had met 14.5 feet MacKellar during a round of reduction plant at Port Edward 8.9 feet drinking and went to the Mon- there was difficulty in getting

the Citizens of Prince Rupert

mer curtailment of power is necessary and the fol-

dule for the 4th, 5th & 5th Ave. (Present Hos-

will be effective whenever an emergency line is

to the Hospital-Completion expected this after-

schedule is effective as from this morning at 9:00 a.m.

be off between the times given below:

4.6th E. Borden St., etc.

7th, 8th & 9th Ave.,

Summit Ave.

and Waterfront, Section 2

Seal Cove & 11th Ave.

& 8-From Hays Cove Bridge

(present Hospital circuit)

Operations Given Up in Big Run at Eddye Pass Until Weather Ameliorates

Having mutually agreed to tie up until there has been amelioration in the cold weather conditions which were rendering operations almost impossible anyway, count of eight and then came forty ice-sheathed semboats of the herring fleet put into Prince, feet. Rupert Tuesday and released crews of several hundred men for Health Precautionan enforced shore leave.

The chill-laden north wind had been sweeping down on the fleet which was operating at Eddye Pass, not far outside of Prince Rupert Harbor where large run had developed in recent days and to which the fleet Waldorf-Astoria by a cleaning had moved from more remote Surf Inlet. Scining had become nigh impossible with the water

At the nearby Nelson Bros. Ltd. 8.5 feet trealer's suite for another drink. the fish out of the holds owing to the cold. Nevertheless, 5000 tons of herring was landed there since the week-end to be run through the plant as fertilizer and oil.

CAPETOWN (- Opposition launched an offensive yesterday to unseat South Africa's have included the use of hoses, Leader Jan Christian Smuts Nationalist-led Coalition government. It was the first heavy attack since Smut's United Party was defeated in the May

1948 general election. Smuts, former Prime Minister, charged the government with steering the country to- escaped in twelve below temwards the rocks.

Again Hit

VANCOUVER @-Vancouver 75, who suffered a heart at- ing Alderman Casey.

floods.

Railway traffic is hopelessly power Canadian Pacific paralyzed. moved trains no further than Edmoton with a local from there 1951." to Jasper and Kamloops.

Title Bout-

Maxim Wins

LONDON W-Handsome Joey Maxim of Cleveland took back Vancouver Mail the world's light heavyweight boxing championship to knocking out the title-holder Freddie Mills of Great Britain in the tenth of fifteen scheduled rounds at Earl's Court Arena here.

went down for the up but could not remain on his

In the interests of the public health and as a precaution against the possible outbreak of disease, Dr. J. McC. Black, medical health officer here, issued a strong recommendation today that all water obtained by householders other than through the ordinary faucets should be thoroughly boiled before using. "This is important as far as adults are concerned but much more so for children." Dr. Black said:

Dr. Black's warning comes as the city started, since yesterday afternoon, delivering water by Deconiroled truck and can to people living in the higher parts of the city, devious means, by which contamination might be caused. carrying in cans and barrels etc.

TRAIL HOTEL BURNS TRAIL - The Palace Hotel here was damaged beyond repair by fire which broke out in a lunch counter on the ground floor. Thirty guests perature.

Casey vs. Black

Over Power

is pretty well recovered from. It always seems to end in the submarine offKodiak, since disthe worst storm of the winter same manner. Alderman George credited, was reported Sunday which heaped snow ten inches Casey, firmly opposing an issue by five members of a Civil to a foot on the city Monday, advocated by most if not all the Aeronautics administration crew stalled traffic, confined run-Aldermen, digs up points that They said they were told by the dreds to the business area down seem very logical until Alder- Navy to divulge no details. Ali town unable to get home from man T. B. Black, stands up slow- were interviewed by high novel jobs and claimed the life of ly and returns a barrage of words officers. William Stanley McLeod, aged that hushes the chamber includ-

lation of classes in all but three report stating that representa- On the report being received, Capt. R. P. P. Westerling.

By midnight the storm had Commenting on his company's a submarine. moved into the beleaguered proposal, Ald. Black stated his On Edge of Storm—Fraser Vailey where the cold company is prepared to erect the snap had brought relief from plant immediately adding that the city cannot rely on water Brief Check

"As far as I am concerned." Calgary, Kamloops and Pentic- Ald. Black said, "the council, if ton, resorting to air lift. Cana- they wish, can put it before the dian National mainline trains people, but the plant should be are comig only as far west as completed before the winter of

"Why were these plans not presented to the people at election time?" Alderman Casey curiously queried.

"The plans," Alderman Black argued, "were not drafted for the election." Alder-(Continued on Page Four)

States last night by Via Pr. Rupert

With railway lines in and out of Vancouver paralyzed by snowfall and slides, mails from Vancouver to points between Prince George and Saskatoon are now moving by way of Prince Rupert. Five hundred sacks of mail arrived today on the Prince George from Vancouver to be transferred mail cars on which they will be taken East this evening.

Everything is moving freely on the Prince Rupert-Jasper line, Superintendent C. A. Berner reported again this morning, subject only to delays of trains to the division owing to severe winter weather on the prairies. All passenger and freight trains have been moved smoothly. Last night's train from the East, late in leaving Jasper, is reported due in here at 6 o'clock this evening.

Steel, limber

OTTAWA Primary steel where pressure is poor owing to and timber will be decontrolthe low reservoir, and to others led when current legislation and three inches January who have been cut off from water expires March 31, it was learn- which started with one tenth of supply by frozen pipes. Other ed yesterday. It is understood an inch of rain. That means that that the cabinet has decided Prince Rupert ha had but .6 of not to seek renewal of governcommodities. Thus authority in January. In January last year over price and movement will there was 12.1 inches included return to industry and private 20 inches of snow and 10.1 inches trade for the first time in elev- of rain. en years.

Rent control will continue Scouts, preme Court of Canada which is to be heard between now and

At It Again in City Council 'Improbable'

KODIAK (9-Sighting of the

of inhalator crew at a nearby council meeting when the comsubmarine with the manoeuvtack and died despite efforts

It happened at Monday's city
not link the appearance of the their forces.

The guerrilla army was led by

Vancouver district schools in- lives of the Northern B. C. Power the Navy immediately clamped The sudden withdrawal of the New Westminster schools were garding the extension of the sults of the search, were not tion against the city. closed yesterday but reopened power franchise and revision of announced except for the statement of skepticism that it was

Snow Comes But No Substantial Relief From Winter's Icy Grip Yet Seen

One of those storms in the Gulf of Alaska, which often brings soft southeast winds and rainfall to Prince Rupert, was passing by this morning but this part of the country appeared to be only on the edge of it and, is spite of snow flurries, the Wea ther Man had little to offer in the way of hope for an appreciable amelioration of the long cold snap. Prince Rupert people. meanwhile, facing their power and water crisis, continued their up. fervent hopes for rain-plenty and soon.

Local skies clouded over late lightly at 4 a.m., two inches having been recorded by 10 a.m. Wind had shifted to southeast 25 miles an hour, but, according to the forecast, it was to veer to east, 25 miles, this afternoon with cloud and snow flurries, clearing again tonight. A northerly gale warning was issued for Queen Charlotte Islands.

Lowest official thermometer reading of the night was 12 above at 10 p.m. By 4 a.m. it had risen to 15 above and at 10 a.m. it was 19 above-a long way to go yet before the grip of the cold spell would be loosened.

To settle arguments as to the duration of the cold spell which started before Christmas, some figures were obtained this morning from the Dominion meteorologist as to precipitation during the intervening time which really ? brought only ineffectual interruptions. Last snow before today was a few flakes, almost unnoticed, on January 18, one and a half inches on January 6 an inch of precipitation so far

Scout training films were shown to 185 cubs and scouts of Prince Rupert over the week-end. In addition to the scout pictures, forestry films were screened by W. N. Campbell of the provincial forestry service. The two films were first shown in the Catholic Hall Friday to 100 boys. Eighty five scouts and cubs viewed the pictures in the Conrad Street school Monday. F. E. Anfield, district commisioner for Boy

Rebels In Withdrawal

army, which had been attacking the United States of Indonesia, left Bandoeng suddenly on Monday afternoon after having taken over the most of the town a few hours earlier.

oned on Bandoeng, third largest tailment, yesterday met the re-Navy winter excercises are be- city in the United States of In- duction in light and power ing conducted in North Pacific donesia, patrolled the streets to- consumption appealed for by the

an outlaw former Dutch officer, ishing reserves of energy poten-

cluding the University of Bri- Co. and the committee had met on a secrecy ban and sent out guerrillas surprised U.S.I. offitish Columbia. Vancouver and and received a submission re- planes to search the area. Re- cials as much as the original ac-

CHRYSLER STRIKE

DETROIT-Chrysler workers marched out on strike today after six months of futile negotiations over a pension plan. United Automobile Workers (CIO) ordered its 80,000 Chrysler Corporation members to "hit the bricks" immediately after negotiations broke off.

FATAL PETERSPURG FIRE PETERSBURG, Alaska

Snowballs and a sait water bucket brigade failed last night to stem a fire which burned three children to death and destroyed their Indian community home near here. The town's normal water supply is frozen

FIVE YEARS FOR HISS NEW YORK-Alger Hiss was today sentenced to five years ence was pronounced by Federal Judge Henry Goodard in the courtroom where Hiss was convicted on two perjury counts last Satdrday. Defence comsel said the case would be ap-

VANCOUVER STADIUM VANCOUVER-City Council last night eyed a whopping bill involved—a possible \$750.000 but carried through with plans to have the 1954 British Empire Games staged here. The counril approved a \$300,000 Civic Stadium on Little Mountain, seating 5,000 people. Construction may start July 1.

Power Cut Again-

Restrictions JAKARTA, United States of Are Doubled

Prince Rupert People Cut Down to Almost Half Time Electric Availability

People of Prince Rupert. by Dutch troops, regularly garris- compulsory and voluntary cur-Northern British Columbia Power Co. in order to spin out its dimintial in the face of lowering lake water levels and coal piles. Accordingly Thomas B. Black, general manager of the company, although doubling the cut-off periods which had been slapped on previously, expressed hope that no more would be necessary and they might even be relaxed

> With present curtailment of electricity in effect and if the coal supply is increased, Prince Rupert will be supplied with sufficient water and power for approximately another month. A 10-day supply of coal is on hand to fed the dry dock plant, Mr. Black stated this morning and more shipments of the necessary fuel are being made here.

Water level at Falls River is 6.1 feet. Now receding at .2 feet per day following the drastic cuts in power consumption water can drop another 6 feet before the power from there will be ex-

Fifteen inches of water remains in the city reservoir which means. Don Stewart, city engineer, stated, that all city homes are being supplied except for those with frozen pipes. Thawing of four hydrants in the vicinity of Third and Second Avenues is last night and it started to snow in federal penitentiary. Sent- underway with anti-freeze, rock coal and steam.

> Loss of water at Shawatlans has been reduced to 2.5 inches and at Falls River, 3.5 inches. It is hoped both locations can be stabilized soon.

> Starting today power is being cut off in various parts of the city for an aggregate of nine to eleven hours in staggered periods during the day and night.

Those depending on electricity for the carrying on of business or for industrial or domestic purposes, were accepting the situation philosophically and plan-(Continued on Page Four)

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CIVIC CENTRE-MONDAY & TUESDAY, JANUARY 30th & 31st

Main Event 8:30 p.m. Preliminary 7:30 p.m.

Reserved Seats \$1.50 and \$1.25 - Rush Seats \$1.00

ALL RESERVATIONS TO BE CLAIMED 48 HRS. PRIOR TO GAME

Adults \$1.00 Students 50c

Students' Matinee Tuesday, 3:45 p.m.