

Alaska To Be Made Into Bristling Air Fortress For United States Protection



BY THE NETHERLANDS—Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, has been awarded the decoration The Netherlands can bestow. At a special ceremony during the official visit of Prince Bernhard to Ottawa, he was given the Grand Cross of the Order of The Netherlands for outstanding services to the Allied cause during the war. (C. P. Photo)

Heart Attack Proves Fatal

A few hours after he had been admitted to hospital by city ambulance, Walter Bodger, 76, 221 Ninth Avenue West died early this morning. He suffered a heart attack at 11:30 p. m. yesterday at his home.

A resident here with his wife for the past 18 months, Mr. Bodger came here from Smithers. A veteran of the First World War he served in the 58th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force in the battles at Ypres, the Somme and Lens. He was gassed.

Mr. Bodger lost a son during the Second World War in service in the Navy.

He was a member of the Canadian Legion.

The deceased was born at Peekham, Surrey, England.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Paulis of this city who is presently in Victoria on a visit, and Mrs. R. F. Bates, Telkwa, and one son Walter, at home.

Funeral arrangements, under the direction of B. C. Undertakers will be announced later.



Mrs. Arnold



Mrs. Hodges

WOMEN OF THE YEAR—The Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs has chosen Mrs. Nancy Hodges of Victoria, Speaker of the British Columbia Legislature, as "Woman of the Year." The award is given for outstanding public service. Recipient of the 1948 award was Mrs. Nora Arnold, then mayor of Prince Rupert.

Ducharme Condemned

Conviction of Murder of Miss Fisher Being Appealed

VANCOUVER (CP)—Dugald McAlpine, defence counsel, announced today that he would appeal the conviction last night of Fred Ducharme on the charge of murdering Ferné Blanche Fisher. Ducharme, was sentenced by Mr. Justice A. M. Manson to hang June 30.

The 14-day trial of Ducharme, charged with the sex-slaying of the 45-year old spinster, ended late yesterday in the conviction.

Miss Fisher's body was found in the murky waters of False Creek here last November 9.

McAlpine, as grounds for appeal, alleges misdirection of the jury by the trial judge—that defence evidence had been minimized while crown evidence had been emphasized.

In a statement when asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, Ducharme declared that Miss Ducharme was "alive and contented" when she left his car.

Planning Defense Against Surprise Russian Atom Thrust

WASHINGTON, D. C. (CP)—United States military forces are embarking upon a huge building program of bases outside the continental limits of the United States, especially in Alaska. They propose to spend on these bases about \$239,409,000 of the \$665,000,000 they are asking Congress to authorize for military public works.

FLASH !!

JOHNSON COMING HOME—Premier Byron Johnson left last night on his return to British Columbia after a three-day visit to London. He addressed the British Timber Federation at dinner last night and appealed for use of more British Columbia lumber rather than timber substitutes in British building.

CANADA WINS TITLE—Edmonton Mercurys last night regained the world amateur hockey crown for Canada, whipping Sweden 3 to 1 in the final game of the tournament.

A Plymouth car, driven by Will Robinson and Herb Spencer of Terrace, arrived in Prince Rupert at 12:15 today after four hours and ten minutes of driving over the Skeena Highway from Terrace.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co Ltd.)

Vancouver		Aumaque	
Bayonne	.05	Beattie	.60
Bralorne	9.10	Bevcourt	.29
B. R. Con	.02½	Bobjo	.12½
B. R. X.	.05½	Buffalo Canadian	.13
Cariboo Quart	1.30	Consol. Smelters	92.50
Congress	.29	Conwest	1.08
Hedley Mascot	.23	Donalda	.57
Pacific Eastern	.04	Eldona	.30½
Pend Oreille	5.15	East Sullivan	5.75
Pioneer	3.30	Giant Yellowknife	6.15
Premier Border	.03	God's Lake	.32½
Privateer	.13	Hardrock	.37
Reeves McDonald	2.05	Harricana	.05¾
Reno	.05	Heva	.06½
Sheep Creek	1.08	Hosco	.07
Silbak Premier	.32	Jackknife	.05
Vananda	.11	Joliet Quebec	.57½
Salmon Gold	.06¾	Lake Rowan	.07½
Spud Valley	.04	Lapaska	.05½
Silver Standard	.60	Little Long Lac	.50
Oils—		Lynx	1.94
Anglo Canadian	4.15	Madsen Red Lake	3.05
A. P. Con	.27	McKenzie Red Lake	.55
Atlantic	1.53	McLeod Cockshutt	3.35
Calmont	.51	Moneta	.34½
C. & E.	7.20	Negus	1.48
Central Leduc	1.15	Noranda	68.75
Home Oil	12.00	Louvicoourt	.26½
Okalta	1.68	Pickle Crow	1.82
Pacific Pete	4.80	San Antonio	3.60
Princess	.3½	Senator Rouyn	.25
Royal Canadian	.05½	Sheritt Gordon	2.18
Royalite	11.00	Steep Rock	2.60
Toronto		Sturgeon River	.20½
Athona	.08½	Silver Miller	.87½
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Music and Drama Festival Here is Off to Good Start

Prince Rupert's third annual music and drama festival was officially opened in the Capitol theatre yesterday. Inspector of Schools, Joseph Chell was happy to see the interested parents although there were only 100 of them and added that "it is an honor for me to be representing the Department of Education."

Vancouver Sun Music Editor Stanley Bligh, adjudicating musical events, was in good form and did a fine job in explaining errors and giving aid to the young musicians who ranged between eight and 11 years of age.

"Do not be frightened," he told the well mannered and cutely dressed little girls, "I am not only here to criticize but to help and guide you."

Before and after each performance, the tiny girls politely curtisied and returned to their places to await the judgment of the adjudicator.

In the auditorium of the Civic Centre last night, vocal solos and a Booth Memorial High School play were presented to over 350 spectators.

Mr. Bligh was concerned about the small showing of boy vocalists on the program. He was sure there were more young male singers in Prince Rupert and emphasized that something should be done to bring them into the open.

Five girls, vocalizing in the 13 year old group, were grouped together by Mr. Bligh into a chorus following completion of that class. A very able and talented musician, Mr. Bligh improved the chorus by two "practices."

The Booth school farce "The Devil Among the Skins" was the finest performance of the evening. The adjudicator, James McGrath, along with the audience, praised the performance highly.

"It is better than when I saw it done in Victoria some years ago," he declared.

At Mr. McGrath's suggestion, "Devil Among the Skins" will be repeated Friday night.

He lauded all four performers Bill Donaldson, Dick Large, Roy Webber and Margaret Cagno. He said they did a fine job in "keeping up the play" a very important and usually shunned factor in staging a play.

He thought Dick Large presented a very fine performance and added that all characters were excellent. He commented on the time element, England in the 1400's—stated that it did not convey the atmosphere. But, he added, facilities in the theatre did not permit it.

Man Quickly Apprehended

As he was boarding the 8 o'clock train last night for Edmonton, Malcolm McLean alias "Scotty McLean" was picked up by Const. Len Turner of the B.C. Police and locked in the city jail. The man is wanted in Ocean Falls on a false pretenses charge. A telephone call yesterday from the Ocean Falls detachment informed the detachment here that a warrant had been issued.

The accused disembarked here off the Prince Rupert yesterday morning and later purchased a train ticket for Edmonton.

He is being escorted to Ocean Falls by Sgt. Lance Potterton aboard the Prince Rupert tonight.

Stole \$314,000 Scared Stiff

HOLLYWOOD (CP)—Two detectives, acting on a tip, early yesterday arrested a "scared" Boston youth and recovered \$314,000 in bonds, stocks and jewelry which had been stolen from the home of philosopher Will Durant.

George B. Roden, aged 22, recent Navy discharge, was arrested in his room.

Detectives said the loot was found in the back of an overstuffed chair. They did not disclose the source of the tip.

"It scared me to death when I saw all I had," Roden told detectives. "I was afraid some one would bump me off for it."

Local Lad Victim of Accident In Playing With Bow and Arrow

Vancouver specialists are to determine whether it will be possible to save the right eye of Michael Greene, young son of Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Greene of this city, following an unfortunate accident while the lad was playing in his home on Borden Street Tuesday evening.

The pupil of the eye was penetrated at close range by a home-made arrow from a bow gun with which the children were playing in a room of the home.

Local doctors were in immediate attendance and found the eye ball torn badly. Surgical attention was rendered at once and yesterday the lad was taken by plane to Vancouver, accompanied by his mother.

Dr. Greene was to leave this afternoon to be present for the final decision as to whether or not the eye could be saved, but postponed his departure when a more reassuring morning report was received.

The boy is now in Vancouver General Hospital.



DESERTERS FROM SPAIN — These two 20-year-old Spaniards fear they will be shot if they are returned to Spain under a Canadian deportation order. The two, Enrique Montenegro, left, and Angel Parra, are deserters from the Spanish navy. They arrived in Vancouver aboard a British freighter. They are shown en route to detention cells at Montreal. (CP Photo)

Collapsed In Cooler Room

A city electrician had a narrow escape at 5 p.m. yesterday when he was overcome as air became exhausted while he worked in a refrigerator room at the Commercial Hotel.

Jack Wyllie, 780 Alfred Street, employed by the Northern B. C. Power Company, entered the basement of the Commercial Hotel yesterday at approximately 1:30 p.m. At 5 p.m. one of the waiters, Grant Smith, went down into the beer cooling room and discovered Wyllie stretched on his back over the upright beer kegs.

Wyllie had been in the cooling room thawing the defrosting coil of a cooling unit with an acetylene torch. He had lain in the room half an hour when found.

The waiter immediately summoned Manager Harold Helgersson. The pair moved the unconscious man to another room where the inhalator squad of the fire department revived him. Dr. W. S. Kergin arrived on the scene and ordered the man transferred to hospital.

This morning, Dr. Kergin announced his condition as satisfactory and added that he had been rescued just in time. He will remain in hospital for another day.

Mr. Helgersson said the man was not locked in the beer room. Rear and front doors were unlocked, although the front entrance was closed. The manager cut his hand in an effort to remove the victim from the room. Gas fumes were very strong.

THE WEATHER

Synopsis

The British Columbia coast is in the path of an unusually strong Pacific storm and winds this morning of up to 78 knots were being reported from the Queen Charlotte Islands. At most other points top velocities were near 45 knots. Rain has spread across the coast overnight and will reach into the interior later in the day. The weather tomorrow in the wake of the storm will be cloudy and cool over most of B.C. with a few showers in the more mountainous sections.

Forecast

North Coast Region—Intermittent rain today and tonight. Cloudy with scattered showers tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Southeast gales, 35 miles per hour, decreasing to southerly (20) this evening. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 37 and 47.

Tides

Friday, March 24, 1950

High	4:10	19.0 feet
	17:03	15.7 feet
Low	10:55	6.2 feet
	22:32	9.5 feet