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Important Smithers Meet

THIS IS THE WEEK of the annual convention in Smithers of the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia and it is fitting that local community leaders should be heading interiorwards for the sessions to be held this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. It is the yearly forum for discussion of matters of common interest to the entire area between coast and Alberta across the true interior of the province and the whole north as well. In view of the already real and to much greater extent potential relationship of the friendly territory to the northwest, Southeastern Alaska of recent years has become an active affiliate of the Central B.C. Associated Boards. Such cities as Juneau and Ketchikan will also be represented at Smithers.

With the growing development of Central British Columbia and the increasing indications that time for large scale expansion and utilization of these areas is now immediately at hand, the voice of this great district, as expressed at the Associated Boards convention, takes on an aspect of greater importance than ever.

SOMETHING TO ENVY

THE UNITED STATES Coast Guard last week observed its 159th anniversary. During the past year the Coast Guard rescued more than 5,000 persons and saved or protected property estimated at more than \$160,000,000 in value. Navigation aids totalled 40,000 were kept up. High sea laws were maintained and 20,000 officers and men kept ready for any emergency.

It is with a sense of admiration and envy that anyone on the Canadian side of the western coast must read such facts and figures. But there is still official indifference about a Canadian Coast Guard in spite of the need and the indignity of depending upon the United States. Enough to make one blush!

LACK OF SECURITY

FREQUENTLY when a man who to some extent enjoyed prominence finds age overtaking him he also finds his private means have become a source of worry. If he has a pension, it has shrunk through increasing living costs. Once he might have been safe in considering himself comfortable but not today. He still has to keep up appearances, a difficult enough obligation for himself and family. Once, he might have been reckoned rich but now with taxation and other manifold levies anything that looked like money, could not escape the appraising eye of all governments. And some have practically no provision for the future.

CHURCHILL

VESSELS, now on the way from England to Churchill, will not all return with cargoes. Some will arrive and leave empty. At the present time there is little grain in Churchill elevators.

For thirty years, Churchill has been experimenting with wheat shipping and the picture does not look any more inviting today than it did that long ago. It all comes down to short seasons, ice and risky weather. There was a great clamor for Hudson Bay wheat shipping. Nautical experts in Winnipeg, and elsewhere on the prairies refused to admit there was serious risk. This was so self-evident. Usually, the point was stressed, about every four years. But after the elevator was established, and Hudson Bay took its place as a deep sea route, there has been a notable falling off in enthusiasm.

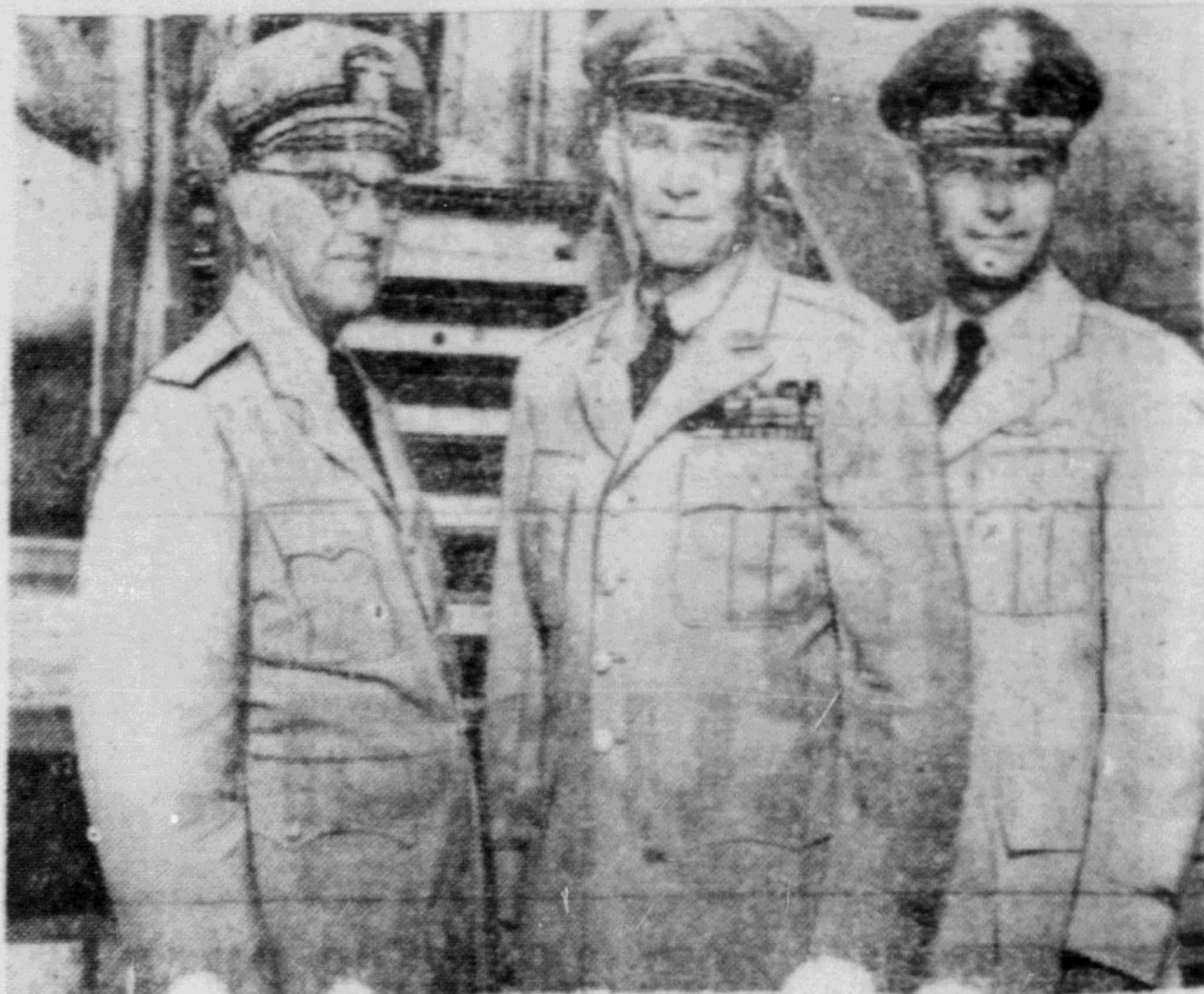
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U.S. MILITARY CHIEFS IN EUROPE—Admiral Louis Denfeld (left), U.S. naval chief of operations; General Omar Bradley (centre) army chief of staff, and General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, air force chief of staff, are now in Germany discussing military operation under the North Atlantic pact. They were making a 10-day tour of pact countries. Bradley has been appointed chief of combined United States staffs. (CP Photo)



HAVEN FOR HOLIDAYING—Whether it's fishing or boating, or just loafing on a hot summer day, the old lighthouse at Stony Point, Ont., provides the setting. Situated on the shore of Lake St. Clair where the Thames River flows into the lake, the light house has long been recognized as one of the most picturesque spots in Essex County. Built many years ago, the light is a navigation beacon for lake freighters. (C. P. Photo)

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The service is offered by the Provincial Department of Health and the Prince Rupert Health Unit.

The mobile van today is at Port Edward, x-raying cannery workers at Nelson Bros., while the "breakdown" unit, so called because it can be taken apart and re-assembled readily, is at the Health Unit building.

The mobile unit will remain at Port Edward until noon tomorrow when it will move to the city. The "breakdown" unit will remain at the Health Unit for the next two weeks.

In charge of the mobile unit are x-ray technicians Sam Smith and Carol Murray, while Bert Johnson and Gordon Jacklin, also technicians, are in charge of the "breakdown" unit.

Response at the Health Unit was said to be "slow" this morning, but had picked up briskly this afternoon.

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

It is perhaps not at all surprising that so many Prince Rupert persons prefer driving a car to walking. This is actually a small townsite, as cities go. Yet between where one lives and works there is often a long enough tramp. On the other hand it is also true there are numerous instances where distance cannot be more than a few blocks. More regular use of one's legs, and the garage could benefit in more ways than one. Incidentally, it might contribute toward solution of the parking puzzle.

The nearest spot in North America to Soviet Russia is on the Alaska coast, sixty miles away. Another reason for statehood? Or is it?

It's the truth to say more publicity for Skeena is needed in the American northwest. But it's equally a fact to say that throughout the United States and Canada there is a persistent lack of worthwhile knowledge. Tens of thousands live a lifetime without going beyond their own borders. Perhaps this is least noted in the far north east of the United States. There,

compact, small, long settled and practically one people, New England and the Maritimes are close as well as good neighbors. A century of inter-marrying, trading and job-rustling saw to that.

One is said to be as old as he feels. Mr. Churchill, top speaker at the European council in Strasbourg, smokes the usual number of cigars daily (first one before breakfast) and enjoys a few shots of port and brandy before bedtime. There is a suspicion he feels fine. Perhaps he'll stand treat to Old Man Austerity, thereby catching the fancy of an impatient British electorate.

The annual sourdough stampede will take place this year at Los Angeles. The gold rush was on in 1898-99. This is 1949. By all the rules of the game Los Angeles should be a ghost town.

Doubtless the handiest weapon on earth with which to commit murder or take a life, is the revolver, and it is for this reason the plea is heard once more to make the possession of one, an extremely difficult matter. It might be argued something else could take the place of a gun, where police are concerned. It might even be suggested that the revolver is out of place in modern war. Meanwhile, in maybe eight out of ten homicides, there's a pistol in the background.

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