

Killing on Prince Rupert Waterfront

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Prince Rupert's tenth annual Civic Centre carnival, which was opened by Mayor Nora Arnold at 11:30 p.m. last night, ushering in a gala week aimed at raising money for Civic Centre requirements.

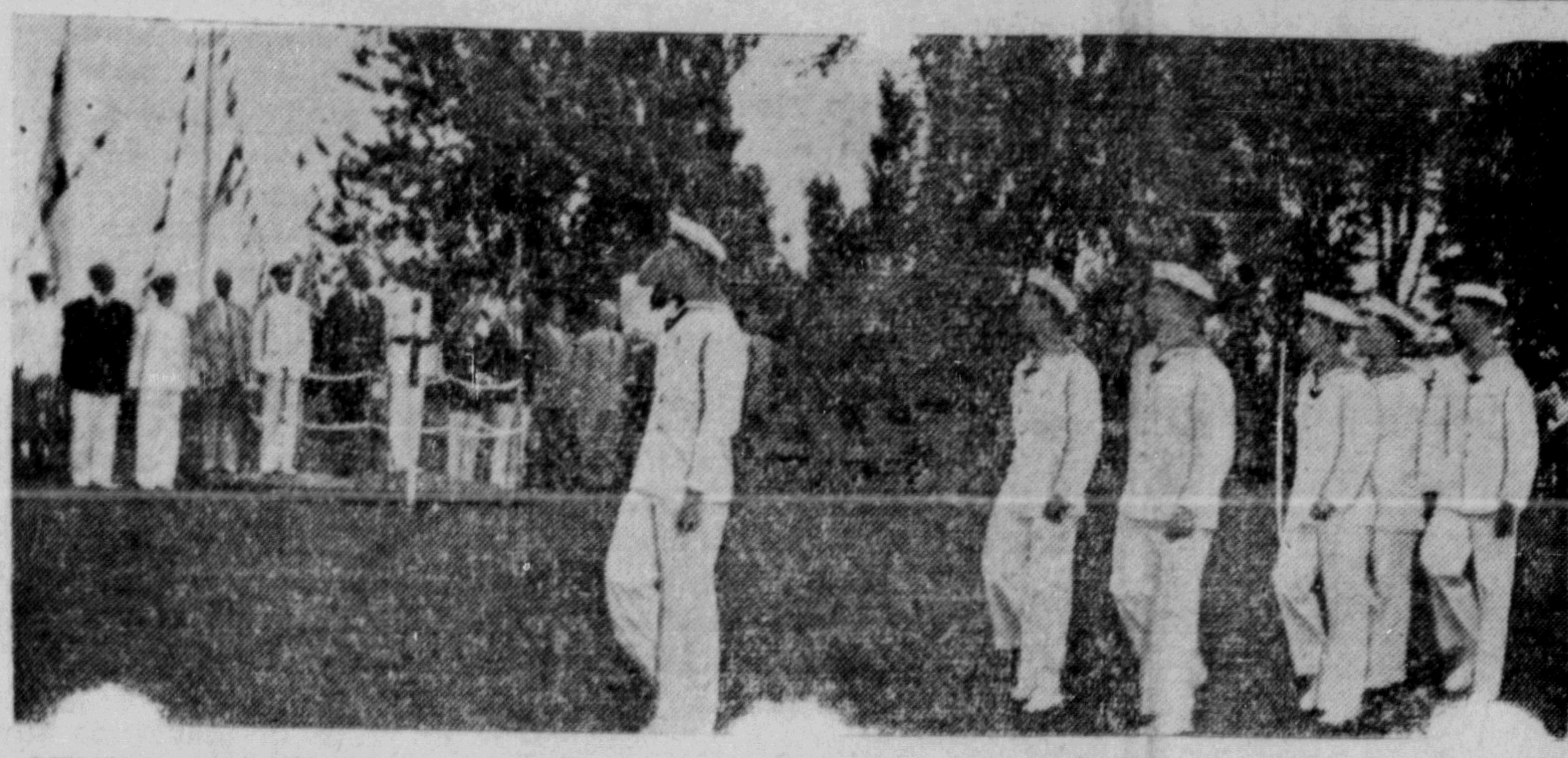
Right Wing Parties Win

FRANKFURT, Germany (CP)—Western Germany has handed its right wing parties a mandate to direct the new federal republic for the next four years. More than 24,000,000 Germans swarmed to the polls yesterday in the first free election since Adolf Hitler took over in 1933. They handed Communism its fourth major defeat in western Europe since the war. France, Italy and West Berlin had said "No" to the Reds in earlier elections. Topping the vote with 7,356,025 were the Conservative Christian Democrats. Close behind, with 6,932,303 were the Social Democrats who want to nationalize industries. Free Democrats, who favor the free enterprise system with no reservations, were in third place with 2,827,948 votes. Trailing the field were the Communists who slumped from ten percent of the popular vote in 1946 to about six percent—1,360,469 votes.

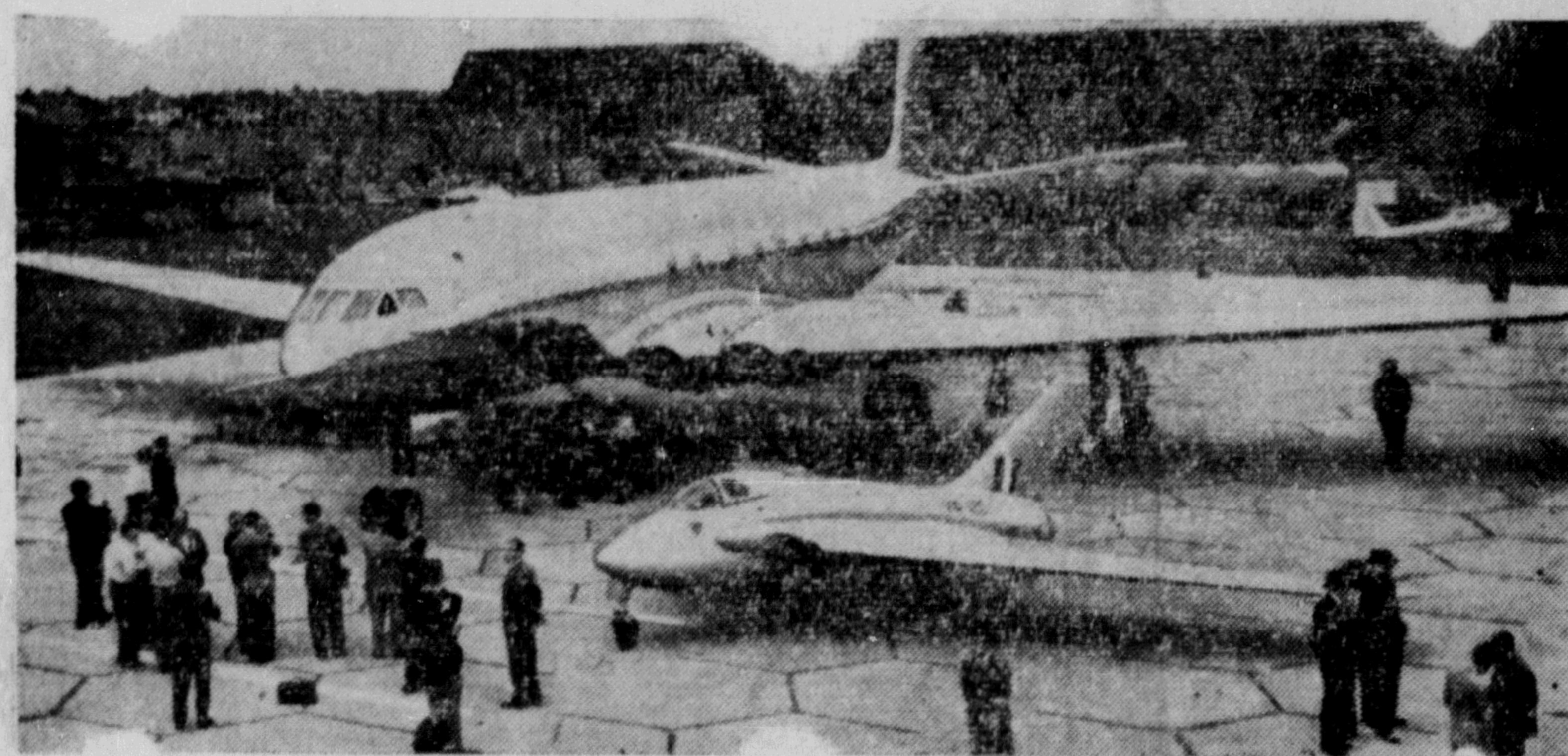
TODAY'S STOCKS

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

Vancouver	
Bayonne	.05 1/2
Bralorne	10.25
B. R. Con	.03
B. R. X.	.07
Cariboo Quartz	1.10
Congress	.04
Hedley Mascot	.25
Pioneer	3.50
Premier Border	.04
Privateer	.21
Silbak Premier	.40
Taku Rivre	.23
Vananda	.15
Salmon Gold	.13
Oils	
Anglo Canadian	3.55
A. P. Con	.16
Atlantic	.66
Calmont	.31
C. & E.	5.40
Central Leduc	.75
Home Oil	9.75
Mercury	.09
Pacific Pete	2.40
Princess	.20
Royal Canadian	.06 1/2
Toronto	
Athona	.12 1/2
Aumaque	.18
Beattie	.64
Bevcourt	.20
Bobjo	.15
Buffalo Canadian	.12 1/2
Consol. Smelters	98.50
Conwest	1.15
Donald	.55
Eldoha	.66
East Sullivan	2.40
Giant Yellowknife	6.80
God's Lake	.44
Hardrock	.21
Harricana	.06 1/2
Heva	.11
Hosco	.16 1/2
Jackknife	.06
Joliet Quebec	.48
Lake Rowan	.08
Lapaska	.07 1/2
Little Long Lac	.59
Lynx	.15
Madsen Red Lake	2.95
McKenzie Red Lake	.48
McLeod Cockshutt	1.10
Moneta	.43
Negus	2.40
Noranda	58.00
Louvoult	.14
Pickle Crow	2.17
Regcourt	.06
San Antonio	4.30
Senator Rouyn	.39
Sheritt Gordon	2.38
Sheep Rock	1.73
Sturgeon River	.20
Silver Miller	.38



QUEBEC SEA CADET CAMP HOST TO VISITORS FROM FOUR COUNTIES—Members of the Swedish contingent at the Empire Sea Cadet camp, Camp Ewing, Chislesey, Que., are seen as they marched past the reviewing stand during official welcoming ceremonies. Defence Minister Brooke Claxton took the salute. The camp was host to sea cadets from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden and Canada. Billy Toderas of Prince Rupert attended the camp and his story is told in the Daily News today.



"NICE TO HANDLE," SAYS PILOT OF BRITAIN'S JET AIRLINER—This is Britain's four-jet airliner, the new Comet de Havilland, which was completed ahead of Canada's model, and passed her first flight test. The streamlined ship with swept-back wings, rose 8090 feet, then flew at 100 feet over the airfield for the benefit of company employees. In this photo the new jet airliner is shown at the Hatfield airfield. In foreground is the D.H. 108 which was used to calculate wing resistance, stress and strain and speed for the new plane.

Air Liner Falls Into Sea Off Ireland; Nine Are Lost

SHANNON, Ireland (CP)—An air liner bound from Rome to New York belied into the Atlantic off the Republic of Ireland early today but surface craft saved 49 of 58 people on board and landed them at Galway. The four-engined Skymaster was on the Rome to Shannon leg of a flight to New York and overshot the Shannon airport. The pilot radioed that he had lost his way and was out of gasoline.

Its fuel exhausted, the air liner fell into the ocean off the west coast of Ireland in the darkness.

Nine of the 58 occupants were killed and the rest were saved in a dramatic sea-air rescue.

Among those saved was Ruth Nichols, aged 48, noted American aviatrix. She was employed as assistant stewardess.

On board were 47 Italian emigrants to Venezuela and 11 Americans.

After the Skymaster had overshot the Galway airport, another air liner tried to escort it back to Shannon but the gasoline gave out and it plopped into the calm sea 15 miles off the coast.

British and American transport planes guided surface vessels in rescue operations.

Nine of the Americans on board were employees of Trans-Ocean Air Lines, owners of the plane.

AUSTRALIA IS WINNER

RYE, New York (CP)—Australia's 22-year-old blonde tennis ace Frank Sedgman defeated Italy's Marcello del Bello 6-0, 6-4, 6-4 in the second game of the Davis Cup semi-final round. Later Sedgman teamed with Capt. John Bromwich in the doubles to defeat Del Bello and Gianni Cicelli 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1. Australia won the round lead three to nothing in the five game series.

ANNUAL CADDY GOLF TOURNEY

JASPER PARK LODGE—The annual Caddy Golf Tournament played over this Lodge's famous (Continued on Page 4)



MISS PRINCE RUPERT—Pretty Cynthia Norton of Terrace, local choice for Miss P. N. E. honors at Vancouver Exhibition. She goes south this week to compete with other B. C. beauties.

—Van Meer Photos.

MURDER CHARGE FORMALLY READ

Earl Johnson, 34-year-old fisherman charged with the murder of his brother, Vivian "Vic" Johnson, aboard the seine boat Izumi III here Saturday night, appeared in city police court this morning and heard a charge of murder read to him by Magistrate W. D. Vance.

The tall, dark-skinned fisherman was remanded for eight days or earlier for preliminary hearing on the murder charge. Since the hearing will be a preliminary examination, no plea was entered by Johnson's counsel, M. Willa Ray.

Both Mrs. Ray and Crown Counsel T. W. Brown agreed to the adjournment so that the inquest into Vic Johnson's death can be completed before the preliminary hearing starts.

Police documents which had listed the name of the dead man as "Vic" Johnson were changed when the accused man told the court that his brother's name had been Vivian Charles James Johnson.

The inquest is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Three men who had been held as material witnesses over the week-end were released this morning after they had assured Magistrate Vance that they would be on hand to give evidence at the inquest and preliminary inquiry. They were Clifford Johnson, youngest brother of the slain man, Mickey Dolan, a brother-in-law, and Tony Silvey, crew man of another Anglo-British Columbia packing Company boat who had been visiting on the Izumi III at the time of the skipper's death.

The three men assured the court that they would be on hand when required.

The charge reads that "Earl Johnson on Saturday, August 13 did unlawfully murder Vivian Charles James Johnson."

Overthrow In Syria

President and Premier Shot Yesterday in Sudden Coup

DAMASCUS, Syria (CP)—Syria's President and Premier were shot yesterday in a lightning military coup repercussions of which thundered throughout the explosive Middle East.

Col. Sami Hennawi, aged 51, Syrian hero of the Palestine war, led a group of senior Army officers who overthrew the government of Marshal Husni Zayim.

A sharp burst from a firing squad at Great Mazza military barracks ended the rule of the stocky little Zayim who had seized power 4 1/2 months ago. Zayim's bespectacled Premier Musen Bey Berazi, generally considered the brains of the regime died with him.

Col. Hennawi issued communiques telling of the shootings. They called the dead rulers "traitors" and "tyrants" and ordered the Army and police to join forces and maintain calm.

French left wing papers in Paris today accused Great Britain of engineering the Syrian coup d'etat in order to "get rid of a hostile regime."

An independent Left Wing paper, Combat, describes the execution of Col. Zayim as "one of the stages of the struggle being waged in London, Washington and Paris for domination of the Middle East."

EDMONTON TO BE CANADIAN REPS

TORONTO (CP)—Officials of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association decided Saturday to send the Edmonton Mercuries to represent Canada in the world hockey championships at London next year.

Seine Boat Captain Slain; Brother Held On Charge Of Slaying

A Nanaimo fisherman is being held on a charge of murder in the city jail here and two of his crew mates were held as material witnesses following the death Saturday night aboard the seine boat Izumi III of Vivian Johnson, age 39, skipper of the vessel, who died within a matter of minutes after being struck in the chest by a .22 calibre bullet.

Held on a charge of murder is Earl Johnson, 34-year-old brother of the dead man, who, the charge alleges, held the gun that killed the older man at 10:15 Saturday night while the 65-foot seine boat was moored at the Standard Oil Co. dock at Cow Bay.

A third man, Tony Silvey, a crew member of the seineboat London III, who was in the Izumi III's galley at the time of the killing, also was held over the week-end as a witness. He and Clifford Johnson and Mickey Dolan were released this morning after assuring the court that they would be on hand to give evidence at the coroner's inquest and the preliminary hearing.

The killing is said to have followed a heated argument in which Earl Johnson and another brother, Clifford, age 32, had been ordered from the boat by their elder brother.

The dead man's name was Vivian Charles James Johnson. He was commonly known as "Vic."

Police were called to the scene shortly after 10:15 by Mrs. Jennie Johnson, wife of the dead skipper who was cook aboard the Izumi III. Clifford Johnson appeared at the city police station a few minutes later to report the killing.

Corporal A. H. Taylor and Constable P. C. Gurr of the city police who responded to the call, found Vic Johnson slumped beside the engine which takes up part of the room in the fore-castle of the Izumi III.

Sitting in the cabin were Earl Johnson and Mickey Dolan, husband of the Johnson brothers sister, who was engineer aboard the Izumi III. Dolan and Clifford Johnson are being held by the police as witnesses.

Examination by Dr. J. A. Macdonald showed that Victor Johnson had been shot in the chest, just the right of centre. He apparently had died within a matter of seconds after being shot.

He was reported to have muttered a few words before he died. The Izumi III belongs to the Anglo-British Columbia Packing Co. of Steveston and had been operating out of North Pacific Cannery. The boat, which carried a crew of six men and a woman, had been salmon seining in northern waters.

The three Johnson brothers and Mickey Dolan are all of 250 St. George Street, Nanaimo. Vic, the oldest brother, is a veteran fisherman. He has been on the coast for more than 20 years and has been skipper of the Izumi III for the last seven years. A powerful man, about 6 feet one inches and weighing about 200 pounds, he was at one time active in boxing in Vancouver.

Aboard the boat police found evidence that there had been drinking prior to Johnson's death.

During the altercation which resulted in the death of the skipper, a .22 rifle had been picked up, it is said, as a threat to force Clifford Johnson to leave the boat. Allegedly, deceased had set the gun down again and taken out a short-bladed knife with a threatening gesture. When the shot was fired, he slumped beside the engine on

the starboard side, the knife falling between his legs.

The rifle, a .22 calibre single-shot, was found by the police on an unoccupied bunk on the port side of the pilot house.

As Corporal Taylor and Constable Gurr entered the fore-castle of the boat a short-handled axe was swung at them. Corporal Taylor parried the blow and received a cut on the little finger of his left hand. Constable Gurr received a wound on his arm.

Mrs. Jennie Johnson then rushed out of the fore-castle via a stairway and into the pilot house.

When Earl Johnson was taken to the police station, he was found to have a deep gash on the upper part of his left arm. The wound was treated by Dr. Macdonald.

Earl Johnson was formally charged with his brother's murder Sunday morning. Also a strong, well-built man he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the war.

The Izumi's three other crew members, none of whom were in the fore-castle when the skipper was killed, were Fred Robinson of Prince Rupert, Bert Dorio of Vancouver and Clarence Anderson of Hartley Bay.

The dead man and his wife lost a year-old child about a year ago as a result of polio.

Split Season For Halibut

International Fisheries Commission Session Here September 28

The International Fisheries Commission will hold a series of six sittings on the issue of a split season for halibut.

The hearings will be in Seattle, September 23; Vancouver, Sept. 26; Prince Rupert, Sept. 28; Ketchikan, Sept. 29; Petersburg, Sept. 30; and Juneau, October 1. The split season idea has been advanced as a means of lengthening the season and thereby spreading over the available supply of halibut. Other matters of importance to the industry will be taken up.

Prior to last January, the fishermen and boat owners had voted on the advisability of the split season and in most of the ports support was indicated, although this was not entirely conclusive, and the matter was left open with no action taken at that time. Some decision, however, may be made, following the approaching series of meetings.

Tides

Tuesday, August 16, 1949		
High	5:57	15.2 feet
	18:08	17.6 feet
Low	0:06	7.5 feet
	11:44	8.6 feet

Football Tonight

7 P.M.
CANADIAN LEGION
vs.
HEAVY BATTERY