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## News Break Arab Siege In Bitter Fighting

### Convention Plan Is Formed by Ass'd Boards

Be Held This Fall With Date Subject  
To Transportation Arrangements

HERS—The Associated Boards of Trade of British Columbia has decided to go ahead with holding of its annual convention at Juneau, it is announced by Dr. L. M. Greene of the president of the Associated Boards.

### Canada Should Be Independent

Building More  
Economy, Declares  
Minister

OTTAWA—Finance Minister Bennett said that Canada has reached a stage when it must begin the building of a more independent economy.

Each prepared for the Empire Club Mr. Bennett said that the demonstration of American economic vulnerability her economy is in its exag-

gerence upon the dependence upon the materials and Europe for mar-

reached," declared a stage in our development when we this dependence and building of a more independent economy

### GENERAL ANNOUNCED ON CHARGE

OTTAWA—Major-General Bennett E. Meyers sentenced to 20 months in prison after a convicted him last three counts of in-

former business asso- committee during a war

Alexander Holtoff when retired General was a "very grave and sentence he imposed was 30 years.

### THE CLAMPS ON REDS

OTTAWA—Prime Minister St. Laurent announced in the Commons today that government had de-

to employ anyone be a member of the party in work "vital of the state."

rule will govern to be actively as- with Fascist organiza-

prime minister said, son in any way asso- the Communist party

way as to raise legiti- his or her re- would also come under he explained.

### KEY SCORES

National League  
Saturday  
2, Toronto 5,  
2, Montreal 3,  
Sunday  
5, Detroit 1,  
6, New York 3,  
3, Chicago 0,  
the Coast League,  
9, New Westminster

6, Seattle 6 (tie),  
go 7, Fresno 5,  
San Diego 8, Los Angeles

B.C. Senior  
Saturday  
ley Dynamieters 4, Trail  
vertime),  
leads best of five final

### FINNS DOUBTFUL ABOUT TREATY

HELSINKI, (CP)—Finland has informed Russia there are some "doubts" about a military agree-

ment between the two countries. Finns expressed hope of stay-

ing out of international conflicts. President Juhani Paasikivi ad-

vised Prime Minister Stalin that Finland expected the Russian-

proposed treaty of co-operation to be freely considered in nego-

tiations which open in Moscow next Monday.

### Jet Planes For U.S. Navy Air Arm

ABOARD U.S.S. BOXER AT SEA—United States navy's air arm is in the process of

conversion to 10-mile-a-minute jet planes.

This was announced by the navy following trials last week

aboard this 27,000-ton aircraft carrier. For the first time jet

fighter planes operated from a carrier flight deck under rou-

tine conditions at sea.

### RECONVERT TO USE OF COAL

OTTAWA—There will be much less oil used in Ottawa houses, offices, churches and

apartments. During this summer many buildings will be re-

converted to the use of coal. This reconversion may run as

high as 25 per cent.

### Mexican "Revolution" Results From Visiting Artist's Concert

Prince Chavchavadze and Stockowski Confuse the Law With '1812 Overture'

Prince George Chavchavadze, who learned about revolutions in his native Russia in 1917, ran into a "revolution" while on a concert tour in Mexico that

had him and the local law authorities nonplussed. The international concert artist whose piano virtu-

osity has been hailed in Europe and the Americas, will be heard in recital here at the Civic Centre on March 22,

but the program will not include anything as ambitious as his Mexican venture.

Chavchavadze's Mexican "revolution" is an experience that he and Leopold Stockowski, the famed orchestra conductor, will remember with laughter for



WALLACE GETS A RUNNING MATE—U.S. Senator Glen H. Taylor, left, Idaho Democrat, is shown in a fond and happy pose with Henry A. Wallace in Washington after he announced that "I am going to cast my lot with Wallace in his brave and gallant fight for peace" by joining Wallace's third party movement. Taylor, speaking over a radio broadcast, said he will accept the vice-presidential nomination as Wallace's running-mate in the revolt against the Democratic party.

### SMITHERS MAN DRAWS HORSE IN IRISH HOSPITALS SWEEPSTAKE

SMITHERS—Tommy Goodwin of the Canadian National Railway's dispatcher's office here is basking under the smile of good fortune and is awaiting the outcome of the Grand National Sweepstake at Aintree this Saturday with outward calm although he has drawn a horse in the Irish Hospitals Sweepstake.

The lucky ticket was bought at Prince George last October and Goodwin had almost forgotten he had it until a telegram arrived announcing his luck in drawing a horse.

A winning horse would bring a fortune—even a non-starter would mean a substantial amount.

### Douks Ban Parenthood to Stop Community Crowding

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Vancouver News-Herald said this morning in a dispatch from Nanaimo that the elders of the Doukhobor community of Hilliers, on Vancouver Island, have placed a ban on new babies.

Under the laws of the Spiritual Community of Christ a woman desiring to give birth to a child must apply to the elders for permission. The

elders then grant a permit allowing the woman to choose from the males of the community one she wants to be the father of her child, the paper said.

The story said that as a result, the community is being "swamped" with babies and the elders have been forced to discontinue issuing permits to save the community from being overcrowded.

The community, an offshoot of Doukhobor groups in the interior of B.C., began five years ago with five members and 31 acres of land. There are now 75 members and 320 acres—and 20 babies.

### U.S. Warns Italy Against Communism

WASHINGTON (CP)—United States State Department said today that if Italy goes Communist she will get no further economic aid from the United States.

### LOCAL TIDES

Tuesday, March 16, 1948

High 4:22 19.8 feet  
17:05 16.9 feet  
Low 11:02 5.5 feet  
22:49 8.2 feet

### SKEENA RIVER HIGHWAY TO BE OPEN AGAIN BY NEXT WEEK-END

By the end of next week the provincial public works department expects to have the highway between Terrace and Prince Rupert clear of snow and open for traffic.

Working from the Shames end a bulldozer and v-plough are now digging through the snow which has blocked the road since early in the winter and it is expected to break through within a few days.

### U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANT DIPPED

VASSALBORA, Me., (CP)—An airplane carrying Republican presidential aspirant Robert A. Taft and Senator Owen Brewster plunged today into Kennebec River, but Brewster said neither he, Taft, or the pilot was hurt.

Brewster said John T. Clark, pilot of the Maine Aeronautics Commission plane, "did a great job" of setting down the aircraft when it developed engine trouble enroute from Augusta to Bangor.

### Europe Reduced To 16 Nations Claims Bidault

PARIS (CP)—Foreign Minister George Bidault of France told the Marshall Plan conference today that "Europe has been reduced to the 16 nations assembled here."

He told delegates at the opening of conferences on the European recovery plan that the "rending apart of Europe" by countries boycotting the Marshall Plan had become fearsome.

Russia and her satellites spurned participation in the plan.

At the present session proposals are expected to be advanced for the inclusion of Spain and Western Germany under the plan.

### TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	
Bralorne	9.50
B.R. Con.	.03
B.R.X.	.07
Cariboo Quartz	1.65
Dentonia	.11
Grull Wilksne	.05
Hedley Mascot	.70
Minto	.02
Pend Oreille	2.40
Pioneer	3.10
Premier Border	.04 1/2
Privateer	.18
Reeves McDonald	1.20
Reno	.10
Salmon Gold	.19
Sheep Creek	1.00
Congress	.03 1/2
Pacific Eastern	.05 1/2
Hedley Amalgamated	.03
Spud Valley	.12
Central Zeballos	.01 1/4
Silbak Premier	.44
Oils	
Calmont	.40
C. & E.	3.80
Home	5.80
Toronto	
Athona	.07
Aumaque	.17
Beattie	.62
Bevcourt	.37
Bobjo	.14
Buffalo Canadian	.10
Consol. Smelters	96.00
Conwest	.81
Eldona	.73
Elder	.53
Giant Yellowknife	3.90
God's Lake	.60 1/4
Hardrock	.13 1/2
Harricana	.08
Heva	.12
Hosco	.30
Jackknife	.04 3/4
Joliet Quebec	.34
Lake Rowan	.12 3/4
Lapaska	.96 1/2
Little Long Lac	1.16
Lynx	.10
Madson Red Lake	2.85
McKenzie Red Lake	.51
MacLeod Cockshut	1.20
Moneta	.30
Negus	2.25
Noranda	44.75
Louvicourt	.71
Pickle Crow	2.00
Regcoirt	.07
San Antonio	4.00
Senator Rouyn	.46
Sherrit Gordon	1.76
Steep Rock	1.87
Sturgeon River	.20
Silver Miller	.27

### AFRICAN DISEASE

Sleeping sickness is an African disease which mostly affects Negroes but some white have been stricken with the disease.

### Fiercest Battle of War Raging Into Third Day

#### Arab Military Courts Order Purge of All Arabs Charged With Dealing With Jews

JERUSALEM (CP)—The fiercest battle yet waged on the sands of Southern Palestine was reported in its third day today, with Jewish and Arab fatalities already numbering 36.

Retarded by rain and mud, the Jewish forces were said by an Hagana information to have driven a wedge to the aid of the beleaguered settlement of Gath.

The death toll of the battle so far, according to the Hagana version, was 28 Arabs and 8 Jews. Hagana sources said their forces, rushing to life the Arab siege of Gath, blasted a municipal building, a post office and eight stores and houses in the Arab village of El Fajala, about 20 miles northeast of Gaza in the southern desert.

#### PURGE OF ARABS DEALING WITH JEWS

A correspondent with the Arab volunteer army reported that new military courts began a purge yesterday of Arabs charged with dealing with the Jews. He said 100 Arabs were on the list to be hunted down, tried and, if convicted, hanged.

The Palestine government estimated that damage from El Fajala bombings at \$120,000.



Stanley E. Parker

### S. E. Parker, City Pioneer, Dies Suddenly

Stanley E. Parker, one of Prince Rupert's prominent pioneer citizens for almost 40 years, died at his home at 320 Second Avenue early Sunday morning. He was 68 years old.

Active in the business life of the community since coming here in 1909, Mr. Parker served the city as an alderman and school trustee and also was president of the Chamber of Commerce—then known as the Board of Trade—an organization whose activities consumed his interest for years.

For more than a quarter of a century, he operated the automotive firm of S. E. Parker Ltd., which he turned over to his son, Robert, a year ago on his retirement. The firm opened the city's Ford Motor Co. agency in 1923.

Mr. Parker's passing came with unexpected suddenness. He had been ill at home for only a week, confined with the flu, but had been up and about until immediately before his death.

In addition to his widespread community activities, which he effected with a quiet cheerfulness, he was also prominent in the Masonic Lodge and Prince Rupert Shrine Club. A member of Tsimpsan Lodge, he had been a Deputy Grand Master of the British Columbia Grand Lodge in the early 1930's.

Mr. Parker came to Prince (Continued on Page 3)

### Br-r-r Who Would Live In A Palace?

LONDON, (CP)—There is no hot water, no elevator service and furnaces are unfit today at Buckingham Palace, official residence of the Royal Family, following a strike of assistant engineers employed by the Ministry of Works.

The men struck yesterday at the palace, at both Houses of Parliament and other government buildings in protest against the Treasury refusal to increase their present weekly wage from \$19.50 to \$22.

### REVOLUTION SWEEPING OVER COSTA RICA

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, (CP)—Desperate Costa Rican government tried today to stem the revolution sweeping the country.

Opposition has virtually isolated the capital. Seventy-five per cent of San Jose's power plants have been blown up and opposition forces said they were trying to cut the remainder. The city's industry is at a virtual standstill. A general sit-down strike has been called for today.

Underground sources say the government has appealed to Anastasio Somoza, former president and now strong man in Nicaragua, to send help as soon as possible.

### LEWIS CALLS OUT MINERS IN DEMAND FOR PENSIONS

#### CONSTRUCTION PIONEER DIES

John A. MacKenzie, a civil engineer well known in British Columbia and who spent years in the north during construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, died in Vancouver recently.

He took a prominent part in the building of bridge foundations when the line was being put through to Prince Rupert.

He was born in Kincardine, Ont. and was a relative of the late General J. W. Stewart. Two sons survive. He was a graduate of the University of Toronto. At the time of his death he was with Canadian Exploration Co. Ltd.

A soft coal work stoppage supporting John L. Lewis' demand for miner pensions got under way today.

Spearhead of the move in Western Pennsylvania, where early surveys indicated that nearly one-half of the 56,000 miners had walked out.

U.S. Steel Corporation reported nine of its 14 Western Pennsylvania pits were closed, with 7,000 miners idle. The corporation expected its coal output to drop today about 20,000 tons, or one-third capacity.

Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation reported all its Pennsylvania and Western Virginia mines closed, and 4,600 miners idle.