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Finland Goes Skating as Crisis Mounts

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Canada's Answer To Communism Is Social Security -- Paul Martin

QUEBEC, Q.—Canada's answer to communism is economic and social security providing a level of life that communism cannot match, Hon. Paul Martin, minister of health, said today. He declared in an address prepared for delivery in French at a meeting of the Quebec Reform Club, that "these are decisive years for democracy."
"As world citizens," Mr. Martin asserted, "we cannot escape the fate of our generation. In Parliaments of the world political leadership of mankind has long debated and in many countries will soon be put to a vote. Soon we shall know whether this century is dedicated to democracy or whether, under communism, lights will go out all over the world."

GENERAL HOSPITAL ADMITTED 2,290 PATIENTS LAST YEAR — IS DECREASE

There were 2,290 patients admitted to Prince Rupert General Hospital in 1947, a decrease of about 8 per cent under 1946, C. G. Ham, hospital board chairman, said last night in his report to the annual meeting of the institution.
Mr. Ham's report was received, with a vote of thanks by the 17 members present who re-elected him to serve on the 1948 Board. Later he was again selected as chairman by the other board members.
Statistics contained in Mr. Ham's report showed that there were 1,151 operations performed in the hospital, 326 of them major and 825 minor.
There were 312 births in the hospital and 84 deaths. In three cases twins were born.
"During the early months of last year the shortage of nurses was most serious and it was impossible to maintain adequate service," Mr. Ham said. "Considerable study was given at that time to a proposal to operate a training school for non-professional staff but, unfortunately, it was found impractical and the plan abandoned. I am pleased to report that the situation improved later to such an extent as to permit the re-opening of the first floor.
"There still exists, however, an acute shortage of trained personnel—a fact which frequently reacts unfavorably toward the hospital. In view of this, I know our thanks are due to the entire organization—nurses management, doctors and general staff—for the manner in which they all have co-operated through the year to carry on the affairs of the hospital efficiently and effectively."
Mr. Ham pointed out that the contract or remodeling the former military wing had been let and that, on completion, it "would not only provide for an additional 60 patients, but will give a completely modern hospital."
"The alterations will improve and modernize all departments and will include a model children's section. Credit for this latter addition goes to the Prince Rupert Rotary Club whose efforts now have culminated successfully.
"Decision to proceed at this time with this major undertaking was reached only after careful surveys and planning. With it, I am sure that every citizen will have ample reason to be proud of the hospital facilities of our community.
"Hospital costs in common with all other services, have risen steeply and it has been impossible to stay within our budget. The deficit, however, is by no means an isolated case and the need for additional government grants for hospitals is well recognized today.
"In comparison, our institution is maintaining a high standard of hospitalization commensurate with its fixed charges, although I would remind you that our present financial position has been improved by the foresight of the previous board in procuring substantial amounts of war surplus supplies. This advantage, of course, cannot continue to hold down operating costs as new materials become necessary.
Mr. Ham said that the Board

BULLETINS

SINO-AMERICAN PACT
WASHINGTON—A secret but once suspended agreement to arm China with 1000 American war planes is in full force again. The administration let this be known today in reply to congressional critics demanding military aid for Chiang Kai Shek's nationalist armies which are locked in combat with communist forces.

DIES IN RING
HOLLYWOOD—Ten seconds before the end of his first professional fight, Leroy Decatur, 20-year old negro light-weight boxer, collapsed and died in the ring at Hollywood Legion Stadium last night. A Los Angeles fighter, who had had 49 amateur bouts, Decatur was ahead on points of his opponent, Fred Hehera, 20-year old Mexican battler from Jerome, Arizona, when the tragedy occurred.

"COMPLETE CHANGE"
PRAGUE—Communist Premier Klement Gontwald today promised a "complete change" for his country. The former minister of justice, Dr. Prokop Drtina, was found severely injured in front of his home today. A letter indicated he had tried to kill himself.

CHIANG DESPERATE?
NANKING—Reliable sources said today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek had decided to abandon the Manchurian capital of Changchun in a desperate effort to save Mukden from the Chinese communists. There was no official confirmation.

OKALKA CONDITIONS
VANCOUVER—Charges of filthy conditions and unfair padding of prisoners at Okalka Prison Farm will be presented to Attorney General Gordon Wismar by Harold Winch, C. C. F. Opposition leader in the Legislature. Mr. Winch made public a letter, smuggled out of the prison, charging such conditions. Warden J. H. Millman denied the charges, declaring that "conditions are 100 per cent O.K. considering we have so many people."



LEADER OF MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON EXPEDITION—Commander Attilio Gatti, leader of the Gatti-Hallicrafters expedition to the Mountains of the Moon, is pictured unloading equipment after the expedition reached Mombasa, Kenya, the first real objective of the expedition.

Helsinki To Give Answer To Stalin at Moscow Soon

PEOPLE OF BALTIC SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY APPEAR RESIGNED — POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE TENSE

HELSINKI (CP)—President Juho E. Paasikivi is expected to name a delegation by Tuesday to discuss with Moscow the friendship treaty requested by Prime Minister Joseph Stalin. It seems likely that the delegation will be headed either by Premier Mauno Pelkala or by Foreign Minister Carl Enkell,

as to what kind of pact was intended, whether of friendship, mutual defence or a combination of both.

The Foreign Ministry said that President Paasikivi had received a personal letter on Thursday containing what was described as a "Soviet program declaration." There was no explanation of the phrase. The letter was said to be signed personally by Premier Stalin.

Well informed diplomatic sources said that the President later met with members of his government for two days to discuss the matter.

Stalin had informed Finland that she should sign a pact with Russia similar to those linking the Soviet Union and its other neighbors, sources close to the government said last night.

Tension suggestive of atmosphere of government crisis pervaded the country.

National \$3,000,000 Red Cross Drive Opens Monday Morning

THIRTY CANVASSERS WILL COVER CITY TO MEET \$3,000 QUOTA

With a countrywide objective of \$3,000,000, the Canadian Red Cross appeal for 1948 opens on Monday and on that day some 30 canvassers will start visiting Prince Rupert homes and business places seeking donations for the humanitarian work.

Prince Rupert's quota this year is \$3,000, according to Campaign Chairman S. H. Saville who anticipates that, from the quota standpoint, the drive will be even more successful than previous ones. This year's quota is below former years.

The campaign is expected to last three weeks. "One of the big factors in a campaign of this sort is for the public to be ready for the canvassers when they call," Mr. Saville said. "It helps these volunteer workers greatly if they do not have to make 'call-backs' in order to pick up donations. The Red Cross, which rendered invaluable service during the war, has now turned to a multitude of peacetime projects many of which are vital to the well-being of thousands of Canadians.

"The Work of Mercy Never Ends" is the slogan which the Red Cross uses to remind Canadians that throughout the year, quietly but effectively, thousands of humanitarian acts are performed because of the dollars they contribute.

Some of the work which Red Cross dollars are used for are:

1. Free blood transfusion service.
2. Maintenance of 71 outpost hospitals for Canadian frontiers (There is an outpost hospital at Terrace).
3. Aid for disabled and sick veterans.
4. Hospital treatment for crippled children.
5. Junior Red Cross work, which aims at finer, healthier young children.
6. Swimming and water safety instruction.
7. Nutritional services.
8. Disaster relief.
9. First Aid instruction and First Aid posts on highways.
10. Home nursing courses and other nursing services.
11. Sickroom loan cupboards, medical and dental services, women's workrooms, visiting home-makers.

Each year, the work spreads wider, covering greater sections of the country. Ninety-seven per cent of the services are made possible through the work of volunteers without whose help the society could not function.

The complete list of local canvassers is still under preparation

HOSPITAL OPERATION SATISFACTORY DESPITE \$6,000 DEFICIT IN 1947

Despite the fact that it operated at a deficit of over \$6,000, the 1947 operations of the Prince Rupert General Hospital were "very satisfactory" according to opinions expressed by members of last year's Board at the annual meeting of the Hospital Association last night.

Overall operating expenditures were \$127,304, while revenues were \$121,123, it was revealed in the revenue and expenditure account presented by Secretary-Manager D. C. Stevenson.

Held in the city council chamber, the annual meeting heard

the annual report of Chairman C. G. Ham, elected five members to the Board, received financial statements and approved a series of minor revisions to the Constitution of the association.

C. G. Ham was returned as chairman and Earl Gordon, was named vice-chairman. Other elected Board members are Thomas McMeekin, Sydney Elkins and C. A. Berner.

Other board members are G. F. Forbes and W. L. Armstrong, representing the provincial government, and Alderman Ralph Morin, representing the city.

The statement of operating revenues showed that receipts from various hospital fees totalled \$111,191, from which was deducted \$15,562 for free cases, rebates on earlier accounts, provisions for doubtful accounts and bad debts written off.

Net receipts from hospital fees totalled \$95,628, to which was added \$14,566 per diem grants from the provincial government, \$7,993 in municipal per diem grants and \$2,935 in income from investments and other small revenue sources.

Deducted from revenues was the sum of \$11,283 for "free cases," which, Mr. Ham pointed out, was far more than the operating deficit.

"However, that is something no hospital can get away from. On the whole I think we had a very satisfactory year," he said.

Finance Committee Chairman Arnold Flaten said that "with the exception of salaries, costs were about the same as 1946." Of the \$127,304 expenditures, \$64,157 went for salaries and wages, \$36,786 for supplies, \$12,701 for purchased services, \$286 for fire insurance premiums, \$968 for liability insurance, \$9,013 for depreciation on buildings and equipment, \$1,558 for repairs to buildings and equipment and \$260 for municipal taxes. Miscellaneous expenses amounted to \$571.

THE WEATHER

(Synopsis)
Skies were clear in most areas of British Columbia this morning. Some cloudiness was present in the Cariboo area and on the northern coast. The cold air mass lying over Northern and Central B. C. produced sub-zero temperatures during the night. Prince George reported 17 below at 6 a.m. across southern B. C. temperatures varied from 30 at the coast to 10 above zero in the Kootenays.

A disturbance moving into the Gulf of Alaska this morning, is expected to cause increasing cloudiness on the north coast today with rain tonight. Increased cloudiness should spread to the southern coast regions on Sunday. A little moderation may be expected in temperatures in northern and central B. C. in the next 36 hours. Elsewhere there will be very little change.

(Forecast)
Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Increasing cloudiness, becoming overcast during the afternoon. Intermittent rain tonight. Showers Sunday. Winds light increasing to southerly (20 m.p.h.) tonight. Milder. Lows tonight and highs Sunday—At Port Hardy 36 and 40, Massett 34 and 40, Prince Rupert 34 and 40.

RUPERT WEATHER STAYS BEAUTIFUL

Prince Rupert's moonlight nights and mornings continue. Most of this week, the light of the moon shone clear in a cloudless sky. Weather in daytime might be a bit changeable but night after night the moon would appear sooner or later and would certainly be in evidence as dawn approached. It was like that this morning. Meantime dispatches told of heavy gales and snow storms in Alberta.

BRITISH ARMY LEAVES INDIA

BOMBAY Q.—Last British troops left India today when officers and men of the First Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry, sailed from Bombay harbor for Britain in the 22,300 ton troopship Empress of Australia.



AT CHURCHILL—Troops from the Canadian Army's winter training camp at Churchill are shown starting out on an exercise with their snowmobile, the principal army means of transport in the north. (Canadian Army Photo)

Elkins Is Choice

Kinsmen Eligible Contest
Young Bob Elkins figuratively bowed last night to receive the crown of Prince Rupert at the annual dance in the Civic building. Elkins had piled up comfortable 11 point margin in the nearest rival, Canvasser Teng. Tony Teng, third place, with only slightly in the Gosco who polled

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announced the re-introduced the chamber of the year. Bob Elkins, in his emceed role, pleased both pleased and pleased as the large assembly followed through the bars of a Jolly Good Fellowship with the microphone. The girls' loyal support but he intends to remain a bachelor. The candidates were to the dancers at 12:30 the ladies' their ticket stubs.

Ballot boxes were

at 1 a.m. and turned out. T. H. Sorby, Hunter and James issued the official results. Of 350 people attending the Centre last night, Elkins and his Kinsmen dance and bachelor choice. Ladies, entering into the spirit, purchased themselves and their necked their top coats. Cases even supplied flowers for their

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February 29, 1948
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