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Communist Victory In Czechoslovakia Expected

Coalition Wins Double Majority In By-Elections

Recorded Substantial Majorities Over C.F. In Both Saanich and Cariboo

VICTORIA (CP)—The British Columbia coalition government which has lost but two by-elections in its brief tenure today flew victorious banners on the basis of nearly complete returns from Saanich and Cariboo. Candidates of the Liberal-Progressive-Conservative fusion registered a double victory in both.

Premier Byron I. Johnson's first test at the polls.

In Vancouver Island's Saanich riding Arthur J. R. Ash, 40-year-old grocer and former Ottawa alderman, was conceded election two hours and twenty-five minutes after the polls closed. Ash will occupy the seat left vacant by the appointment of Norman W. Whittaker, former Speaker to the Supreme Court of British Columbia. He topped the five-man contest with 5,621 votes on the basis of forty-seven of the forty-eight polls. The runner-up Colin Cameron of the C.C.F. had 4,156 votes. Major A. H. Jukes, Social Credit; Thomas Nixon, Independent Farmer, and W. R. Smith, Democrat, polled only negligible votes.

The Coalitionists also swept to victory in Cariboo riding, Walter Hogg, 60-year-old retired rancher, topping the C.C.F. nominee, Charles A. Thomas, by 378 votes. Results from forty-two of forty-nine polls from which returns had been received showed Mr. Hogg had polled 1746 votes.

The standing of parties in the Legislature remains at 35 for the

Scandal In N.H. League

Boston Bruins Players Alleged to Have Bet Against Their Own Team—In Gambling Ring?

DETROIT, (AP)—A police commissioner said today that information had reached him concerning two National Hockey League players with an ex-convict suspected of heading a gambling ring. The commissioner said he was seeking a "complete report of the whole affair."

Earlier, the Detroit Times, in a copyrighted story, said the police had information that "at least two" National Hockey League players had made "substantial bets" on games in which they played. One player, the newspaper said, had bet \$550 against his own team.

The Times said that the two players were members of the Boston Bruins team.

Police said they did not know the names of the players involved in the report.

Coalition, ten C.C.F., one Labor and two Independent.

PREMIER JOHNSON IS WELL PLEASED

Premier Johnson, who took over from Premier John Hart last December, expressing satisfaction at the by-election results, said: "The election of Arthur Ash and Walter Hogg to fill the vacancies in the provincial legislature is convincing proof that the electorate desires the continuance of a sound business administration under the coalition of the two democratic parties."

CAPITULATION OF ANTI-RED FORCES NOW SEEMS IMMINENT

PRAGUE (CP)—Premier Klement Gottwald last night predicted a quick communist victory in the struggle to control Czechoslovakia. "It may be several hours and it certainly will be within several days," the Communist Premier said at a meeting to form an "action committee" for Prague.

Meanwhile the Opposition, seeming almost ready to capitulate, charged that Gottwald had abandoned "all legality and constitutional methods" in his campaign to grasp full control of the country.

A score of Czechoslovak security police, now controlled by the communist element of the government, entered headquarters of the Social Democratic party late today armed with bayonet-rifles. Move of the communist-directed police was not immediately explained.

The Social Democratic party headquarters are on one of Prague's main shopping streets. About ten riflemen also remained at the offices of the Nationalist Socialist party whose headquarters were seized and searched yesterday.

Police said they had assigned a defence guard and similar guards at communist headquarters.

The crisis developed on Friday when twelve anti-communist ministers resigned from the cabinet, President Edouard Benes so far refusing to accept the resignations.

Three Dead In Engine Plunge

Triple Fatality On C.N.R. West of Kamloops

LYTTON (CP)—Two trainmen are known to be dead and a third is missing following the plunge of a Canadian National Railway freight engine and tender down a 50-foot embankment fifty miles east of here.

The extra freight, west-bound out of Kamloops, struck a rockslide near Cossett late last night but only two of the 45 freight cars were derailed.

The dead are Engineer Archie Legg and Fireman C. A. Merrick, both of Kamloops.

Missing is Brakeman G. F. Donley, also of Kamloops, who was riding the engine.

The bodies of the engineer and fireman were recovered.

Auxiliary crews, sent from Kamloops, reached the scene of the slide early today and expected to have the line cleared shortly after noon today. Meanwhile, all trains have been diverted.

CITY TO CLEAR STREET RUBBISH—AT OWNER'S COST

Property holders in the city will have to make sure that the streets and lanes adjacent to homes are clear of lumber and refuse—or the city will see that it is done at the home owner's cost. On recommendation of the Board of Works, city council last night passed a motion authorizing the City Engineer to make it known that "unless all lumber and refuse lying on city streets and lanes is removed within 30 days, by the owner, it will be removed by the city at his (the owner's) expense."

WAGE BOOSTS ARE APPROVED

City Workers to Get From \$9 to \$17.50 Per Month More

Wage and salary increases ranging from \$9 to \$17.50 monthly for four groups of city employees were given interim approval last night by city council on recommendation of a special wage committee which has been bargaining with union representatives since early in the year.

Included in the report were wage increase for electrical workers, "inside" workers of the Civic Employees' Union, the city

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THE WEATHER

Synopsis
A strong southwesterly flow of moist air is blowing over the province today. This is causing rain along the southern coast and rain showers in northern coastal areas. The interior is mainly overcast with widely scattered snow flurries. Improving conditions are expected tomorrow when drier air will begin to move across British Columbia.

Forecast

Prince Rupert, Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Cloudy with rain showers today and Wednesday morning, clearing Wednesday afternoon. Southwesterly winds (15 m.p.h.). Normal temperatures. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow, Port Hardy 35 and 45, Massett 35 and 45, Prince Rupert 32 and 45.

get more money, it seems in line that the policemen should get it too," he said.

Alderman T. B. Black pointed out that last year police court fines had offset policing costs and it is likely that the same thing would occur this year.

POLICE PACT IS APPROVED

The city's 1948 contract with the British Columbia Police for policing Prince Rupert was approved by city council last night on recommendation of the police committee. The contract calls for payment by the city of \$24,949, which is about \$4,300 above last year's contract price.

Although he voted for passage of the recommendation, Alderman George Casey warned that "it behooved this council to consider if we are going to keep up this high-cost police system or think about creating our own police force. I think \$25,000 a year is too much for policing a city of this size."

Alderman Arthur Brooksbank declared that most of the increase was accounted for by higher wages.

"Since it looks like everybody working for the city is going to



CARUSO'S BIRTHDAY—Tomorrow will be the 75th anniversary of Enrico Caruso's birth in Naples. Mrs. Brigadier A. Smith, veteran Salvation Army officer, in Toronto, vividly recalls the occasion when the golden-voiced tenor stood beside her at a Salvation Army outdoor meeting and sang hymns.

City Must Raise \$100,000—

Council Refers School Budget Back to Board in Cost Protest

City Council last night referred back to the School Board estimates which would cost the city more than \$100,000 during 1948 for operation of eight schools in the district serving 1,200 pupils.

The school budget was returned to the Board for reconsideration little more than an hour before Mayor Nora E. Arnold left the city for Victoria to join other executive members of the Union of B. C. Municipalities in a move to have the provincial government share a greater proportion of school costs.

Total school budget for Prince Rupert this year was \$178,309, of which city taxpayers would be required to pay \$100,233. It was returned to the School Board mainly as a protest against the taxation set-up which digs so deeply into the municipal purse to finance school operation.

"In 1943 it cost Prince Rupert \$70 per capita to operate its school system," Mayor Arnold told council. "This year, the per capita cost is \$146. The Cameron report has not only boomeranged on us but on every municipality in the province."

Of the \$178,000 budget, basic provincial government grants would provide only \$60,800, little more than one-third, according to the detailed estimate provided by the school board. Actual operating costs would take more than \$150,000.

"I have been informed by members of the School Board that that about \$20,000 is available for repairs and improvements to school buildings, the rest is fixed charges," Mayor Arnold told council.

Largest item in the school budget was teachers' salaries which, including a wage increase authorized this month, is estimated at more than \$111,000.

Even harder hit than the city taxpayers are those in the rural section of the school district. With a rural school population of about 60, taxpayers outside the city are required to raise \$14,977 to support education, an item that is no small burden on the sparsely populated Skeena River district.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BUDGET

Here are highlights of the school budget, at which city council balked:

Total ordinary expenses \$178,309.47

Deduct—basic gov't grant 60,800

Tuition fees 1,350

Surplus, 1947 948.59

Rural area 650.17

\$63,748.76

Prince Rupert municipality (cost) \$100,232.98

Rural Area (total requisition) 14,977.90

Included in both city and rural area estimates is \$5,201 which was raised by a special one-mill

tax in 1945 for school building purposes. The board is seeking authority to spend that money this year. Of this, more than \$4,500 was raised in the city.

In the detailed estimates, total figure under "maintenance of school plant and grounds" is only \$9,601, of which \$5,201 is requested as the School Board's share of the cost of reconstructing Booth Memorial High School. The board anticipates that the provincial government will provide an equal amount for this purpose.

A memorandum regarding (Continued on Page 3)

M. J. Saunders left Monday night on a business trip to Burns Lake. He expects to be away for approximately ten days.

Delayed again by connections at Jasper Park owing to transcontinental trains being delayed by prairie weather, tonight's train, due from the East at 10:45 tonight, is three hours and fifty minutes late which would bring it in at 2:35 tomorrow morning.

Freak Accident Causes Trawler To Sink During Monday's Gale

Re-floated by an Armour Salvage Co. crew last night, the 45-foot beam trawler Endavour is at McLean's Shipyard, Seal Cove, today for reconditioning after a freak accident that caused her to sink and endanger the lives of her three crewmen in the harbor Monday afternoon.

Rescued by the Canadian Fishing Co. packer Skedans, Capt. Harry Trimm, were Capt. Frank Gale, owner of the Endavour and Carl Berg and Howard Taylor, crew members.

The Endavour capsized in the harbor opposite Cow Bay at 3 o'clock when her beam trawl, carried aloft on the boom, dropped into the water when a halyard broke while the vessel was travelling at full speed. A heavy southeast wind was blowing at the time.

The boom swung outboard, dropping the huge trawl net into the water on the starboard side. Pushed by a strong wind from port, the vessel heeled over and filled with water. Salvage lines were placed aboard by the Skedans and Armour Salvage tug Kaien and the vessel towed to the Home Oil Co. wharf where she remained with the tip of her mast showing until raised a few hours later by the salvage company's derrick scow.

The Skedans took her three crew men aboard and landed them at the Home Oil wharf when the Endavour was brought in.

The Endavour, which landed 18,000 pounds of flatfish at the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. Monday morning, was proceeding to the Edward Lipsett Co. dock when the mishap occurred. The three men were in the pilot house at the time.

Capt. Gale and Chris Berg were thrown into the water through the open starboard pilot house door and clung to the bow until they were picked up. However, Howard Taylor emerged with only one wet foot. "When she went over, I hung onto the inside of the pilot

No Agreement On Bread Price Rise

OTTAWA—Heads of Ontario chain store organizations, appearing yesterday before the Parliamentary committee looking into price increases, told of successive boosts in the price of bread imposed by baking concerns but denied that there had been any agreement with the baking concerns.

house, then climbed through a window on the port side. I got on top of the pilot house with only one wet foot," Taylor said after he had reached shore. "The other lads really got wet though."

Taylor said that the Endavour heeled over suddenly when the trawl net dropped into the water and that there was no time to do anything but get clear. The Skedans, moored at the Atlin Fisheries dock, headed for the Endavour immediately.

Repair of the equipment in the vessel probably will prove costly, since much of it was modern electric and electronic instruments. The Endavour was only recently equipped with a depth echo sounder. She also carried radio direction finder and radio-telephone.

The Armour Salvage derrick scow pulled alongside the sunken vessel at the Home Oil wharf at 5 o'clock last night. Salvage was completed by 10 o'clock.

Only the tip of the Endavour's mast was showing when she was brought in.

PARTITION BOARD MEMBER RESIGNS

LAKE SUCCESS, (AP)—Senator Vincent J. Francisco, delegate for the Philippines, said today that he had resigned from the United Nations Palestine commission. Francisco's resignation followed disclosure last week of growing friction within the five-member commission which has the task of partitioning the Holy Land. The resignation was sent to Manila four days ago but had not yet been accepted when Francisco confirmed it here.

F. R. Anderson, a lawyer, told the police that man came to his home last night and said, "I shot a man. I need help."

Mr. Anderson said he refused to discuss the matter and called for the police. Before officers arrived, the man fled.

The mill worker is survived by his widow and young daughter.

Pierce is believed to have crossed the harbor from North Vancouver in a dinghy after the killing.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver	Bevcourt
Brallone 10.00	Bobjo 13 1/2
B. R. Con. .03 1/2	Buffalo Canadian .12
B. R. X. .07	Consol. Smelters 95.50
Cariboo Quartz 1.90	Conwest .86
Dentonia .11	Danada .80
Grull Wiksne .04 3/4	Eldona .89
Hedley Mascot .75	Elder .65
Minto .02	Giant Yellowknife 5.40
Pend Oreille 2.30	God's Lake .77
Pioneer 3.40	Hardrock .17
Premier Border .04	Harricana .06 1/2
Privateer .25	Heva .14 1/4
Reeves McDonald 1.10	Hosco .35
Reno .10	Jacknife .05
Salmon Gold .19 1/2	Joliet Quebec .37
Sheep Creek 1.02	Lake Rowan .12
Thayer Bridge 45 1/2	Lapaska .07
Taku River .55	Little Long Lac 1.25
Vananda .17	Lynx .10
Congress .04	Madsen 2.95
Pacific Eastern .06	MacLeod Cockshutt 1.41
Hedley Amalg. .02 1/2	Moneta .36
Spud Valley .13	Negus 2.60
Central Zeballos .01 1/4	Noranda 44.75
Silbak Premier .43	Louvicoart 1.28
Oils:	Pickle Crow 2.22
Calmont .46	Regeourt .07
C. & E. 3.90	San Antonio 3.95
Home 5.90	Senator Rouyn .56
Toronto:	Sherrit Gordon 2.20
Athona .08	Steep Rock 2.15
Aumaque .22	Sturgeon River .18
Beattie .70	Silver Miller .33