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German Situation Even More Confused

PRAIRIE FIRES ARE SPREADING

WINNIPEG (CP)—Northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan forest fires today cover an estimated 100-mile area. Airplane pilots report at least twelve fires in the Flin Flon area in the vicinity of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border with the worst blaze at Island Falls, Saskatchewan, sixty air miles northwest of Flin Flon.

Strikers Divided

British Government Sends Troops to Unload Ships
LONDON (CP)—Ranks of striking dock workers split Tuesday over the issue of ending the nine-day wildcat strike that has tied up 142 ships, including 10 Canadian, in the port of London, endangering perishable food. Majority of strikers at a meeting called by the Transport and General Workers' Union, voted to return to work tomorrow. However, only 3000 of the 19,000 members attended. A rival meeting of 4500 men voted to remain idle. With the strikers still failing to heed the appeal of the union leaders to return to work, Prime Minister C. R. Attlee today made good a threat which he made yesterday and sent troops to the London docks today to unload ships of perishable foodstuffs.

COURT OKAYS PENSION PLAN

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Judge T. Alan Goldsborough Tuesday gave John L. Lewis the legal green light for a \$100 per month pension plan for miners. Judge Goldsborough dismissed a plea of Ezra Van Horn, trustee for the operators' United Mine Workers' Welfare Fund, for a court order to block payment of pensions to retired miners. It marked Lewis' first triumph in three trips to Goldsborough's court.

FOOD-SHELTER ARE PROBLEMS

CASTRIES, St. Lucia (CP)—Food and shelter have become enormous problems in what remains of this Windward Islands capital of 24,000 population following the fire which broke out Saturday and raged unchecked for eight hours, all but wiping out the city. Thousands were left homeless by the blaze and food is scarce. No lives were lost.

CHANGE MADE IN ANNUITIES

OTTAWA (CP)—The House of Commons has given first reading to a bill increasing the maximum annuity which can be bought from the Federal government from \$1,200 to \$1,500. As well as increasing the maximum, the bill increases from \$10 a year to \$60 the minimum which the government will sell.

COMMUNISTS BEING BANNED

OTTAWA (CP)—Minister of Justice J. L. Hiesey told the House of Commons Tuesday that no communist or fascist would be allowed to hold a position of trust in the federal civil service. He said the government was "acutely aware" of the need for security measures. It had been decided not to set up an "elaborate organization to determine loyalties" of individuals as had been done in England.

Kelowna Is Threatened

Okanagan Is Now Faced With Flood Menace—Oliver In Danger
KELOWNA (CP)—Evacuation of residents of low-lying homes here was under way Tuesday night as the Orchard City was imperilled by rising waters of Okanagan Lake which recorded the highest reading in history at 104.84 feet. Dikes are hastily reinforcing the banks of the river at Oliver where a major breach could ruin hundreds of thousands of acres of fruit crops. Telephone circuits between Oliver, Kelowna and Penticton are weak, necessitating long delays in communication. "Kelowna is badly up against it," said Chief Magistrate Harry Angle.

TERRACE PILOT MAKES MERCY FLIGHT NORTH

A triangular mercy flight in which a Skeena Air Transport plane started at Prince Rupert, paused at Alice Arm, then delivered a seriously ill man to the Red Cross outpost hospital at Terrace was made in the long summer twilight last night. Pilot Bill Cooper of the Skeena Air Transport Seabee intended to take off for Terrace at 9 p.m. Instead in response to an urgent call from the mining town of Alice Arm, he headed north. There, he picked up a man known as Mr. Payne who was suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage, resulting from a stroke a few hours earlier. Cooper intended to bring the sick man to Prince Rupert, but because of darkness, he was unable to get a clearance to land here. He headed for Terrace instead. He put down at Terrace at 3:30 this morning and his passenger was immediately taken to the Red Cross outpost hospital. His condition was described this afternoon as "fair." Red Cross hospital authorities at Terrace had little information about the man, other than that his name is Payne. He was employed at Torbric Silver mine at Alice Arm. Yesterday, while at work, he complained of feeling ill. He went home to rest and shortly afterward was overcome with a stroke.

REDS KIDNAPPING WOMEN, CHILDREN

ATHENS (CP)—Queen Frederika of Greece said Monday that between 8000 and 10,000 children have been kidnapped by Gen. Markos Vafiades, leader of the communist guerilla army, and sent to camps of neighboring Russian satellite states.

Macdonald, Arroll, McMeekin Winners

Results in last night's Canadian National Recreation Association Lawn Bowling League play were as follows: Louis Arroll rink, 20; Ross, 18; Macdonald, 25; McGreish, 17; McMeekin, 18; Frew, 17.



COMMUNIST DIRECTORS ARREST "A SURPRISE"—Jack Stachel, (second from left) is pictured with reporters after his release on \$3,500 bail. Stachel, 49, U.S. national educational director of the Communist party in the United States, was arrested by the F.B.I. and immigration authorities on charges of entering the U.S. illegally. Stachel said his arrest was "quite a surprise."

TODAY'S STOCKS

Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.

Vancouver		Moneta	
Bralorne	7.75	Negus	2.25
B.R. Con	.04	Noranda	49.00
B.R.X.	.08 1/2	Louvicourt	.60
Cariboo Quartz	1.30	Pickle Crow	1.92
Grull Wilksne	.04	Regcourt	.04 1/2
Hedley Mascot	.48 1/2	San Antonio	3.30
Minto	.01 1/2	Senator Rouyn	.39
Pend Oreille	4.00	Sherrit Gordon	2.40
Pioneer	2.50	Steep Rock	2.03
Premier Border	.03	Sturgeon River	.16
Privateer	.19 1/2	Silver Miller	.23
Reeves McDonald	1.80		
Salmon Gold	.16 1/2		
Sheep Creek	1.15		
Taylor Bridge	.42		
Taku River	.35		
Vananda	.36		
Congress	.02 3/4		
Pacific Eastern	.05		
Hedley Amalgamated	1.02		
Spud Valley	.12 1/2		
Central Zeballos	.01		
Silhak Premier	.30		
Oils—			
A.P. Con.	.14		
Calmont	.46		
C. and E.	6.15		
Foothills	3.00		
Home	8.50		
Toronto			
Athona	.07		
Aumaque	.17		
Beattie	.62		
Bevcourt	.26		
Bobjo	.12		
Buffalo Canadian	.06		
Consol. Smelters	117.00		
Conwest	1.08		
Donalda	.59		
Eldona	1.38		
East Sullivan	2.77		
Giant Yellowknife	4.75		
God's Lake	.60		
Hardrock	.14		
Harricana	.07		
Heva	.10		
Hosco	.38		
Jackknife	.03 3/4		
Joliet Quebec	.40		
Lake Rowan	.07		
Lapaska	.03		
Little Long Lake	.81		
Lynx	.08 1/2		
Madsen Red Lake	2.45		
McKenzie Red Lake	.37		
McLeod Cockshutt	1.00		

HOME STRETCH IN CAMPAIGN

REGINA (CP)—Wearry campaigners entered the home stretch today, before Thursday's general election in Saskatchewan. Yesterday was the last day during which political broadcasting was permitted. Final addresses are scheduled for M. J. Coldwell, national C.C.F. leader, and Premier T. C. Douglas, with all candidates returning to their home constituencies for election eve. Mr. Coldwell, in a speech at Kamsack, said the C.C.F. was fighting a coalition and that the movement faced its toughest test.

JEWISH ARMS SHIP BURNED

TEL AVIV—An 8,600-ton ship which was unloading arms for the Jewish underground and which was fired upon by the Jewish Hagana, regular army, took fire at Tel Aviv yesterday whereupon the two Jewish factions quit fighting one against the other to join in fighting the flames. The vessel, however, was destroyed. Another ship of Panamanian registry, laden with Jewish volunteers and ammunition, was fired upon by the Jewish underground.

Bulletins

INFANTILE PARALYSIS
FORT ST. JOHN—Ten cases of infantile paralysis have developed here. It is of mild type. All public gatherings have been banned.

BUTTER SHORTAGE
VANCOUVER—A Vancouver butter dealer says that the worst butter shortage in history may occur this winter unless provision is made for free entry of supplies from New Zealand.

NO REMOVAL YET
VANCOUVER—A spokesman of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association said today that information had been received from the government that no immediate removal of the 25 percent special excise tax was contemplated.

FIGHT POSTPONED
NEW YORK—The Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott fight was postponed today until tomorrow in the Yankee Stadium because of rain and threatening weather.

Anxious To Drop Taxes

Austerity Imposts Coming off Soon, Ottawa Indicates
OTTAWA (CP)—Although reports at this time are termed completely unauthorized and premature, sources close to the government indicate that the cabinet is anxious to drop the contentious excise taxes imposed in connection with last November's austerity program, and only timing stands in the way of their repeal. The taxes apply to a broad list of durable consumer goods ranging from home electrical appliances to automobiles. One minister said the taxes, if and when repeal was announced, would not be dropped all at once. Rather some will be retained and others modified. Basically, the tax is the excise levy of 25 per cent. However, on some goods, on which there was already a 10 per cent tax, the additional levy was only 15 per cent. In announcing the taxes last November, Finance Minister Abbott said the aim was not to raise revenue but to limit public spending with the objective of conserving United States dollars. The special taxes will be removed only when circumstances warrant and there is no authority for announcements concerning the immediate possibility of their removal, said Hon. Douglas Abbott, minister of finance, in Parliament yesterday. J. M. Macdonnell, Progressive-Conservative member for Muskoka, had commented on a Canadian Press report which said that the duties were to be lifted. If that were true, said Macdonnell, there had been a budget leak and a gross breach of confidence concerning members.

MR. KING DENIES REPORTS IN HOUSE

OTTAWA—Prime Minister Mackenzie King denied in the House of Commons that he had agreed with a meeting of Liberals that subsidies were desirable in order to keep down the price level. Mr. King also denied that he had ever lectured the minister of finance, suggesting that Mr. Abbott be more human and remove special excise taxes.

RUSSIA MEETS SATELLITES

To Map Out Economic Battle Against Western Allies—Berlin Made Two-Currency City

FISHERMAN IS MISSING, FEAR DROWNED

A crew member of the Vancouver fishing boat Chief Skugaid is missing and believed to have drowned in Prince Rupert harbor. Searches by the city police and inquiries by his fellow crew members have failed to reveal his whereabouts since Saturday. The man is Harold Tynjala, 23, who was last seen early Saturday morning on his way to the Chief Skugaid, at that time moored at the Home Oil Co. dock here. Apprehension as to his whereabouts resulted in a search of the waterfront yesterday by the city police. Earlier, it was believed by his friends that he might have left the vessel to stay ashore with friends for a day or two. The Chief Skugaid docked here Friday evening with 36,000 pounds of halibut and was to sail early this week back to Area Three. However, her skipper delayed sailing on account of the missing man. According to the police, a taxi driver recalled delivering a man answering Tynjala's description to a spot in front of the Home Oil Co. dock about 3:30 Saturday morning. It is feared that he may have fallen from the wharf while trying to get back to his boat. Tynjala's home is at the coast settlement of Sointula.

Dewey Is Favorite

PHILADELPHIA—Favor at the Republican national convention here to name a candidate for president of the United States appears to be swinging to Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York. There was a striking indication of this yesterday when Senator Edward Martin announced that he would not allow his name to be put in nomination but would nominate and support Dewey. The Alabama delegation also intimated its support. Nominations will start tonight with the balloting tomorrow. Meantime a "Stop Dewey" coalition appeared early today to be getting under way following a meeting yesterday of Senator Taft, Harold Stassen and Governor Earl Warren of California. Still another development today was the statement of Governor Ziegler of Michigan that he intended to put the name of Senator Arthur Vandenberg in nomination. Vandenberg has been often mentioned as a possible compromise choice.

LOCAL TIDES

(Standard Time)
Thursday, June 24, 1948

High	2:43	20.1 feet
	15:52	18.1 feet
Low	9:24	2.7 feet
	21:28	8.3 feet

THE WEATHER

Synopsis
A weak disturbance moving across the northern British Columbia coast this morning brought overcast skies and intermittent rain to that section of the province. Increased cloudiness and rain are expected to spread over Vancouver Island by Thursday afternoon with widely scattered showers reaching the central interior by tomorrow evening. Cloudy skies and widely scattered showers over the southeastern corner of the province will clear slowly. Temperatures will be slightly lower tomorrow over the central interior with little change elsewhere.
Forecast
Queen Charlottes and North Coast—Overcast with occasional light rain today. Cloudy tomorrow. Winds light westerly. Little change in temperature. Lows tonight and highs Thursday: Port Hardy 45 and 60, Massett 50 and 57, Prince Rupert 47 and 57.

Fish Sales Canadian

Zapora, 56,000,	23.20c	22c	and 10c, Whiz.
Selma H., 30,000,	Co-op.		
Northern Breeze, 17,000,	Co-op.		
Atli, 17,000,	black cod, Co-op.		
Tramp, 14,000,	black cod, Co-op.		

WARSAW (CP)—

Russia today called a surprise conference of her eastern European satellites which may map a battle against the western allies' plan to set up a western German state. Summoned were Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Romania and Hungary. All of these countries signed a pact last fall to oppose the Marshall Plan. Unconfirmed reports say that Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov is heading the Russian delegation. The three western allies today rejected a Soviet order for the issuance of Russian-controlled currency for all Berlin and announced their own Deutschmark would be used in the city's western sectors. United States, British and French authorities say they are making Berlin a two-currency city rather than submit to arbitrary violation of four-power agreements.

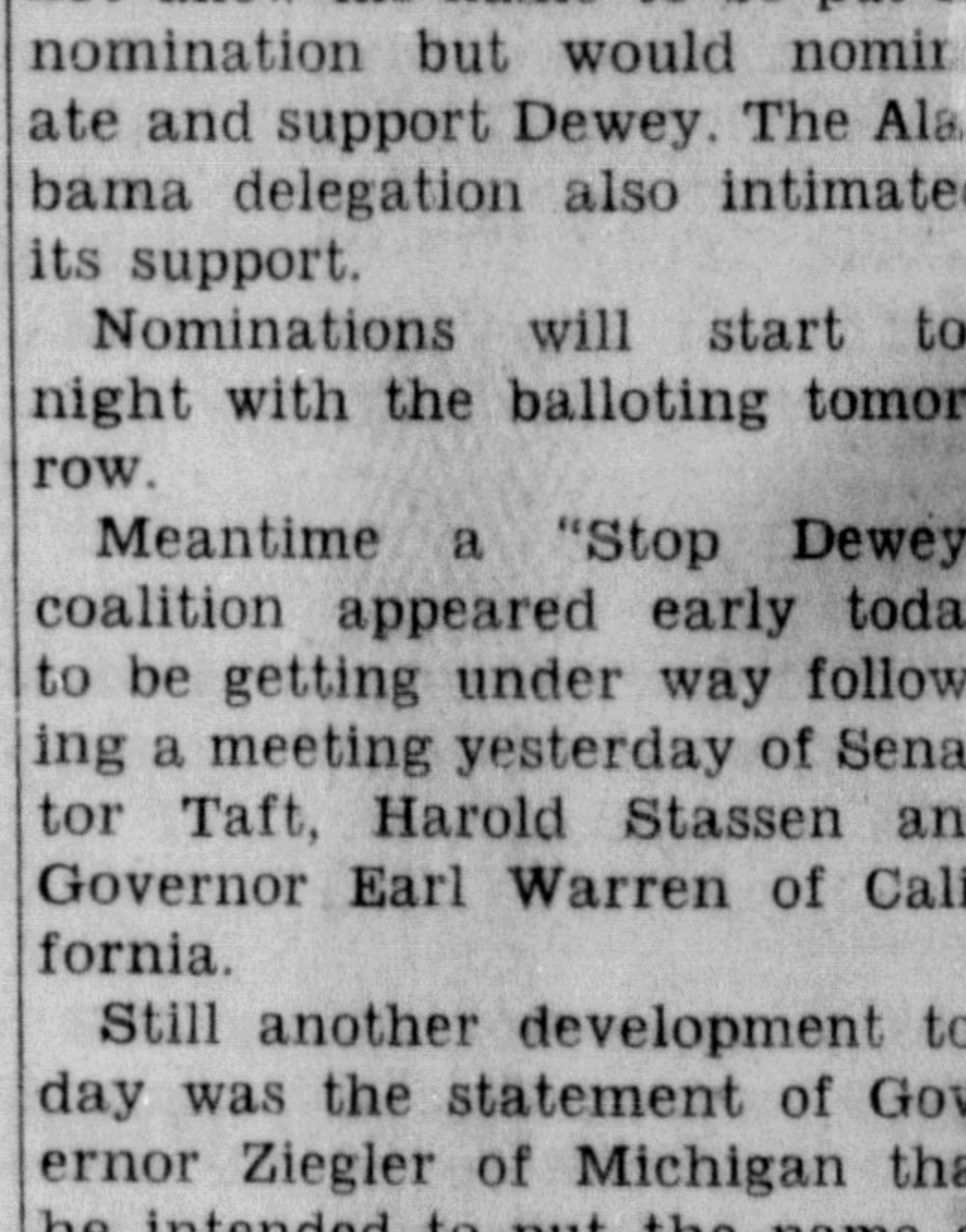
ALLOWANCE FOR TAX COLLECTION

VICTORIA—Proclaiming the three per cent retail sales tax to become effective July 1, the provincial government announced yesterday that retailers will be allowed three per cent commission for collection of the tax which will be on purchases over 15c and meals over 50c. Rents, flood and fuel are among the exempted items.

ANTANA RIVERS IN FLOOD

LENA, Mont.—The Maria Teton Rivers in northern Montana are in flood, following rains.

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DOMINION DAY SPORTS

TICKETS TO ALL EVENTS \$1.50

Canadian Legion Athletic Club BASEBALL—3 GAMES SOCCER TRACK MEET
Ketchikan vs. Pr. Rupert Cup Finals N.B.C. Championships
ROOSEVELT PARK