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## Toronto's Fifth Murder In A Week

### Woman and Her Husband Shot To Death

TORONTO (CP)—The body of 23-year-old woman was found today in the trunk of an automobile in west central Toronto. She was the wife of Robert S. (Red) McKay, aged 25, whose body was found yesterday in a gully in North York township.

### ASYLUM COSTS FOUR MILLION

VICTORIA — The 800-bed mental hospital planned for Colquitz will mean an outlay of \$4,500,000 and will be one of the largest and most costly projects to be undertaken in Victoria in many years. Provision will be made for a two-wing administration block, a dangerous patient wing, a wing for 'disturbed' patients, boiler house, kitchens, bakeshop, dining room, laundry, stores, recreational therapy block, nurses home, farm units and other buildings.

### THIS JULY WET MONTH

More Rain Than Since 1943—Sunshine Below Average  
 Prince Rupert this year had its rainiest July since 1943. Precipitation for the past month totalled 7.0 inches on sixteen days compared with 5.16 inches in the same month last year and 7.53 inches in July 1943. So far this year precipitation here totals 48.1 inches as against 40.27 inches during the first seven months of 1948 and 46.4 inches in the corresponding period of 1943.

### BOAT HERE

Western Trader local Dry Dock  
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### Blood Clinic Response Good

Practice of using volunteer nurses to look after blood donors after they have given blood has met with the unqualified approval of professional workers on the Red Cross transfusion unit which is currently operating a clinic here.  
 According to Col. M. D. Robertson director of the service, Prince Rupert is the first city where volunteer nurses have been employed in this capacity and it is working out very well. Prior to the present occasion, the nurses and aides attached to the unit have accompanied the donors from the donor beds to the rest beds where they spend a 10-minute period after giving blood.  
 The practice according to Col. Robertson will be continued in other places.  
 Yesterday at the Civic Centre, the smooth-working unit, aided by volunteer helpers, received

### GEN. WEEKS IS RETIRING

OTTAWA — Major-General Ernest G. Bunny Weeks is leaving the Army at the age of 53 to make room for others because he remembers when he came to the conclusion, after 12 years as a captain, that brass never quit or died.  
 After 38 years of soldiering that brought him four awards for gallantry, took him through every rank from private to major-general and saw him as a key figure in the reorganization of Canada's post-war army, Weeks is going on retirement leave as adjutant-general August 15.

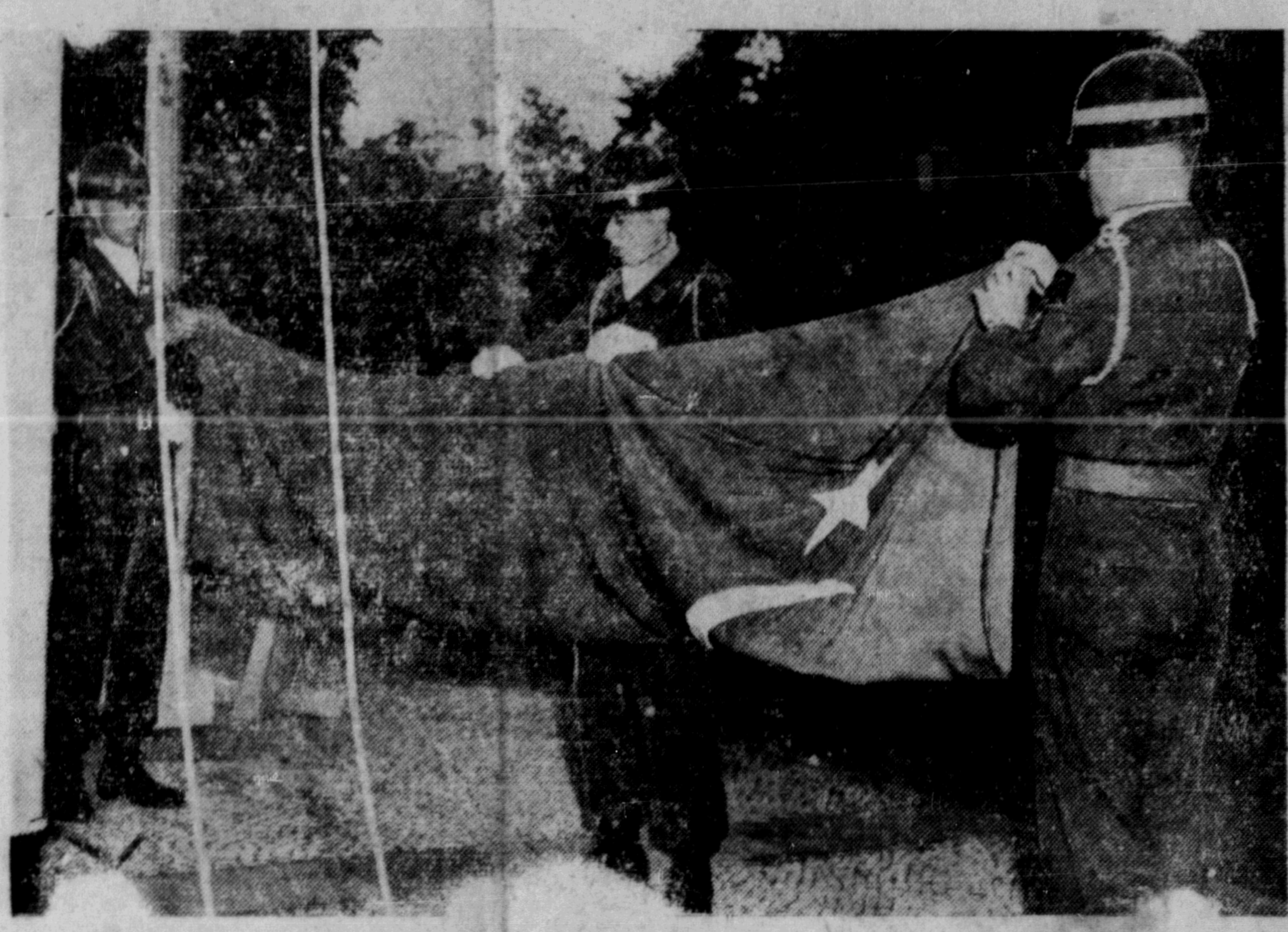
### CHURCH TRYING TO START WAR?

PRAGUE — Rude Pravo, Czechoslovak Communist organ, yesterday accused the Vatican and the Roman Catholic hierarchy of trying to provoke civil war in Czechoslovakia over the state-church strike. The newspaper seeks to implicate Cardinal Francis Spellman of New York and what it calls "American organization" in the alleged plot.

### TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver	
Bayonne	.05 1/2
Bradford	9.80
B.R. Con.	.03
B.R.X.	.06
Cariboo Quartz	1.15
Congress	.03
Hedley Mascot	.24
Pacific Eastern	.05
Pend Oreille	5.25
Pioneer	3.25
Premier Border	.03 1/2
Reeves McDonald	2.35
Reno	.06
Sheep Creek	1.18
Silbak Premier	.40
Taku River (ask)	.30
Vananda	.15
Salmon Gold	.10 1/2
Spud Valley	.08

Toronto	
Athona	.13
Aumaque	.16
Beattie	.63
Bevcourt	.25
Bobjo	.15
Buffalo Canadian	.10 1/2
Consol. Smelters	98.00
Conwest	1.06
Donalda	.60
Eldona	.68 1/2
East Sullivan	2.30
Giant Yellowknife	6.70
God's Lake	.41
Hardrock	.21
Harricana	.06 1/4
Heva	.08
Hoseo	.18
Jacknife	.07 1/2
Joliet Quebec	.46
Lake Rowan	.08 1/4
Lapaska	.06
Little Long Lac	.63
Lynx	.12
Madsen Red Lake	2.90
McKenzie Red Lake	.48 1/2
McLeod Cockshutt	1.08
Moneta	.42
Negus	2.30
Noranda	56.65
Louvicoeur	.12
Pickle Crow	2.07
Regcourt	.05
San Antonio	4.25
Senator Rouyn	.41
Sherrit Gordon	2.15
Steeple Rock	1.70
Sturgeon River	.20
Silver Miller	.34 1/2



HAMMER AND SICKLE HANDLED WITH CARE—As tenderly as they would handle the Stars and Stripes, the United States guards on duty at the four-powers control council building in Berlin respectfully pull in the hammer and sickle emblem as night falls in the former German capital. The guards comprised of U.S., French, Russian and British personnel, take their turn in tours of duty and in lowering the colors of the four nations at dusk.

### LESNEVICH OUT FOR KNOCK-OUT

SUMMIT, New Jersey — Confidence oozes from Gus Lesnevich as he trains for his title about a week hence with Ezzard Charles, National Boxing Association heavyweight champion. "I'm going to beat him," said muffed Lesnevich. "I'll go for a knock-out if I can."

### REX BEACH IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Rex Beach, the novelist, is seriously ill at his home in Florida, where he has lived for the past forty years. Mr. Beach, who was in Prince Rupert years ago in the course of an Alaskan trip, was through the Klondyke Stampede. It was his novels of northern life, notably "The Spoilers," "The Silver Horde," "The Iron Trail" that first made him widely known.

### WINNIPEG GIRL KELOWNA CHAMP

KELOWNA — Victories in the senior women's half-mile and 200 yards free-style fell to Winnipeg's Vivian King in highlights of the two-day water show accompanying the 43rd annual regatta of this Okanagan centre.  
 In both events the Winnipeg mermaid bested Vancouver's Kay McNamee in a reversal of form compared to last week's Vancouver Empire Games trials. The regatta opened yesterday with 16,000 people in the city for the event. The city presents a gala appearance which was not dampened by a thunder and lightning shower yesterday afternoon. "Queen of the Lake" was assisted in opening the regatta by the mayors of Vancouver and Kelowna.



PANDIT NEHRU GETS AROUND—Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, recently flew over some of the highest mountain ranges in the world in a plane specially fitted with oxygen apparatus, to visit the monastery of Sankar Gompas, near Leh. The Head Lama of Ladakh (second from left) is shown welcoming Pandit Nehru on his arrival by presenting him with a shawl, the traditional gesture of welcome among the people of Ladakh. Standing at left is Brigadier Atal.

### DRAMATIC TALE OF RESCUE FROM COMMUNISTS REVEALED

VANCOUVER — Curiosity about a placard with Chinese characters on the cabin wall of an Italian freighter today unraveled the dramatic tale of the rescue of 200 starving Chinese who nearly drowned while fleeing from the Communists. A grim tale of a race against time, weather, sickness and engine trouble came from Capt. Giuseppe Lubrano of the steamer Luigi.  
 This is the first major port the vessel has entered since she answered feeble distress calls in the China Sea July 20. The S.O.S. was from the stricken Liao Hai, one of the last refugee ships to leave Shanghai before the Communists captured the city. The Luigi towed the damaged and listing vessel 213 miles to Keelung, Formosa.  
 The placard was a card of thanks from the men, women and children whose lives were saved.

### THE WEATHER

Synopsis  
 The weather disturbance which is moving across the British Columbia coast today is bringing with it a return of cool, cloudy weather. Showers which are occurring over the north coast today are expected over the south coast tonight and into the interior tomorrow.  
 Forecast  
 North Coast Region—Cloudy with showers today and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Wind southerly (20 miles per hour) today, (20 m.p.h.) tonight and tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Port Hardy, Masset and Prince Rupert 50 and 60.  
 Prince George, Bulkley Valley, Northern B.C. Regions—Cloudy with showers today. Cloudy tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Wind light. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—At Prince George 50 and 70. Smithers 50 and 68, Telegraph Creek 50 and 65.

### FUNERAL OF USK MAN AT TERRACE

TERRACE—Funeral services for the late Buckley Shannon were conducted in St. Matthew's Church on Saturday afternoon with Rev. P. H. Mallett officiating. Many friends of the deceased, a mining man of many years standing of Usk, crowded the church and the funeral hymns "Abide With Me" and "Rock of Ages" were sung with Mrs. C. J. Norrington at the organ. Following the service, interment took place at the Kalum cemetery, the pallbearers being W. McCrae, Dick Adams, Percy Skinner, Joe Bell and Mr. Donaldson.

### CANADA JOINS IN PROTEST

OTTAWA — Canada has joined with the other Commonwealth countries and the United States in further protest against the governments of Hungary and Romania regarding alleged breaches of their peace treaties, the external affairs ministry announced last night.  
 The Dominion, along with Australia and New Zealand is associated with United Kingdom notes delivered yesterday to the governments of the two countries.  
 The action was touched off by a religious and political persecution in the Balkan countries, including the imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary.  
 Under the peace treaties signed with the Balkan countries they pledged themselves to protect human rights, such as freedom of religion and politics.

### MAKE CANADA'S MUSEUM GREAT

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 TERRACE — Shortly after 9 o'clock this morning the fire department was called to the blacksmith shop of Little, Haugland & Kerr on Lakelse Avenue where a heating iron had fallen to the floor, dry grass underneath the floor being ignited. No damage was done.  
 Mrs. T. W. Blackburn and daughter, Joan, who have been visiting in Prince Rupert for a fortnight, left by today's plane for their home in Vancouver. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Saunders, Fifth Avenue West. Mrs. Blackburn is a sister of Mr. Saunders.

### STILL LURED BY GOLD AFTER HALF CENTURY OF PROSPECTING

Any mining booms in Western Canada or the States in the last 40 years which Bill Hanrahan, now an Alice Arm prospector, has not attended must have been very insignificant indeed because he claims to have been at them all.  
 Gray-headed but still optimistic, Mr. Hanrahan plans to work his Alice Arm claim for the next year, then head north for Yellowknife. He came to town yesterday on the Camosun to have a tooth extracted.

### DENY AMETHYST SHELLED RED SHIP IN ESCAPE

SAN FRANCISCO — Chinese Communists in a propaganda broadcast last night accused the Royal Navy sloop Amethyst of shelling a river steamer and drowning several hundred Chinese in Saturday's dramatic escape down the Yangtze.  
 In London, the Admiralty immediately commented: "categorically denied."  
 The broadcast, from Nanking, was the first communist reaction to the Amethyst's escape.  
 The Yellowknife country where he spent a few months several years ago, he believed to be the richest mineral belt on the continent.  
 "The last time I was up there, I caught pneumonia and had to be flown out," he said. "But I plan to go back—next August, a year from now."  
 The urge to tap new rock with a hammer at Yellowknife is the one which inspired him to follow gold strikes from Nevada to Nome since he first started mining and prospecting at Nelson 54 years ago.  
 "I've made a few good strikes in my time, but haven't hit anything real good in the last few years," he said. "But in this business, you can never tell."  
 Born at Renfrew, Ontario, 67 years ago, Mr. Hanrahan went to Nelson with his parents as a youth. He knew the Boundary country in its heyday, moved (Continued on Page 6)

### ASBESTOS BOARD HEARING IS ON

THEFTFORD MINES, Que. — Sitings of the arbitration board to settle the asbestos labor dispute today moved to three Theftford Mines Co. properties to investigate asbestos dust conditions.  
 Workers staged a 4 1/2 month strike February 13 for 15c an hour wage increase to bring the basic wage rate to \$1 an hour.

### JAIL BREAK IN MEXICO

MELIA, Mexico — Police early today battled 72 prisoners who escaped from the city jail last night. Six prisoners were killed in fighting and eight were captured. One policeman is dead and two are wounded.  
 Escapees, armed with rifles, side-arms and other weapons from the jail, are surrounded on a small hill outside the city.  
 The six are listed as dangerous convicts.  
 A later report said that most of the prisoners had surrendered. No other details are available.

### U.S. BOOSTING EUROPE STRENGTH

LONDON — Present United States armed forces in Europe will be maintained ready for emergency and will be strengthened by an all-jet fighter aid defence in Germany, American military chiefs disclosed today.  
 The United States joint chiefs of staff gave out this news in Grafenwoehr, Germany, shortly before flying here for the second stop of their military fact-finding tour of the North Atlantic countries.

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**Tides**  
 Thursday, August 4, 1949  
 High 10:20 15.9 feet  
 Low 21:54 19.1 feet  
 3:54 15.1 feet  
 15:47 9.8 feet

### Rent Index Takes Jump

Cost of Living Will be Known Tomorrow  
 OTTAWA — The unpredictable price barometer, the government's cost-of-living index, is expected to show at least one major change when it makes its monthly appearance tomorrow.  
 The rent factor, which makes up nineteen per cent of the total index, is likely to show an upward climb but it is not known what this will do to the index as a whole.  
 Currently, the index, calculated on the basis that 1935-39 prices equal 100, stands at an all-time high of 160.5, having advanced a full point during May.

### AIR PASSENGERS (C.P.A.)

To Vancouver—Mrs. A. V. Blackburn, Miss J. Blackburn, J. Bouchard, K. N. Pettersen, Mrs. C. Moraes, Mah Kate, G. Wing, Miss J. Platt, W. H. Day, To Sandspit—G. Fowler, G. Veale.  
 From Vancouver—M. N. Stevens, Miss D. Mackay, Miss D. Aschoff, T. J. Connelly, J. Knight, B. Swanson, J. Leary, A. S. Fleetham, G. Lowe, B. Hooker, Miss M. Merrick.  
 To Masset—N. Choquette.

### Communion Wine Is Taken By Thieves

TERRACE—Police were notified last week that St. Matthew's rectory had been broken into, entry having been presumably made by breaking a window. Communion wine and a quantity of Guide cookies which had been stored there were reported to have been taken.