30 Airmen Going To Far East

die In Transport Plane Crash

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All Seamen

OTTAWA Members of all par-

liamentary parties representing

Canada's coastal fishing areas

suggested Friday night the gov-

ernment extend provisions of the

Merchant Seamen Compensation

Act to cover deep-sea fishermen

sistant to Labor Minister Gregg

P. E. Cote, parliamentary as-

Merchant seamen's compensa-

upward revision in compensation

under the Merchant Seamen

Maximum income used in com-

puting compensation is being in-

creased to \$3,600 from \$2,500 a

year; monthly pension to the

widow of a seaman to \$50 from

\$45 and for dependent children

to \$15 from \$10. The bill was

of one officer and 20 ratings.

three days.

given third reading.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 1953 TEN CENTS (including comic section)



Big or Little Slice?

NT APPLE PIE weighing 150 pounds was baked for the 500 youngsters in Montreal's Boys' Club. A Montreal grocery chain provided the pie, ice cream and soft drinks for

## tel Fire Jury to Call Wife Owner at Resumed Sitting

of the proprietor of owner, told the coroner's jury he ated in that room." He said in-Hotel, which "didn't know anything" about a vestigation showed that section here Sun- hotplate being used in Room 2, of the building was most se will be occupied by Allan Peters and his verely burned. Monday at wife, Nina, whose body was found An autopsy of Mrs. Peters following in the ruins.

and a tenant last saw flames first in or near room the jury resumes. 2 and Fire Chief Earl Becker The four other bodies have

California, for spring training.

no-run shutout here in the past

Abel was born in Regina, is 25,

the major league Browns.

than ever."

Fred) Prystay, hotel said the blaze "may have origin- been released for burial.

### RING BRINGS 22-INCH OWFALL ON PRAIRIES

e was nothing gentle about the coming of spring to ern prairies yesterday. Strong winds piled a 22-inch into deep drifts in many places.

escaped, almost unscathed, however, with widelyshowers on the coast and a three-inch snowfall in ern Kootenays.

### Rupert Ball Players ve For Big League Camps

ace Rupert baseball here, left on Thursday night's of offers by profes-Brown's farm club at Ukiah,

l, well-known catcher

## rial Oil Price asoline

VER 0 -- Imperial Oil 20 years. He is 21 years of age. riday announced inices for gasoline, furand stove oil in Britia, effective today, is a gallon; furnace Prince Rupert in 1948 and marcents a gallon and ried the former Ruth Johnson. 4/10 cents a gallon.

said increases at in- spring training for the Capilas served by rail will nos and later optioned to the of Transport Commis- to business interests here.

indicated prices may tent levels with comthe Edmonton-Vanpipe line next fall. said the increases necessary by higher mported crude oil, ch comes from Cali-

### Reach Under Orders

ON (CP)—Sealed oruntil open in midhelling aircraft flying clantic into the Unitnder a new identifi-I inaugurated by the

houncement of the d today, the U.S. Air each incoming plane military—must enter corridor 225 miles aches the Nantucket, beacon.

nod is similar to the imployed for the last considerable success, coast to identify ng from Hawaii or -Aleutian area.

body was held this morning and Other witnesses testified they results will be disclosed when

about the hotplate. "Both, Mr. and Mrs. Prystay MPs Suggest hotplate and showed us how to from the ceiling one for the Act Cover from the ceiling, one for the

"The rent was \$7 a week without the hotplate and \$8 with it. We wouldn't take the room with-

When Mrs. Prystay could not be located to testify. Coroner George Dawes adjourned the inquest until 2:30 p.m. Monday.

in Terrace at the time of the fire. on their way to take boat en route to the St. Louis He had learned of it Sunday who administers the act, said afternoon at 4 o'clock while play- most fishermen already are coving cards.

> He said he left here Friday or injury through various pro-Already in Vancouver and set evening by train to look for a job. vincial workmen's compensation to leave next Wednesday for He returned to Prince Rupert boards. Healsbury, Calif., is Rupert-born Monday.

> Dick Letourneau, taking spring Witness said he and his wife tion is designed to cover mertraining with Vancouver Capi- had been living here for about chant seamen sailing abroad who five weeks and at the King are not so covered. George Hotel since February 5. The discussion occurred as Letourneau is an outstanding local amateur pitcher and last Before that, the couple had the Commons considered gov-

Coroner Dawes asked him: "Did you leave Eighth Avenue of Compensation Act. your own accord?" and at 16 was a member of the South Saskatchewan senior A

Peters said he left because "the landlady did not want us to do circuit. After a year and a half gas here will go up in the Navy, he returned to any cooking in the room."

"Were you on good terms with your wife when you left for Ter-

greater, reflecting the California State League but was sistant Chief W. H. Hill had in- U.S. Cutter tht rates approved by unable to accept the offer due spected the King George Hotel shortly before the fire and had Coming Here

> notified of an opportunity with floors, he said. The jury released the body of Prince Rupert drydock, it was Before he left, Abel said: "I've Henry Morgan for burial after disclosed today. been training at home for the hearing testimony from Alex-

THIS IS AN ORNITHOPTER, claimed by its inventors, Hartley D. Shannon, J. E. Caldwell and

William Francis of Medicine Hat, Alta., to be capable of the closest approximation to bird flight

ever designed by man. They say that if successful it may reduce the cost of air transport to the

bicycle class. Main features of the machine are the four wings or flaps, each eight feet long and

five feet from head to tail edge. The pilot sits in front with two wings on each side of him.

A witness before Prystay, Pet- mier ers said he had been given a hotplate to use in the room. After since shortly after the Commu-Prystay denied this, the jury nists seized power in February, recalled Peters to ask him again 1948.

light and one for the hotplate.

out the hotplate," stated Peters.

Peters told the court he was

year hurled the only no-hit, roomed at a private dwelling ernment amendments making an place on Eighth Avenue West.

In 1951, he was asked to take race?" asked the coroner. Chief Becker said he and As-

Last year Abel sold his interest found "everything in order." in a men's wear store after being There were fire alarms on all

past three months and I feel in ander Munroe, that he had seen good shape. My arm feels better and identified the remains. He

(Continued on page 5)



QUEEN MARY, 86 IN MAY, has been ill for the last three weeks. confined to bed at her Marlborough House residence by a gastric ailment. Because of her age she does not plan to attend the Coronation ceremony at Westminster Abbey in June.

## Committee Named to Study Canada's Territorial Waters

OTTAWA () -- An inter-departmental committee has been established by the federal govern- Minister Sinclair, said in the River gas into the U.S. ment to study Canada's territor- Commons Friday, recommenda-

### ered for compensation for death B.C. to Ask or injury through various pro- B.C. to Ask Ottawa Help In PGE Work

government will be asked to contribute toward cost of con- Canada's territorial waters. He struction of extensions to the stated he had received com-Pacific Great Eastern Railway plaints that United States ships

Legislature Friday that he is cate Strait. "looking forward to co-operation with the Federal government on (PC-Nanaimo) asked if U.S. ships a joint investment policy."

Bennett said the Federal gov- territorial limit to catch crabs. ernment would make a great Mr. MacNaught said such ships deal of money if the Railway could be stopped by protective was extended into the Peace Canadian ships. River area.

tends to spend \$2,650,000 on the have been received about Amerirailroad this year.

#### Husband-Wife The U.S. Coast Guard cutter, White Holly, will arrive here tomorrow for drydocking in the Medical Team The ship's company consists The cutter will remain here

VICTORIA (P)-Health department officials said Friday a husband-wife medical team will be sent to Hazelton April 1 to retion by the College of Physicians To Take Part place a doctor refused recogniand Surgeons.

The announcement came after the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers demanded an investigation into caster bombers from Greenwood, Committee. medical services available to 150 N.S., and Comox, B.C., American miners at Hazelton.

### **Tito Returns** 'Satisfied'

LONDON (CP)-President Tito of Yugoslavia wound up his historic visit to Britain today with the declaration: "all that we have hoped for has been attained. We have reached full agreement."

What he was taking back to Yugoslavia with him British pledge to stand by his to U.S. west coast states. Main Communist Balkan state in the purpose it to test communication event of aggression.

Watson MacNaught, parliastudied and possibly adopted by the government.

gave third and final reading to Northwest Territories border. a bill making a series of amendments to the act to protect coastal fisheries.

Howard Green (PC-Vancouver-Quadra) said Queen Charlotte Sound and Hecate Strait should be considered part of Premier Bennett said in the were catching crabfish in He-

> Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes, VC, could come within the three-mile

He said the government in- inquire whether any complaints can ships fishing within territorial waters on the west coast.

Mr. MacNaught said he would

Many amendments to the act, first passed in 1868 and last amended in 1913, were designed to bring the legislation up to

One provision would prevent foreign ships from buying bait or supplies within Canada.

## In Exercise

submarine, navy ships, commercial merchantmen and 60 ground observation posts will be among units participating in a west coast defence exercise this week-

Four Lancasters from 404 squadron, Greenwood, will combine with 11 from 407 squadron, Comox, to sub-hunt and provide air cover for freighters.

The navy will round up merchantmen into convoys and provide escort.

This will be only part of the exercise extending from Alaska

## Craft Strikes Hill South of Oakland

By The Canadian Press

OAKLAND-Thirty-five persons, most of them United States airmen heading for duty in the Far East, were killed when a four-engine transport plane crashed and exploded in a ball of fire south of here

### Giant New Gas Well Reported In B.C. Area

OTTAWA (CP) - George Murray, Liberal Member of Parliament for the Cariboo, said in an interview Friday night he has heard a big gas well has blown Columbia side of the Peace River area.

Mr. Murray said he got the information in a telephone call only 300 yards from the crash from his wife at Fort St. John, B.C., about 375 miles south of the well area.

The well would be in the extreme northeast section of Brit- the flames." ish Columbia, Mr. Murray said. He said his information indicates that the well is uncapped and "running wild." He was not sure it was afire.

He said discovery of gas in that area would be significant, adding to known reserves of the Peace River territory.

to ship gas from further-south Peace River districts to southern B.C. and the United States.

pany now is trying to obtain a permit from the U.S. Federal mentary assistant to Fisheries Power Commission to take Peace

Mr. Murray located the re- taken Friday: tions of the committee will be ported new well as about 75 miles northeast of Fort Nelson, and 75 miles east of the Alaska He spoke before the Commons Highway, just south of the B.C.-

### OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP Semi-Finals Bolton Wanderers 4, Everton 3 Tottenham Hotspurs 1, Blackpool 2. ENGLISH LEAGUE

Division 1 Arsenal 2, West Bromwich 2 Charlton A. 2, Middlesbrough Chelsea 1, Sheffield Wednesday Derby County 0. Newcastle U. 2. Portsmouth 2, Burnley 1 Sunderland 3, Manchester City 3. Wolverhampton W. 3. Liverpool 0.

Division II Barnsley 1, Birmingham County 3 Blackburn Rovers 1, Plymouth A. 3 Brentford 1. West Ham United 3 Doncaster Rovers 0, Leicester C. 0 Huddersfield T. 5. Southampton Hull City 1, Leeds United 0. Lincoln City 1, Luton Town 2 Nottingham F. 4, Rotherham U. Sheffield United 5, Bury 1. Swansea Town 5, Notts County SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Division A Aberdeen 4, Queen of South 0. Airdrieonians 2, Dundee 1 Clyde 1, Falkirk 4. East Fife 4, Celtic 1. Hearts 1. Raith Rovers 2. Rangers 4, Motherwell 1 St. Mfrren 2, Hibernian 2 Partick Thistle 0, Third Lanark 0 AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL

Malenkov Freed

Scotland 0, England 1.

announced Friday the Central with occasional light showers. Committee of the Communist party of the Soviet Union has ture. Light winds. VANCOUVER @-RCAF Lan- duties as secretary of its Central and 48; Prince Rupert, 34 and

### Friday night. The plane, a Transocean Air Lines DC-4, struck a hill near Decoto, 29 miles south of here

near the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay. Decoto is in an area of California's worst air disaster-50 were killed in the crash of a United Air Lines plane under similar circumstances August

The Transocean plane carried 30 airmen and five crew mem-

Eyewitnesses said the aircraft, flying through a drizzle of rain, smashed into the hill broke into bits and then burst into flames.

Mrs. Henry Andrade, who lives scene, said: "I saw men with their clothes on fire, some on the ground, some trying to get up, staggering, falling back into

# A proposal now is under way At Richmond

WASHINGTON ()-The United States government has gone after Westcoast Transmission Com- 15 ships it says were trading with Communist countries and has announced it is pointing its legal weapons at many more.

Two separate actions were

1. The Maritime administration said mortgages on 14 freighters sold to Greek companies are in default because the owners have not submitted annual inspection certificates. This could be preliminary to foreclosing mortgages.

2. At Richmond, Calif., the government seized the Seven Seas, a 10,195-ton tanker, charging it had been bought illegally by aliens using U.S. citizens as dum-

Fourteen freighters - wartime Liberty-type ships of 10,000 tons or less-were said to be scattered all over the world and the next step to be taken in their case was not immediately apparent.

### German Pilots 'Flying' Jets

BERLIN ()-A report reached Berlin from the Soviet zone today that jet fighters which shot down a British bomber March 12 were piloted by Germans.

Allied airmen were unable to either confirm or deny that Russians may be training East German Communist "Air Police" in flying MiG-15s.

### -WEATHER-

North coast region-Variable MOSCOW (P) - Moscow radio cloudiness today and Sunday Not much change in tempera-

freed Prime Minister Malenkov, Low tonight and high Sunday at his own request, from his at Port Hardy and Sandspit, 32

### SOME CREATIVE ARTISTS SHOW SIGNS OF INSANITY

LOS ANGELES (AP)-Lord Dunsany, Irish playwright, dramatist and poet, says some creative artists show signs of insanity.

He blames the machine. Sipping tea, the Irish peer

told an interviewer: "The shock to the human nervous system produced by the machine is far too great. We no longer live attuned with nature, but that's not all

"Sensitive people are going mad first. We have art, such as surrealism; poems, short stories and plays that have little or no meaning. This, I think, is due to the peculiar kind of insanity produced by the machine.

"It accounts, too, for the obscenity of literary production these days. Insanity and obscenity are related."

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