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Wanted—Two Airports

FEW CITIES anywhere are so alert to the value of air transportation as our Alaskan neighbor, Ketchikan. Although the absence of a highway or railway has compelled this to a certain extent, the city must still be considered more than normally air-conscious.

The plane traveller arriving or leaving there does so at comfortable facilities right on the waterfront within a couple of minutes from the centre of town. In fact, the air depot is to Ketchikan what the bus depot is to most other places.

But flying in and out of Ketchikan must all be done by water, just as is the case here, and the city wants to improve on that. Like Prince Rupert, it looks forward to having a land airport and is going after the Alaska Aeronautics Commission to get one.

Thus on either side of the border two cities within less than 100 miles of each other are seeking the same thing. It is an interesting case of parallel Canadian and American aspirations, and we will be curious to see which is the more successful.

While the U.S. government may have greater resources for establishing airports, the need for one here is second to none. Directly on the line of all the great air routes going north and south, east and west, this site could provide an airport which might readily become one of major importance in Canada.

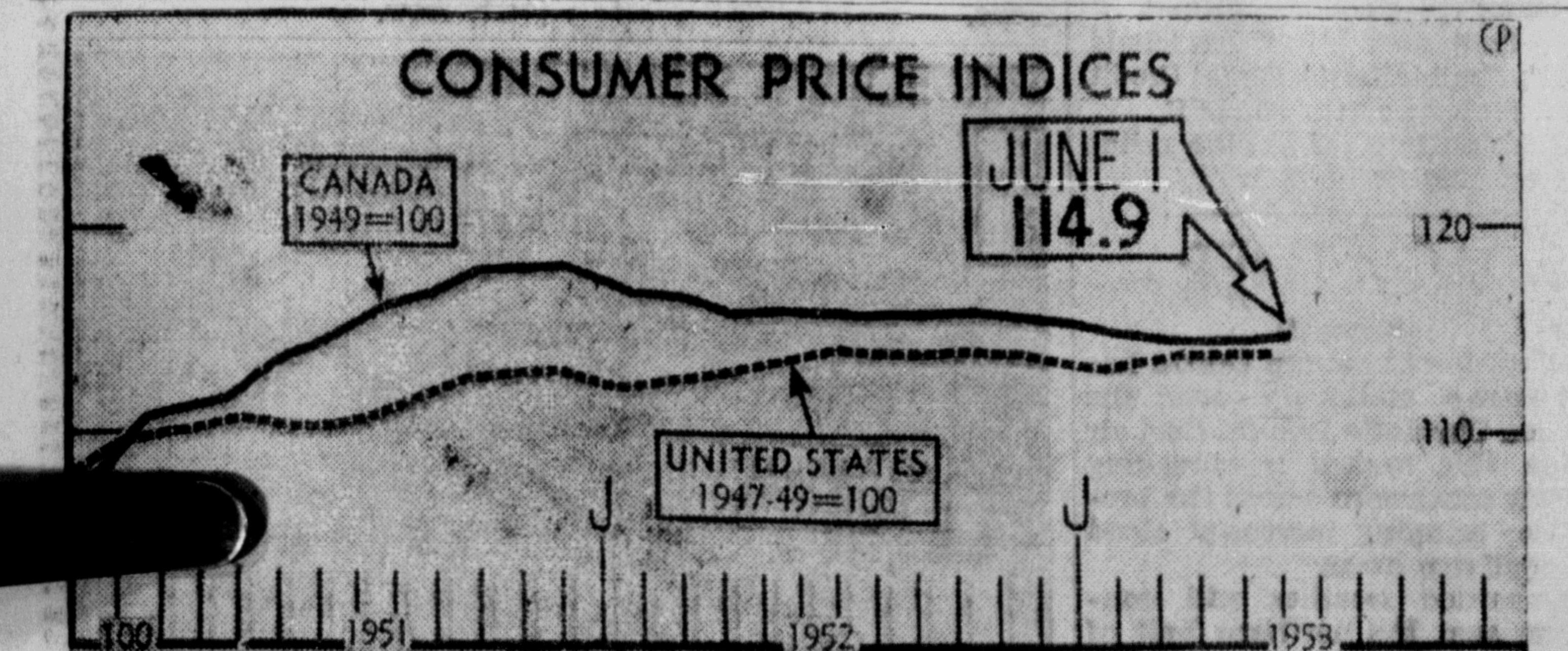
No doubt Ketchikan has its own special claims, but it is not the comparative merits of the two sites which concern us. On the contrary, it would be a healthy development if both airports were built. Singly, one could not substitute for the other, but together they could promote mutual trade.

What does interest us is to see which of the two governments concerned will show the greater attention. It is encouraging to know that our own has already given assurance of a full survey. In this we have a head-start as Ketchikan is still in the position of soliciting discussion.

We know that neither government will care to regard this as a race, nor will see the least point in taking action just to be first. That is the sensible attitude. But out here the feeling is a little more emotional. While wishing Ketchikan all the luck in the world with its application, we are not sure we would have the fortitude to face another day if the next airport built anywhere in the whole northwest is not constructed at Prince Rupert.

Newly-Developed Machine Gives Blue Babies Better Chance of Survival

MONTREAL (CP)—Blue babies, persons with heart or lung diseases, and others undergoing surgical operations now have a better chance of survival because of a newly-developed machine that computes accurately the amount of oxygen in their blood. The machine is an electronic oximeter. It works much like a television camera, but instead of producing pictures it draws graphs on a chart. A little gadget clipped to the upper part of the ear is the key part of the new machine. The gadget shoots pulses of light through the side of the ear, while on the other side, electric eyes, with color filters attached, register the quality of the colored light received. This information is passed on to a computer which, on graphs, tells the doctor exactly what he wants to know about oxygen content. The best blood—blood with the correct amount of oxygen—is bright red, and blue blood is the worst. Knowing the exact share of red—and the oximeter shows this precisely—tells the doctor how well off, or badly off, his patient is. The machine, developed by Canadian Marconi Company, can be used to judge how much oxygen is required by a blue baby; to calculate blood circulation; or to estimate accurately how much anaesthetic it is safe to give a patient. It's a far cry from the old days when a doctor made his own computations by looking at the bluish tinge around his patient's fingernails or mouth.



LIVING COSTS ROSE DURING MAY—after a steady half-year of decline—with the consumer price index increasing by one-half an index point to 114.9 from 114.4, the bureau of statistics reports. The change in the index, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, was caused mostly by higher prices of foodstuffs. The peak of 118.2 was reached in December, 1951. The dotted line shows the United States consumer price index which advanced between mid-April and mid-May to 114.0 of the 1947-49 average. Living costs there now are near the peak set last November when the index was 114.3. These indices measure percentage changes in prices in each country but should not be used to compare actual levels of prices between the two countries.

ray... Reflects and Reminisces

The food expert, Danean Hines is trying to have the world accept ice cream at the breakfast hour. In many ways, it is better than later in the day. But then, how about the children? What kid ever calls ice cream food? It's a treat of course. But it would be too much like finding caviar or champagne in the lunch basket.

When the Queen made her Coronation tour of Wales, newspapermen found the spelling difficult. One news agency sent out the following correction to clients: Please read in first paragraph "Ynysangharad Park," thus substituting "Ynysangharad" for "Ynysangharad."

Seattle's morning paper has not appeared for a week. The wage question is being fought out, and how long the dispute will last, or end in what way, remains a matter of uncertainty. Meanwhile, the Post-Intelligencer makes its afternoon bow—which goes back a long way.

JUST DIDN'T WORK
Solon Low, according to the Lethbridge Herald, poses as an expert in currency and credit. How many of us, today, remember the unhappy thirties in Alberta when Mr. Aberhart introduced what he called Prosperity Certificates. The little gadgets never worked. Neither did the \$25 per month donation to Thomas, Richard and Henry.

It's one thing to have a vaulting ambition and something else to know how to land—London Free Press.

BEAR HUNTING
The fate of three Americans who went to Gaspé (Quebec) to hunt bear remains unexplained. They have been missing for a month. Killed by wild animals or foul play? It is known one of the three had almost a thousand dollars on him. A Canadian bear is not interested in hard cash, but it will heed anything that will relieve hunger.

Mr. St. Laurent's successor, for whatever reason he takes office, will be the 13th man to fill the country's top political post. Nine prime ministers have been Conservatives and three have been Liberals.

The Queen, in her Coronation address said "You-all" no fewer than three times. It's a favorite expression in the Southern States and led to sharp differences resulting in a check, which shows the following text as spoken by Her Majesty: "I ask you all," at the end "I thank you all," and finally, "God bless you all."

There is more than one kind of economy, and the sort Canadians have is pretty well represented by the value of the wheat in a 20-ounce loaf of bread. It amounts to 4½ cents.

Syngman Rhee is a man of importance in international affairs just now, it must be admitted. But it's becoming a nuisance remembering how to spell his name, let alone pronounce it. But then, nearly every name in Asia is more or less like that.

Rain Cancels Manley Recital

NEW YORK (CP)—Vancouver-born pianist Gordon Manley's second appearance as guest artist at Lewisohn Stadium was delayed when rain forced cancellation of Monday night's outdoor concert.

The program will be presented Wednesday when Manley will play Brahms' Concerto No. 1 in D minor with the New York Philharmonic orchestra under the direction of Alexander Smallens.



ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR BRANCHES of the army, the Royal Canadian Army Pay Corps, gets its own flag at a ceremony performed in Korea. Brig. J. V. Allard (left), commander of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade, presents the flag to Maj. C. A. Pilley, Ottawa, senior cashier of the brigade. It is the first time the pay corps has had its own flag. It is yellow and blue and has the pay corps crest.

VICTORIA REPORT

By J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA — The Associated Press calls him Frank ("The Brain") Milligan. His colleagues at University of Portland call him "Brainwash." But his neighbors in Victoria say he's just an ordinary 21-year-old, a bundle of energy, good-looking, always smiling and whistling, cheerful, polite. He's tall, dark-haired, red-cheeked, pug-nosed. He doesn't appear to be the high-brow study type. He seems more interested in tennis and swimming, football and basketball, singing MacNamara's Band and The Old Shelagh, dancing with pretty girls.

Frank Milligan, who has electrified North America's educationists by his scholastic brilliance, was born in Cumberland, on Vancouver Island, Oct. 21 1931. He came with his parents to live in Victoria when he was an infant. His father, a Scot from Glasgow, is a newspaper linotype operator; his mother was born Amy Dallos in Cumberland.

Ban on Food To British Tightened

CAIRO (Reuters) — Egypt is tightening regulations to prevent foodstuffs, drinks and various raw materials from reaching British forces in the Suez canal zone. Egyptian authorities have banned the transfer of a wide range of goods east of a line bordering on the canal zone. No goods will be allowed out of Port Said, Ismailia and Suez without special permission.

TO MAINTAIN SUPPLIES
British authorities intend to maintain supplies to the large canal zone garrison with ships and planes from outside Egypt. The move represents Egypt's latest move in the long-fought campaign to oust the garrison.

Under the new regulations, Egyptian shopkeepers and traders are prohibited without special permission from supplying British troops either collectively or individually with cereals, vegetables, fresh and preserved fruit, eggs, milk and milk products, oil, sugar, meat, poultry and drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

STRATEGIC MATERIALS
The regulations also apply to cloth and clothes, leather goods and all goods serving the immediate needs of an army as well as strategic materials such as gasoline, iron, cement, stone, paper, leather, raw and processed rubber, minerals and chemicals.

Bruin Buffaloe
ST. FINTAN'S, Nfld. (CP)—John Gale, 80, fooled a wary black bear by rigging a string of horse shoes near a trap. The bruin knocked down the horseshoes, thought the coast was clear the following night and walked into the trap.

OTTAWA DIARY

By NORMAN M. McLEOD

Every now and then when the situation suggests it, the Prime Minister ceases to talk like Politician L. S. St. Laurent and talks instead like leading Lawyer L. S. St. Laurent used to talk.

That is to say, he becomes a master of adroit speech. He succeeds in conveying what is in his mind, without tying his hands to any future course of action.

It is because they believe that he was speaking in this Lawyer St. Laurent vein that political circles in the Capital consider that his references to coalition possibilities in his British Columbian speeches were amongst the most important utterances of the campaign so far.

Actually, all the P.M. did was to warn west coast voters against the "very remote possibility" of a Social Credit-Progressive Conservative coalition.

But political circles here—and Liberal political circles especially—believe that in expressing his condemnation of a Social Credit-Conservative merger, the Prime Minister at the same time was implying his disapproval of the entire principle of coalition.

In other words, Liberal circles here are convinced that if the government should fail to secure an over-all majority come August 10th, the Prime Minister will lead the Liberal forces into opposition, instead of seeking a coalition with the CCF if such would enable him to stay in power.

Obviously, the possibility of Liberalism staying in power through a tie-up with the CCF is greater than the likelihood of the Solon Low-George Drew partnership against which the Prime Minister warned British Columbia audiences. But Mr. St. Laurent is an old-line Liberal. As such, he is said to harbor little fellow-feeling for Socialism of the planned economy type which the CCF represents. Unlike the late W. L. M. King, he doesn't believe that CCF-Prims are simply "Liberals in a hurry." Instead, he is convinced that the free enterprise system under which Canadian progress has been achieved from the days, since Confederation, couldn't possibly survive under CCF principles.

Actually, it is generally believed in the Capital here that if Mr. St. Laurent had to accept a coalition, the one which would be the least objectionable to him would be a merger between Liberals and Conservatives. But he would not have anything to do with that idea either, for the reason that it just doesn't like coalitions period. Hence the hand-writing is on the wall for the Liberals. If they want to stay in power, they have to come through with a clear majority next August 10th.

The rainfall of Gambia in West Africa varies greatly from year to year, ranging from 30 to 59 inches.

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The Editor,
The Daily News:
I noticed two things, regarding the Packmaster truck, when I read the report of the Inspector of Municipalities.
One point is that the fare to the east, the allowance paid, all the gas, oil and incidentals totals \$350.82 which is \$175.82 more than the freight (\$175.00) which was quoted in the report.
The other is that it took Alderman Gomez, 24 days to go to Windsor and return to Prince Rupert. It cost the city \$17.50 for each of those 24 days. Dueck's of Vancouver allow a person seven days to drive a car from Oshawa, Ontario to Vancouver. It would take five or six days to go by train from Prince Rupert to Toronto (which is near Windsor), seven days from Windsor to Vancouver, and five days from Vancouver to Prince Rupert which will be a total of 18 days. Was Alderman Gomez on other official city business which delayed him for six days at \$17.50 a day?
It seems to me that it was not worth while to drive the Packmaster to Prince Rupert. First, it cost \$175.82 more than the freight would have cost and then the Packmaster would have approximately 3,000 or 4,000 miles of use when it arrived in Prince Rupert.

U.S. Fighting Alcan Contract
WASHINGTON (AP)—United States government is to court Monday in an effort to void a contract for Alcan Company of America (Alcoa) to buy 1,200,000,000 pounds of aluminum from Aluminum Co. of Canada during a six-year period.
The contract "precludes complete dissociation" of Alcan and Alcoa, the department said in a suit filed in U.S. district court in New York.
There was no immediate comment from the Canadian government in Montreal.

NOTICE
General Meeting of the Ratepayers' Association Thursday, at 8 p.m. Legion Auditorium. Committee report on interim with Mr. B. C. Bracewell, J. W. PRUSKI, Chairman.

The Editor,
Daily News:
One of the points not mentioned in Mr. B. C. Bracewell's report on city affairs was what Alderman Geo. Casey termed the operation of a clique within the council. Something that the Inspector of municipalities could not rightly speak about.
Mr. Casey has a foundation for claiming the operation of a clique in that the Daily News published a news story the day before the aldermanic elections in which Mayor Harold Whalen specified certain candidates who should be elected so that "they could get something done." More recently he stated "that if more co-operation had been received in the first place, Mr. Bracewell's visit and the report would have been unnecessary." The co-operation referred to apparently

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