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MARCH 15th

# Carson Critical of Terrace-Rupert Road

## Rights Lost

### Suez Canal Blocked by Five Stranded Vessels

ISMAILIA (AP)—Five ships ran aground in the Suez Canal this morning and shipping was completely paralyzed by a 50-mile-an-hour "Khamseen," hot desert wind, which blew ships off their courses and reduced visibility to a few yards.

Two tankers were blown aground north of Ismailia and blocked the channel.

The Canal Company sent tugs to pull off both vessels from sand bars.

Three other vessels are reported aground near Port Said.

## Afraid of Reprisals

### Playboy Spy's Bizarre Tale

ASTONISHING REVELATION  
By RCMP

OTTAWA (AP)—A free-speaking German spy landed in Canada by submarine in 1942 and lived here two-and-a-half years before his \$7000 in cash ran out and he quietly surrendered.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police on Thursday bared for the first time, but not all, the details. They add up to one of the most bizarre Canadian stories of the war—a story of a playboy spy who no Canadian, apparently, seriously questioned or suspected.

The man made friends in Ottawa who probably to this day do not realize who or what he was. He frequented night clubs, bars and restaurants, liked a good time and spent money freely. Once he got caught in a police raid on a Montreal brothel but slipped away after paying a \$50 deposit.

He went under the assumed name of Alfred Haskins and gave a Toronto address. The RCMP declined to disclose his German name.

Most bizarre touch about this spy was that he forgot about spying. He just lived on his money and had a good time. The RCMP are satisfied that he didn't send back a single piece of information but he poured a wealth of information about Germany into their files after he gave himself up.

He was landed from a submarine on the New Brunswick coast, later leading the police to the spot and digging out a radio set which he had brought with him.

## Warns Against Province Being Sucked Into Deals

### Section Along Skeena Should Be Disentangled From Railway Line

VICTORIA (Canadian Press)—British Columbia shouldn't allow itself to be "sucked in" to any more poor highway deals, former Minister of Public Works E. C. Carson said in the Legislature last night.

Mr. Carson was speaking about the Northern Transprovincial Highway and particularly about the section between Terrace and Prince Rupert.

This section was built by the Department of National Defence and, after the war, was turned over to the provincial government to administer.

The Canadian National Railways line parallels the highway on much of this stretch. The two are so close together that in the winter railway snowplows push tons of snow on the railway line into the highway.

The public works department has sent its own plows through to push the snow off the road and back on to the railroad.

"There are things we should not let ourselves be sucked into," Mr. Carson said. "These things fritter away our money and break the morale of crews of the public works department which have to battle against a situation that is just impossible."

Mr. Carson said the railway and the highway must be "disentangled."

The former minister of public works told the House that the province's road program was slipping back. Last year the province fell \$10,000,000 short of meeting its objective on construction of the British Columbia portion of the TransCanada Highway.

Mr. Carson said he would not jump on Premier Johnson's Pacific Great Eastern bandwagon even if it meets defeat at the polls.

Carson stuck stubbornly to the proposition that the province needs extension of the railway from the present southern terminus of Squamish into North Vancouver.

The Premier has announced plans to start building the highway and shelve the railway extension.

Mr. Carson said that, if it is a choice between a rail link and a road, he wants a railway line.

## Firemen Quit Ambulance

### Taft Against Statehood Move

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Alaska isn't ready to be a state but Hawaii is, Senator Robert A. Taft said here.

The republican presidential aspirant said Alaska hasn't the population to enter the union, nor is it economically able to be a state.

He said the northern territory was "practically federally" controlled and because of this the two senators and one congressman they could be entitled to now would be controlled by the administration in power — any administration—either republican or democrat.

Taft said Alaska statehood must wait until the Territory is more fully developed.

"But Hawaii," he declared, "has 500,000 population and is self-sustaining."

Taft also advocated state-ownership of the tidelands. "They are no different than the land we stand on," he said.

## Restrictions On Road Eased

Only restrictions on driving on the Transprovincial Highway 16 now is the movement of trucks on the portion between Pacific and Lakelse Road junction, L. E. Smith, divisional engineer, announced today.

Trucks, whether loaded or unloaded are prohibited to traverse that highway stretch except between midnight and 10 a.m. and then only if road is "fairly well frozen."

In all other areas, the highway is reported in fair condition with no severe break-ups. Frost is coming out of the ground gradually, due to the cool nights, and under such conditions, no serious problems are expected, said Mr. Smith.

## Sharp 'Quake Down Coast

VICTORIA (AP)—A sharp earthquake jolted southern Vancouver Island approximately at 7 a.m. today. The tremor was stronger than the series of shocks which shook the area three weeks ago. There is no immediate report of damage.

The quake was felt at Nanaimo where an RCMP constable said the quake felt "like a heavy truck passing by."

There was a similar report from the RCMP detachment at Duncan, 40 miles up island from Victoria.

West and North Vancouver also felt it.

## British Bacon Ration Boosted

LONDON—The British bacon ration is being increased by one ounce to five ounces a week. The new ration goes into effect March 23.

## Extensive Program of Telephone Improvement For Central Interior

### Would Make Prince Rupert Nerve Centre—New Switchboards for Terrace

Merger of the scattered network of telephone and telegraph lines formerly known as Dominion Government Telegraph, established in British Columbia under the British North America Act at the time of union in 1871, with Canadian National Telegraphs is under discussion at Ottawa. Conclusion of such a merger would make Prince Rupert a nerve centre in telecommunications on the Pacific Coast.

Canadian National Telegraphs operate the great communications system on Alaska Highway. This is a feeder to transcontinental telegraph lines which are integrated with Canadian National Railways.

Merger of the two lines would effect great savings by wiping out duplicating services in Central B.C., the Peace River country and along the coasts of Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.

## Butler Premier

A Reuter's political correspondent today speculated that the Exchequer Secretary, following the decision he made with the cabinet this week, may loom as the successor to Churchill as Prime Minister.

Essentially the strongest correspondent said.

## \$200,000 Fire at Grande Prairie

GRANDE PRAIRIE—The Hudson's Bay store here was completely destroyed by fire last night, together with \$200,000 worth of stock.

## Rotary Tennis Court Resumes

Rotary Club will be able to proceed with its tennis court after all, Rotarian Bob McKay reported at the club luncheon meeting yesterday.

"Some of the opposing city aldermen saw the light," he said. "The concrete will be poured tomorrow."

City council had ordered work on the tennis court at Second Avenue junction to stop, pending investigation by the board of works on a sidewalk allowance encroachment.

The club is building the court as one of its projects for use of all and to promote better living in Prince Rupert, Mr. McKay said.

## Desperado's Wife

Mrs. Ann Roberts Jackson of Toronto, is the wife of Leonard Jackson, bank robber wounded three times in a furious gun battle with police in Montreal. Jackson is alleged to have been with Steve Suchan when two Toronto detectives were shot and wounded. Suchan was captured last week in Montreal also after a gun battle. A third member of the gang, Edwin Alonzo Boyd, still is at large. Her blood-spattered skirt and legs came from her attempts to aid the bleeding Jackson. (CP PHOTO)

## Expert Says Limit Here

WASHINGTON (AP)—The chairman of the President's council of economic advisers, Leon Keyserling, is conceding that this country is nearing the saturation point on taxes. The house appropriations committee has published some of its hearings in which Keyserling had testified.

He was asked by republican Representative Phillips of California if he thought there was a saturation point on taxes.

"Very definitely," Keyserling replied.

Phillips then asked: "Do you believe we are approaching that point?" Keyserling's answer: "We are certainly approaching the point where one has to be very careful about the levying of more taxes."

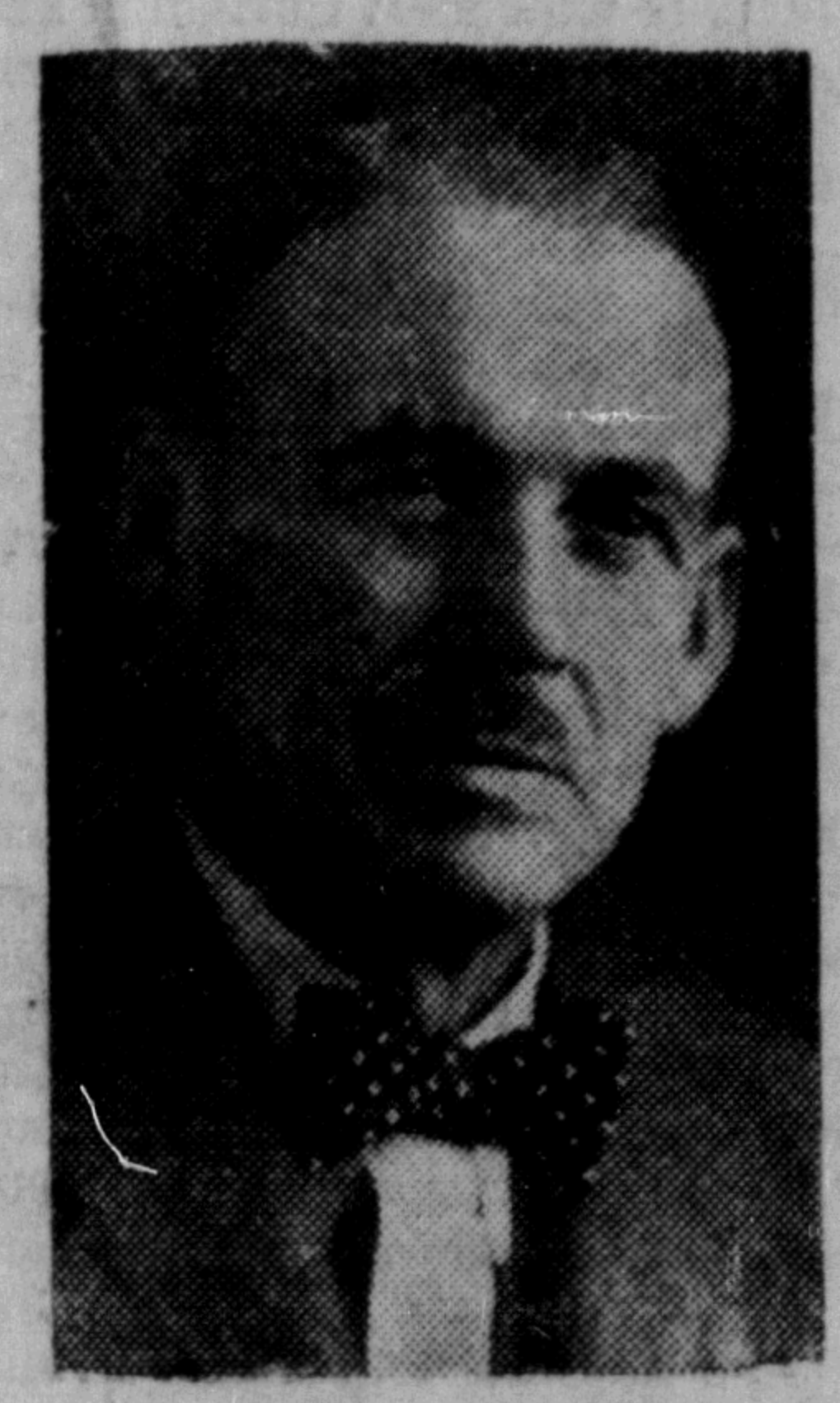
To this the California representative retorted: "You would think so if you had been back talking to your constituents in the last three months."

## International Air Traffic Facilitated

OTTAWA—An important new agreement has been made between Canada and the United States on air traffic between the two countries. Henceforth airline companies will not need permits for each individual flight but will have licences for three year periods.

## Flying Priest Loses Licence

EDMONTON.—Pilot's licence of Father William Leising, O.M.I., "The Flying Priest," who had to make a forced landing near Fort McMurray this week, has had his pilot's licence cancelled. Authorities found that he had overloaded his plane—he had three other missionaries on board—and failed to file a flight plan.



E. C. CARSON  
Calls Skeena Road Bad Deal



CHIEF HERE—Gen. Aldo Urbani, Italian Chief of Staff, left, arrives at Ottawa for a brief visit with defence and a tour of RCAF training stations. He is greeted by Air Marshall D. M. Smith on behalf of Air Marshall W. A. RCAF, Chief of the Air Staff. (CP from National Defence)

### Today's Stocks

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER	
American Standard	26
Bralorne	6.00
B R X	.03
Cariboo Quartz	1.25
Cronin Babine	44 1/2
Giant Mascot	.94
Indian Mines	.20
Pioneer	2.15
Premier Border	.31
Privater	.09
Reno	03 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.62
Silbak Premier	.47
Taku River	.07
Vananda	.20
Salmon Gold	03 1/2
Spud Valley	.12
Silver Standard	2.35
Western Uranium	3.75

Oils	
A P Con	.56
Calmont	1.95
Central Leduc	3.55
Home Oil	16.00
Mercury	.34
Okalta	3.90
Pacific Pete	10.50
Royal Canadian	.24

### —WEATHER—

#### Synopsis

The low pressure area which brought stormy conditions to the coast yesterday has moved south into the western states. Cloudiness is decreasing gradually along the coast in the wake of the storm and this afternoon will be sunny in most sections.

In the interior there will be variable cloudiness with frequent sunny intervals. Skies will be clear overnight, however, as colder temperatures are expected at most points.

Another disturbance is approaching the Gulf of Alaska and more showers are forecast for the coastal areas tomorrow. Little change is expected elsewhere.

#### Forecast

North coast region—North portion sunny today with a few cloudy periods over the Charlottes this afternoon. Cloudy with showers tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds—northerly (30), decreasing to light overnight. Southerly winds (25) tomorrow. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—at Sandspit, 32 and 42; Prince Rupert, 28 and 45.

Remainder of region cloudy this morning, clearing by noon. Sunny tomorrow morning. Cloudy with showers tomorrow afternoon and evening. Little change in temperature. Winds south-east (15), becoming light by afternoon. Wind southeast (25) tomorrow afternoon. Lows tonight and highs tomorrow—at Port Hardy, 32 and 45.

### —TIDES—

Saturday, March 15, 1952	
High	3:09 21.2 feet
	15:42 18.6 feet
Low	9:35 4.0 feet
	21:32 6.1 feet