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DOROTHY BARRY of Chicago ponders the problem of where to put the nun she's the other nine, which are part Collie and part Labrador Retriever, are all bedded down, but just no place for this one. The new additions to the Barry family are five weeks old and mother, Lady Candice, is three years old—one year younger than Dorothy.

**Bacon Funeral Rites Set
 Parents Back From England**

Arrival here of Mr. James Bacon from funeral arrangements on William Charles, 42, who died here, have been set for afternoon in St. Andrew's.

The Rev. Canon Basil S. Procter will officiate at the service tomorrow and at a memorial service at Grenville Court chapel tonight. Members of the Moose Lodge will conduct graveside services at Fairview cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bacon, who were holidaying in England at the time of their son's sudden death, made a near record trip home, leaving London at 8 p.m. Sunday and arriving in Prince Rupert at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

It was the first flight for both Mr. and Mrs. Bacon, who travelled via Goose Bay to Montreal, arriving there at noon Monday, and continuing to Toronto where they were delayed five hours due to plane trouble.

After changing planes in Winnipeg and Edmonton they arrived about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at Vancouver, where CPA held up the northbound plane to bring them here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bacon left Prince Rupert October 8 for England, where Mrs. Bacon underwent special medical treatment.

She was in hospital from November 2 to December 23. While in England they visited with Mr. Bacon's brother, W. J. Bacon at Hampton Court.

They had planned to stay overseas until May, returning by boat via the Panama canal, but changed plans abruptly on hearing of their son's sudden death here.

**CENSORSHIP BY MAYOR
 IMPOSED BY VICTORIANS**

VICTORIA (CP)—This staid old capital rocked with the "witch-hunting" and "interference" and city in protest in the wake of Mayor Claude Harrison's threat that he intends to burn all Communist books in his public library.

"You find them," he said, adding that he would burn books in his furnace.

Harrison was supported in his move by Alderman Wood and two Social Credit MLAs. However, the Chamber of Commerce and several other organizations opposed Mayor Harrison's self-appointed "censorship."

**On Defensive as Reds
 at Asian Peace Offer**

M. HIGHTOWER
 Western foreign suddenly put on the Russian hints of peace in Asia, today to explore fully of negotiations to Sino-China war.

George Bidault, whose extreme sensibility is moving to end the Asian fighting, called a meeting with Anson and John Foster into the question.

Molotov dangled a string of hopes for the three Western and their peoples. If they would agree to Red China to a five-power conference.

Bidault and Eden have themselves firmly. But they have emphasized their readiness to do specific issues with countries involved.

The main purpose was that a meeting with spring could accomplish three categories of which could be taken up: arms, political relations to increase interest. And he said such could also consider the in Asia.

The government Evestia said today propose a five-power including Red China block a peaceful settlement of such problems as Indo-China.

The Big Four must two chief problems, and Austria, before stand before the

**Publisher
 Age of 55**

VICTORIA (CP)—P. C. Gal-former newspaper who started his journey as carrier boy, Wednesday after a

**CNR Offers Drydock For Sale;
 City Groups Hail Announcement**

**Government Fails
 To Renew Agreement**

The sprawling 40-year-old Prince Rupert drydock has been put on the market.

Donald Gordon, chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways, made this announcement in Montreal this morning.

He said that for the past four years the drydock has been operated by the CNR under an agreement with the federal Department of Public Works which relieved the railway of any operating losses.

The agreement expires March 31, 1954, and the government has advised the railway that the agreement will not be renewed.

"Under these circumstances and since the plant is not required to service the railway's own needs, the company has decided to offer it for sale in the expectation that the successful bidder will acquire the plant and take over operations as of April 1, 1954."

Installations on the 17-acre site include a ship shed, pattern shop, powerhouse, machine shop, foundry fabricating shop, office buildings, two launching ways and a floating drydock.

Begun in 1913 by the Grand Trunk Pacific Development Company and finished some four years later, the drydock was originally meant to service the fleet of ships which it was contemplated would operate in and out of Prince Rupert in a trans-Pacific service.

For a variety of reasons, a regular steamship service of that character never materialized.

The drydock was designed to handle ships up to 20,000 tons, but only a few large ships have ever made use of the facilities.

Instead, it has served primarily the needs of the Prince Rupert fishing fleet and other smaller vessels operating in northern British Columbia waters. Last year more than 300 of these smaller craft were serviced here.



Drydock and Shipyards

**Western Canada Awaits Break
 In Sixteen-Day-Old Cold Wave**

Western Canada, chilled by 16 days of sub-zero weather, waited hopefully today for a predicted rise in temperatures. But for the lower mainland of British Columbia, any sudden warming may mean serious flooding.

The West Coast is loaded with one of the heaviest snowfalls in years. More than 56 inches fell in New Westminster in 14 days and about 40 inches fell at Vancouver.

Officials are worried that a sudden temperature rise will result in flooding, and Mayor F. H. Jackson of New Westminster has called it the worst winter flood threat in 40 years.

Work crews are still battling through blocked roads on the mainland and Vancouver Island.

The temperature was expected to reach 45 at Vancouver today and 42 at Victoria. Light snow and rain also were forecast.

Despite the gradual warming, the Prairies are still locked in sub-zero temperatures. Only at Winnipeg, Regina and Brandon, Man., was the temperature expected to reach zero today.

Prince Albert, Saskatoon and North Battleford, Sask., could expect a high of 15 below. Five N.W.T., could expect 50 below. The cold snap has claimed 25 lives.

Coldest spot overnight was expected to be Snag, the "ice-box" of the Yukon, where 60 below was forecast. Hay River, below was forecast for Swift Current, Sask.

**TRANSPORTATION HIT
 BY RECORD COLD WAVE**

LONDON (AP)—The worst cold wave in six years gripped Britain as icy winds from Siberia, where temperatures fell to 53 below zero, today swept most of shivering Europe.

Still-older weather with gales and blizzards is forecast. Air, land and sea transportation has been snarled.

Feeling of Optimism

Announcement that the drydock and shipyards are up for sale was met first by shock and then a feeling of optimism by leading organizations here today.

General consensus was that any move that would bring the shipyard and drydock back into productive use would be welcome.

Most heads of organizations stressed that the 17-acre site with its machinery, shops and buildings would be ideal for an industrial site that would bring prosperity to the city.

Mayor George E. Hills said the first concern with any change of ownership would be protection of the repair facilities for Prince Rupert's fishing fleet.

"While the CNR has not seen fit to use the shipyard for the purpose for which it was designed, the acreage is ideally suited for almost any major or secondary industry," the mayor said.

"I feel that in all probability the sale of this property would make available a first-rate industrial site," Mayor Hills said.

He said that for some time now, the lack of suitable sites has placed a serious obstacle in the way of new industries locating here. Sale of the drydock offers a solution.

"Now is the time for all organizations in Prince Rupert to band together to promote a more extensive use of the whole area," the mayor said.

Projects suggested by the mayor or a small boat repair depot, a sawmill or a plywood plant.

Surprised at Report

Most taken aback by the news of the proposed sale of the drydock was Robert Cameron, manager of the drydock and shipyards, who hadn't been informed that any such move was contemplated by the CNR.

"This is quite a shock," Mr. Cameron said, "this is really something."

He said there was nothing much more he could say except that the move "jeopardized" the jobs of about 60 persons. If the CNR received no offers for the 40-year-old installations it might mean the closing down of the plant.

The plant, now in its off-season, employs more than 100 persons in the spring and summertime when fishing vessels are in and out for repairs. Most recent job was that done on the United States Coast guard vessel the Hemlock which was in dock here last week while its boiler was re-bricked.

Mr. Cameron recalled that during the peak war years 2,400 men were employed there and 13 Victory ships, were built for the Canadian government, corvettes and minesweepers for the RCN and two or three China coasters. Among the 10,000-ton freighters were the Fort Stickine, the Mumford Park, Fort Aspen, Elgin Park, Winnipegosis Park, Earls Court Park. Included in the corvettes were the HMCS Courtenay, Kelowna and Quatsino.

It has also been suggested that in as much as the RCN base at Esquimalt has only a small engraving dock that the Prince Rupert drydock and shipyard equipment could be taken over by the navy to great advantage.

Jack McRae, former Liberal MLA for Prince Rupert and president of the Skeena Federal Riding Liberal association said that he "regretted the government's stand, in as much as it didn't consider the drydock of sufficient importance to renew its agreement with the CNR."

However, he said, "I hope that whoever buys it will put it to good industrial use."

Walter Smith, president of the Prince Rupert Liberal association hailed the announcement of the proposed sale as good news.

"It will be a good thing for private enterprise to take it over," he said, "they could put it back into shape for major ship building projects and get out and hustle business and bid for contracts," he said.

But, he said, he wouldn't want to see the shipbuilding and drydock equipment dismantled.

Phil Linzey, president of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce said that it was good news that the drydock was up for sale.

"It can be put in working order by a private firm," he said, "or the acreage would make an excellent site for a big mill."

DRIFTING EXPECTED

Strong southeast winds with snow and drifting snow were expected in southern Saskatchewan, producing near-blizzard conditions. However, the winds were expected to subside later.

The Alberta centres of Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat were expected to have a high today of five degrees below zero, a considerable rise from the average 20 below which has prevailed at those points during the last two weeks.

**Pro-Red American Prisoners
 Cheer and Sing on Way North**

By GEORGE McARTHUR
 Associated Press Staff Writer

PANMUNJOM.—Twenty-one singing, chanting Americans and a British marine, who renounced their homelands to stay with the Communists, today rolled northward in flag-decked trucks.

And in Tokyo, the United Nations command said officially that at least nine of the 21 were accused as stool pigeons who betrayed fellow prisoners-of-war to the Communists.

The former Allied soldiers, along with 325 South Koreans, carried Red "peace dove" banners as they marched from their barbed-wire compound in Korea's bleak neutral zone.

They sang, cheered and shouted charges of imperialism and germ warfare at the Western world as they boarded the trucks for the trip north.

Five Allied correspondents watched them go.

An Indian escort took the five of us to the pro-Red north camp for the last propaganda show of the men who chose communism.

Communist correspondents Allan Winnington and Wilfred Burckett arranged for us to move freely in the compound that has held the pro-Red captives since they were turned over to Indian custody Sept. 24.

The prisoners repeated what they told other Allied correspondents who interviewed them at Panmunjom Monday.

They said they want to be "peace fighters" and cannot do so in the United States.

Some of the Americans said they plan to visit China now that they are "free men." Others refused to answer when asked where they would go.



MONEY CANNOT BUY membership in the world's most-exclusive ski club. To be eligible one must have an arm or a leg missing and a deep reservoir of courage. This club, which operates on the slopes of the Austrian Alps, was founded after the Second World War by a group of young amputees who vowed not to let their crippling war injuries interfere with their favorite sport—skiing. Many of them are able to streak down the mountainsides with greater speed and agility than many two-legged skiers. Here, one-legged Rudi Fiala (right), an old member of the club, gives final instructions to a new member, Vienna student Ralph Douner, who is about to start his first downhill run as a one-legged skier. Combination crutch-ski poles help the amputees keep their balance.

GALA WELCOME

The Communist correspondents said special camps had been prepared for the men at Kaesong and that a gala welcome awaited them.

In interviews before leaving the compound all the men said they believe U.S. fliers dropped germs on North Korea.

Aaron Wilson, of Urania, La., said he was sure the charges were true because "I saw the planes drop them."

"How could you tell they were germ bombs?" he was asked.

"I saw the insects," he answered.

"What kinds of insects?"

"I could not say what kind. Several kinds."

Richard Tenneson of Alben, Minn., said "today I am happier than I have ever been before in my life."

WEATHER

Forecast
 North Coast Region — Gale warning over.
 Little change in temperature. Winds northwesterly 25, decreasing to light this afternoon and increasing tonight to southeast 30, then veering Friday afternoon to westerly 25.
 Low tonight and high Friday at Port Hardy and Sandspit, 28 and 38; Prince Rupert, 26 and 35.

AT FIRST GLANCE it's possible you may think this is a winter-bare tree sporting a flock of shivering birds. But if you take another look, you will recognize the creatures for what they are—New York City youngsters playing in the snow in a local park. Whoever saw a bird with a sled, anyhow?