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# RAGEDY STALKS QCI PLANE WRECK Ministers



TOWN-Stone ruins of a once-thriving centre near the southwestern Ontario hamlet m near Kitchener now are a popular tourist attraction. They once housed breweries, tannery, shoe factory and other buildings in a village founded in 1845. The village was centre for 20 years but then gradually began to die. The nearby hamlet of Salem (part th is shown in the background) has a population of 100. (CP PHOTO)

### nce Rupert Hoopsters king Senior A Plunge

ince Rupert Co-operative Challengers, Prince senior rep basketballers, have decided to enior B company, in which they have been ent for the last few years, and go Senior A.

championship finals.

they will get outside competi-

tion in a series to be played this

week-end here with Ketchikan

Russia's Puck

Bid Rejected

tional Ice Hockey Federation.

place just before the games

Pioneer City

Mrs. Daniel Scherk, pioneer

Reuben, Raymond and Vernon,

Many old friends will regret to

The remains are being brought

held Thursday afternoon

for Victoria.

### Slides The winners will meet Lower mill. Mainland vs. Vancouver Island

Traffic Again Tied lefinitely, by Snow

are indefinitely tied up oday by snowslides and The train, which was to ne out tonight, will not fore tomorrow afternoon Tuesday night.

long and 25 feet deep. litsa, is 100 feet long and

the way between Kwin-Terrace.

is no railway trouble ederation's executive committee of the end

# ncouver

ation For Admission ootball Union Rejected

NA (P-The Western Inonal Football Union Sunfused to admit the Vanentry for the 1952 season. was described by the Vanrepresentatives as the breach of faith in the of sport.

unnual convention rejectcoast league' application ranchise.

ig the discussion in Re- all of Prince Rupert, and Rex delegates threatened to in Victoria; and one daughter, withdrawing from the Mrs Rena Beesley in Kamloops.

the application had been hear of Mrs. Scherk's demise. the Calgary delegates prepared statement, say- home Wednesday aboard the would refer the question steamer Prince George by Verdrawing to the full Cal- non Scherk, who flew south yes-

# Tragedy

United States Army nel and American flying ere involved, a Canadian must be held into the ash tragedy at Sandspit, Charlotte Islands, which ved to have taken thirty-

proner on the Islands opened a hearing so he bodies of survivors elivery to their homes. lence will be taken later. | fight against Communism.

# Ghost Town In Ontario

SALEM, Ont., ()-About a century ago a busy and prosperous future seemed in store for this community 16 miles northeast of Kitchene: Its 500 residents found Decision means Prince Rupert employment in two breweries, a goes to Penticton early in March tannery, a shoe factory, a grist for provincial semi-finals there. mill, a sawmill and a pot-barley

Today, crumbling ruins of stone semi-final for the provincial buildings are the only tangible reminder to the 100 or so re-All this leads to interprovin- maining residents that their cial play later and Dominion hamlet was for 20 years one of the busiest in the northern part Practices of the locals will now of Wellington county. Only commence in real earnest and

Except for artists who visit the community for subject matter., few know the picturesque beauty of the deep gorge of the Irvine River which was harnessed to operate its mills in the last

A man named Sam Wissler, who came with his brothers from Clay county, Pennsylvania; founded the village in 1945. He was the guiding genrus of the industrial ZURICH ( Russia's applica- development that followed his tion to participate in the Olym- first clearing of the land. His pic hockey tournament was turn- influence grew until he was able ional trouble is caused addown Sunday by the Interna- to arrange that a railway branched miles out of its way to Dr Fritz Draatz, president of nearby Fergus instead. Those the liff, told a meeting of the two blows marked the beginning

that the application arrived too As the surrounding land was late for consideration as the Oslo cleared for farming, the tannery Congress next month will take closed for lack of tanbark and the sawmill for lack of timber. The shoe factory closed because there was no leather from the tannery. Farmers began to feed their grain to livestock and there was none for the barley mill and breweries. People moved Woman Passes

Now, even the stone ruins are sinking and crumbling, a ghost town's last monument to high

52, was killed by one group of Fraser Valley will feel its effects the coalition break came. Egyptian "thugs" who invaded a overnight Pressures in the Yu- Mr. McRae, speaking to the not get a boat until high winds terday, and the funeral will be convent garden to throw a bomb kon are extremely high and it Daily News, noted that over two prevented diving. Further at-

### Truce Settlement Between Britain and Egypt Reached

Saud of Arabia has worked out a truce settlement for Britain and

The plan provides for evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal zone, recognition of the unity of Egypt and the Sudan, be identified and released United States to arm an Egyptian armored unit of 30,000 men Fourth Street. The fire depart- right thing," Mr. McRae agreed. the DC4 airliner reported engine free of charge and Egypt to join the Middle East command in a

# In Crashes

persons perished Saturday three plane crashes on the west a United States bound Korean airlift plane crashed into the Pacific ocean near Sandspit off the Queen Charlotte Islands. Seven were rescued.

Three were killed when a B-1' bomber, returning home after searching for the plane down in the Queen Charlottes, clipped the top of the 6,359 foot mountain (Mount Tyler) in Northern Washington during a snowstorm. It catapulted over a peak and skidded to the five thousand foot level where it burst into

when a disabled bomber pancaked atop a crowded guard-

half submerged wing but only was "just wonderful."

by a U.S. coast guard helicopter. wing himself.

# Forty-Five American Soldiers Perish ives While on Way Home to See Their Own Sick and Dying

# They Prayed

Scenes of Poignancy in Wintry Sea

SEATTLE (CP) - At McChord Air Force base here today seven survivors of the Sandspit DC4 crash told of praying in unison as they watched their companions swept from the wing one by one to their deaths in icy seas. Pte. Demetris G. Apostolon. 23, of Hinto, West Virginia, told locate 26 more bodies of a crew further in a shallow bay.

ped off and drowned a few min- urday morning.

house and exploded ten minutes vivors on the wing "slowly fell from McChord Airbase to con- "He hit the runway once about the resignation of the finance

the rescue boat came there were

STEWARDESS "WONDERFUL"

Ten were killed in the smash. One survivor said the stew-The other 33 crawled out on a ardess, Jean Cheadle, Seattle, were able to hang on until "She helped us all and we were rescue came in the form of two all praying for her but she slip-

The wreckage of the B-17 One man swam after her but bomber was sighted Sunday and could not reach her. He barely ive survivors were brought in managed to crawl back on the

### "He said he believed in God but Airlines plane which crashed approached the runway from the back this week. had not been baptized. He slip- near the shore here early Sat- north. The operator had been in FINAL BLOW-UP Today an American Air Force minutes. But, when he came in Stresses and strains on it during Lieut, Donald E. Baker of helicopter was scheduled to ar- to land, I knew he was going last year blew the union Friday Glendale, California, said sur- rive aboard a "Flying Boxcar" to overshoot," said Thompson, when Premier Johnson asked for

THEN SILENCE

Operator Thompson said he

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At Cow Bay

ways. Fearing that damage would

with a view to beaching in shal-

low water. Before that could be

Capt. Geofrey White of Masset

Hubert Ward returned to the

from a business trip to Vancou-

No one was injured

Korea and Japan on compassionate leave.

Valiant Work of Rescuers at Sandspit Saved

Some Lives-Bodies Being Recovered

By LARRY STANWOOD

About three minutes before RCAF divers will attempt to dis- the surface and took off again." gressive Conservative leader. lodge bodies from the sunken John Davey, customs officer, and Mr. Anscomb resigned and so Three dead are crew, includ- ance man, were in the radio servative cabinet colleagues. ing a woman stewardess. Other room standing by.

Seven survived. Ten bodies

dead are American soldiers returning home from Tokyo and All passengers were going home on "emergency leave," said an investigating U.S. Army of-

ficial here. Their relatives at

home were either dangerously ili or near death. Weather and a watchful Sandspit radio crew were probably the only factors responsible for saving the last seven men wh clung with only their nerves to the left. a protruding wing of the party

submerged four-engined aircraft a quarter mile from shore. No names of passengers survivors or lost were released pending notification of next-of-

Choombe and Stewaress Jane Scheale, all of Seattle.

U.S. Army officiar said the The President said it was a forty soldier passengers were all "heavy burden"—the price of going home on emergency leave. peace. It would amount to \$550 Officers who interviewed the sish packer Western Ace lay sunk for every man, woman and child men said some had fathers and at the entrance of Cow Bay this in the United States. Mr. Tru- mothers dangerously ill. A young morning, only mast and the tip man warned there is grim evi- lieutenant had a daughter dy- of the bow showing, and salvage dence that "the Kremlin would ing. Yesterday it was reported operations were being essayed not stop at resorting to war in she had died. Two brothers were this afternoon- by Armour Salamong those saved. They said that, if one had been drowned, the other would have drowned Lean boat yard at Seal Cove. too trying to save him. Their father was dying in San Fran-

> The survivors, seven of them all told of the heroism of the be done there, she was taken off stewardess who died trying save soldiers thrown into the done, she sank.

> Survivors said about 30 of the passengers got out of the aircraft through the emergency was skipper of the vessel. door. All of them tried to get onto the protruding wing but incoming tide swells would wash them off into the sea. Then city on the Camosun last night others, swimming around the aircraft, would try for the wing. ver. Several men struck out for the shore swimming.

It is estimated 13 of the bodies are still in the aircraft. Survard through the interior on the for Prince Rupert, even if it vivors said: "Many were knocked

in the wake of the slaying of a minimums of 20 below reported from the south where he attend- ies was started Saturday with

arrived early Sunday but could

Rescuers of the survivors, who except northeast (35) down only serving on a temporary departed for Tacoma late Saturday, were Robert Glass and Jack Oils Fraser. Department of Transport operators, who reached the scene of the crash in a fourteen-

FIRST TROUBLE Bound for Tacoma air base, and advised Sandspit radio it

VICTORIA - Premier Byron Johnson has assigned governmental departments, Conservative ministers of which resigned last week, to remaining Liberal members of the cabinet. The premier is retaining the title coalition for his government. Pending the election, the cabinet now consists of only seven members.

The Premier nimself takes over the ministry of finance; Hon. J H. Cates, minister of labor, also becomes minister of mines; Hon A tragic story unfolded today at an isolated Harry Bowman, minister of agrilanding field on the Queen Charlotte Islands while culture, also assumes railways and fisheries; Hon. A. D. Turndying relatives at home will not see their sons, hus- bull, minister of health and welfare, takes on municipal affairs bands, and fathers who were coming home from and trade and commerce, and Hon. E. T. Kenney, minister of lands, also becomes minister of have been found and dragging, would land at about one thirty public works.

Hon, Gordon Wismer, attorney beachcombing and diving oper- A.M. Saturday. It overshot the ations are still under way to Sandspit airfield, landing a mile general, away when the crisis came last week, returned to Vicbaptizing a youth just before and U.S. Army personnel pas- Everett Thompson was the toria today. Hon. W. T. Straith, he slipped beneath the waves. sengers of a DC4 Northwest operator on duty when the plane minister of education, is due

contact with the pilot "every few | Coalition was formed in 1941. tinue search for bodies while a third way in then skimmed minister, Herbert Anscomb, Pro-

Bill Mitchell, airport mainten- did his three Progressive Con-Anscomb announced at the Mitchell was on hand with the same time Progressive Conserairport firewagon because of the vative members of the 48 seat

warning that one engine of the legislature would move to the Opplane was out. Both saw the position benches. abortive landing and take-off. On Friday this left the Liberals One of them shouted to the with 23 seats and the combined operator: "What is he banking opposition with 22 The balance so steep for at such a low alti- of power was held by three memtude?" Later they told the Daily bers who were elected after 1941

News reporter that the plane as straight coalitionists. These appeared no more than fifty three votes were swung to the Liberals Saturday. feet from the edge of the run-One of the Coalitionists, Labor way when it banked sharply to Minister John Cates, showed his acceptance of the Liberal ban-

ner by taking on the new portfolio of mines. called the aircraft several times 'Another, Herbert Welch, member for Comox, said he would suport Johnson and political observers took it for granted a

third, B. McIntyre, member for Mackenzie, would follow suit. The shuffle added no new members to the cabinet but simply distributed the portfolios held by Progressive Conservatives to the old Liberal cabinet members. Nelson Bros, Fisheries Ltd. big It left the government with a

seven man cabinet, one of the smallest in recent B. C. history. Premier Johnson announced the next session of parliament is set to start February 19 and will ope non schedule. A provincial vage Co. with a view to raising general election is forecast for the vessel and taking her to Mc- May or June.

Three straight coalitionists in Last evening, the vessel start- the Legislature have gone over ed to tilt while on the Prince Ru- to the government and the divipert Fishermen's Co-operative sion of seats is thus:

Liberals Progressive Conservatives 1 C.C.F. Independents Labor

	Tuesday, January			22, 1952	
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### Prince Rupert woman, died Sunday afternoon in Victoria at a private nursing home. Seventyeight years of age, she had been in poor health for years. Last October she left Prince Rupert Predeceased by her husband a few years ago, Mrs. Scherk is survived by five sons-Russell,

Vew York-born nun.

Mrs. Scherk was one of the at Britons.

sion here and continued active four-hour battle between British in its work through the years. | troops and Egyptian snipers.

# founders of the Pentecostal Mis- The nun was killed during a will be of several days duration. servatives had passed resolutions Also scheduled to arrive today GALE WARNING

CAIRO ( Egyptian newspapers claimed today that King Ibn Rupert, 10 and 20. Egypt following "secret correspondence" with President Truman.

# ing a stewardess, were lost when After Crash

Six airmen were burned to death at the Mather Air Force base near Sacramento, Califor-

The Northwest Airlines D C-4 was trying for an emergency landing at Sandspit Airport in the Queen Charlotte Islands when it ran out of the runway and smacked into water threequarters of a mile off shore.

men in a skiff two hours later. | ped off, crying: 'Help me!'

Greatest Peacetime

Budget at Washington WASHINGTON.-President Truman sent Congress today an \$85,440,000,000 budget for 1952-53 John Pfaffinger, First Officer Sinks which is an unprecedented figure for the United States except in an all-out war.



JACK MCRAE-

## . Says "Boys" Did Right

Icy Arctic air is rushing south- unexpected by J. D. McRae, MLA heels of a bitter north wind. did, in the end, come suddenly. unconscious . . ISMAILIA (1) - British troops Temperatures tumbled sharply Mr. McRae returned to the RESCUE OPERATIONS coday scoured Arab quarters here in the Caribou last night with city at the end of the week Operations of recovering bod-

" Quesnel and Prince George. ed final sessions of the special dragging and surface searching. A British Army announcement | Progress of this cold wave to- inquiry board of the Legislature | Seven bodies were found Satast night said "it has been es- ward the south coast is expected on the Industrial Conciliation urday, three more Sunday. tablished" that Sister Anthony, to be rather slow although the Act. He was in the south when RCAF divers from Pat Bay

> warning issued. Mostly clear the transferable ballot legisla- One problem in recovering along the mainland. Cloudy with tion was passed as "another bodies are the sea lice which widely scattered snow flurries, stepping stone." These moves have started their ravages on the elsewhere clearing late this eve- nad left the public with the ning. Colder. Wind-north (15) feeling that the coalition was mainland inlets. Lows tonight status and was "going to break and highs tomorrow - at Port sooner or later." Hardy, Sandspit 20 and 20. Prince

starting fire at 11:55 this morn- lature. ing at Chandler's Studio on textinguish the incipient blaze. | leader than ever."

### order to gam his ends." Coalition Break Not Unexpected

Was Bound To Come, Says McRae-"Boss" Did Right

End of the coalition between Liberals and Progressive Conservatives in British Columbia's government was not altogther

is expected that this cold spell years ago both Liberals and Con- tempts will be made today. to end coalition "at an appro- is a "large classified army trans-North Coast Region - Gale priate time in the future." Then port."

"It would have been a difficult session anyway," comment- foot outboard motor boat at Slight damage was done to a ed Mr. McRae in regard to the about three A.M., an hour and wall by a short circuit in wiring forthcoming sitting of the Legis- a half after the crash.

"Premier Johnson did the ment was promptly on hand to "He showed himself more of a trouble shortly before midnight