

**TOMORROW'S  
TIDES—**  
Thursday, May 14, 1953  
Pacific Standard Time  
1:32 22.6 feet  
14:31 19.6 feet  
8:14 0.8 feet  
20:13 6.7 feet

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**onado-Torn  
e Hard Hit**

By The Canadian Press  
CO, Texas.—Texas,  
er-weary and tor-  
orn, today counted  
ad from Monday's  
tornadoes as flood-  
streams posed new  
ers.

winds, rain, dust storms  
ow added to the state's  
while storm-ravaged  
digging from under a  
1000 tornado rubble and  
28 dead—found itself  
path of the flooding  
River.

Other Monday tornado, at  
est, Texas plains city of  
egelo, had a death toll of  
and damage estimated in  
of \$3,000,000.

300 injured were count-  
Waco, close to 100 at San

**TODAY**  
Brazos River is expected  
h the 28-foot crest today.  
age is 27 feet. The river's  
at the same time Tuesday  
feet.

Whole of Texas reeled un-  
e wild unusual weather.  
art, in the northern reach-  
e, Texas Panhandle, had  
storm. Dust storms lashed  
Texas.

ding rainstorms, spawned  
e same turbulence that  
e deadly tornadoes across  
poured up to five inches  
en-east Texas.

Waco had more than  
ches of rain. The south  
of the city was flooded.

weather bureau said the  
eather was caused by cold  
owing out of Canada and  
ing with warm, moist air  
the Gulf of Mexico.

**taxation  
law  
proved**

Council last night ap-  
ed a bylaw authorizing the  
of 70 mills taxation on city  
erty holders to raise a sum  
\$40,634.55 for school pur-  
ses, debts, and other lawful  
uses of the municipality.

ance of the \$1,049,396.68  
ity estimates to spend this  
will be raised from other  
venue sources.

ayers are taxed on the  
assessment of land and  
er cent of assessments  
improvements.

70 mills required—each of  
has a value this year of  
\$92—fall in these classifica-  
school purposes, 23.979  
general debenture pur-  
13.331 mills; general pur-  
30.690 mills; Roosevelt  
improvement, one mill;  
new Cemetery operation,

taxes must be paid on or  
Dec. 31, 1953 or become  
subject to penalties.

imum amount of taxation  
any year on any land on the  
current roll is \$1.

the bylaw must be reconsider-  
ed (second reading) before be-  
ing finally adopted.

**ohn Lebedoff Fails in Bid  
to Lead Radical Doukhobors**

ELSON — John J. Lebedoff,  
recently served a prison term  
on, made an unsuccessful  
to take over leadership of the  
Sons of Freedom Douk-

Lebedoff's try came at a meet-  
ing of young Doukhobors at the  
age of Krestova, deep in  
the country.

and a group of followers  
the meeting and urged  
the folk to auction lands in  
preparation for a move to an-  
other country.



**E. T. APPLEWHAITE  
... gets definite answer**

## Fishermen's Insurance Plan to be Inaugurated

OTTAWA—Fisheries Minister Sinclair said Tuesday night the government has decided to inaugurate a plan of fishermen's insurance to cover fishermen's boats and their gear.

He gave no other details, but told members of the Commons

he would give a full explanation of the plan during consideration of estimates for his department.

He said the explanation would be given when the House reached an item for \$250,000 in supplementary estimates. This provides for the establishment of a "fishermen's indemnity loan plan" to assist fishermen meet abnormal capital losses.

The minister's announcement was welcomed by various members, particularly those from the coastal fishing areas who have been pressing for such a scheme.

## Secret Plane's Crew Lost Over Lake

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (CP)—An explosion forced the crew of a mothering bomber to jettison a highly secret rocket plane Tuesday night, and two airmen fell from 30,000 feet over Lake Ontario.

The chief test pilot of the Bell Aircraft Corporation and another crew member were feared lost. The B-50 bomber was carrying an experimental Bell X-2, reported capable of flying at speeds well over 1,000 miles an hour.

It was indicated that both men dropped out of the four-engined mother plane, which was damaged but landed safely here.

## Murder Charge Laid in Death Of Man on Tug

VANCOUVER — A murder charge has been laid against Harold Ernest Graham, 41, following an inquest into the death of a fellow crew member of the Vancouver tugboat La Pointe.

The charge was laid by RCMP after the coroner's jury decided Sylvio Zanatta, 39, died an "unnatural death due to injuries received during an altercation" aboard the tug.

He was told this request should first be placed before elders of the community, since young people own nothing.

Meanwhile, the problem hit the political headlines Tuesday after Premier Bennett told a meeting in Prince George his government has the Doukhobors well in hand and "intends to deal" with any trouble, even if it means calling out military forces to quell violence.

"We will arrest 1,000 if necessary," he said.

## Harry Duguid Gets 8 Years For Holdup

TORONTO — Harry Duguid, 38-year-old bank robber and jailbreaker, was sentenced Tuesday to eight years in prison for the \$14,500 armed holdup of a Toronto bank 10 years ago.

Duguid, former Toronto plastics manufacturer who ended up on the RCMP's list of the 10 most-wanted men, made no comment before sentence was pronounced.

He was brought back from Vancouver, April 27 where he was picked up for breaking and entering.

# Airport To Be Built In Rupert If Digby Survey Satisfactory

## Shipping Subsidy Under Study

By The Canadian Press

OTTAWA.—Transport Minister Chevrier said Tuesday in the Commons consideration is being given to the question of whether there should be subsidies for shipping.

But the minister did not hold out much hope of resuming the federal subsidy system, discontinued a few years ago, saying it would cost a "very substantial amount of money."

He said that some time ago the government decided against a subsidy of \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000 for Canadian deep-sea shipping, largely on the ground that United Kingdom ships should be given a chance to carry to the U.K. goods Canada is selling to that country.

REPLY TO GREEN

Mr. Chevrier was replying, in debate on his department estimates, to suggestions by Howard Green (PC—Vancouver Quadra) that the government take steps to modernize Canada's deep-sea fleet into fast cargo freighters.

The fleet now consists mostly of about 50 vessels built during the Second World War.

Mr. Green said other countries are speeding up and modernizing their merchant navies. He said Canadian shipping must keep pace with development in this country, which indicated production of a fleet of fast freighters such as other countries were building.

## Negotiations Under Way To Sell Telegraph System

OTTAWA (CP)—Transport Minister Chevrier said Tuesday negotiations are proceeding with the British Columbia Telephone Company for sale of the gov-

ernment telephone and telegraph facilities in northern B.C. but no agreement has been reached on price.

George Murray (L—Cariboo) and Howard Green (PC—Vancouver Quadra) said if and when the government facilities are sold there should be assurance that small communities now served would not find themselves left without communication facilities.

Mr. Chevrier said there is a distinct understanding that any services the government now is giving to isolated areas must be continued.

The minister told H. W. Herdridge (CCF—Kootenay West) there was no truth in rumors that the government hoped to make a profit on the sale.

## UN Submits New Prisoner Exchange Plan

PANMUNJOM (CP)—The United Nations command today handed the Communists a new blueprint for an armistice in Korea.

It was a sweeping 11-point plan for exchanging prisoners-of-war—last big roadblock to truce.

The Allies would free 34,000 North Koreans who refuse to go home and—on certain conditions—give temporary custody of 14,500 balky Chinese to a five-country commission.

The Communists called the proposal a "step backward."

A counter-proposal to one advanced by the Communists, the plan is based on a long-standing Allied position that no prisoner will be sent home against his will.



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL, seen here with his wife, giving his famous 'victory sign' has proposed a top-level conference with Russia. While Sir Winston didn't say how many should attend the meeting, he indicated that he, President Eisenhower and Premier Malenkov of Russia should be the only ones taking part.

## Rupert To Be Cut Off If B.C. Seamen Strike

Strike action, "overwhelmingly" approved by 700 seamen on three major B.C. coast steamship lines, would leave Prince Rupert completely isolated from sea travel and would seriously hamper the movement of freight.

All ships carrying passengers in and out of this port would be affected by the strike, deadline for which will be set next Monday by a membership meeting.

Strike action was voted by an overwhelming majority in a dispute over wages and work between the shipping companies and members of the AFL Seafarers International Union.

Only freight carrier on a scheduled run between Vancouver and Prince Rupert which would not be affected is the Island Prince, operated by Northland Navigation Co. Ltd. It carries no passengers.

At present, the city depends on water shipping for the bulk of its food products, other supplies and as a constant means of travel.

Canadian National Steamships operate one ship a week in and out of Prince Rupert; Canadian Pacific Steamships, two, and Union Steamships, two.

Several non-scheduled freighters also are operated in and out. Alternative methods of shipping and passenger service are rail and air.

The money is to supplement the modernization fund which fell some \$20,000 short of its objective of \$75,000 when the campaign officially ended last year.

"The hospital board appreciates very much the consideration that the city council has given our request. The board is keenly conscious of the necessary expansion program required by the hospital to serve the community," said Mr. Moore.

"This grant will enable us to expand our facilities both in the nature of space and equipment, and in fact becomes equal to about \$18,000 with the assistance of senior governments."

"Therefore we are extremely grateful and appreciate the interest of the city council in the community's hospital."

**— WEATHER —**  
Synopsis  
A fine sunny day is in prospect for most of the province today. Skies are clear in all except a few coastal points.

Afternoon temperatures were expected to reach the 80s at a few points in the interior and the 70s at many south coastal centres.

However, cloudy and cooler weather appears to be on its way. A weak storm now lying just off the Charlottes will cause a slow increase in cloud at many coastal points today and interior points Thursday.

Forecast  
North Coast Region: Cloudy with scattered showers today and Thursday. Sunny periods Thursday. Cooler. Winds southeast 20 at a few points at first, becoming southwest 15 by afternoon and northwest 15 tonight and Thursday.

Low tonight and high Thursday—At Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 46 and 55.

## Chamber Welcomes Ottawa Decision

Special to The Daily News

OTTAWA.—An airport to accommodate all types of commercial aircraft will be built for Prince Rupert if engineering surveys now in progress on Digby Island establish economic feasibility.

This was disclosed Tuesday in the Commons by Transport Minister Lionel Chevrier.

The minister spoke in reply to E. T. Applewhaite, member of Parliament for Skeena, who said Canadian Pacific Airlines would include Prince Rupert on its Edmonton schedule if an airport was built there.

Mr. Applewhaite said there would have been no air crash such as the one Monday which took two lives, if Prince Rupert was not dependent on water-landing facilities.

Mr. Applewhaite asked: "What has your department in view for this year?"

Mr. Chevrier replied: "There is an item in the estimates for airstrip facilities for land craft."

The minister said three sites had been considered and while all were difficult, Digby Island was considered the most economical "from the long range point of view."

The estimates this year, he said, were for investigations and survey of the island, then to proceed further if these investigations indicate the project is feasible.

"In which case an airstrip will be constructed which would take the heaviest known commercial aircraft."

In Prince Rupert, news of the federal government's declared interest was received with enthusiasm in all quarters, especially by the Chamber of Commerce, which has campaigned for landing field facilities for many years.

Orme Stuart, Chamber of Commerce president, views the announcement as "a commitment by the government to build if it's suitable."

"Construction of a landing strip on Digby would revolutionize Rupert as a travel centre. It would become an air terminal from the Far East and a stopping-off place for northern traffic, as well as the promised connecting link to Edmonton."

"What an airfield here would do for business and industry remains to be seen. It could certainly be of benefit."

Mr. Stuart said that if an airport is located on the island, which faces the western portion of the city waterfront across the harbor, it could mean a resetting of Digby and modern facilities such as electric power.

There is no public utility now operating there. Dodge Cove, only settlement there, is without power. Residents either operate their own small plants or use gas lamps. The weather and radio station operated by the Department of Transport makes

its own power.

Other installations on the island include a shipbuilding plant and sawmill at Dodge Cove, and a Department of National Defence shore base.

An airport would require a ferry service. Normal running time is 20 minutes one way.

Digby is the last of three sites to be surveyed for an airport. Tugwell Island, just off Digby in Chatham Sound, was the first. It was considered too small to accommodate large aircraft.

Ridley Island, across from Port Edward, was next considered, including possibility of connecting it with Kaien Island by road. Ridley was deemed not suitable for landing in certain types of weather.

If Digby Island does not appear suitable, following the survey, there is little likelihood another potential site in this area could be located due to mountain barriers.

## Broken Neck Killed CPA Stewardess

A coroner's jury yesterday heard evidence that one of the victims of the Canadian Pacific Airlines Canso crash in the harbor Monday had died of a broken neck.

Evidence was a written statement by Dr. W. S. Kergin concerning the death of Miss Claire Langen, 25-year-old stewardess whose body was removed from the plane wreckage.

Other severe injuries included fractures of the skull.

The inquest, called by coroner George Dawes, was adjourned to Saturday at 7:30 p.m. when witnesses to the accident including pilot Wally Jennings and co-pilot Everett Abbey, will be called.

Inquest will be heard in the council chamber at the city hall. Meanwhile, RCMP are still conducting dragging operations for the second victim of the crash. Constable Stephen Kasper, Miss Langen's body was found wedged in the plane's wreckage when resurfaced, but no trace was found of the only missing passenger, Constable Kasper.

Police are considering calling in a diver to aid the search of the crash scene.

Miss Langen's body will be shipped tonight by train to Humboldt, Sask., her home. She is the eldest of 14 children of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Langen.

She arrived in Prince Rupert as CPA stewardess October 7. Members of the jury are Jack Mussalem, foreman; Jim Greet, George Allard, Harold Skallmerud, Wally Dell, Archie Gordon and Rod MacDougall.

**Notice to Mariners**

Mariners are advised that the Currie Island beacon, List of Lights No. 2354.79 (Gosling Rocks), has been reported not burning.

This aid will be relighted as soon as possible.

## ROTARY CLUB TENNIS COURTS READY FOR RACQUET WEILDERS

The two parks board tennis courts presented to the city by the Rotary Club last year were completed for playing last night by park commissioners and now are open to the public.

The courts, located on Second Avenue near 11th Street, are fully furnished including nets, and the playing surface has been smoothed and lined.

The surface is composed of asphalt paving. Parks board will consider supervision of the courts tonight at its regular meeting.

## Commandos Sail From Malta But Destination Kept Secret

LONDON — Three landing craft loaded with Royal Marine Commandos sailed under secret orders from the Mediterranean fortress island of Malta Tuesday night as the tense Anglo-Egyptian dispute over the vital Suez Canal zone becomes worse.

There was no official announcement of the destination of the Commandos but specula-

tion immediately arose they would reinforce Britain's Suez garrison.

The minister of state, Selwyn Lloyd, told the House of Commons British soldiers in Egypt have been "ambushed, shot and assaulted" in some 30 attacks since the beginning of April.

Anglo-Egyptian talks over Egypt's demand for the with-

drawal of 80,000 British troops in the canal zone came to a halt last Wednesday when British negotiators demanded that some 5,000 British technicians remain to keep the vast military installations in readiness.

"The Egyptians refused, maintaining they could do the job themselves with only 500 British technicians."