

**TOMORROW'S  
TIDES—**  
Sunday, March 7, 1953  
Pacific Standard Time  
4:44 19.2 feet  
17:46 15.4 feet  
11:38 6.6 feet  
23:20 9.5 feet

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**Victorious General**

**BIGGEST** and one of the bitterest battles of Indo-China's six-year-old war, Franco-Indo-Chinese forces decisively defeated 20,000 Communist-led Viet Minh assault troops who surged and tried to storm the tiny airstrip at Na San, 117 miles west of Hanoi. The defenders' stand was planned by General of the Army Francois Gonzales de Linares, officer commanding ground forces in northern Indo-China. The general is shown touring Na San after the big fight.

## Point of Law Ends in Draw

**LARRY STANWOOD**  
A legal duel on the law bench of the County Court Judge W. O. Fulton and the defence lawyer in which the crown cheque was stolen ended yesterday afternoon in an adjournment to next week.  
Hogarth, appearing for St. Jermain, former of Kitimat Construction, maintained his client, charged under a section of the Criminal Code which applies to the case.  
Mr. Hogarth said no evidence had been given that his client had committed fraud, as laid out in the charge.  
Judge Fulton countered: "I'm convinced the man stole the money and I can't follow your reasoning at all."  
During another heat of argument on legal technicalities, Judge Fulton said to Mr. Hogarth:  
"You say you do not argue with the evidence presented here. It is clear to me that the accused is guilty of theft, and must be to you. What would you do if you were in my position?"  
"Your Honor, I'd acquit the man instantly," said Mr. Hogarth.

## SANDSPIT-RUPERT AIRMAIL SERVICE STARTS MONDAY

Daily air mail service between Prince Rupert and Sandspit will begin next Monday, W. J. Burgess, postmaster here, advised the Chamber of Commerce.  
The service was requested by the Chamber for residents in the north and south area of the Islands.  
Outgoing and incoming mail to Sandspit will be carried by Canadian Pacific Airlines. From Sandspit, a water taxi transport mail to Skidegate where it will get further transportation.

## Boxer Tries to Kill Self

### After Facing Murder Charge

**DOVER (CP)**—A few minutes after he was remanded on a charge, Charles Mathew, 44-year-old Negro boxer, electrocuted himself in his cell.  
He was found in a basin of water in his cell and was revived by an electric shock.  
The boxer was charged with the homicide of Mrs. Ann Smith, 44-year-old Negro rooming house keeper, and with assault on 26-year-old Mrs. Jocelyn Wallberg.  
Mrs. Smith was found dead in the bathroom of her home Wednesday. In an upstairs room, Mrs. Wallberg was discovered tied to her blood-soaked bed, her face smashed to pulp by hammer blows. Police said she had been criminally assaulted.  
Two rambling notes were found on a table in the house, one of which said:  
"I've done what I've done and I will keep on killing until I do what I want to do."  
Mathew stood silent in court to hear the formal charge of murder read, and then the case was remanded until March 12.  
After the suicide attempt, he was taken to hospital strapped to a stretcher. His condition is reported as "good."

**Boxing Card Cancelled**  
A boxing card, planned for the 11th of March at the Annunciation gym, has been cancelled.  
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## Housewives Suggest Roasting

### Food Minister For Coronation

**(CP)**—Norman Dodds, member of Parliament, claims angry British housewives are in a receptive mood to stage a coronation of the minister of food.  
As a coronation concession, British housewives this summer will receive an extra ration of four ounces of margarine and one pound of sugar. The normal weekly allowance is four ounces of margarine and 10 ounces of sugar.  
"Is the minister aware that these miserable bonuses have

made housewives very angry and have even galvanized members of the Housewives' League to say unkind things about the minister?" Mr. Dodds asked.  
"In view of the blistering remarks by countless women, will he reconsider the ox-roasting ceremonies and substitute them by the more appropriate roasting of the minister of food and his parliamentary secretary?"  
As the house rocked with laughter, the minister shot back: "As I issue the licences myself there is little likelihood of that happening."

# George Malenkov Designated Prime Minister Of Russia

## Europe Uncertain Over News

### No Tears Shed Nor Jubilation

**By The Canadian Press**  
**LONDON.**—Western Europe reacted with fear and uncertainty to the news that Stalin is dead.

Except for loyal Communists, there is no shedding of tears. But neither is there jubilation. Most Europeans took the news grimly, with only a few expressions of hope for a letup in the cold war.

The biggest worry expressed everywhere was that the new ruler—or rulers—of Russia might scrap Stalin's wary cold war policies and possibly plunge the world into a shooting conflict.

Western diplomats studying the official death announcement found scant clues to who takes over now.

But the announcement made it clear that there would be no new bid for friendship with the west.

Some western observers saw signs of a possible crack in Communist unity in Moscow in the death announcement's call for an all-out "struggle against internal and external foes." But many feared any such disunity might heighten the danger of war rather than lessen it.

At Ottawa, the External Affairs Department said the Canadian charge d'affaires in Moscow, Robert Ford, has been instructed "to convey condolences of the Canadian government to the Soviet government."

## Kitimat Bill Introduced In Legislature

**VICTORIA (CP)**—A bill providing for incorporation of the municipality of Kitimat was introduced in the Legislature on Thursday.

The bill calls for appointment of a city manager to handle administrative details and for the election of a reeve and councillors before the regular annual civic elections in December 1954.

Candidates for office must be registered property owners who have lived in the municipality for three months before nomination day.

Voters must be 21 or over who have lived in Kitimat for six months.

## Ottawa Willing To Intervene In Grain Strike

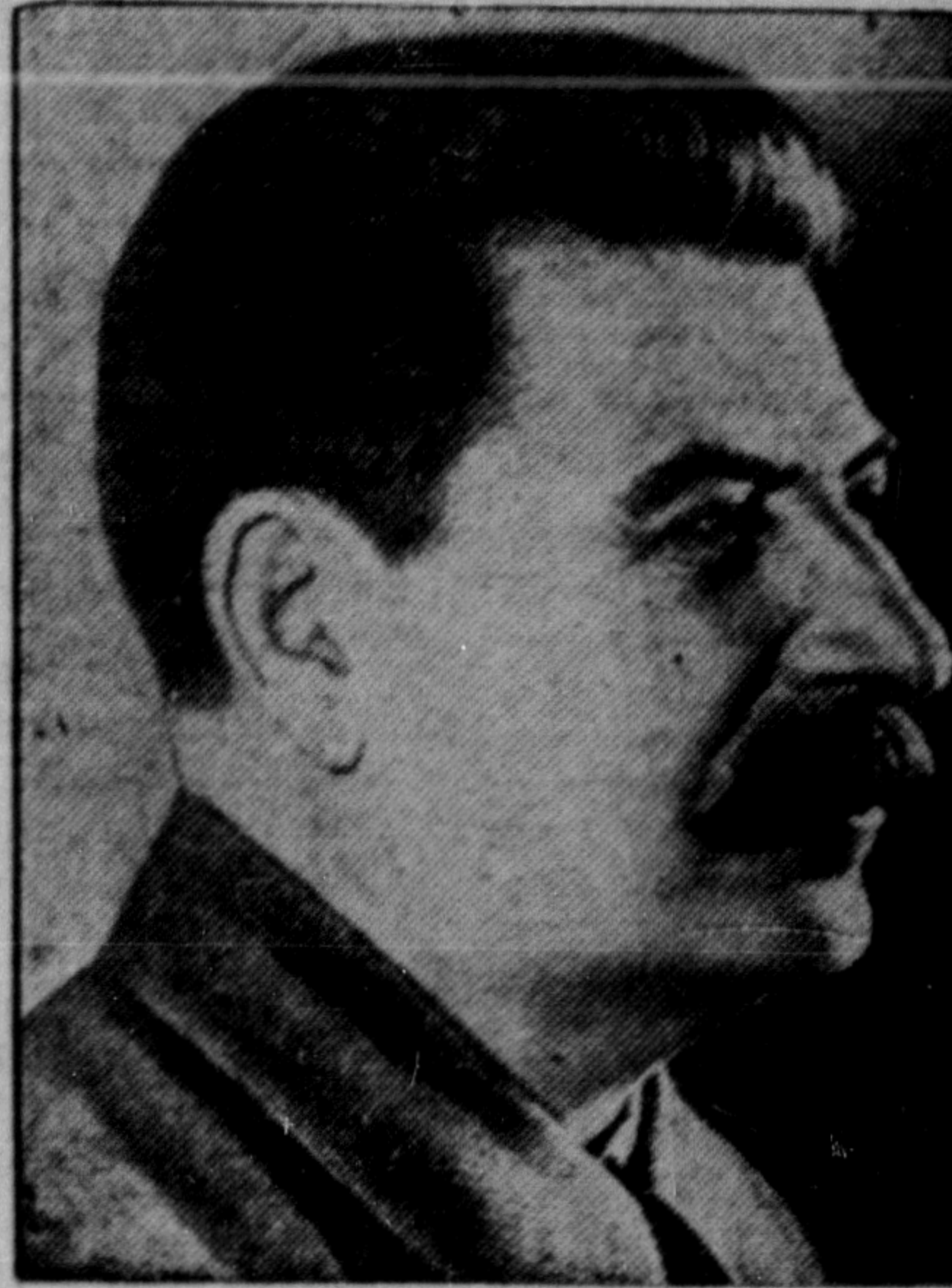
**OTTAWA (CP)**—Labor Minister Gregg said Thursday in the Commons the government is willing to intervene in the west coast grain handlers' strike.

He said the Labor Department is watching the situation and will be "happy" to move in "at the first sign that such mediation will bear fruit."

Mr. Gregg was answering a question from Arthur Laing (L—Vancouver South) as to whether the government would appoint a mediator in the event of a joint request from the disputants.

## Rizzuto Signs 1953 Contract

**ST. PETERSBURGH, Florida (AP)**—Phil Rizzuto, veteran New York Yankee shortstop has signed his 1953 contract for a reported \$40,000, the same amount he received last year when he helped the Bombers to their fourth straight pennant.



**JOSEPH STALIN**  
... lies in state

## Firemen, City Reach Wage Agreement

Settlement of the 1953 wage agreement between the city and Prince Rupert Firefighters Association appeared near today following acceptance by firemen of city proposals under one condition.

A union spokesman said today firemen will accept a "no wage increase" proposal with certain fringe benefits included providing the city agrees on a pension clause.

The union originally had sought a 12 per cent wage increase.

Firemen want the city to absorb the one per cent increase to civic employees if a new pension plan proposed by the Union of B.C. Municipalities is adopted by the Legislature.

The new pension plan calls for an additional one per cent contribution by employees and further contributions by the city.

Fringe benefits agreed to by both the union and the city include:

- Holiday pay for two weeks after one year, for three weeks after five years, and for four weeks after 15 years.
- Additional week's holiday annually in lieu of statutory holidays.
- Sick leave allowed to be accumulative to 24 days.

Service pay, included in the 1952 agreement, has been cancelled in view of additional benefits.

The city wage committee has yet to hear from the Civic Workers' Union (inside and outside). Its 12-per-cent wage increase demands also have been countered with a "hold-the-line" policy of no higher wages this year.

Electrical Workers Union last month accepted the 1952 agreement after seeking a five-per-cent increase for linemen and a seven-per-cent boost for telephone operators.

## Mrs. Black Slightly Burned In Home Fire

**WHITEHORSE, Y.T. (CP)**—A piece of toast nearly cost Mrs. George Black, first lady of the Yukon, her home on Thursday.

Mrs. Black, who recently celebrated her 87th birthday, was alone in the house preparing breakfast when the toast caught fire when she left the kitchen for a few minutes. Flames spread to the curtains.

The kitchen was charred and scorched and other rooms damaged by smoke and water.

Capt. Black was en route to Atlin when the fire broke out. Mrs. Black suffered severe shock, but her only injury was a slight knuckle burn.

## Stalin's Body Taken To Hall of Columns

**LONDON (Reuters)**—Moscow radio announced tonight that George Malenkov has been designated Premier of Soviet Russia.

Malenkov, close associate of Stalin, took a particularly prominent role in last fall's Russian Party Congress.

A dark, stocky man who hates the west, Malenkov is 50 years old.

Others mentioned as possible successors were Leventy Pavlovich, Russia's super-policeman as head of the dread secret police, and Vyacheslav M. Molotov, former foreign minister and one-time prime minister.

**By EDDY GILMORE**  
Associated Press Staff Writer

**MOSCOW.**—The body of Prime Minister Stalin, felled by a stroke and heart failure at 73, was removed to Moscow's Hall of Columns today to lie in state.

Funeral service befitting one of the most powerful men in history is in preparation.

The Soviet "Man of Steel," who ruled one-sixth of the earth's surface and dominated one-third of the peoples, died Thursday night in the Kremlin, four days after being stricken.

Death came at 9:00 p.m. and was announced to the Russian people eight hours later.

Stalin lay paralyzed and in a deep coma at the end.

There has been no hint as to who would succeed the man who led the Soviet Union's 200,000,000 people for 29 years and called the plays for Communists the world over. But a joint statement,

from the Communist Party and the government called for continuation of such policies as strengthening the armed forces, increased vigilance at home and tighter bonds with Communists abroad.

At this stage there is no prospect of any change in policies. This afternoon a hearse left the Kremlin while thousands assembled on Red square to see it.

The hearse moved slowly to the Hall of Columns bearing Stalin's coffin. Immense heaps of flowers and wreaths surrounded it.

The Russians began filing past to gaze for the last time at the man who led them to victory over Nazi Germany.

## Processions to Continue

Processions for those wishing to say "svidaniya" (goodbye) will continue day and night until the funeral. No date has been announced for final services, nor has there been any word where Stalin is to be buried.

The Hall of Columns is only a few hundred yards from the great Mausoleum in Red Square where V. I. Lenin, Stalin's predecessor and father of Russian Communism, lies embalmed in a glass coffin.

Moscow's embassies and legations lowered flags to half-staff.

Official announcement of his death said "there has ceased to beat the heart of comrade-in-

arms and genius—continuer of the cause of Lenin, the wise leader and teacher of the Communist Party and Soviet People—Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin."

"The death of Stalin, who gave all his life to dedicated service to the great cause of Communism, is the heaviest loss for the party and workers of the Soviet nation and for all humanity."

It was issued in the name of the Communist party's Central Committee, Council of Ministers (government cabinet) and the Praesidium of Supreme Soviet.

The Russian people appeared stunned and grief stricken.

## Flags Snapped in Wind

All over Moscow, black-bordered red flags snapped in the cold wind. Thousands of yards of black crepe were being hung on buildings and homes.

Stalin's fatal brain hemorrhage struck him Sunday night in his Kremlin apartment, leaving him unconscious and with right side paralyzed. Despite efforts of 10 Kremlin doctors, his condition steadily worsened. Thursday physicians announced his heart was faltering.

The last months had been a period of intense activity for the Soviet chief. He wrote his latest work, "Economic Problems of Socialism in the USSR," a 25,000-word partial blueprint for Russia's economic future—and took a leading role in last fall's big Soviet Communist Party Congress.

A resume of the leaders fatal illness, broadcast by Moscow radio, said the brain hemorrhage was caused by high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries. Paralysis of the right side, loss of consciousness and breathing difficulties appeared the first day.

Stalin's illness was announced first on Wednesday morning, Moscow time, 42 hours after he was stricken.

## —WEATHER—

**Forecast**

North Coast Region: Mostly overcast today and Saturday. Frequent showers in the central and northern sections. A few showers in the southern section. Little change in temperature.

Winds light, becoming south 20, occasionally 30 this afternoon, and west 20 this evening. Winds south 20 tomorrow.

Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy, 40 and 48; Sandspit, 37 and 48; Prince Rupert, 37 and 45.

## 'School Children Like Teachers Who Keep Them Busy in Class'

**CALGARY (CP)**—Dr. W. H. Swift, Alberta deputy education minister, has some tips for teachers. He says school children like to be kept under firm control and made to work.

He says that after 15 years of listening to his own children discuss their teachers, he has decided the most popular teachers are those who keep their classrooms under firm control, without being cranky,

and those who keep their students busy, without overloading them with work.

Dr. Swift told a student teacher association convention here that teachers who wish to be popular with their students might consider the characteristics most often mentioned by children in discussing their favorite teachers.

He said children like teachers, who in addition to keeping firm control and keeping students busy, arrange tasks so that pupils know what they are being asked to do.

A further point was that teachers should return test papers promptly and discuss them with students.

Dr. Swift says a teacher should include some summary or skeleton outline with his notes so students can get notes in systematic order.