

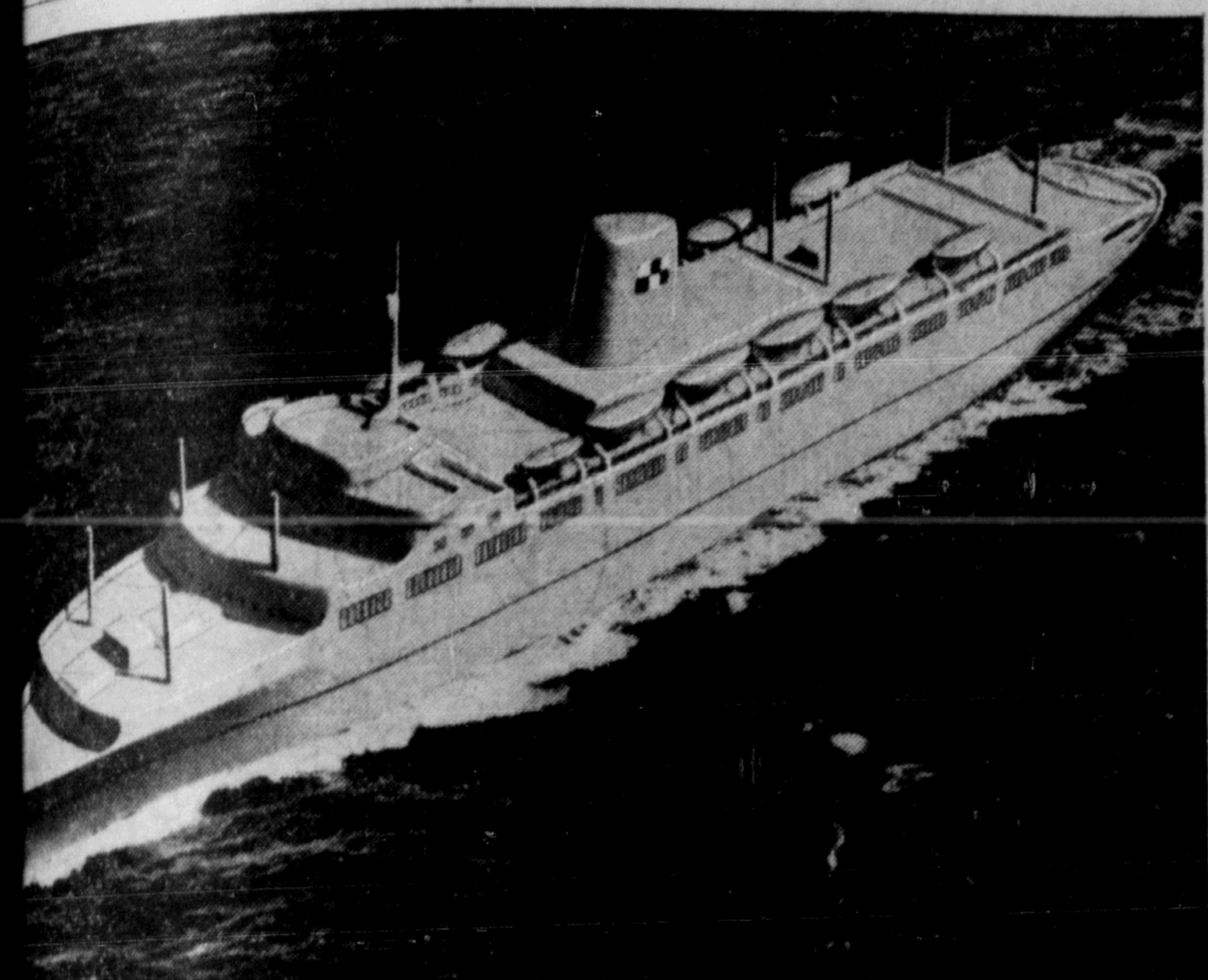
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MODEL of two new 23,000-ton stream-lined ships now on order by the Canadian Steamships for transatlantic service is shown above making a realistic trial run in a tank. The 21-knot liners with rakish lines and echelon decks will bring a "new look" to the 1,000-mile inland portion of the transatlantic route when they go into service in 1957. Contract for constructing the second ship was let in Great Britain recently to MacDonald, managing-director of Canadian Pacific Steamships, to Armstrongs Limited, while the first, which will be named Empress of Britain, has been under construction since last fall by Fairfields, Ltd. Specially designed for the Canada-England service the liners will have accommodation for 900 tourist passengers and 150 crew members as well as 380,650 cu. feet of cargo space. The sister ships will be 635 feet long, 65 feet in breadth and will draw 29 feet fully loaded. Name of the second ship has been chosen.

## Report Accuses McCarthy Group Pulling Strings For Consultant

PRINCE RUPERT — An army report Thursday night accused McCarthy of pulling strings for a consultant. The report, which was made public by the army, said that McCarthy, a former consultant to the army, was given preferential treatment in the selection of a consultant to study the army's needs for a new type of transport vehicle. The report, which was made public by the army, said that McCarthy, a former consultant to the army, was given preferential treatment in the selection of a consultant to study the army's needs for a new type of transport vehicle.

**Sales Tax Ruin B.C. Johnson**

PRINCE RUPERT (CP) — Former Mayor Johnson said Thursday night that the five per cent sales tax planned by the federal government would ruin the city of Prince Rupert. Johnson said the tax would be a "death blow" to the city's economy and that it would lead to the loss of many jobs.

## B.C. CONSTRUCTION FIRMS TO HOLD LINE ON WAGES

VANCOUVER — Construction firms in B.C. served notice yesterday that they will hold the line on wage increases throughout the industry in 1954. Colonel Macgregor Macintosh, newly appointed industrial relations representative for almost 300 B.C. construction firms, told a press conference B.C. construction activity is levelling off and the "building boom in B.C. is over."

## Auto Dealers Assert Budget Socred's "April Fools Joke"

VANCOUVER (CP) — Automobile dealers have a name for British Columbia's new budget. Along automobile row it has become known as "Social Credit's April Fool's joke." The reason: Some relief was mapped for car owners, a reduction in registration fees, but the sales tax was boosted to five per cent, effective April 1.

It will mean higher car prices. The tax on a \$3,000 car will be increased from \$90 to \$150. On popular small-car models the jump will be from around \$57 to \$95.

"This new tax is going to have a slowing effect in the car business," said Charles E. Thompson, prominent dealer and director of the B.C. Automobile Association.

Federal taxes already take a big bite. There is a 15 per cent excise tax, 10 per cent sales tax, and \$275 freight costs for a car delivered here.

Dealers who advocate a reduction in the federal excise tax have made representations to Ottawa. Automobile drivers had hoped for an additional reduction in licence fees. The registration fee

## Strike Vote Asked by IWA

PORTLAND — International Woodworkers of America CIO called for a strike vote and asked the federal mediation service to enter negotiations which have just started.

The strike ballots, which must be returned by April 10, ask the workers to give the northwest regional union committee authority to call a strike, if necessary, to enforce contract demands.

The union has asked for pay increases of 12½ cents an hour a pay adjustment in job classifications and three weeks vacation after five years of service.

# Phone System Outside Work For Rupert Almost Completed

## Canadians To Aid Asia In Problems St. Laurent Asks Co-Operation

TOKYO (CP) — Prime Minister St. Laurent has told Japan that the Democratic processes of the West offer more opportunities than the "empty promises of communism."

The visiting Canadian leader, in a speech last night before the Canada-Japan society, recommended "collective measures to repel aggression."

"The United Nations reaction to aggression in Korea under the great leadership of the United States of America has provided an example of what can be achieved by peace-loving nations working together to resist aggression and to restore peace," he said.

Peace and trade were the main interests of Canada in world affairs, and "these aims apply not just to Japan but to every country with which Canada has dealings."

"In developing our views on Asian problems we have had the advantage of the close consultation which is a feature of Commonwealth relations. We have been further influenced by the extent to which our good friend and neighbor, the United States, has become interested in the problems of Asia in recent years."

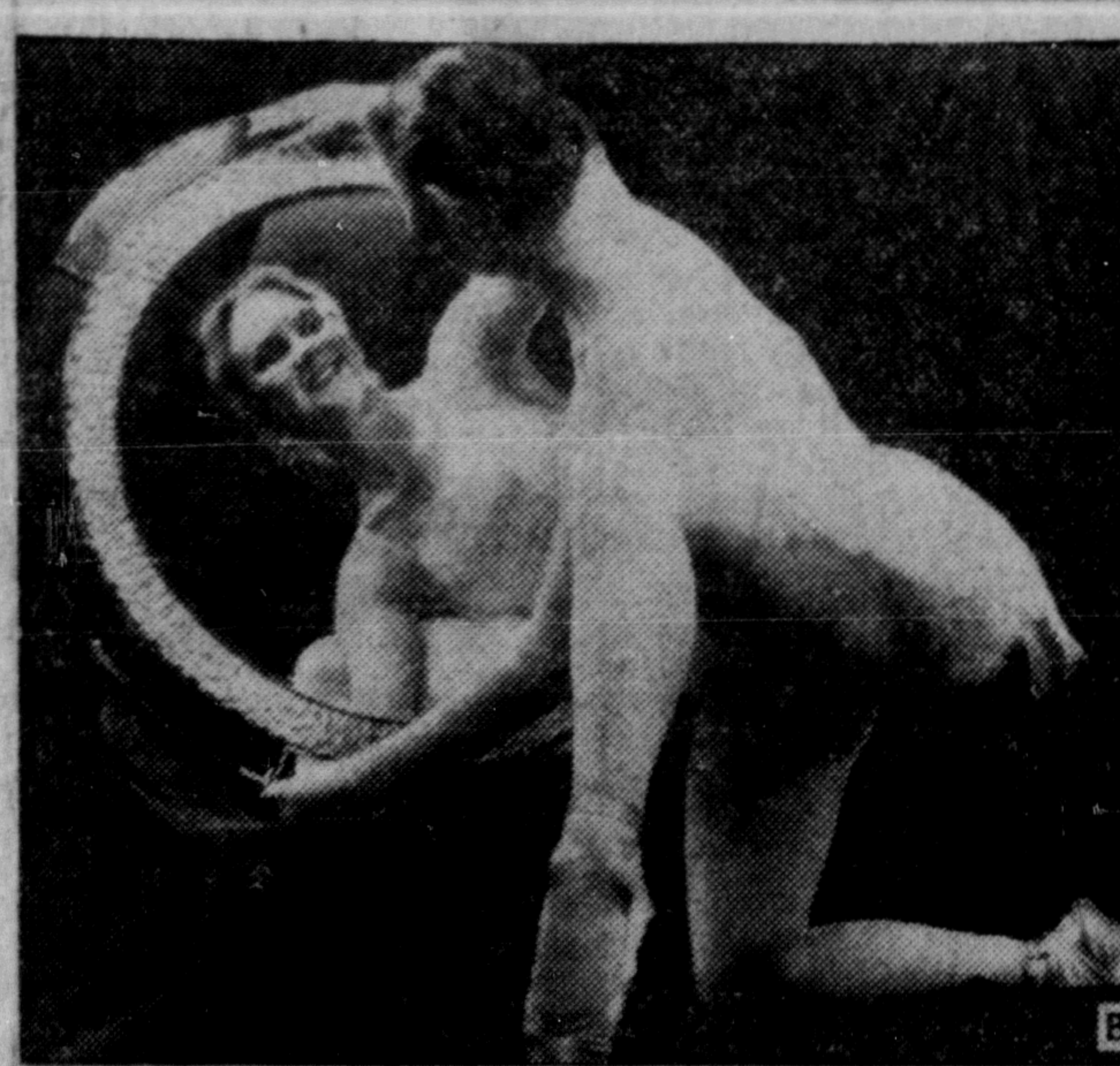
### ASIAN NEIGHBOR

"What I have said is intended to show the increasing awareness on the part of Canadians of this part of the world: of Asia's needs, of Asia's aspirations and Asia's friendship, and of Japanese needs, Japanese aspirations and Japanese friendship, for Japan is Canada's closest Asian neighbor."

Canadians hoped that Asian peoples, through their own efforts and with the help of such programs as the Colombo plan and UN assistance, would be able to live fuller and more satisfying lives.

"And we hope too that under these plans they will prove for themselves that the democratic processes which characterize the non-Communist world offer more substantial opportunities for material and cultural advancement than the empty promises of communism."

Today the prime minister visited three Canadian destroyers serving three Canadian destroyers serving in the Far East. He described the destroyers, the Haida, Crusader and Cayuga, as part of Canada's contribution to halting aggression.



THE REFLECTION on business is provided by 17-year-old Janet Smith, a budding English ballerina, who lends her art and charm to call attention to a mirror to be displayed with thousands of other products of Britain at this year's British Industries Fair, to be held simultaneously in London and Birmingham, May 3-14.

## Oil Drillers Stranded As Storms Lash Prairies

EDMONTON — Winter slash-ed at three widely-separated sections of Saskatchewan and Alberta and edged into north-eastern British Columbia Thursday while normal weather conditions prevailed at other points throughout the West.

Heavy snowfall was reported in Saskatchewan and in north-western and southern Alberta.

East-central Saskatchewan caught most of the fury of the storm which reached near-blizzard conditions and left high drifts and blocked roads.

Nine members of an oil-drilling crew were stranded without food for 24 hours near the town of Lanigan, 100 miles north of Regina. Seven and eight-foot drifts, the highest ever seen in the district, were reported at Lanigan and cars were abandoned by motorists.

A second disturbance was reported in Alberta's Peace River block and a third in the southern part of the province.

Eleven inches of snow fell at Whitecourt, northwest of Edmonton, in the last 36 hours, and seven inches at Grande Prairie, further northwest. Eleven inches was reported to have fallen at Fort St. John, in northeastern British Columbia.

### MEDICINE HAT HIT

The weather office said a disturbance moved in over the international boundary late Wednesday and early Thursday, along a line extending from Lethbridge, through Medicine Hat, and reaching to Swift Current, Sask. Heaviest snowfall, more than 10 inches, was reported at Medicine Hat.

The storm in Saskatchewan apparently took in an area reaching from Yorkton, 110 miles

## Couple Leaves For Anchorage

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry Shuster took off this morning in their Grumman-Widgeon plane for Annette Island, first stop in their journey home from here to Anchorage.

The couple spent Wednesday night on a sandy beach about 50 miles southeast of Rupert after being forced down by bad weather.

They left Los Angeles March 3 and were delayed in Seattle for six days by bad flying weather before, taking off Wednesday morning.

## British Project To Start Soon

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. (CP) — British interests plan to spend \$4,000,000 near here this summer in the first stage of a giant industrial development.

The money, for road and service-line construction, will be spent on 1,200-acre Annacis Island. Development of the island into an industrial site is planned by the estate of the late Duke of Westminster.

## Exchange Equipment To Be Put in Soon

Outside work on the new \$875,000 automatic telephone system being installed in Prince Rupert is 85 per cent complete, it was announced today by Eric Janes, superintendent of the municipally-owned service.

Splicing of cables, an intricate and exacting job, is 50 per cent finished, he said, adding that Automatic Electric Company workers will arrive shortly to begin erecting equipment in the new exchange building at the corner of Second and Third.

Meanwhile, a crew from the city works department moved into the premises — formerly occupied by the Liquor Control Board — and began blasting operations in the basement yesterday prior to excavating and laying a concrete floor.

### TO STORE EQUIPMENT

The basement will be used to store telephone equipment, thereby centralizing the entire system.

City council in December, 1952 at a special meeting endorsed a recommendation of its utilities committee that the city do the outside plant work at an estimated cost of \$145,113.84.

So far, \$55,000 has been expended for labor and more than \$14,000 for equipment and materials.

Ald. Ray McLean, chairman of the utilities committee, said total cost may be less than the original estimate but additional monies will be to the benefit of the city.

Andy Peterson, construction foreman for the B.C. Telephone Company for many years until his retirement, directed work from January, 1953, until last spring when ill-health forced him to quit, and Ronald Robey of Vernon, assistant plant superintendent of the Okanagan Telephone System took over until the end of December.

Mr. Janes took over direction of work, besides his other duties, at the first of the year. He said this morning that only a few of the 200 new poles needed to install the system remain to be hoisted.

The new system will be one

of the most modern in America and is expected to go into operation late this year or early in 1955.

Ratepayers in Rupert authorized installation of the automatic system in a plebiscite, Sept. 11, 1952, to replace the present obsolete exchange. The old Government Liquor store was purchased for \$32,500 and \$10,000 was set aside for alterations. Various instruments, switchboards and equipment will cost about \$400,000.

## U. K. Writer Here to Find Book Material

An English writer who arrived at Kitimat last fall to have a quick look at the big aluminum project and stayed there three months is in Prince Rupert on a two-day visit. He is Ken Johnstone, of the Kemsley newspaper chain, whose employers have given him a year's leave of absence to write a book on Canada.

Big and genial, Mr. Johnstone was so intrigued by the work at Kitimat that he got a job there and soon found himself an active member of the community.

One of his special interests was the First Kitimat Boy Scout Troop. A Scout of long experience himself, he said he was very impressed by the type of boy to be found in families taking part in pioneer projects like that at Kitimat.

After a visit to the Queen Charlottes, Mr. Johnstone will head north to the Yukon. He has already had a down-to-earth view of the rest of Canada, having made a 9,000-mile trip from the Maritimes in an English car.

His book is to be published next fall.

## More Leeway in Paying Fines May Be Fixed in New "Code"

OTTAWA — Canadians may be given more leeway in paying fines.

Justice Minister Garson said in the Commons yesterday he is willing to accept a suggested change in the Criminal Code to "extend the elbow room a little bit."

Spokesmen for the CCF and Social Credit parties agreed with lawyer John Diefenbaker (PC-Prince Albert) that the present system of giving jail terms in default of payment of fines is unfair to the poor.

Mr. Diefenbaker described the

system as "a relic of the past" and urged adoption of the United Kingdom system of paying fines on the instalment plan.

The discussion centred around a section in the revised Criminal Code covering "summary conviction" offences — the minor crimes under the code. Maximum penalty for such offences is a \$500 fine or six months in jail or both.

### IMMEDIATE PAYMENT

Mr. Garson noted that the present law permits magistrates to fix a time for payment of fines. He agreed, however, that few magistrates depart from the practice of requiring immediate payment.

Wallace Nesbitt (PC-Oxford), a former crown attorney, proposed an amendment which Mr. Garson said he is prepared to accept. It would provide for payment, if the guilty person is unable to pay immediately, at a time and under conditions fixed by the court.

## Wife Finds Trapper Dead

Special to The Daily News

MOBERLY LAKE, B.C. — A 36-year-old auto court and lodge operator was found shot to death in his bed early yesterday at this isolated stopoff 65 miles from Dawson Creek on the Hart highway.

Dead is H. (Slim) Garbutt, well known big game hunter and trapper in the Peace River district.

Garbutt was found dead, with a bullet hole in his head, by his 22-year-old wife after she heard a shot. Garbutt's rifle lay nearby, she told neighbors and several tourists staying at the auto camp.

RCMP at Fort St. John were notified by radio telephone from a nearby oil company drilling for gas and were enroute to the scene.

Besides his wife, Garbutt is survived by three children.

## Plywood Prices Show Big Drop

PORTLAND — Major firms have made known new Douglas fir plywood price lists, showing a drop of \$5 a thousand square feet.

A price of \$80 a thousand feet at the factory is listed for the index grade, quarter-inch, good on one side. This price is \$10 below the figure a year ago and is the same price at which plywood levelled off last November following a severe early fall slump.



AURORA, the polar bear at the Cincinnati Zoo, and her three-month-old cub soak up some sunshine in their special "confinement" area. John Heusser, zoo director, made this photo of the cub with his box camera. No photographers are permitted near the bear and her young one. Only once before have American zoo men been able to keep a polar bear cub alive. Now that this cub has survived a third month, zoo officials feel confident the little fellow will live.