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Monday, June 12, 1954		
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## CCF Convention Urges Socreds Make BCE Government Utility

### Charges Commission Being Squeezed Out

VANCOUVER (CP)—Delegates to the 21st annual CCF provincial convention charged Thursday that the B.C. Electric Co. is squeezing the publicly-owned B.C. Power Corporation out of business.

A resolution was passed urging the government to take over the BCE.  
Robert Strachan, legislature member for Cowichan-Newcastle, said that Premier Bennett's Social Credit government has failed to go through with an original plan to incorporate the BCE into the government utility.

Mr. Strachan also said the Buttle Lake power project on Vancouver island was slowed down when the company prepared to lay a new cable across Georgia strait.

### Public Power Expansion "Main Fear"

TORONTO (CP)—James D. W. Blyth, who resigned recently as treasurer of the British Columbia power commission, reiterated Thursday that his main reason for leaving was his fear for the future expansion of public power in B.C.

Mr. Blyth said here he had received a long-distance telephone call today from Mr. Dal Grauer, president of the privately-owned British Columbia Electric.

He said Mr. Grauer told him of reports in British Columbia newspapers "implying that I resigned because I feared an immediate grab by the B.C. Electric of the power commission."

"Such a grab," said Mr. Blyth, "cannot take place and was not my fear."

"My sole statement remains that I mainly feared for the future expansion of public power in British Columbia."

"There should be a full share for both types of power in the development 'taking place in British Columbia and I am pleased to hear that Premier Bennett's statement now gives that assurance unequivocally."

### Police Combing Arizona Hills For Young Woman's Kidnapper

PHOENIX, Ariz. (CP)—A giant police search was under way today for an armed kidnapper who abducted 23-year-old Mrs. Herbert Smith, wife of a young Phoenix manufacturer.

The frantic husband paid \$75,000 ransom in cash for her return yesterday. Mrs. Smith, daughter of Carl Wiseman, Great Falls, Mont., was seized Wednesday afternoon as she drove away from a beauty parlor.

Police today combed the rugged Superstition mountains where the kidnapper picked up the ransom money. He took a valise containing the ransom late last night and vanished into dusk-shadowed brush and cactuses.

### H. Erickson Funeral Held

Funeral services for Henning Erickson, who died June 2 in Prince Rupert General Hospital, will be held Monday at Grenville Court Chapel at 2 p.m. with St. Capt. C. Frajne officiating.

Born in Sweden, Mr. Erickson had lived in Prince Rupert 11 years working as a carpenter.

He is survived by a brother, Martin in Port Arthur and a sister, Mrs. Gideon Wahlsten in Port Angeles.

### WEATHER

North Coast Region: Cloudy with occasional showers today and Saturday. Not much change in temperature. Winds southerly 15. Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy and Prince Rupert 47 and 58; Sandspit 47 and 55.

### Fishermen Make Plans For Strike

#### Ponder Action If Talks Fail

Salmon fishermen of the Prince Rupert area will hold a special meeting tonight to prepare for action in the event of breakdown of negotiations between Pacific fishermen and operators.

The salmon fishing season is scheduled to open at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 20, and the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union has set Saturday, June 19, as a deadline for an agreement.

The UFAWU and the Native Brotherhood are sponsoring tonight's meeting at which plans for set-up of strike committees and other preparations will be discussed by the fishermen, who are sticking to their slogan of "no agreement, no fish."

Negotiations between operators and the shoreworkers section of the union (including cannery and net workers, reduction plant workers and fresh fish and cold storage men) have broken down and a consultation officer has been appointed. He is J. C. Sherlock who conciliated successfully negotiations for the whaling station group earlier this year.

However, there is no existing legislation providing for conciliation for the fishermen and general negotiations are continuing between the fishermen and operators.

Tom Parkin, northern representative of the UFAWU, said this morning he expected to have word this afternoon on any new developments in the price talks down south.

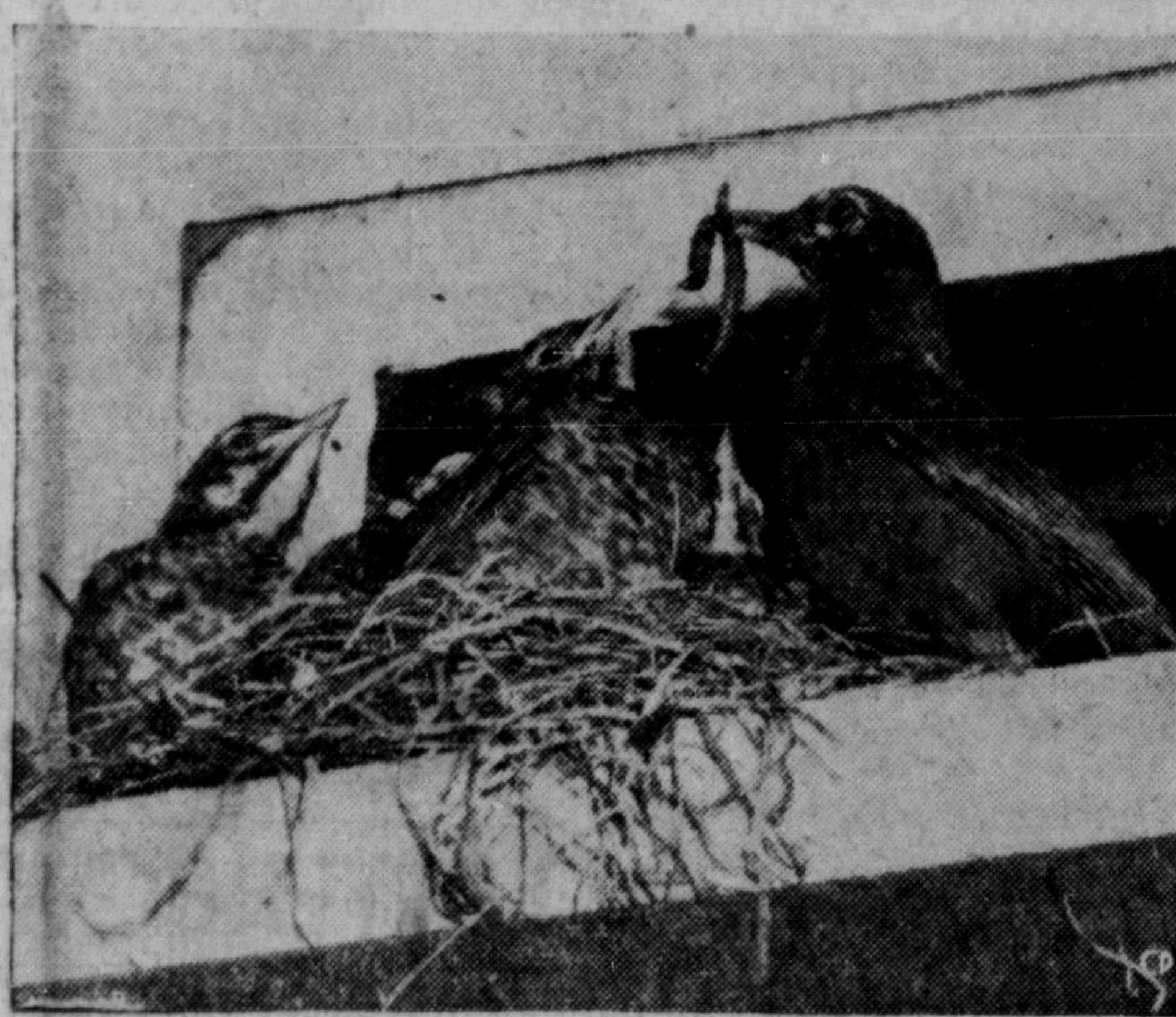
He was confident an agreement would be reached without strike action by the fishermen. "We have always managed an agreement in the past and we have every reason to believe we will do so this year," he said.

### POLICE NAB SIX SUSPECTS IN RAID ON DRUG ADDICTS

VANCOUVER (CP)—In a new crackdown on drug addicts and peddlers police Thursday arrested six persons on charges of being in possession of narcotics.

RCMP conducted raids on east end rooming houses and a cafe, taking into custody four men and a woman.

All appeared in court and were remanded on bail totalling \$40,000. Highest bail, \$15,000, was set for Joe Sperling, arrested in a roominghouse with Mary Byrnes. Her bail was fixed at \$5,000.



MRS. ROBIN offers a morsel to her four hungry offspring in their nest above the door of a Vancouver cafe. The birds built their nest atop the cafe door despite attempts by the owner to discourage them. (CP) Photo

### High Canned Fish Price May Thwart B.C. Contract

VANCOUVER (CP)—High price of canned British Columbia salmon may prevent local producers filling the \$2,000,000 agreement with Italy announced in the House of Commons Thursday by Trade Minister Howe.

Mr. Howe said the new provision for salmon sales "was made possible by the lower prices now being quoted in markets abroad."

But Roger Hager, president of Canadian Fishing Company, said here Thursday that European countries could undersell B.C. in the Italian market.

"Because our prices are too high for Italian acceptance," he said, "we've not been able to fill the dollar allocation for the last two years."

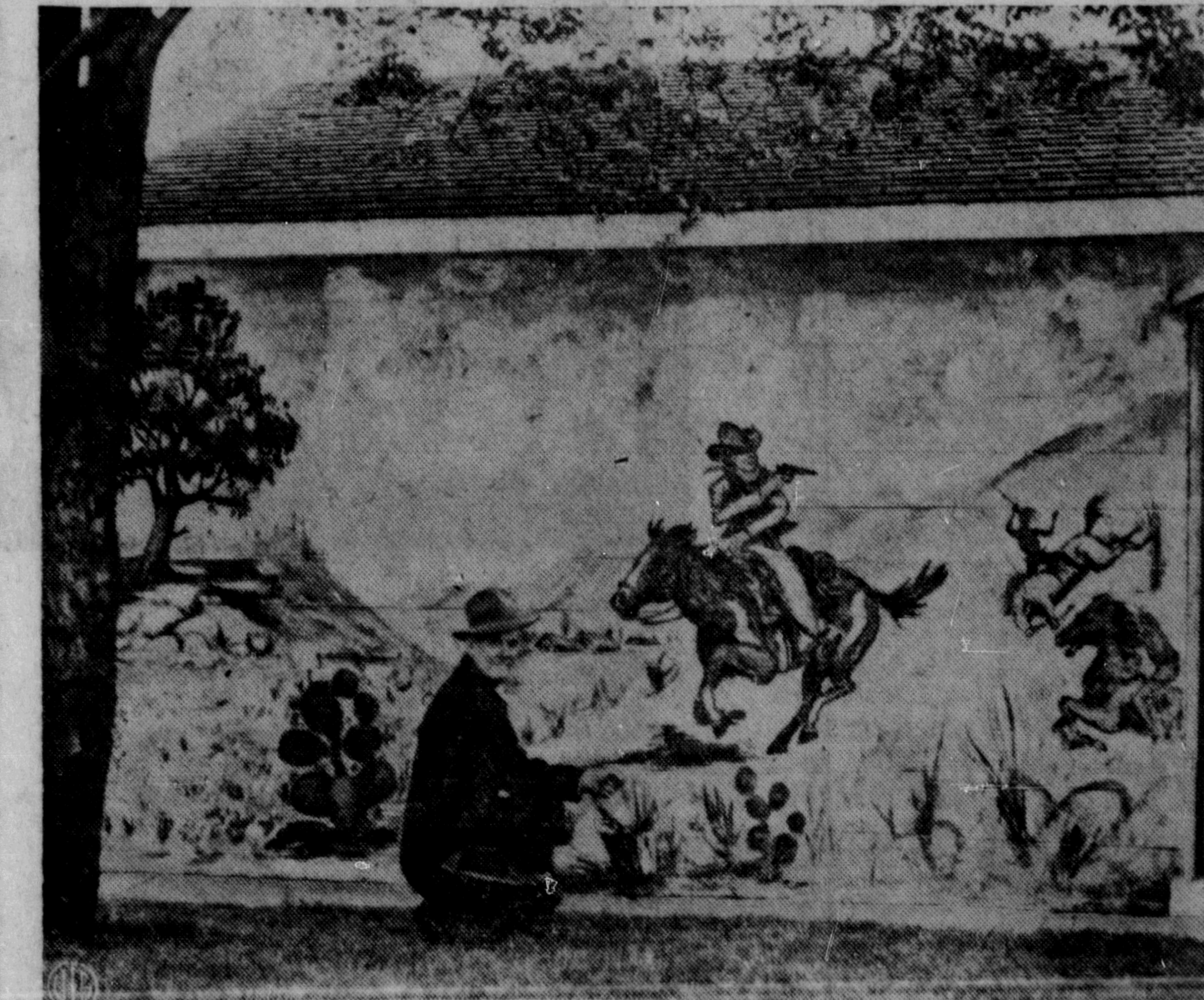
### Road Flooded In Two Spots

Eastbound motorists are warned that two stretches, about 100 yards each, of Highway 16 east of Kwikwitsa is under a foot and a half of water, but the road is still passable, according to the Department of Public Works office here.

A truck and grader are on hand at the inundated spots to pull cars through which get bogged down, the department said. CNR officials in Prince Rupert report that precautionary measures are being taken to prevent erosion of the roadbed of the CN line east of Terrace. Trucks are dumping rock to prevent the current from eating into the roadbed, a railway spokesman said.

He said railway tank cars would be the only feasible means of transporting the products of the future developments, and that this alone would justify construction of the government-owned railway from the Peace to North Vancouver.

Mr. Bonner said Japanese industrialists are interested in the development of B.C.'s coal deposits, which total an estimated one billion tons. He did not elaborate.



TIRED OF THE plain white garages surrounding his Dearborn, Mich., home, sign painter Bill Millington decorated his with a wild-West mural. The other side has a woodland scene painted on it. Millington says the murals take about a day to paint and when he's tired of them, he'll brush on another.

### Rain-Soaked Prairie Districts Plagued by Rising Rivers

(CP)—Rain-swollen rivers continued to plague Saskatchewan communities Thursday as the sun shined for the first time in a week.

In Battleford, the north Saskatchewan river rose six feet Thursday, flooding a power plant and an oil farm. Plans for a livestock personnel shipment from the farm were being considered Thursday night.

The Saskatchewan hospital near the farm was believed in no danger. Two bridges in the Weekes district in northeastern Saskatchewan were still withstanding the raging Etomani river, which Wednesday knocked out a dam and swept a small house away.

At Meadow Lake, 175 miles west of Prince Albert, an estimated 5,000 head of livestock have been marooned on high ground without food.

The picture appeared brighter in the Willowbrook district, 15 miles west of Yorkton, where creek waters began to recede after surrounding several homes and forcing one family to evacuate.

Further north, in the Bertwell district, two small highway bridges were reported washed out. Rain fell heavily in most southern regions Thursday night, for the fifth straight day, and the weatherman forecast thunder showers again today.

Side roads in all areas are impassable quagmires.

In the Weyburn district road conditions forced cancellation of three speaking engagements by Premier T. C. Douglas.

Regina's home-made lake, Wascana, spilled over its retaining wall. Many basements in the city were flooded and sewer mains were backing up.

NORFOLK, N.S. (CP)—The sixth of 14 anti-submarine destroyer escorts under construction in Canadian shipyards will slip down the ways here Tuesday at the Burrard Drydock Co.

The vessel, HMCS Kootenay, will be christened by Mrs. Ralph Campney, wife of the associate minister of defence.

### Canadian Heavyweight Wrestling Champ Pays Informal Visit to Local Civic Centre

DICK AYRES  
But burly young man into the Civic Centre after afternoon with a two-pose.

Keith Maltman, newly-Corona Canadian heavyweight champion, a member of the British Empire team who will wrestle on the man squad for Commonwealth honors in Vancouver July 30 and August 7, came into the Centre for a look and also to see Civic Centre secretary Fred Thorne, with whom he confers on community recreational affairs.

He was given a town-wide tour at his home in West Vancouver, where he is training for the Dominion championship. Maltman said that he felt "very good" to be a member of the wrestling team.

He was sports director of the Civic Centre for several weeks in the summer of 1950 when he took Don Forward's place while the latter was on holiday. He also came back to Rupert in the

spring of 1951 when he brought a Pro-Rec team of gymnasts here on tour.

Born in Minot, Manitoba, Maltman didn't take up wrestling until 1947 after his discharge from the RCAF. He served overseas with the Sixth Bomber Command as an aero-mechanic. Moving to B.C. after the war he continued his weight-lifting which he'd started as a youngster of 16 and then turned to wrestling.

ON ANNUAL TOUR  
When Pro-Rec was changed over to Community Recreational Planning and after getting his Phys Ed degree at UBC, Maltman was assigned to public relations work and now makes an annual tour during which he helps further the new provincial government plan and organizes recreation councils in B.C. communities.

As we arrived at the Civic Centre training room to interview Maltman, a somewhat stunned Dick Hogg, was leaving. The husky Prince Rupert wrestler who works out almost daily

at the Centre, had been invited to work out with the dark-haired stranger. After several moments of grappling Hogg realized that he had come up against a gent of more than average talent. "You that guy from Quesnel?" Hogg queried. "Unh huh!" grunted Maltman. From then on the local wrestler proceeded with extreme caution.

#### NO ILLUSIONS

About the coming BEG matches, Maltman has no illusions. "The Australians won at the last BEG," he said, "but South Africa is sending six of their heaviest bruisers, and the English are sending a lad who was runner-up at the last Olympics."

But whatever the competition, Quesnel's adopted champion will be in there striving to add a few more points to Canada's total within the next six weeks.

"It won't be easy," the wringing-wet Maltman said, as he headed for the showers, "but we'll do our best."