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# B.C. LIBERALS BUILDING PLATFORM

## Truman Tells How Stalin Backed Up

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Canadian Press)—President Truman said today that he had sent an ultimatum to Premier Stalin and forced Russia to withdraw her troops from Iran in 1946. He said he was ready to back up the ultimatum with American troops and ships.

## None Better Than Canada

James Sinclair Replies to Budget Critics

OTTAWA (CP)—James Sinclair, parliamentary assistant to the minister of finance, Hon. Douglas Abbott, on Wednesday asked critics of the federal government's budget to name any country with a sounder economic position.

Speaking at the debate on the budget moved through the second day, Mr. Sinclair, Liberal member for Coast-Capilano, concluded his speech with this question:

"Where in the world today is there any country whatsoever with a sounder economic position, a better fiscal policy, a better development or higher level of employment than this country of Canada under the present Liberal administration?"

Donald Fleming (PC-Toronto) followed with the charge that the 1952-53 budget was a budget with a false face. It should have been presented on Halloween. When the mask of the budget was ripped away people found they would be subjected to heavier taxation than in 1951.

## Close Off With Debate

ON—An all-night session of the House of Commons ended at 6:12 p.m. when the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, pushed the "guillotine" motion, a time limit on the debate on the budget.

The motion, which will cut off an angry debate on services after two more hours, was passed by a vote of 143 to 138.

Labour party has been in for weeks to prolong the debate on the Health Bill in the House of Commons. The Conservatives pro-charge for prescriptions, dental services. These now are given free under the plan.

## Michigan State Bows to Prisoner Demands; Beef Steaks to Appease Convicts

JACKSON, Michigan (CP)—Tired, trigger-tense southern prison convicts agreed today to end the flaming five days of rioting that cost one life and 2,000,000 in damage.

The decision guaranteed the final safety of nine guards still held as hostages by the knife-wielding convict rioters.

With these hostages in mind, the State of Michigan bowed to prison reform demands by the mutineers—and even threw in steak dinners in the bargain.

## Stewardess Back on Run

Stewardess service is being restored to the Prince Rupert-Sandspit run of Canadian Pacific Air Lines.

Recently the stewardess was taken off this run after which representations urged she be returned.

Miss Rose Lesiow, the former stewardess here, was back on the run with arrival of today's plane from Sandspit.

Union freighter Cassiar, Capt. Garth Pengelly, arrived in port at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the south, her last call having been at Watson Island, where she unloaded cargo earlier in the day, and sailed two hours later direct for Skagway. After discharging cargo at the Alaskan port, the Cassiar will load a full cargo of concentrates from the Yukon for Vancouver.

## Two Percent Have Diabetes

TORONTO—An Ontario-wide survey to discover hidden cases of diabetes has shown that two of every five Canadians living in Ontario are afflicted with the disease but do not know it. This is announced by the National Sanitarium Association.



PETITION FOR LIQUOR LAWS' CHANGE—The bundles shown here contain petitions signed by 796,626 persons in the province of Quebec asking for stricter enforcement of liquor laws. The petitions were placed in a corridor of the Legislature building near Solicitor-General Rivard's office by Boy Scouts. When a delegation from the National Committee of Roman Catholic Action met Premier Duplessis, the bundles were placed near his office. (CP PHOTO)

## Five Million Loss In Vancouver Fire

Flames Deal Heavy Blow to Grain Row—Two Big Warehouses Worst Hit

VANCOUVER (CP)—The wind-fed fire on Wednesday that swept Vancouver's waterfront struck Grain Row a heavy blow with estimates of damage and loss ranging as high as \$5,000,000.

## Local Flying Saucer Similar To Ontario's

No one is more interested in the flying saucer reports from Ontario than Hubert Ward of Graham Avenue, Westview, pioneer marine insurance adjuster here, who saw such an object speeding over Prince Rupert harbor about a year ago.

"It's been confirmed," he commented to a Daily News reporter today.

The Ontario saucers, sausage shaped and blunt nosed and travelling at high rate of speed, appear to be identical in description to the object which Mr. Ward saw here.

## Warehouse Damaged

The warehouse of the Vancouver Barge Transportation Co., in which was housed tons of fertilizer, hay and general cargo, suffered water damage.

Two Norwegian freighters—Sardanger and Vinni—loading grain, were hauled to safety by tugs. Superstructures of both vessels were scorched by intense heat and the flying bridge of one was on fire for a time.

## Army Loses Flood Fight

KANSAS CITY—The Army lost a heart-breaking battle against the swirling Missouri River at the Sherman Air Force Field at Leavenworth last night.

For ten days, troops aided at times by civilians, fought the river, raising dikes ahead of the surging water.

Then, the river levelled off at its record crest. It looked like the worst was over.

## More Foot and Mouth Disease

ELVEDEN, Eng.—A prize herd of 163 Guernsey pedigreed cattle owned by Lord Iveagh, 73, a brewery chief, was destroyed here during the week-end. It had been discovered a bull had foot and mouth disease.

Value of the herd totalled £18,000 (\$50,000). Birds are said to have transmitted the scourge, which has been epidemic in eastern England. Thirty-three outbreaks have been reported this year to date.

## Premier Johnson Offers Manifesto

VANCOUVER (CP)—Premier Byron Johnson on Wednesday proposed a Liberal platform aimed at encouraging the flow of capital investment into British Columbia. He told nearly 800 delegates attending the annual convention of the British Columbia Liberal Association "this is the most important clause in the platform."

## Mrs. Gates Liberals' President

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mrs. J. L. Gates of Victoria was on Wednesday elected president of the British Columbia Liberal Association.

She has been acting president since the resignation in January of Harry Perry of Victoria.

Mrs. Gates—the association's first woman president—gathered 400 of 689 votes to defeat Charles Defieux of Vancouver, Sam McCrea of North Vancouver and W. G. Simpson of Chilliwack.

## Young German Reds on March

BERLIN—Young Communists, estimated at upwards of 10,000 strong, massed tonight on the east-west border of downtown Berlin for what appeared to be a gigantic propaganda march on the west of Berlin.

Dominated by blue-shirted "Free German Youths," crowds, apparently, planned a twilight march into British, American and French sectors. Many carried banners and leaflets, demanding a "peace treaty" and German unity.

## Today's Stocks

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co. Ltd.)

VANCOUVER	
American Standard	21
Bralorne	6.00
B.R.X.	3 1/2
Cariboo Quartz	1.45
Congress	.06
Cronin Babine	.45
Giant Mascot	.99
Indian Mines	.18
Pioneer	2.35
Premier Border	.27
Privater	.08 1/2
Sheep Creek	1.68
Silbak Premier	.54
Vananda	15 1/2
Salmon Gold	.04
Spud Valley	.09
Silver Standard	2.35
Western Uranium	4.00

  

TORONTO	
Athons	.10
Aumague	.20
Beattie Duquesne	.52
Bevcoart	1.07
Buffalo Canadian	.21
Consol. Smelters	34.50
Conwest	4.00
Donalda	.40
Eldona	22 1/2
East Sullivan	8.15
Giant Yellowknife	10.25
God's Lake	.43
Hardrock	12 1/2
Harricana	.11
Heva	.11
Joliet Quebec	.50
Little Long Lac	.71
Lynx	.14
Madsen Red Lake	1.99
McKenzie Red Lake	.48
McLeod Cockshutt	2.84
Moneta	.46
Negus	.62
Noranda	74.00
Louvicourt	.31
Pickle Crow	1.75
San Antonio	2.50
Senator Rouyn	.18
Sheriff Gordon	4.35
Steep Rock	7.30
Silver Miller	1.52
Upper Canada	1.80
Golden Manitou	5.75

## Canada Needs Rent Housing

Public Scheme Advocated In View of High Building Costs

WINNIPEG—Central Mortgage and Housing President D. B. Mansur told the National House Builders' Association, at its convention here, that there is a definite need for public rental housing in Canada.

During the past few years the cost of house building has been rising much faster than incomes, and, if that trend continues, a sharp downward trend in effective demand can be expected. House sale prices are up about 70 per cent since 1946 while the per capita disposable income has risen less than 45 per cent, said Mr. Mansur.

Mr. Mansur told of one formula whereby house buyers might be able to acquire new homes for up to \$1000 less than current down payment. The big "if" seems to be whether provincial and municipal authorities can co-operate up to the hilt with Ottawa in a plan now established under the National Housing Act for buying and servicing land, then re-selling to builders at the original land purchase price. Cost of the services for water and sewers is financed at four per cent to the municipality in the first place, then levied in turn on the house buyer over a long period. Previously the builder had to spend the \$500 or \$1000 to install services and charge that sum as an immediate capital cost, with correspondingly larger down payment.

## Whalen Not Running For B.C. House

Mayor Harold Whalen will not enter the forthcoming provincial election as a candidate by the Legislature. He had announced earlier he was "considering strongly" running as an independent.

## Halibut Opening May 13

Mid-season Dates Also Set

Halibut fishing season in the Prince Rupert area opens midnight, May 13, it was officially announced today by the Department of Fisheries following word received from the International Halibut commission.

The date effects areas 1A, 1B, 2A and 3A.

Other dates for special areas are as follows:

Midnight, July 25, areas 2B and 2C;

Midnight, August 1, areas 3B and 4.

Areas designated are the same as last year with one exception. Area 3B is a small section in the northwest blocked off as a special section to be fished in conjunction with Area 4, the Bering Straits.

## To Question Dr. Endicott

OTTAWA—Dr. J. G. Endicott will be questioned on his return to Canada as to statements he is purported to have been making in Communist China as to the United Nations waging germ warfare in the Korean war with suggestions that Canada has been co-operating.

## Steel Ceiling Being Raised

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Economic Stabilization Board announced yesterday that the ceiling steel price would be raised by \$3 a ton in order to meet wage increases. Next week a ceiling on wages may be set.

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CPR steamer Princess Norah, Capt. Graham Hughes, north-bound from Vancouver to Alaska, is due in port at 8:30 tomorrow morning and will sail at 10 a.m. for Ketchikan, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell and Skagway.