

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**

Saturday, December 5, 1953  
(Pacific Standard Time)

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**Restoring The Wreck**

ASSERS-BY TAKE A SECOND look when they see 21-year-old Arthur W. J. G. Ord-Hume working on a light airplane in his garden at Hatch End, England. But the former RAF airframe-fitter knows what he's doing as he restores what was once a junkyard wreck. He has spent many evenings and week-ends to the task over a two-year period, and may soon have the craft in shape for take-off.

## Referendum Seeks Continuation of Special One-Mill Park Levy

This is the second in a series of articles explaining the referendum to be placed before the voters next Thursday.

By DICK AYRES

Like education, recreation, like education, are everybody's business. They are things no city can do without. They form oases in the stress of both business and residential zones in growing cities. They provide a larger playground for children than the city can afford, they serve as a rest-place for the footweary, a place where the senior citizens can sit and enjoy fine weather. They are more often than not recreational centres where the city's youth can indulge in competitive sports. When looked after, improved and landscaped they become beauty spots which add to the attractiveness of a city.

The referendum proposed by the parks board will ask whether the vote "is in favor of a special one mill levy to be added to the tax rate each year for a period of five years, the sum so derived to be expended solely for the development of the Algoma Park area."

Actually the "adding" of such a one-mill levy, if approved, would be only a matter of book-keeping at the city hall and does not boost the tax rate, as the one-mill levy approved by city taxpayers five years ago for the Roosevelt Park reserve fund expires this year. It would be a continuation of a one-mill levy for another five years.

While a referendum is not binding on the council, council wants to know if taxpayers will agree to that amount of money being set aside for the development of the Algoma Park area. In the sixth year, the levy is cancelled from the tax rate.

The plan for Algoma Park as envisaged by the parks board is a long-range plan aimed mainly at providing a more suitable outdoor recreational centre for the youth of Prince Rupert.

The board hopes to develop the 39-acre site west of McBride Street into a combination football field, baseball diamond, lawn area with shade trees and perhaps in the future a golf course.

The board believes Algoma is a more centrally-located park for these purposes and, with McClymont Park and the swimming pool on the other side of McBride Street, will form a huge recreational area of which Prince Rupert can be proud. No. 1 only is it more convenient for public access but the area bordered by McBride, Ninth Avenue, Wantage Road and the mountains is more sheltered from the wind, members stated.

The board is hoping that use of city garbage as a sanitary fill will enable the city to dispose of its wastes, reclaim hitherto useless land and rid the city of the rat problem at the city dump.

The park area was originally laid out by the Midland Regiment of Ontario. It was improved by American army units when they were stationed here. After the war it fell into neglect and was seldom used until public interest was revived by the Prince Rupert Little League Baseball Association last summer.

# 'Big Three' Parley Underway After Eisenhower Welcomed

## U.S. To Free Prisoners January 22

PANMUNJOM, Korea. —United States envoy Arthur H. Dean told the Communists today that unrepatriated war prisoners will be freed Jan. 22 unless a peace conference decides some other course "and no human hand or mind or debate can change it."

"We are never going to agree, under any circumstances, to a change in that date," he declared.

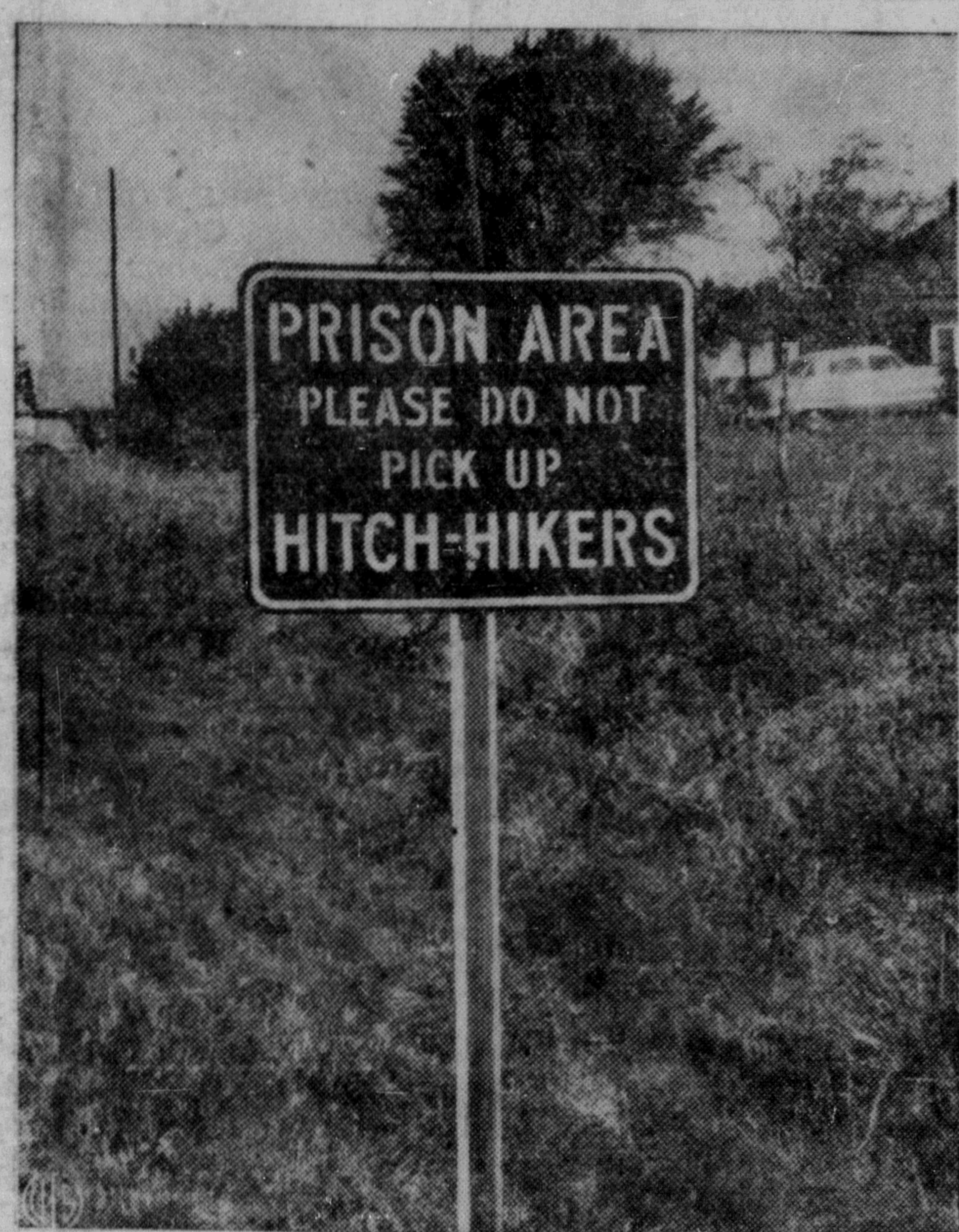
Dean and Communist diplomats conferred for almost three hours on plans for a peace conference while a few miles away 30 more South Korean war prisoners unanimously rejected pleas to return home.

Allied persuaders in three days have talked to 90 South Koreans who chose life under the Communists and not one has changed his mind.

South Korean officers whisked through 30 interviews before noon today. The United Nations command asked to interview 40 prisoners Saturday. The repatriation commission said the request for an extra 10 was filed too late, but tonight the commission approved it.

The preliminary peace talks are in recess until Monday. Dean asked that a Saturday session be called off because he will be in Seoul for conferences with South Korea's president Syngman Rhee.

He refused to divulge the subject of the talks and would not comment on rumored differences between the UN command and the South Korean government over plans for a peace conference.



HERE'S ONE HIGHWAY sign few motorists are likely to ignore. It is one of many such warnings set up in the neighborhood of the Kansas State Prison at Lansing, with light-reflecting letters that transmit the same message after dark.

## Talks May Boost Chances For Peace

By STANLEY JOHNSON

TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda (AP)—President Eisenhower, Premier Laniel and Prime Minister Churchill gathered in this resort village today for conferences they hope will forge Allied unity against Red aggression and toward world peace.

As the Big Three talks opened at the Tommy-gun-guarded Mid-Ocean Club here, Bermudians took a holiday and welcomed Eisenhower. The U.S. chief executive, accompanied by State Secretary Dulles and advisers, arrived by air this morning.

Churchill and Laniel, already on hand for the meeting, escorted Eisenhower to the club.

Dulles, Foreign Secretary Eden and Foreign Minister Bidault met at 3 p.m. to get the formal talks under way, with their chiefs gathering around the table immediately afterward.

The group will dine tonight with governor Sir Alexander Hood at Government House.

The conference is the first such meeting attended by an American president since Potsdam, eight years ago.

There have been four meetings since 1942 of the governing heads of the United States and two other major powers. Winston Churchill is the only one who has attended all of them.

Bidault and Eden had a hush-hush two-hour meeting last night during which it was reliably reported, they discussed a new joint approach to Italy and Yugoslavia on the question of disputed Trieste.

It is believed, however, that Britain and the U.S. will not go back on their Oct. 8 declaration they will eventually quit the zone they administer and turn it over to Italy.

Eden and Bidault also were reported to have touched on French ratification of the European Defence Community treaty.



LILY GRAVE, 17, recent winner of a contest sponsored by a film company working in Djakarta, Indonesia, is now called "The Outdoor Girl of Indonesia." Lily, the offspring of a Russian father and a Japanese mother, lives in the "Paris of Indonesia," Bandung.

## FAST-TALKING CONVICTS WIN DEBATING TROPHY

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP)—Auckland's top debating trophy will go to safe keeping for the next 12 months, in the local prison. A team of prisoners won the trophy in competition against other debating teams, winning the final by 388 points to 313.

## Weekend Planned Here for Antigonish, Due Today

Officers' wardroom at HMCS Chatham and will meet civic officials tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Tours of points of interest in the city are being arranged for tomorrow and a public dance will be staged tomorrow night in Chatham's drill hall in honor of the ship's company, with proceeds earmarked for a Christmas party for youngsters.

Chatham also is planning a rifle competition to which Antigonish men will be invited, probably Sunday, and the visitors will be invited to take part in a navy badminton tournament on Sunday afternoon.

Commanding the Antigonish is Lt.-Cmdr. H. R. Beck, CD, and executive officer is Lt.-Cmdr. D. M. Howitt, DSC. The ship's complement includes nine officers and 120 men.

The Antigonish travelled from Esquimalt to Rupert on the training cruise. She will weigh anchor here at 8 a.m. Monday, returning to Esquimalt via Port Alberni.

## Race Board Asks Petition for Toll Road

Special to The Daily News

BRACE—Full support of a petition asking the government to start immediately with the construction of a Prince George toll road was pledged at a meeting of the District Board of the Interior Association of Trade, urges the government to start the work under the act of 1953 which provides for toll-road work apart from provincial planning.

Members expressed hope that the act a Terrace-Kitimat road might provide a solution to the present needs of the area and inquiries will be made on the matter.

Mr. G. McAdams were asked to examine the possibility of the board obtaining a building. W. Wellbank of Montreal manager, named auditor. Duncan George McAdams and Jim were named as the standing committee for the coming election of officers.

## City Building Drops Sharply In November

A sharp decline in construction work throughout the city was reflected by the small amount of \$7,875 worth of building permits taken out during November.

Of the total of permits applied for during last month \$8,000 was for an apartment project. The remainder was for minor repairs to homes and buildings.

Last month's permits represent the smallest amount of building in one month in Prince Rupert since January, 1952 when only \$5,560 worth of permits were taken out. In November last year permits to the value of \$31,425 were taken out.

The seven-month total for 1953 now stands at \$338,511, considerably lower than the total at the end of November, 1952 when permits for construction amounted to \$457,952.

## Radio Operator Rewarded For Returning Lost Wallet

A former Rupert resident, Mrs. M. Beaton, has nothing but praise for a young radio operator at the Digby Island wireless station and he has been given a suitable award for his honesty.

While boarding a train here last week for Burns Lake, Mrs. Beaton dropped her brown leather wallet containing a large sum of money, personal effects and a return ticket to Kitimat, where she now resides.

She did not know of her loss until early the next morning after she had finished breakfast aboard the train.

Meanwhile, John Hrehorka found her wallet, notified Mrs. Beaton's daughter and kept the wallet until she returned.

A wireless operator at Digby for the past year, he had come to Rupert to see a movie and noticed the wallet on the station platform as he was taking a shortcut to the theatre.

He read the "lost and found" column in the Daily News to find the owner.

Mrs. Beaton telephoned her daughter here after she discovered her loss, but did not know until she came back last Saturday that her wallet had been found.

Hrehorka came over from Digby with the billfold.

"I was so happy, I could hardly talk," said Mrs. Beaton today, as she completed a shopping tour prior to leaving tonight for Kitimat.

## Snowfall Follows Earthquake

Chilled by the report of an earthquake north of the Queen Charlotte Islands the weatherman changed this morning's customary drizzle into a pre-Christmas snow storm about 12:30 p.m. today.

Together with the lights, tinsel and Yuletide motifs already being erected by city merchants the brief snow storm with its large flakes provided trees and buildings with true Christmas decoration.

A strong earthquake believed to have occurred beneath the ocean north of Queen Charlotte Islands was recorded by the University of Washington seismograph today. The shock, starting at 6:56 a.m. today was of an intensity of 8 on a scale of 1 to 12. This would be about the same force as the 1949 quake which caused much damage in the Puget Sound and Vancouver Island areas.

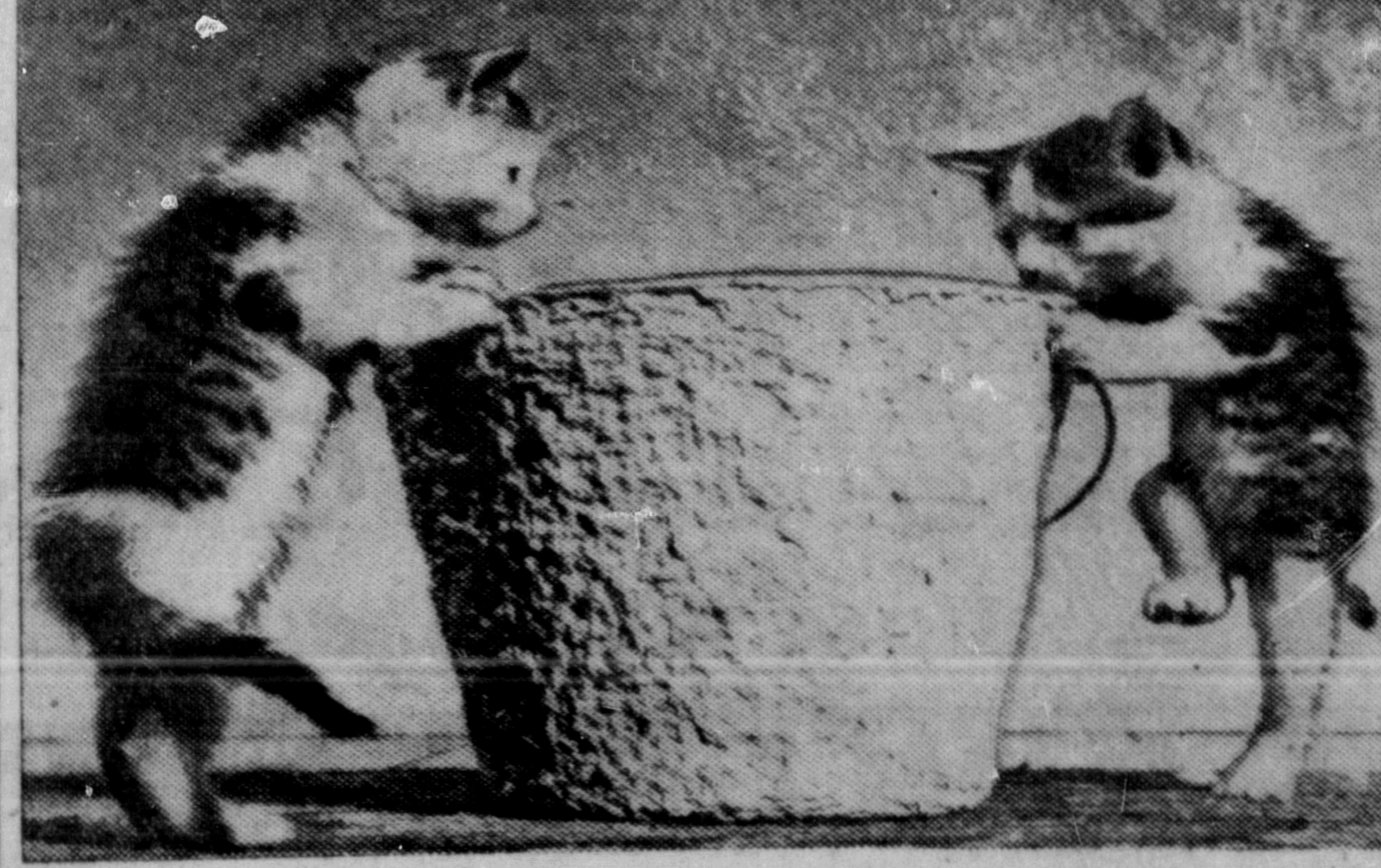
Digby Island weather station reported this morning that the radio operators there had been in radio communication with logging camps on the west coast of the Queen Charlottes and that no signs of an earthquake had been reported there.

Snow also fell in the interior today blanketing the lower slopes of already snow-capped peaks.

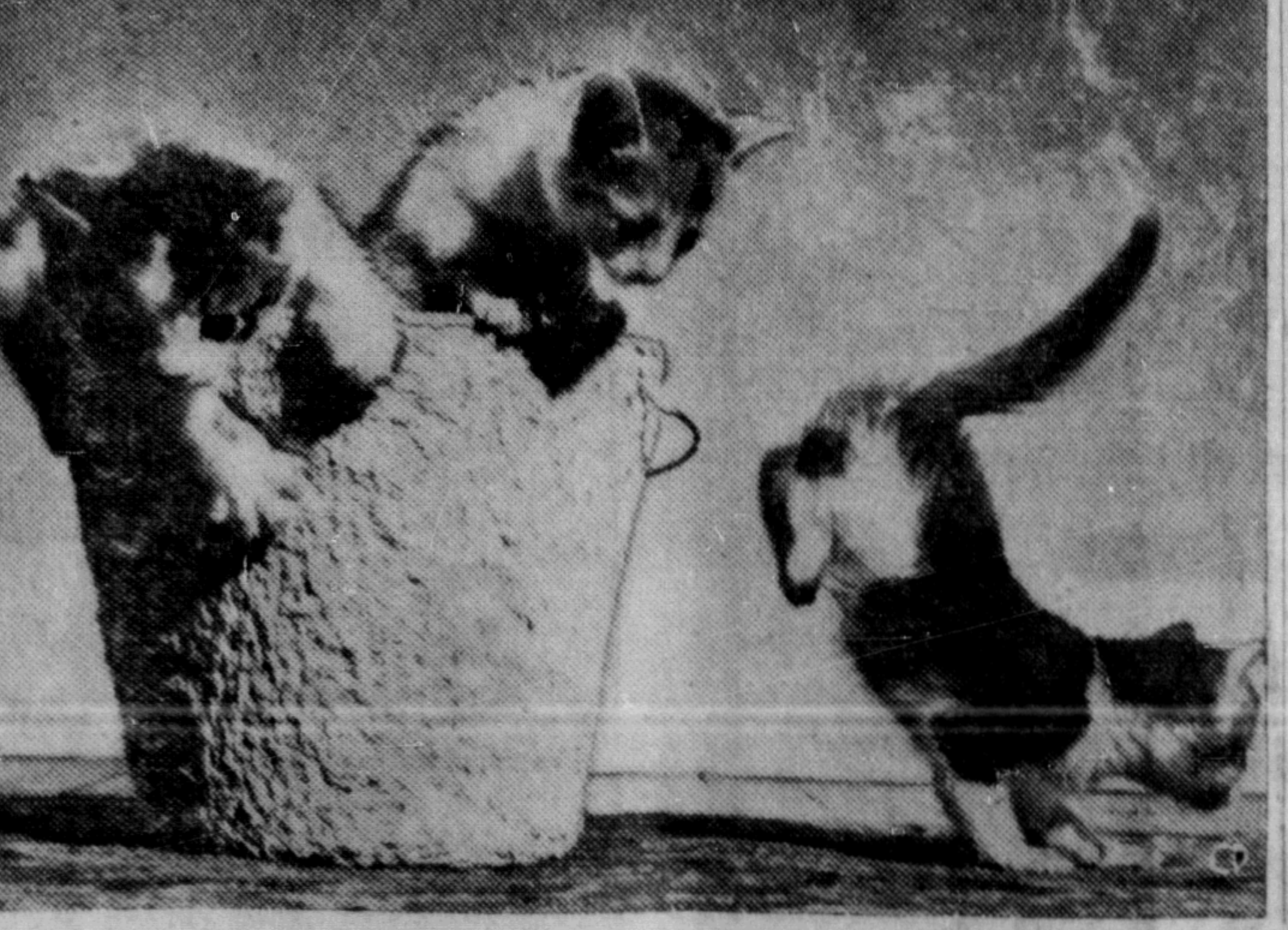
## Terrace Accident Victim Awarded Crash Damages

VANCOUVER (CP)—Damages totalling \$29,721 were awarded James R. Reynolds of Terrace by Mr. Justice J. M. Coady in Supreme Court for injuries received Sept. 2, 1951.

Reynolds, an electrician, was struck by a truck on the Skeena River highway 30 miles west of Hazelton. His right leg had to be amputated and his left leg was injured.



FIVE KITTENS in the home of, Freda Dufresne, North Bay, Ont., schoolgirl, follow her wherever she goes. Photographer



John McNeill, a neighbor, caught these samples of the kittens' antics as they cavorted in a minnow pail.

## Egyptians Shell U.S. Ship

By The Associated Press

CAIRO.—The United States embassy announced today the U.S. freighter Albion reported she had been fired on Thursday by Egyptian shore batteries while in the Gulf of Agaba, east of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

The ship's message did not say whether there were any casualties or damage to the vessel.

The embassy said it has made "urgent representations" to the Egyptian government and that the government gave "assurances" that action would be taken to facilitate the ship's passage through Agaba Gulf.

The Egyptians also promised an immediate investigation into the shooting.

Lloyd's register lists the Albion as a 7,255-ton vessel owned by Drytans, Inc., out of Wilmington, Del.

The ship was reported en route to the Jordan port of Agaba, that Arab kingdom's only port at the head of the gulf.

## Living Cost Index Drops Half Point

OTTAWA (CP)—Ending a steady five-months rise, living costs declined during October, with the consumer price index dropping by one-half point to 116.2 from 116.7.

The decline was due almost entirely to food price drops, the bureau of statistics reported today. The consumer price index is based on 1949 prices equalling 100.

Egg prices dropped sharply, along with most meats and grapefruit, slicing 2.1 points from the food column which dropped to 113.4 from 115.5.

The shelter column rose to a new high of 125 from 124.5 reflecting higher rents and home ownership costs.

The miscellaneous column, called "other commodities and services" also edged ahead by one-tenth of a point to 116.3 from 116.

However, the household operations column eased to 117.4 from 117.5, reflecting scattered changes in various household items.

## Final Blast Clears 10-Mile Mountain Tunnel at Kemano

KEMANO, B.C. (CP)—A dynamite blast deep in the heart of a mountain Thursday completed the main artery of the giant power project which will generate electricity for the Aluminum Company of Canada development at Kitimat.

The blast, fired by Alcan vice-president McNeely DuBose, shattered the final barrier of a 10-mile tunnel through the solid rock of the Coast range.

It marked the end of 21 months' work, 24 hours a day, six days a week, to drive the tunnel through Mount DuBose.

The job, which entailed removing 2,300,000 tons of rock, was completed on schedule. Numerous world records for tunnelling were set by team-working drilling and blasting crews.

The accomplishment was described by Alcan officials as a "major step" toward completion of the vast "Project British Columbia" which will eventually cost more than \$500,000,000.

The first shiny aluminum ingots are scheduled to be loaded aboard deep-sea ships for world markets late in the spring.

## Six Men Hurt As Rival Unions Clash in Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Rioting erupted on the San Francisco waterfront Thursday but prompt police action prevented a major riot between some 1,400 backers of bitter labor rivals Harry Lundeberg and Harry Bridges.

Six men were hurt in the clash, fought in a drizzling rain. Five men were arrested, one for carrying a concealed pistol.