

## MORROW'S —TIDES—

Thursday, July 16, 1953  
(Pacific Standard Time)  
4:17 17.9 feet  
16:55 18.3 feet  
10:33 5.1 feet  
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## Train Derailed Rockies

### Perennial Rains Wash Out Tracks

By The Canadian Press

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## Meeting of Truce Negotiators Today to 'Make or Break Talks'

By SAM SUMMERLIN

PANMUNJOM (AP)—An authoritative source said today's session of truce negotiations here will "make or break the talks."

The source said the meeting will bring a "showdown" on prospects for a quick armistice. The meeting will make or break the talks," he said.

There were strong indications the showdown would come over Red demands for the recapture of Communist Korean prisoners freed last month and ironclad guarantees from the United Nations that South Korea would be a true free state.

The source, who could not be identified, gave his estimate of the truce situation after the Chinese Communist radio claim-



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# Appeal Fails To Save Christie From Gallows

## Sex Strangler Admitted Murders

By The Associated Press

LONDON. — John Reginald Halliday Christie, the Notting Hill sex strangler who confessed he killed seven women but might have murdered more, was hanged today in Pentonville prison.

Even as he died, a controversy raged over whether the mild-appearing transport worker and war-time auxiliary policeman was guilty of a baby's murder for which another man was hanged three years ago.

England's hangman, Albert Pierpoint, placed the noose with its attached black hood over Christie's head just before the scheduled hour, 9 a.m. (1 a.m. PDT). Then the trap was sprung with a crash that echoed throughout the grim prison.

A crowd of some 200 persons, including many schoolchildren, were gathered outside the prison gate.

A truckload of police waited near the gate and the police patrol in nearby Caledonian Road had been increased, but there was no disturbance.

At the posting of the execution notice on the gate, the crowd surged forward, many laughing nervously and making jokes.

The continued controversy hinges on Christie's confession at his trial that he strangled a neighbor's wife three years ago. The neighbor, Timothy Evans, was accused of killing both his wife and baby daughter but was convicted and hanged only for the infant's death. Christie's confession aroused speculation that Christie also killed the baby, though he denied this.

Queen's Counsel John Scott Henderson, after a secret government inquiry, announced on Tuesday that Christie had lied in his confession and that he did not kill Mrs. Evans.

Evans' mother and two sisters remained unconvinced and wrote the Queen Tuesday night, asking a public investigation. Seventeen Laborite members of Parliament also presented an 11th-hour motion demanding that Christie's execution be stayed so he could testify at such an investigation.

Christie was sentenced June 25 after a five-day trial in Old Bailey court.

The 55-year-old man was tried only for the murder of his wife, Ethel, 54, whose decaying body was found beneath the parlor floor in their dingy Notting Hill tenement apartment.

— WEATHER —  
Synopsis  
A ridge of high pressure is building rapidly into B.C. and considerable clearing will take place today along the south coast and this evening in the interior.

Cloudiness will persist throughout the day over the north coast although there will be some periods of sunshine.

Forecast  
North coast region — Cloudy and cool. Intermittent rain or drizzle Thursday morning, becoming continuous rain Thursday afternoon.

Winds light, increasing Thursday morning to southeast 25. Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 53 and 62.

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During the trial a psychiatrist testified Christie went berserk because he was "fascinated by dead bodies."

A country-wide hunt was launched for Christie in mid-March, after discovery of the near-nude decomposing bodies of three women walled up in an alcove in his abandoned apartment.

At his trial he testified he strangled his wife with a stocking to put her out of her agony during a convulsion. He claimed he kept the body under the parlor floor because he couldn't bear to be separated from her.

Frank Howard  
Retains Seat  
In Skeena

A judicial recount requested by defeated Liberal candidate Lionel Houle of Terrace failed to change the result of the June 9 election in Skeena riding, which saw Frank Howard, 28-year-old CCF standard-bearer elected.

The count, started at Smithers yesterday before Judge W. O. Fulton of the County Court of Prince Rupert, was completed shortly before noon today. Final figures are: Howard 2,110; Houle 2,097.

Until the recount, Mr. Howard led Houle by seven votes.

Houle was represented by A. Bruce Brown, solicitor, and Liberal MLA-elect for Prince Rupert.

Frank Howard is organizer for the International Woodworkers of America in Skeena. He is married and has one boy.

Educated in Vancouver schools, he first worked as a miner and then turned to logging, where he became active in the IWA, working his way up as trustee, then president of his local union.

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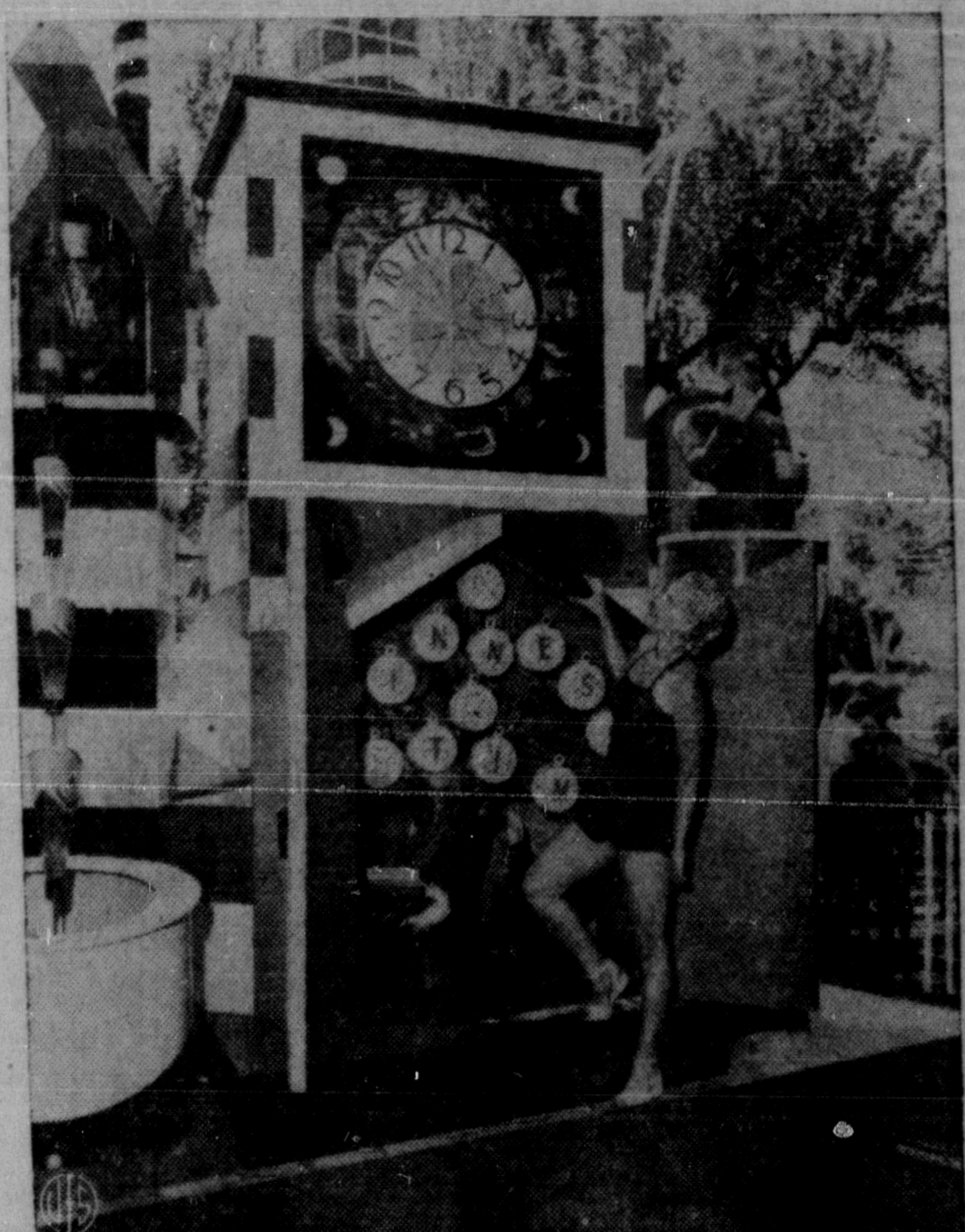
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A NEW YORK BATHER looks at the most-intricate clock in the world, the Guinness Crazy Clock, which stands 23 feet high and has just been returned from the Festival of Britain. The unusual timepiece stages a theatrical performance every 15 minutes through an intricate system of balls and chains and plates and gears and other folderol. The clock is on public exhibition and shortly will begin a nation-wide tour of the U.S. for the Hemophilia Society.

## NORTHWEST GETS CONTRACT FOR TELEPHONE BUILDING

City Council has accepted the tender of Northwest Construction Company for alterations to the old liquor store on Third Avenue to convert it into the Prince Rupert Telephone Company building.

The firm's bid of \$7,647 was one of four received. Other bidders were Eby and Sons, Mitchell and Currie, and Greer and Bridden.

Contract for rewiring the same building was awarded to Grant and Newton, who tendered a bid of \$598. Tenders for changes to the building's plumbing system will be called again.

## Russia Asked to Four-Power Foreign Ministers Meeting

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Britain, France and the United States posed an immediate challenge to Russia today to join in a four-power foreign ministers' meeting aimed at reuniting East and West Germany.

The call for a session next autumn on Germany, and on completing an Austrian independence treaty, was agreed upon by the British, U.S. and French foreign ministers in a five-day conference which ended with issuance of a communique Tuesday night.

State Secretary John Foster Dulles of the U.S., the British acting foreign secretary, the Marquess of Salisbury, and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault also called for restoration of "true liberty" to the Soviet satellite peoples of Eastern Europe and announced that if those countries achieve freedom the door to unity with the community now being created in Western Europe is open to them.

On Far Eastern problems, the three ministers announced that economic embargoes against Communist China would be continued indefinitely after an armistice and that the policy of barring Red China from the United Nations would continue pending further consultation.

## HMCS Huron Runs Aground Off Korea

OTTAWA — The Canadian destroyer Huron, reported Monday as having been damaged in a grounding off the Communist Korean northeast coast, is heading for a Japanese port under her own steam, navy headquarters said Tuesday.

Reports reaching here said the Huron is proceeding at five knots and is expected to reach port July 18. There were no details except that the Huron ran aground in fog.

A spokesman said there are no plans for replacing the destroyer—one of three Canadian destroyers serving in the theatre—until the extent of damage is determined and it is known how long it will take to put the ship back in service.