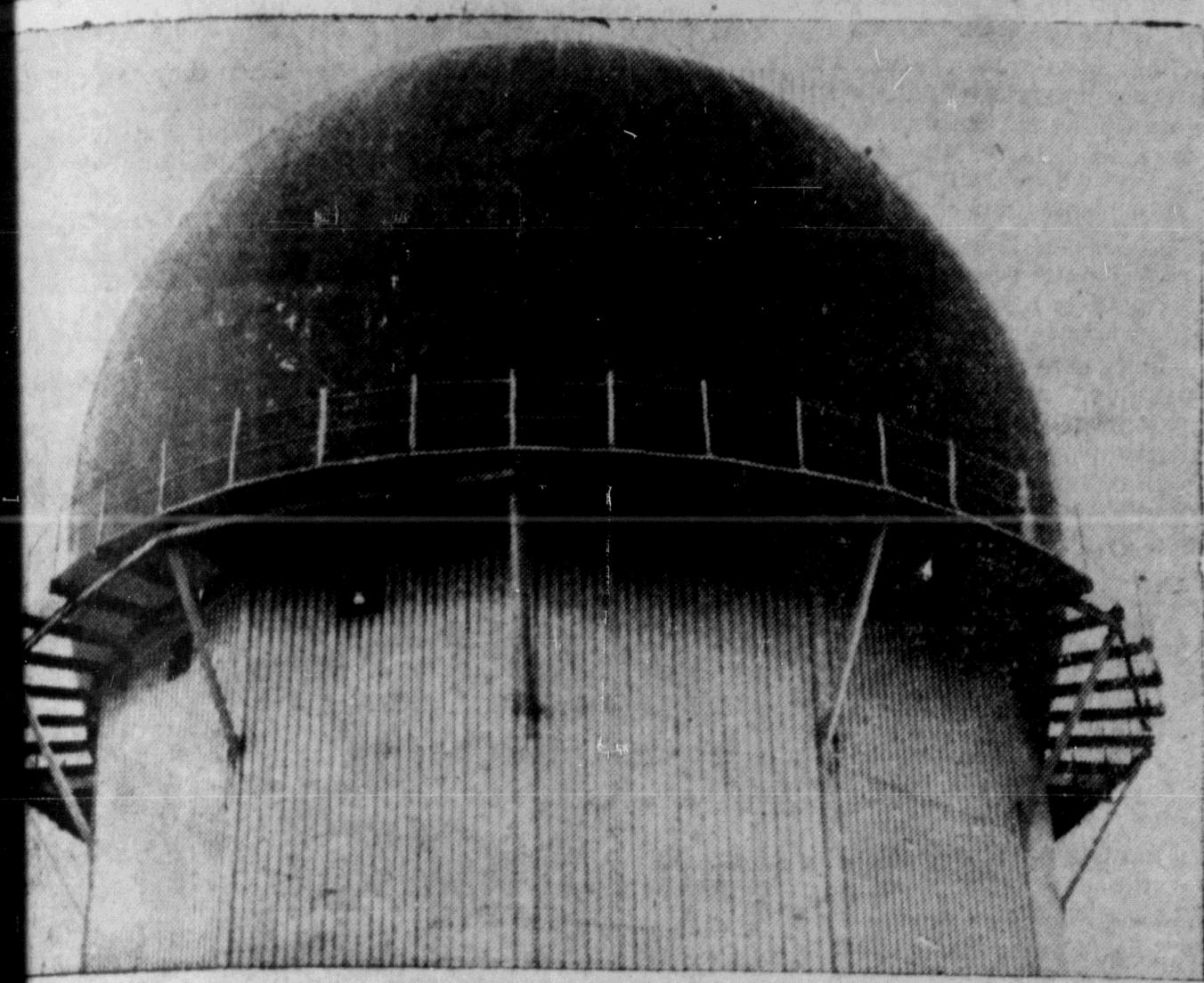
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DONA HILL somewhere in Canada's north country this massive dome contains a radar antenna which can detect air raft over a wide area. If the station cannot the planes as friendly, RCAF jet fighters are sent up to intercept them. This and her radar stations operating in the North are on guard 24 hours a day to protect from a surprise attack.

# s During 1953 Took Six Lives, cted Total of \$38,000 Damage

were lost and dam- in the King George Hotel fire to contents of buildings amountng \$38.547 inflicted in March 15 and the other was the ed to \$6,465. The estimated NO DELAYS 1953. Prince Rupert victim of a gasboat explosion value of property involved

ort to city council Of the total \$38,547 in dam- curred during last year was schedule delays but trains were "fine" despite his ordeal in 40-

LENT-LOADED ROCKETS RRIVE HERE FOR SERIES

10-man Ketchikan, Alaska, Rockets basketball team eir manager Ralph Peters arrived here by air this and were greeted by members of the Prince Rupert Il Association.

talent-loaded Ketchikan squad is scheduled to play upert Challengers at 8:30 tonight at the Civic Centre rst of a two-game series. The second game, tomorrow Il also be broadcast by radio station CFPR beginning

team slated to take the floor tonight against Don s All-star crew is identical to the one that twice another version of the Challengers earlier in the

ager Peters says that Bill Martinsen, Joe Brewer, eibowitz and John Christopher are the sparkplugs of hikan team with Harlan Johnson, Herman Ludwigsen J. Ellis providing the height for the backboard work. nzoni, he says, works in good around the basket with ickson on hand to sink the long shots. Martinsen is with being the fastest man on the squad although the J. J. Mackey is listed as being both a good balland rugged defence man.

# met Action on Liquor

or points which claim | month. "left out in the cold" encing areas were

have the right to sup- istration given. ail lounges and other

can licence Nanaimo March. least one city in the

### irm Gets Contract

A' (CP) A \$4,000,000 or refitting and rewest coast based arded to two Victoria was announced

by Ralph Camproy to draw up petitions. licences.

VER (CP) - Vancouver interior," he declared.

general approval, but said additional licencing areas tem during the coming year. protest has erupted would be designated in about a

Rt. Hon. H. H. Stevens, chairman of the Liquor Inquiry Commission, said today the success of Trail, Kelowna and of the new liquor regulations said they are "big depends on the type of admin-

The cabinet cleared the way earlier this week for the opening G. Fletcher of Trail of cocktail bars in Vancouver, ty is the centre of a Victoria, New Westminster and of 22,000. "I don't see Nanaimo by the first week in

> The four major cities were designated as "licencing areas."

The new regulations cover a wide variety of instructions dealing with the opening and operation of outlets and rejected such suggestions as barmaids.

The act provides for four types of licenced establishments and the liquor control board will advertise for applications shortly.

The public within the boundaries of Vancouver, Nanaimo, Fairey, member of Victoria and New Westminster appoundement wired then has 35 days in which appounded quest a local option plebiscite or

minister of defence. After 35 days, if there is no intigonish and the request for a vote, applications ford will be modern- for licences will be ruled on. If brought up to stand- there is a request for local opsubmarine ships by tion, 55 per cent of the vote must achinery Depot and be dry to block the issuing of

age loss to buildings was \$32.- \$179,000, of which \$122,850 was running late and plane service below weather. the fatalities occurred 082, Chief Becker reported. Loss buildings and \$46,150 was con- as delayed.

136 fires had occurred during the year with April providing Duncan where tons of wet snow the most blazes, a total of 23. caved the roof of the curling Twenty-one fires occurred January, five in February, 11 in \$10,000. March, eight in May, 11 in June, 14 in July, 13 in August, seven in September and the same number in October. 11 in November, and five in December.

The Prince Rupert ambulance made practically a call a day during 1953 with a total of 336 ricts. calls being answered by city's ambulance crew. Busiest month was in August when the once again dropped to a new low lieved to have crashed two days ambulance was called out 38

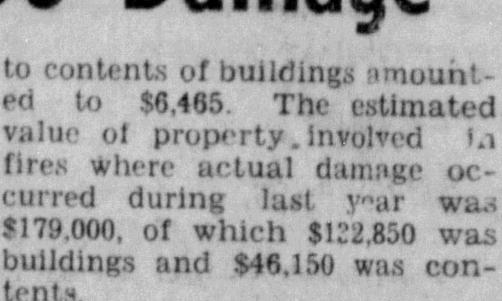
for any one cause during 1953 resulted from flooded oil burnfire department was called out 29 times. Chimney fires were responsible for 14 calls, the chief reported.

the city's fire alarm system which almost fell apart during the year was now being replacthat he hoped would be in work-

an improvement in supplies of modern, general fire-fighting ing cold. Wind easterly 25 in crash. equipment especially ladders open waters and northeast 40 in and hose during the past year. He said his department was Low tonight and high Saturthe Social Credit | The government in announc- looking forward to the installa- day at Port Hardy 25 and 32; t's new liquor regula- ing the regulations Wednesday tion of the radio-telephone sys- Sandspit 20 and 30; Prince

The fire chief reported that throughout the province.

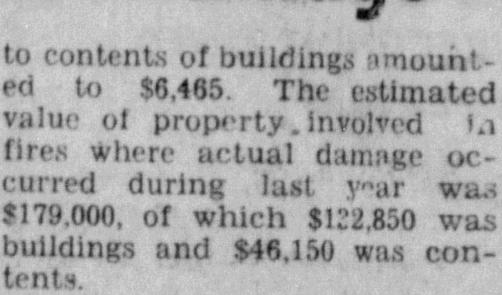
Chief Becker reported that ed with a more modern system



The greatest number of calls morning.

ing order early in 1954.

He noted that there had been North coast region—Continu-





BETTY WHITE, described by police as the common-law wife of Donald Ritchie, looks cheerful as she is taken into custody at Preston, Ont. She was detained by police searching for Ritchie who was wanted in connection with the 1948 assassination attempt of labor leader Walter Reuther in Detroit. Ritchie surrendered in Preston several hours later.

# Workers Battle In Cold Dawn Buries'

## Duncan Curling Rink Caved in by Big Fall

By The Canadian Press

VANCOUVER. - Hundreds of workers were routed out of bed early today to clear streets and sewers in this city and surrounding districts as one of the worst snowstorms in many years blanketed the lower mainland.

One mainland snowfall ranged from a foot to 18 inches. Similar conditions were reported from some Vancouver Island districts. Rain drenched Victoria Thurs-

day, clearing away most of the Survives early fall of snow. There was more snow during this morning but it melted as it fell. Eight hundred men and 140

trucks worked at snow removal in Vancouver clearing streets ST, FELEICIEN, Que. (CP) after a 28-hour siege of rugged 30-year-old Montreal engineer winter weather.

gineer John Oliver.

Most serious snow toll was at in rink. Damage was estimated at

Many workers were idle because of the wintry conditions. especially in building trades.

for tomorrow but cloudy conditions will continue in most dist-

the NEW LOW RECORDED

cial 10-above recorded early this area, 50 miles east of here.

Rupert General Hospital.

Crews were out before daybreak sanding downtown streets identified. as fresh ice made driving dan-

The weatherman said the cold weather will continue.

mainland inlets, otherwise light

was rescued Thursday from the "Given an even break we'll bush two weeks after his plane have the city back to normal crashed near an uncharted lake, within two days," said city en- 40 miles northwest of La Tuque,

Rene Lecuyer, an employee of Bus service was maintained in the Quebec Mining and Smelting fires where actual damage oc- most districts without severe Company, told rescuers he felt

Lac Dore in the Chibougamau mining area, 165 miles northwest

# warmer weather is forecast In Wreckage

FORT FRANCES, Ont. (CP)\_ Charred remains of three persons were found Thursday in the In Prince Rupert, the mercury wreckage of a light plane, beduring the night with an unoffi- ago in the international border

Francis Einarson, manager of Only major casualty reported the airport at nearby Internaso far from skating is Robert tional Falls, Minn., said two of ers for which the Prince Rupert Butchinson, who slipped and fell the bodies had been identified while skating on Prudhomme as those of R. J. Fox, 56, of Ex-Lake. He suffered several broken celsior, Minn., and Bert Langford, ribs and is recovering in Prince 40, of Fort Frances. The third person, believed to have been a woman, could not be immediately

> were a mystery. The plane had April 1 had been urged in some ing industry in the Fraser River not been missing, but an aerial circles) and a split set-up of area. she feared there had been

### Jobless Face Eviction Says Union Appeal

VANCOUVER (CP) - A resolution urging the federal government to declare a moratorium on all mortgages and instalment payments for unemployed workers was passed here 'Thursday at the annual convention of the B.C. district, Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (Ind.).

Delegates said mounting unemployment, especially in the base metal industry, is causing thousands of workers to face foreclosure and eviction from homes and loss of articles purchased.

Another resolution asked that eustom smelter be built in B.C. to "break the bottleneck monopoly control over small, independent mines."

ASTORIA, Ore. P-The Greek fairs department. freighter Aristotelis, 1,200 miles Mr. Watkins, now Canadian fishery regulations proposals off the Pacific coast, radioed minister to Norway and Iceland, submitted by the fisheries defor help Thursday night, and will be replaced by Chester A partment for the forthcoming southern interior strike in a two vessels prepared to leave Ronning, head of the Far East- season, covering such items as government-supervised vote last

for the scene. ning low on fuel on a voyage to assume his Moscow post mendations will go back to the resumed after an injunction from Japan to Seattle.



UNDER THE TREELESS stretch of tundra in a group of Canadian islands only 800 miles from the North Pole may lie one of the biggest reservoirs of oil in the world. This is an aerial view of a "salt dome," which geological exploration has shown is good evidence of oil. It is on Ellef Ringnes Island in the Arctic archipelago.

## efence Associations Discuss Scores of schools were closed crashed on a flight from Lac Secret Report on Reserve Army

By DAVE McINTOSH Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA - A report on the reserve policy, now is in the today. hands of Lt.-Col, Guy Simonds,

reserve army, possibly contain- which opens its annual, and se- cer and a lawyer in civilian life, ing sharp criticism of present cret, three-day meeting here said the report will provide the

chief of the army general staff. associations comprises some 60 contents.

## The report has also been read representatives of all reserve Local Fishermen Approve

Recommendations for a May pected the season will last about a week ago. opening and split season op- longer, and better quality fish eration in next spring's halibut will be available for the fresh fishing regulations were ap- fish market, with less freezing proved at a meeting of the required. fishermen's local of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers taken up at the International

Union here last night. The group endorsed the pro- Seattle next week. posals from the Vancouver fleet which suggested continuation of regulations for conservation Circumstances of the crash the May 1 opening (a change to control in the pink salmon fishcheck was started Thursday eight days fishing and 10 days The UFAWU has been pressafter Mr. Langford's mother said lay-off in area two, around the ing for an international com-Queen Charlottes, and 10 days mission for pink salmon, similar some solution. fishing-10 days lay-off in area to the sockeye commission which three, the Naas River district. divides the catch between Can- reached front pages of Canadian

### **IWA** Rejects Proposal

couver local of the International Woodworkers of America (CCL-CIO) Thursday flatly re- with A. J. Whitmore, chief sufor wage cuts in 20 independ- Columbia, by a union standing ent log buying shingle mills on committee in Vancouver next the lower mainland and on week.

Vancouver Island. bargaining unit for coast lum- CBC regulations which ban lober and logging operators, pro- cal broadcasts of a controversial posed wage cuts Monday for nature except in the case of approximately 1.000 shingle mill elections. Other local organizaworkers because lower prices tions, including city council, will B.C. interior lumber operation and "waning markets" had be asked to take up the matter. have voted to throw out th made operation of the mills uneconomical.

### Canada Names New Ambassador

March 1.

to Russia was announced on dio outlet here. Thursday by the external af- At a special meeting tomor-

ern and Commonwealth division catch limits and opening times fall. The Coast Guard said the in the external affairs depart- of areas. The proposals will be freighter reported it was run- ment. Mr. Watkins is expected studied and local union recom- IWA pickets but operations were

Split Season on Halibut

The recommendations will be Halibut Commission meeting in The union also sought new

ly to seiners and gillnetters.

Last year, seiners fishing offshore were allowed a five-day Commons that some of Col seeding was poor.

ected a management proposal pervisor of fisheries for British

The union men also passed a Forest Industrial Relation, resolution asking for changes in

air time to discuss matters of ing agents. interest to fishermen in the district, but now no such programs ritt, voted 40-20 for decertifica were allowed. They feel the ban tion of the IWA in a govern OTTAWA (CP) - Appointment is a denial of civil rights since ment-supervised vote Wednes of B. C. Watkins as ambassador the CBC station is the only ra-

> row, the union will consider IWA. department.

by Brig. A. W. Beament of army units in Canada, including Ottawa, chairman of the con- infantry, artillery and engineers. ference of defence associations Brig. Beament, a reserve offi-

focus of discussion at the meet-The conference of defence ing. He declined to disclose its The report was prepared by

three reserve major-generals, E. Renaud of Montreal, Howard Kennedy of Ottawa and H. F. G. Letson of Vancouver. The three were appointed by Defence Minister Claxton on the recommendation of Gen. Simonds. Their report went to the army chief

### ATTEND ON PAY DAY

On paper, the reserve army now has a strength of some 47,000 men, about 2,000 fewer than the regular army. However, many never turn out for parades or training and others show up only to draw their pay.

One army officer said a bugbear of the reserve is the vast amount of paper work involved at each unit. He added that he expects the report to suggest Subject of the reserve army

In previous years, fishermen adian and American fleets, newspapers last week when Lt.have worked right through un- However, until such a commis- Col. H. W. J. Jeck, a reserve offitil their quotas were reached, sion is established, they will ask cer, said in a speech at Vancoufor about six weeks. Under the the fisheries department to ap- ver that the army is almost split-season schedule it is ex- ply conservation controls equal- non-existent as a defensive fighting force. Mr. Claxton said later in the

week, while gillnetters operat- Peck's remarks were "injudicious ing on the river were cut as low or unjustified," but that the VANCOUVER (CP)\_The Van- as 21/2 to 3 days a week, when officer's speech was a "well-intentioned effort to arouse in-The proposal will be taken up terest in the reserve army."

### Lumber Firms Vote to Oust IWA as Agent

KELOWNA. B.C. (CP) - Tw Members said that, in the International Woodworkers past, the union had been given America (CIO-CCL) as bargain

Nicola Valley Sawmills at Mer day. Thompson Valley Lumbe Company at Kamloops vote 19-7 for decertification of th

Both operations opposed the

The plants were closed by forbade picketing.



