

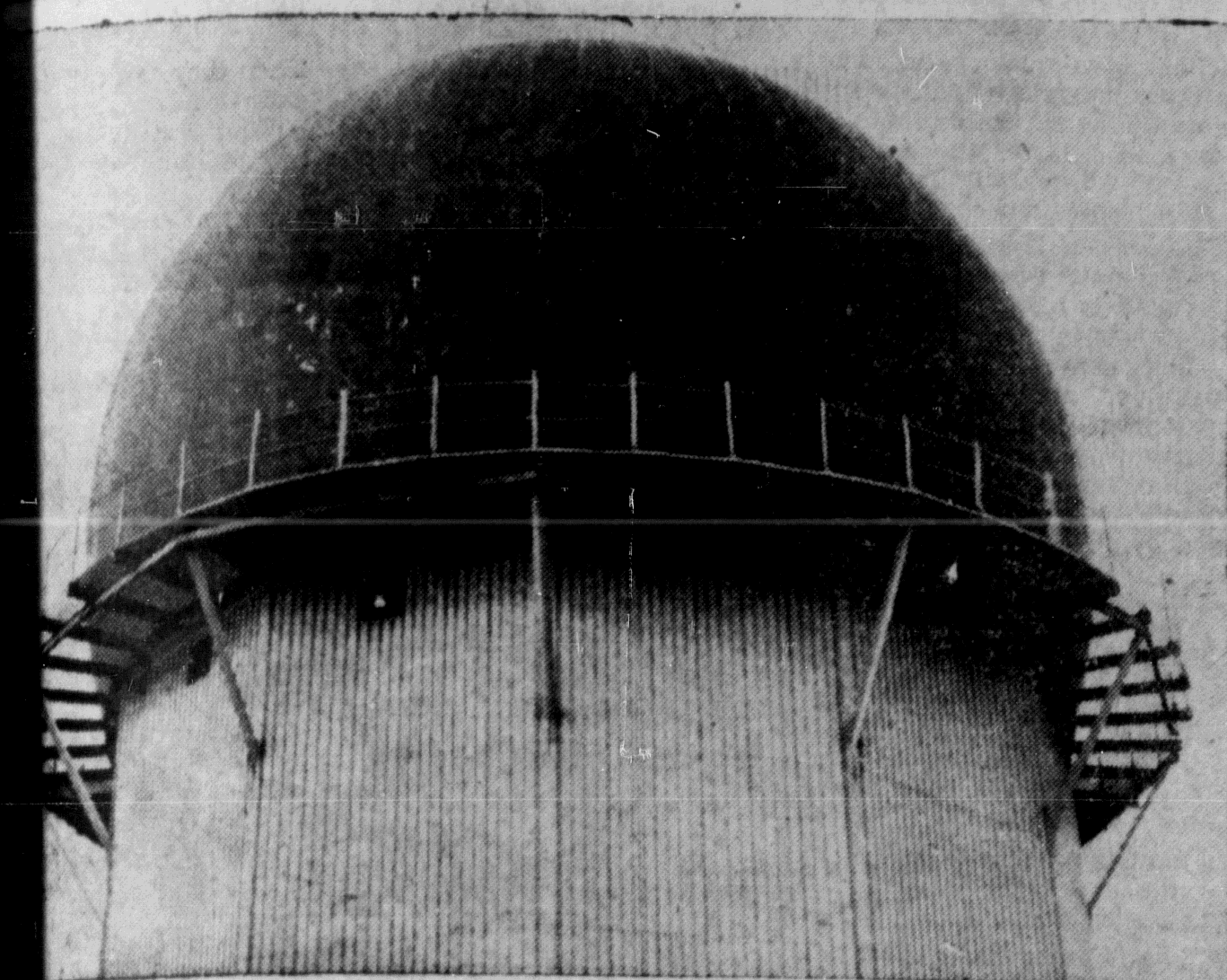
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ON A HILL somewhere in Canada's north country this massive dome contains a radar antenna which can detect air craft over a wide area. If the station cannot see the planes as friendly, RCAF jet fighters are sent up to intercept them. This and other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

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

Three were lost and damaged \$38,547 inflicted in 1953. Prince Rupert, Earl W. Becker's report to city council. Of the total \$38,547 in damage loss to buildings was \$32,082, Chief Becker reported. Loss

## TALENT-LOADED ROCKETS ARRIVE HERE FOR SERIES

A 10-man Ketchikan, Alaska, Rockets basketball team, manager Ralph Peters arrived here by air this morning and were greeted by members of the Prince Rupert Basketball Association. Talent-loaded Ketchikan squad is scheduled to play Prince Rupert Challengers at 8:30 tonight at the Civic Centre. The first of a two-game series. The second game, tomorrow, will also be broadcast by radio station CFPR beginning 7:30 p.m. The team slated to take the floor tonight against Don's All-star crew is identical to the one that twice defeated another version of the Challengers earlier in the season. Manager Peters says that Bill Martinsen, Joe Brewer, Leibowitz and John Christopher are the sparkplugs of the Ketchikan team with Harlan Johnson, Herman Ludwigsen, J. Ellis providing the height for the backboard work. Martinsen, he says, works in good around the basket with his hands on hand to sink the long shots. Martinsen is also being the fastest man on the squad although the J. J. Mackey is listed as being both a good ball handler and rugged defence man.

## Interior Cities Criticise Cabinet Action on Liquor

VICTORIA (CP)—Vancouver and the Social Credit government's new liquor regulations, without general approval, but with protest has erupted in points which claim "left out in the cold" licensing areas were "left out in the cold," he declared. The government in announcing the regulations Wednesday said additional licensing areas would be designated in about a month. Rt. Hon. H. H. Stevens, chairman of the Liquor Inquiry Commission, said today the success of the new liquor regulations depends on the type of administration given. The cabinet cleared the way earlier this week for the opening of cocktail bars in Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster and Nanaimo by the first week in March. The four major cities were designated as "licencing areas."

## Firm Gets Contract

VICTORIA (CP)—A \$4,000,000 contract for refitting and repairs to two west coast based Canadian Navy frigates awarded to two Victoria firms, it was announced today.

Fairey, member of the board for Victoria, wired announcement was by Ralph Campney, minister of defence, and the firm will be modernizing up to standard machinery ships by the Machinery Depot and Co.

# Workers Battle In Cold Dawn As Snow 'Buries' Vancouver

## Duncan Curling Rink Caved in by Big Fall

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 Thursday, clearing away most of the 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 after a 28-hour siege of rugged winter weather. "Given an even break we'll have the city back to normal within two days," said city engineer John Oliver.

**NO DELAYS**  
Bus service was maintained in most districts without severe schedule delays but trains were running late and plane service was delayed. Scores of schools were closed throughout the province. Most serious snow toll was at Duncan where tons of wet snow caved the roof of the curling rink. Damage was estimated at \$10,000.

Many workers were idle because of the wintry conditions, especially in building trades. Warmer weather is forecast for tomorrow but cloudy conditions will continue in most districts.

**NEW LOW RECORDED**  
In Prince Rupert, the mercury once again dropped to a new low during the night with an unofficial 10-above recorded early this morning. Only major casualty reported so far from skating is Robert Hutchinson, who slipped and fell while skating on Prudhomme Lake. He suffered several broken ribs and is recovering in Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Crews were out before day-break sanding downtown streets as fresh ice made driving dangerous. The weatherman said the cold weather will continue. Forecast: "North coast region—Continuing cold. Wind easterly 25 in open waters and northeast 40 in mainland inlets, otherwise light."

Low tonight and high Saturday at Port Hardy 25 and 32; Sandspit 20 and 30; Prince Rupert 12 and 22.

## Pilot Survives Crash

ST. FELEICIE, Que. (CP)—A 30-year-old Montreal engineer was rescued Thursday from the bush two weeks after his plane crashed near an uncharted lake, 40 miles northwest of La Tuque, Que. Rene Lecuyer, an employee of the Quebec Mining and Smelting Company, told rescuers he felt "fine" despite his ordeal in 40-below weather. Lecuyer's single-engine plane crashed on a flight from Lac Tortue near Trois-Rivieres to Lac Dore in the Chibougamau mining area, 165 miles northwest of Quebec.

## Bodies Found In Wreckage

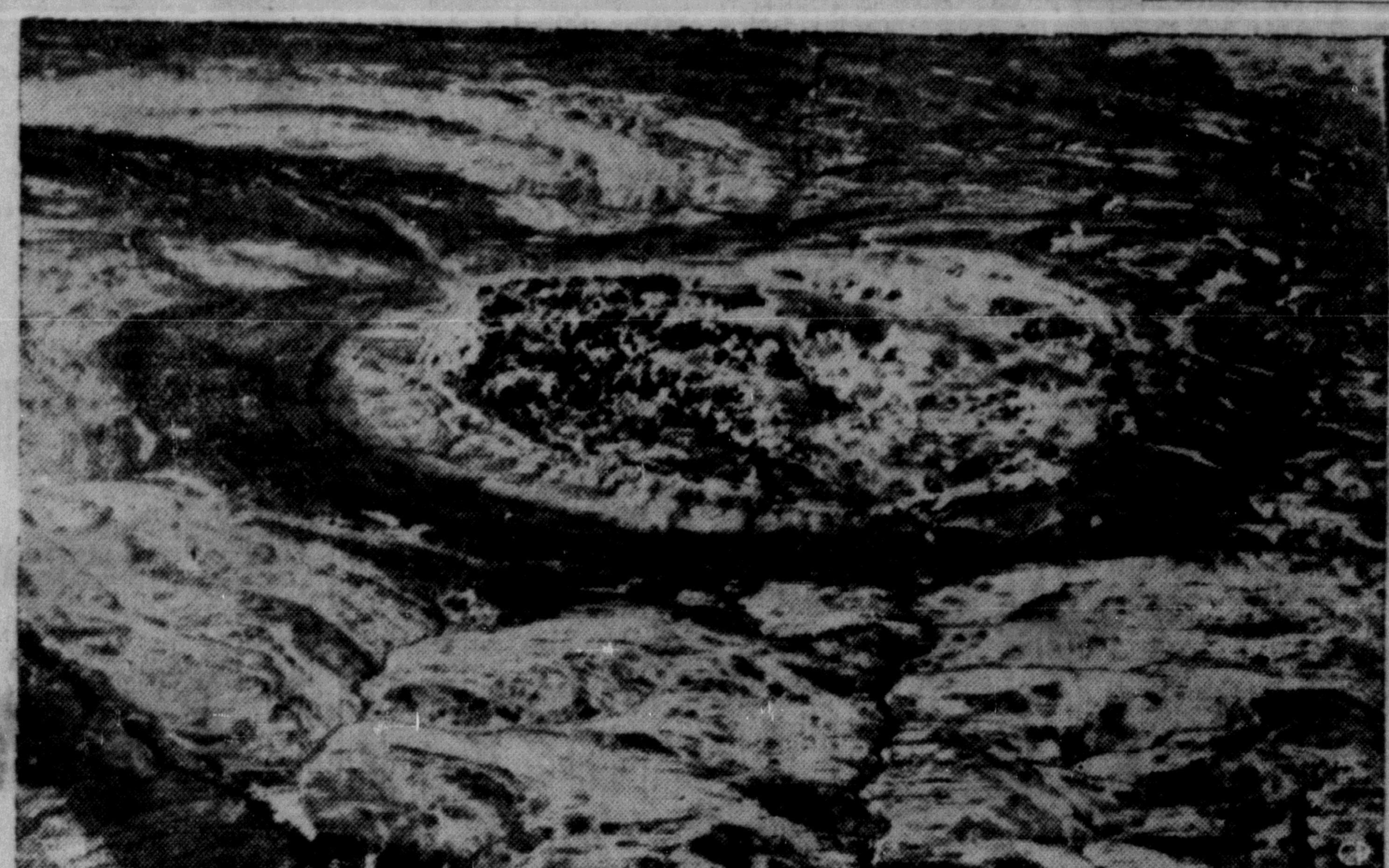
FORT FRANCES, Ont. (CP)—Charred remains of three persons were found Thursday in the wreckage of a light plane, believed to have crashed two days ago in the international border area, 50 miles east of here. Francis Einarson, manager of the airport at nearby International Falls, Minn., said two of the bodies had been identified as those of R. J. Fox, 56, of Excelsior, Minn., and Bert Langford, 40, of Fort Frances. The third person, believed to have been a woman, could not be immediately identified. Circumstances of the crash were a mystery. The plane had not been missing, but an aerial check was started Thursday after Mr. Langford's mother said she feared there had been a crash.

## 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 a custom smelter be built in B.C. to "break the bottleneck and monopoly control over small, independent mines."

## Greek Ship Seeks Help

ASTORIA, Ore. (CP)—The Greek freighter Aristotels, 1,200 miles off the Pacific coast, radioed for help Thursday night, and two vessels prepared to leave for the scene. The Coast Guard said the freighter reported it was running low on fuel on a voyage 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 Elles Ringnes Island in the Arctic archipelago.

## Defence Associations Discuss Secret Report on Reserve Army

OTTAWA (CP)—A report on the reserve army, possibly containing sharp criticism of present reserve policy, now is in the hands of Lt.-Col. Guy Simonds, chief of the army general staff. The report has also been read by Brig. A. W. Beament of Ottawa, chairman of the conference of defence associations which opens its annual, and secret, three-day meeting here today. The conference of defence associations comprises some 60 representatives of all reserve army units in Canada, including infantry, artillery and engineers. Brig. Beament, a reserve officer and a lawyer in civilian life, said the report will provide the focus of discussion at the meeting. He declined to disclose its contents.

## Local Fishermen Approve Split Season on Halibut

Recommendations for a May 1 opening and split season operation in next spring's halibut fishing regulations were approved at a meeting of the fishermen's local of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union here last night. The group endorsed the proposals from the Vancouver fleet which suggested continuation of the May 1 opening (a change to April 1 had been urged in some circles) and a split set-up of eight days fishing and 10 days lay-off in area two, around the Queen Charlottes, and 10 days fishing—10 days lay-off in area three, the Naas River district. In previous years, fishermen have worked right through until their quotas were reached, for about six weeks. Under the split-season schedule it is expected the season will last longer, and better quality fish will be available for the fresh fish market, with less freezing required. The recommendations will be taken up at the International Halibut Commission meeting in Seattle next week. The union also sought new regulations for conservation control in the pink salmon fishing industry in the Fraser River area. The UFAWU has been pressing for an international commission for pink salmon, similar to the sockeye commission which divides the catch between Canadian and American fleets. However, until such a commission is established, they will ask the fisheries department to apply conservation controls equally to seiners and gillnetters. Last year, seiners fishing offshore were allowed a five-day week, while gillnetters operating on the river were cut as low as 2½ to 3 days a week, when seeding was poor. The proposal will be taken up with A. J. Whitmore, chief supervisor of fisheries for British Columbia, by a union standing committee in Vancouver next week. The union men also passed a resolution asking for changes in CBC regulations which ban local broadcasts of a controversial nature except in the case of elections. Other local organizations, including city council, will be asked to take up the matter. Members said that, in the past, the union had been given air time to discuss matters of interest to fishermen in the district, but now no such programs were allowed. They feel the ban is a denial of civil rights since the CBC station is the only radio outlet here. At a special meeting tomorrow, the union will consider fishery regulations proposals submitted by the fisheries department for the forthcoming season, covering such items as catch limits and opening times of areas. The proposals will be studied and local union recommendations will go back to the department.

## Lumber Firms Vote to Oust IWA as Agent

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP)—Twelve B.C. interior lumber operations have voted to throw out the International Woodworkers of America (IWA-CIO) as bargaining agents. Nicola Valley Sawmills at Merritt, voted 40-20 for decertification of the IWA in a government-supervised vote Wednesday. Thompson Valley Lumber Company at Kamloops voted 19-7 for decertification of the IWA. Both operations opposed the southern interior strike in a government-supervised vote last fall. The plants were closed by IWA pickets but operations were resumed after an injunction forbade picketing.



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.

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