

Colder and Colder Here

Council Opens Field For Electric Franchise

Both Power Company, Commission Invited

It's cold and getting colder. The thermometer dropped during the night in Prince Rupert and a minimum of 10 below zero was officially recorded early this morning at the Island meteorological station. Thermometers on this side of the harbor claimed readings.

The official low mark during the night dipped by 2 of a degree below the previous low of the winter.

Heavily blue skies and brisk westerly breeze confirmed weatherman's forecast for considerably colder weather tonight.

CHURCHILL'S WARNING—

### British Commonwealth Nations Will Have to Make Serious Decisions

OTTAWA.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill warned nations of the British Commonwealth last night that they will have to meet some serious decisions to prevent a breakdown of sterling finance.

Mr. Churchill, following his visit here, left today for Washington where he will address a joint session of United States Senate and House of Representatives.

The British Prime Minister leaves next week on his return home.

### War Dread Decreases

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Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON.—The old dread of the Soviet army that has lain across Western Europe for the better part of six years, the fear that Europeans might wake up any morning to see Soviet soldiers patrolling their streets from the Elbe to the English Channel, isn't there any more.

Few Europeans could explain to a visitor why the feeling has changed. Few stop to try to figure out the reason. And there are not many statesmen or military leaders at the top who can give a convincing explanation of why they, too, have dropped from their calculations the possibility that at any moment and without warning the Soviet army might suddenly move out of its East German barracks and start rolling westward.

Nevertheless, the fact remains that the fear is gone. Europe—the western part thereof—no longer believes either in the plausibility of the Soviet army deserting upon itself, or even that the Russians have within the range of their intentions or plans the launching of a move which would start World War III.

Perhaps the biggest reason for the new attitude is the mental one—the fact that Western Europe actually has undertaken its own defence without provoking the Soviet military action which so many forecast would be the result of even the first step toward disarmament.

Many things can be said in criticism of the methods employed in western rearmament. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is no shining example of perfect efficiency or harmony. There is dragging of heels all over the European lot on the part of everybody. There are back-biting and recrimination.

Nevertheless, the skirmish line now exists. The Russians would have to break it to take Europe. The breaking of it would start the big war, and there is no evidence that the Russians want to risk a big war.

This does not solve the long-range problems, but it does give Western Europe for the first time since the late 1930's the feeling that there may be time ahead in which to try to figure out the answers to the long-range problems. Europe is beginning now to think more about these problems than about the fear of the Russian invasion which so long has dominated thinking and deprived most men of the hope of ever finding a release from that oppressive fear.

Gunnar Anderson sailed on the Princess Louise last night for a business trip to Vancouver.

### Heat and Confusion at Times Mark Debates in City Council—Casey Swings Issue

Northern British Columbia Power Co. Ltd. and the British Columbia Power Commission both will be asked by the city to negotiate for supplying future power to Prince Rupert after expiry of the former's franchise.

A motion to ask only the B.C. Power Commission was defeated by council last night by an amendment during discussion of which Mayor H. S. Whalen stepped down from the chair. An hour's heated argument was participated in by all council members.

Ald. George Casey's amendment to an amendment by Mayor Whalen defeated an original motion by Ald. George Hills.

Confusing?

The entire council thought so, too, for a while last night when aldermen began voting on three different issues at once.

Ald. Hills called for immediate negotiations with the Power Commission, instructing the city clerk to submit to the commission the recently held referendum and results thereof.

Elected in December voted by a 58 majority to ask the Commission to supply power here following termination in 1954 of present franchise held by the Northern B.C. Power Co. Ltd.

All but one other alderman was opposed to the motion.

Mayor Whalen stepped down from the chair and asked Ald. (Continued on page 6)

### Council to Stand Firm Over Road

City council will "stand firm" on an original telegraphed agreement with the provincial government in connection with bringing Fairview Road up to standard — "even though the government has reneged."

This was the stand Board of Works Chairman Michael Krueger took last night and it was supported by the council.

Original agreement with the government on which the city had acted was that the road would be brought "up to standard" at a cost of \$2000 paid by the government, said Ald. Krueger.

Recently, however, the government had cut short its commitment by several hundred dollars.

Ald. Krueger reported to council his committee would "stand firm until we get what we were told we would get."

Problem of bringing the road up to standard evolved when government contractors missed filling in several sections of the road last year.

### More Failure For Two Days

For the second successive day, Prince Rupert was today completely without land communication services, telegraph, radio, and long distance telephone all being involved.

The failure was again termed "complete" this morning.

Just as the line was being cleared around Salvo, where it had been blown down by a snow-accompanied gale sweeping down the Skeena River, a slide carried the lines out four miles east of Kwantlen.

There has been no wire into Prince Rupert since early Monday morning.

Canadian National Telephones, officials were hopeful, however, that service would be restored some time today.

Absence of wire has been hampering the Daily News in obtaining normal press dispatches.

### Adventure With Alcan

Working on construction of a large project such as the Aluminum Co. of Canada plans in central British Columbia can be an adventure for most men—especially at this time of year. And for someone following up the story of progress in the winter wilderness, it also can be adventurous, says Doug Leiterman, Vancouver Daily Province feature writer.

Leiterman arrived in Prince Rupert Sunday afternoon, after a week's struggle from Vancouver in off-schedule plane flights, buses, jeeps, snowmobiles and a snowbound train.

He is following Alcan through its various stages of construction from the Nechako Dam, the Tahtsa Lake tunnel, to Kitimat and Kemano Bay. He left yesterday on Princess Louise for the west coast project site.

The well-known Vancouver newsman flew to Prince George on a Mannix Co. charter plane, then travelled by bus to Vanderhoof, and reached the Nechako dam site at midnight.

A well-kept highway leads to the site where some 500 workers are beginning to move a mountain into the river bed, says Leiterman. More than 5,000,000 tons of gravel have to be moved to fill in the river ravine and rocks as large as trucks are being dumped into the "hole" by heavy equipment.

"I am told there are \$1,000,000 worth of shovels there and another million in trucks—mostly the big Yukon type."

The winter holidays being over, men are streaming back to the job and more are coming all the time. Most of them are putting in many hours of overtime, averaging \$500 to \$600 a month—even on "city wages." Standard wages are being paid to machine operators and truck drivers, says Leiterman.

A trip to the Tahtsa Lake tunnel project proved "edifying, a little comical, adventurous and a bit frustrating"—frustrating because when he reached the beginning of the tunnel which is to lead directly to Kemano Bay power site, he found he was only 10 miles from the coast and he couldn't get any closer.

### Kefauver And Truman Meet

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, whose name has been prominently mentioned as a Democratic nominee for President, had a "political" talk with President Truman today.

Kefauver still refused to commit himself but indicated he would make his intentions known by February 1.

He said the President was "looking fine."

### Senator Taft Now Entered

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois.—Senator Robert Taft was officially entered today in the Illinois presidential primary for the Republican nomination.

At the same time Harold Hassen, also prominently mentioned for the Republican nomination, was saying that Taft was not in front for the Republican choice although General Eisenhower's chances should not be discounted.

WACONBY, England.—Two ancient handmills, believed used by Romans in grinding grain, have been unearthed near this Lincolnshire town.

### City Fathers Boost Pay

Stipend Raised From \$300 to \$500 by Mayor's Casting Vote

Mayor H. S. Whalen cast a deciding vote last night which will give aldermen a maximum of \$500 a year indemnity instead of the \$300 they have been getting. Council was divided equally as six aldermen voted on Ald. George Hills's amended motion.

Ald. Hills moved that the ceiling indemnity of \$2000 be set for the mayor but that this be left open to revision following next sitting of the Legislature which is to decide whether or not higher indemnity will be allowed. Aldermen's stipend should remain at \$300, Ald. Hills felt.

Ald. George Casey objected, on behalf of himself and other aldermen, he said.

Ald. Michael Krueger and Ald. Darrow Gomez sided with Ald. Casey. They felt aldermen should be compensated for time given up for city work, such time often losing aldermen other remuneration.

Aldermen Hills, John Currie and W. J. Prusky voted against the amended motion. Mayor Whalen cast the deciding vote in favor.

Meanwhile, a Prince Rupert resolution passed at the Union of B. C. Municipalities convention last fall asking for an increase in the stipend for the mayor and aldermen will come up before the B. C. Legislature this spring.

### Air War Resumed

PYONYANG, Korea.—With clearing of skies, the air war in Korea was resumed today. Thirty-six Allied jets and 48 Communist MIG's were in action. Two Allied machines were damaged.

On the snowy ground, United Nations forces threw back the Reds in a four-hour battle.

### Trawler Scott Sets Out Again

Capt. Julius Barth, who had an engine breakdown during the severe Saturday night gale at sea with his 40-foot steel beam trawler, David Scott, headed out alone this morning. And he says he's likely to be fishing alone, too.

Another man with him when the engine quit Saturday afternoon near Butterworth Rocks, took his gear and left as the vessel docked.

Engineers who examined the engine yesterday said the fuel line was plugged and that Capt. Barth had cut it and had been feeding it from a container rigged in the engine room.

He attempted to sail yesterday afternoon but engine trouble set him adrift again in the harbor. The vessel Lambert Point towed the David Scott back to dock. Without crew, Barth left at 10:30 today, "likely to fish," but said he might return to Vancouver, his home port.

### City Would Acquire Old Court House Grounds on 2nd Avenue As Future Municipal Centre

Negotiations with the provincial government will be opened by Prince Rupert to purchase half a block of property in the centre of the city as a site for a new telephone exchange and "eventually as a site on which to locate all municipal buildings."

This was the report of the utilities committee at last night's council meeting. Property requested is the half block (former Court House grounds) behind the Federal Building, bounded by Second Avenue, Third and Fourth streets.

Ald. George Hills, utilities chairman, reported that the city clerk had been instructed to write Lands Minister Hon. E. T. Kenney, explaining need of an alternative site.

City had previously sought to purchase the old liquor store site here but had since revised opinion due to decentralized location from other civic buildings, said Ald. Hills.

The utilities committee plans if the site could be acquired—to erect first a telephone exchange building, followed, as future councils saw fit, by erection of new city hall, fire hall, jail and health offices.

**MUST MAKE UP MIND**

While Mayor H. S. Whalen did not give his approval to action of the committee, he asked all aldermen to "give very serious consideration to a new site for civic buildings."

We may have to make up our mind immediately to find a location for a telephone building and we don't want to be in a spot."

Mayor Whalen thought the proposed site on Second Avenue was still "too isolated" from present city hall office. He gave

### Stormy Weather Delays Flights

Gale winds and freezing conditions have still been hampering commercial flight operations between here and Vancouver.

Yesterday's Canso from here was unable to land at Sandspit and returned here, passengers and mail being transferred to the Landsear for a direct flight to Vancouver.

Failure of the Sandspit connection yesterday held up until today's regular flight yesterday's mail and passengers from Vancouver.

Operations were reported normal again today although running late.

### Truman Revamps Revenue Bureau

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Truman yesterday announced his plan for reorganizing the interior revenue bureau in which scandal has been developing. All employees except the commissioner are being put under civil service status.

### Draft Calls Staying Heavy

WASHINGTON.—Draft calls will continue heavy in at least the first few months of 1952, and thousands of youths previously deferred or rejected will wind up in uniform, a survey indicates.

The Army and Marine Corps have asked Selective Service for 59,650 draftees in January and 55,000 in February. After February, draft calls are expected to run at least 40,000 men a month as the armed services build toward their 4,000,000-man goal.

### Unseating of Senator Under Consideration

WASHINGTON, D.C.—An election sub-committee, meeting to consider the unseating of Senator McCarthy, has postponed its sessions until Friday.

### New Chief In Malaya

LONDON.—The Colonial Office today announced the appointment of General Sir Gerald Kempler as governor and commander-in-chief in Malaya. The governor of Hong Kong is being transferred to Singapore.

### Winds Defer Aiyansh Hop

After having waited since December 19 for weather favorable enough to make the hop, Queen Charlotte Airways Norseman seaplane, piloted by Bob Kelsey, was still poised today to take off on the monthly air mail flight to ice-locked Aiyansh village on the Naas River. Gale winds have been causing postponement of the flight from day to day and now Aiyansh will soon be due for the January mail delivery. In addition, three freight flights are awaiting servicing.

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### WEATHER

GALE WARNING  
Queen Charlotte Islands and Dixon's Entrance—gale warning continued with north winds of 40 miles decreasing to 20 this afternoon. Clear along mainland with snow flurries elsewhere. Continued colder.

General Synopsis—Much colder temperatures tonight. Winds of gale force are occurring over the Northern British Columbia coast this morning as cold polar air continues to pour out of the Dixon's Entrance—gale warning the northern mainland with cloudy skies, snow flurries and blowing snow over the Queen Charlottes. The polar air is expected to pass down mainland inlets to the south coast today, bringing strong northwest winds to that region and much colder temperatures tonight.

### TIDES

Wednesday, January 16, 1952

High	3:56	19.4 feet
Low	15:42	19.1 feet
	9:48	7.6 feet
	22:06	4.5 feet

### SITTING WITH CITY COUNCIL

**ACTING MAYOR**  
Ald. George Hills was appointed acting mayor last night by council during absence of Mayor H. S. Whalen who left today on the Camosun for a week's business trip to Vancouver.

Ald. George Casey was appointed by Mayor Whalen to represent the city on the Canadian Citizenship Council of Prince Rupert, following a request from that organization.

Council approved utilities committee chairman Ald. Hills's recommendation that 60 telephones be purchased for a cost of \$1200 and that the fire chief be allowed \$30 a month for the use of his car.

Council approved recommendation that \$438.50 be paid for damage done to residence of Gunnar Selvig, 120 Fifth West Avenue, during blasting by a city sewer gang.

### COURT OF REVISION

Mayor Whalen appointed the following council members to sit as a court of revision in connection with 1952 tax assessments to be held February 8: George Hills, George Casey, W. J. Prusky, Michael Krueger and Mayor Whalen. Ald. John Currie was appointed alternative member should Ald. Casey not be present.

A request by both Canadian Legion and Loyal Order of Moose for plots in a new section of Fairview Cemetery was referred to the board of works. Legion requested 100 plots; Moose, 50 plots.

Ald. Casey felt the request was too big, there being only 350 plots in the new section. Ald. Hills agreed and also queried the possible situation if other organizations made similar requests.

### Board of Works Chairman Reported Howard Sutherland Had been appointed weigh scale operator at a commencing salary of \$70 a month.