

Major Fires Destroy Millions In Property

Anything In Happen

Texas Oil, Movie Lot Warehouse Razed

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Three major fires raged through the night and early today causing damage estimated at more than \$3,000,000.

Ari Murray Social Credit Candidate

A well known taxi operator of Prince Rupert announced today he would be candidate for Social Credit in the coming June 12 election.

Mr. Murray said he was "tired with political favoritism" and "I want to represent the people of Prince Rupert."

Mr. Murray, who is also a parks board commissioner, will likely be nominated early next week. The newly organized Social Credits here have asked him to run.

"I said I would. But if I find anything wrong with Social Credit, I'll bring that out too," the Irish-born commissioner said.

Wild Crowd Sees Grunt Show

First wrestling show in Prince Rupert for several years last night brought spontaneous response from a packed ring-side crowd, which howled "kill him," "break his leg" and jeered alternately as the blood-hungry spectators of King Nero's arena did in the days of old.

While Cal Roberts and Bud (Little Abner) Rattall featured the main event, won by the Yokum Boy with two out of three falls, women wrestlers stole the show.

Flyweights Ginger O'Hara and Kory Palmer strained for twenty minutes for a draw, but spectators look for an O'Hara win tonight. Both contestants were built—ah, beautifully, and won the crowd's pleasure.

In the opener, Andy Patterson's quintet and himself demonstrated with bursting cries and slams on the mat the scientific art of judo self defense.

In the main event, Roberts, from San Francisco, took the first fall after 20 minutes, with three drop-kicks and a body slam.

Rattall, who hails from Seattle, made Roberts cry "uncle" when the "Frisco mauler attempted but missed a third drop-kick and was caught in a Boston Crab. Nearly half an hour later, while perspiration flowed freely from the strain of scissor holds, toe holds and hammerlocks, the second and winning fall was set up by Rattall with a series of elbow smashes and a shoulder press after Roberts had been softened up by illegal ramming into the ring corners.

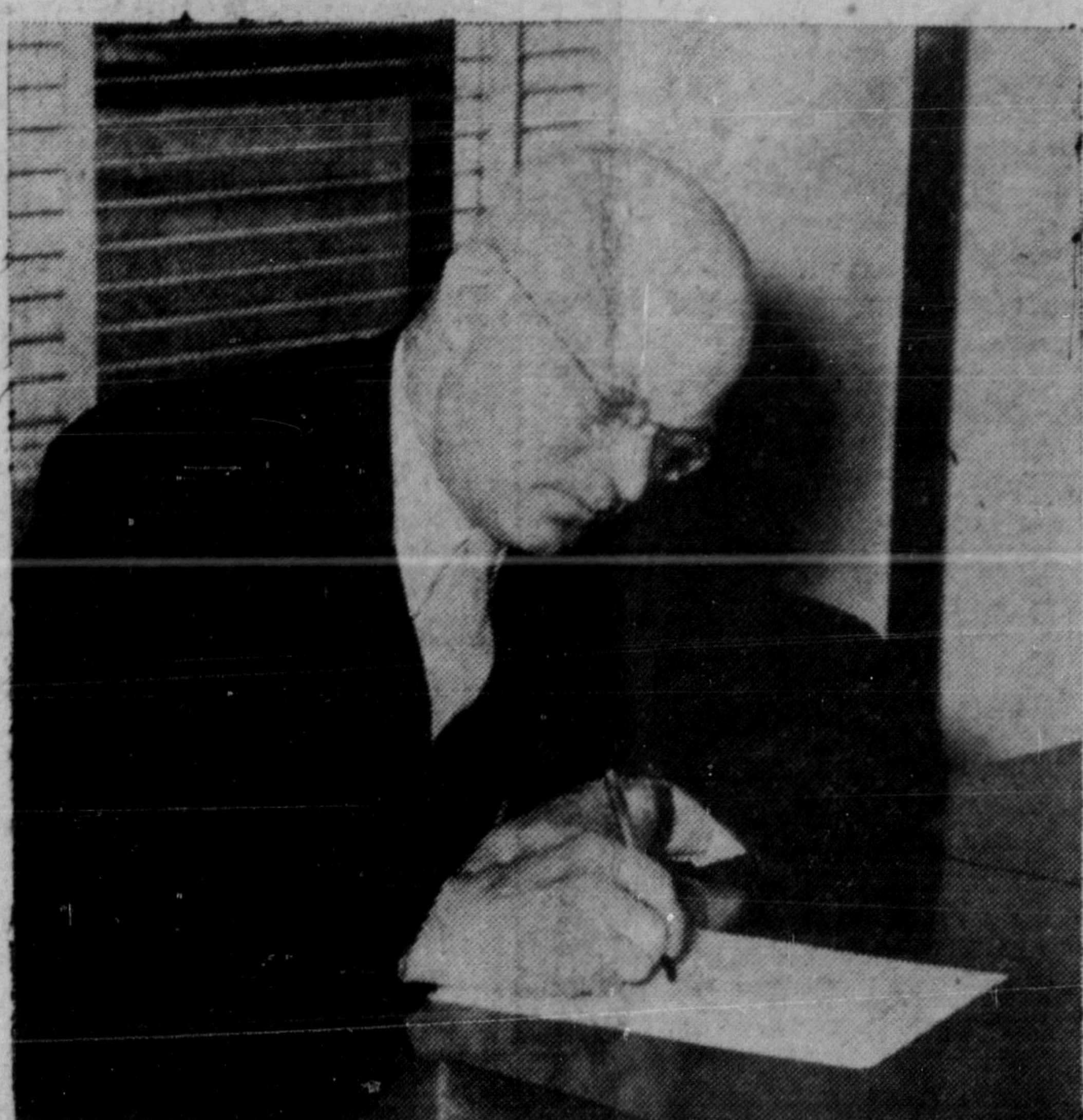
High Ranking Socreds Resign

VICTORIA (CP)—Three top officials of Victoria Social Credit have resigned, it became known Friday. The officials are F. O. Duke, president, William L. Fahey, first vice president, and R. Barclay Shaw, second vice-president.

Report is that the resignations followed a "squabble" over the choice of candidates. This has been denied.

Baseball Scores

American
New York 3, Detroit 2 (three night games)
National
Chicago 3, New York 2
Brooklyn 6, Pittsburgh 4 (two night games)
Pacific Coast
San Diego 2, Los Angeles 4
Seattle 1, San Francisco 8
Hollywood 1, Portland 5
Oakland 1, Sacramento 8
Western International
Vancouver 8, Victoria 1
Wenatchee 6, Tri-City 5
Lewiston 5, Spokane 6
Yakima 5, Salem 17.



FUNERAL of former managing editor of The Daily News, G. A. (Alex) Hunter was held yesterday in Vancouver.

Chatham Navy Observes Atlantic Battle Sunday

Civic, government and other officials have been invited by HMCS Chatham's staff officer, Lt. Noel Langham, to attend observance of "Battle of Atlantic Sunday" tomorrow at 10 a.m. in the Navy Drill Hall.

Railway, Harbor Bill Passed By Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP)—The House of Commons Friday passed two bills providing for railway and harbor developments in British Columbia.

One measure authorizes the Canadian National Railways to build a 46 mile railway line from Terrace to the Aluminum Company of Canada development at Kitimat.

The line will cost \$10,000,000. The other authorizes a \$1,250,000 loan to the New Westminster Harbor Commission for the extension and development of the harbor.

Increase Price Of Newsprint For Export

OTTAWA (CP)—The federal government has agreed to allow a \$10-a-ton increase in the price of newsprint for export but not on sales to Canadian publishers, a federal spokesman said.

He said the increase was allowed because of the boosted exchange value of the Canadian dollar lowering returns from sales in New York. Exporters quoted their price in New York in United States funds.

They complained to government that the rise of the Canadian dollar from a discount of 10 per cent to almost two per cent above par has reduced their returns in Canadian funds by about \$10 a ton.

Hospital Carries On Despite Huge Budget Reduction

In spite of a \$53,000 cut in its budge, Prince Rupert Hospital Board is going ahead with its year's work.

The board heard at their meeting last night that the hospital commission had reduced the budget submitted. As the reduction dealt chiefly with operation of the new west wing until it actually comes into use, the board felt there would be no difficulty in operation with that part of the budget approved.

Allowance will be made for the operation of the new wing as soon as it comes into operation.

Publishers Ired By Newsprint Boost

WASHINGTON (CP)—United States newspaper publishers Friday were in effect handed a bill for \$50,000,000 this year when it was announced exported Canadian newsprint can go up by \$10 a ton June 15.

The United States administration immediately asked the Canadian government to reconsider and rescind its approval of the price boost which would raise the price of paper on which the newspapers are printed to an all time peak of \$126 (U.S.) ton.

Publishers' representatives said they may ask the government to take further action. Senator Edwin (Dem.-Col.) suggested a study be made to determine whether the U.S. should retaliate by upping the price of sulphur which these newsprint producers must get from the U.S. He called the \$10 boost unjustified.

Government officials in Washington and Ottawa attribute the price boost by Canadian producers to higher costs and to the difference in exchange rate for U.S. and Canadian dollars cutting return to newsprint mills.

Two Sentenced At Final Assizes Day

Last Rites For Newsmen At Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—In a funeral chapel banked with flowers, services were held for Alex Hunter, veteran Prince Rupert newspaperman killed in an accident at Kemano Bay last Saturday. In attendance were friends and business associates from Prince Rupert and men who worked with Mr. Hunter during his long career in the newspaper field.

Rev. A. M. Sanford, who officiated, paid tribute to Hunter who, he said, was known to many ministers for his work in Prince Rupert and for his support of religious causes. He was also widely known in the north, said Dr. Sanford, playing his part in its development.

The pallbearers were Dr. John McDonald, Newton Pullen, Frank Wall, Dr. James Wall, Oliver H. Wall, and Cecil W. Wall, the last four being brothers-in-law.

Two Die in Montreal Jail

MONTREAL (CP)—Two men have died at Bordeaux Jail in the last 48 hours but medico-legal experts said Thursday they found no proof that death resulted from the dysentery outbreak which struck approximately 100 prisoners.

Dr. Georges Gagnon, assistant superintendent of the mental wing, said a 46-year-old patient died from bronchial pneumonia and a heart condition. He did not identify the victim, but said he had been in the mental wing for 22 years.

The other death was that of Maurice Israelson, 66, who died in the infirmary. Dr. A. B. Clement, joint Montreal coroner, said a cancer in the windpipe caused death. Dysentery "might" have helped bring on a fatal hemorrhage.

Ten days ago, prisoners rioted over what they said was "unpalatable" food.

Seven Years For Manslaughter

The 1952 Spring Assizes came to a close here today when Mr. Justice H. S. Wood sentenced two 33-year-old B.C. men to prison.

Harold Ryan, Port Simpson fisherman, was ordered to spend seven years in penitentiary and Harold William Parker, Terrace logger, was sentenced to nine months hard labor in Oakalla.

Ryan was convicted of manslaughter by a 12-man jury following his retrial on a charge of murder in connection with the death in December, 1950, of his common-law wife, Lorraine Tait.

Parker was found guilty of intentionally leaving the scene of an accident in Terrace last October 7 in which Harry Seaton, also of Terrace, was injured.

Thomas W. Brown, QC, Ryan's counsel, in a last-minute effort to obtain a "merciful sentence" for his client, was given permission to call F. E. Anfield, Indian superintendent here for the past eight years, as a character witness.

Mr. Anfield said he had known accused for several years and in answer to a question from counsel said Ryan's "character was satisfactory when there was no liquor involved."

Mr. Brown then received permission to read an official transcript of a similar case in Saskatchewan.

ASKS FOR MERCY

In the judgment of Chief Justice J. C. Brown of Saskatchewan, it was stated that the accused, Robert G. Strongquill, was sentenced to only two years less one day.

"In view of the striking parallel of these cases, I would ask your Lordship to be merciful with this man."

Mr. Justice Wood said: "This man has already served 1½ years in jail, and this is a very serious charge." He then imposed a seven-year sentence in B.C. penitentiary.

Ryan, neatly dressed in a dark blue suit, white shirt and blue tie, made no comment as he was escorted from the courtroom by two RCMP officers.

Accused had been sentenced to hang a year ago but was granted a new trial when it was disclosed in an appeal that last year's jury had an opportunity

to communicate with the public.

The second jury reduced the verdict to manslaughter.

HIT AND RUN

Parker who was represented during his trial by David Sturdy was accused of driving his car from the Columbia Cellulose Company compound near Terrace to his home when it struck Seaton.

When he appeared before Mr. Justice Wood today, Mr. Brown acted for accused and appealed for leniency because of a handicap.

Counsel said Parker suffered the loss of a leg at the age of 18 when run over by a train and "with the exception of a minor traffic fine, is a first offender."

"This is a bad case," said Mr. Justice Wood. "The penalty is nine months with hard labor."

Disposition of the two cases completed the assizes which began May 5 with six criminal cases on the docket.

A rare plea of guilty to a murder charge—second in Canadian legal history—was accepted last Monday by Mr. Justice Wood after a three-hour hearing.

RARE PLEA

Arthur Bruce Cunningham, 65, was sentenced to be hanged August 5 after confessing to police the murder of a 70-year-old pensioner farmer, Albert Thorsen of Endako, last October 2.

Only previous case on record books of a guilty plea in a murder case occurred in Ontario in 1935.

A stay of proceedings was entered in the case of Ronald Edward Riley, who had been charged with unlawfully obtaining money from Herbert F. Glassey here in October, 1951.

Trial of Peter Byrne, charged with intentionally wounding was traversed to the fall assizes.

In the only other case, Jack Barry, 30-year-old Burns Lake cafe owner, was acquitted of charges of manslaughter and wounding in connection with the death of Peter Nelson in October, 1951.

Barry originally had been charged with murder.

Large Vessel Unloads First Halibut Catch; Royal Buys

Royal Fish Company Ltd. was first to buy a halibut catch on the local exchange this year, when they purchased the 26,000 pounds landed by the Mother III, Capt. Atonsen, the only boat to sell on the exchange this morning.

Catch sold at 17.4, 16 and 13 cents.

In addition, six boats landed 145,000 pounds at Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative.

They were Embra, 35,000; Oslo, 32,000; Neptune 21,000; Borgund, 13,000; Cape Spencer, 24,000, and Norma, 20,000.

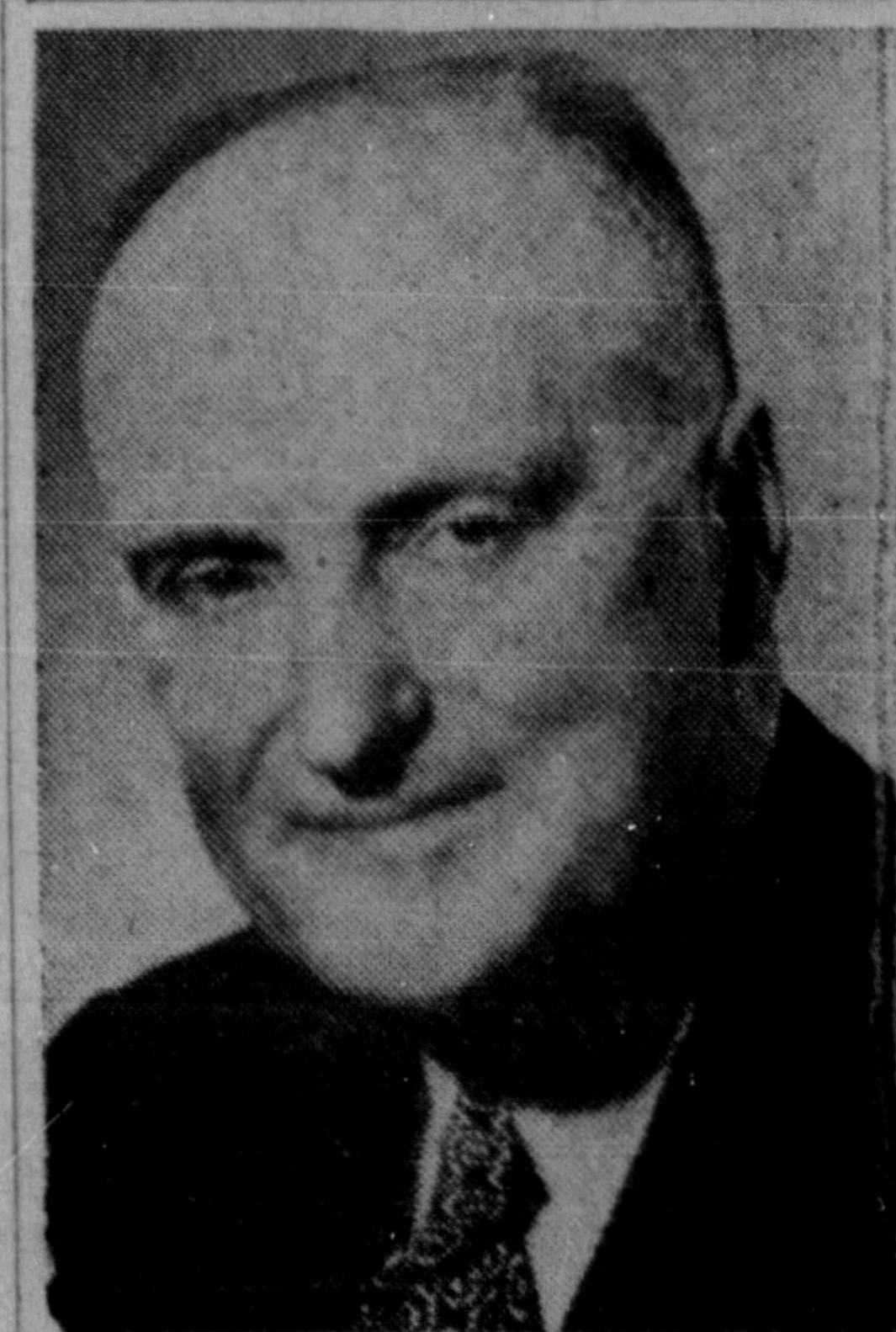
Halibut landed by gillnetters and packers from the camps swelled the total landings to 495,000 pounds.

Small boats have been landing an average of 1500 pounds at fish camps. Jack Davies is operating the exchange.

CBC Gets New French Net

QUEBEC (CP)—The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation announced Friday establishment of a new French network for western provinces with exchange hookups with the French network now servicing Quebec province.

Announcement was made by A. Davidson Dunton, chairman of the CBC board of governors, following a two-day meeting here.



HON. E. T. KENNEY, minister of lands and forests and of public works of B.C., was in Prince Rupert today enroute from Terrace to Vancouver.

-TIDES-

Sunday, May 18, 1952
(Pacific Standard Time)
High 8:49 17.2 feet
21:30 19.0 feet
Low 2:49 7.1 feet
15:08 5.0 feet

Housing Project Scheduled For Completion by Year-End

Cement pouring is scheduled to begin Monday on the first two of 50 homes being built here by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

William De Silva, inspector for CMHC, said Friday it is hoped to have all the homes completed by the end of January.

"Clearing is completed, stumps are out and contractors are getting ready to lay foundations," he said in an interview in his hotel room.

Mitchell & Currie construction firm of Prince Rupert, which has the contract to build 16 houses at the Seal Cove location will begin pouring cement Monday.

Derrick Hawkins, regional services engineer for CMHC, who came here from Vancouver,

are completed. Seven of the homes will have basements.

ALL HOMES FILLED

Rent for the homes is to be set by a board of five commissioners to be appointed by city council and government housing authorities. CMHC officials said there are sufficient applications on hand now to fill all the homes.

The project is the first to be undertaken by CMHC in Prince Rupert and followed a vigorous campaign by city council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Daily News and this riding's member of Parliament, E. T. Applewhite, and J. D. (Jack) McRae, Liberal member of the last provincial legislature.

Mr. De Silva will remain in Prince Rupert until the homes

WEATHER —
of a fine weekend
of the province are
this morning. A weak
tendency to lie about 500
west of the Charlottes
not expected to move
in the next 48 hours.
However, giving variable
clouds to most of B.C.
cloud will tend to thicken
today and Sunday.
on coast and northern
clouds will be cloudy
elsewhere enough
should get through the
cloud to bring afternoon
clouds close to those of