

Big Business Awaiting Stabilized Government in B.C., Says Kenney

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SMITHERS.—Time takes its toll and duties become more onerous," E. T. Kenney, Liberal house leader and Skeena riding representative in the last provincial legislature, told Smithers Liberal Association at an organizational meeting.

GEN. EISENHOWER INVITED TO VANCOUVER, VICTORIA

VICTORIA (C)—General Eisenhower will be invited to visit Victoria this summer in the course of a trip to the Pacific Northwest, Mayor Claude Harrison said Monday.

"If he will come I will ask Ottawa to send a warship to bring him here from Vancouver or Seattle," said the mayor.

President Eisenhower will be in Seattle August 2. Mayor Fred Hume of Vancouver has sent an official invitation to the president to visit Vancouver.

U.S. Soldiers 'Left to Die' After Being Bayoneted

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
TOKYO (AP)—A sergeant from Oklahoma said U.S. soldiers were "punched with bayonets, clubbed with rifle butts and left to die" by their Communist captors on a bitter 13-day march through North Korea in sub-zero cold.

"I saw men that looked like they couldn't go any farther shoved over embankments and left to die," said Sgt. Odie Lawley

of Medicine Park, Okla. "Lots of men just dropped while they were walking. The Communists shoved them off the road and left them to die."

Lawley's story and those of other men under treatment in army hospitals here add new horror to the accounts of brutal Red death marches which cost the lives of nearly 1,000 Allied soldiers.

Another young American released from Communist captivity Monday at Panmunjom said Chinese Red guards hauled away to a labor camp, beat up and once bayoneted American prisoners who defied Red rule.

But, said Cpl. Donald K. Legay of Leominster, Mass., prisoners who went along with the Communist line "got a little better treatment."

Lawley, who is suffering from malnutrition and other ailments, told correspondents "so many men died of sickness at the camps I was in that I haven't any idea how many died. So many died I lost all track of it."

Lawley, formerly of the U.S. 7th division, was captured six miles south of Chosin reservoir Nov. 30, 1950.

Legay, who is 23, was a prisoner for 29 months at Pyoktong camp in North Korea where about 1,000 Americans were captives.

Legay said: "One time we had a little riot." He did not recall what started it, but said the prisoners occasionally "decided to refuse to work, wouldn't eat or fall out for roll call."

That night, he said "they doubled the guards on us." The prisoners attended a motion picture. As it ended, the captives started to file out.

"The first three or four were bayoneted" by Chinese guards, Legay said. "They didn't kill them—just put them in the hospital." He said the rest of the prisoners stopped and refused to go out until an English-speaking guard led the way.

plead ill-health, but that he was making room for a younger man. His record, he said, included 20 years a member, 24 sessions of parliament, and six campaign fights for election.

While he carried Skeena riding for the sixth time last June, it was the first time Smithers had not given him a majority.

It was a case of support for a local man running against him, he said. H. W. Leach, who in the Smithers poll, was candidate for the Progressive Conservatives.

Referring to the late E. C. Carson and the recent retirement of Harold Winch, Mr. Kenney told of the heavy physical toll taken by active participation in business of government.

While he was retiring from the active field, he declared he would do all he could to elect a Liberal representative for Skeena to take his place.

"Business is awaiting stabilized government in British Columbia," said Mr. Kenney. Plans for three pulp mills in the interior had not finalized on election of a Social Credit government.

Making reference to government under the Socreds, he referred to the last session as both interesting and depressing "with nothing being accomplished."

The Socreds had budgeted for a surplus and had increased taxation, he said. They had antagonized industry and labor and had disrupted the provincial civil service by discharging personnel.

He accused them of reintroducing political patronage in firing and hiring within the civil service. This he maintained through the past years had been eliminated as a malpractice.

Len H. Evans was unanimously re-elected president of the Smithers association. Mr. Kenney was unanimously elected honorary president.

Vice-president-elect is E. Hann; secretary-treasurer, J. P. Carr. Executive members elected were K. B. Warner, W. C. Gardner, Mrs. P. Davidson, N. P. Baker and P. Davidson.

Delegates were chosen to represent Smithers at the Skeena riding nominating convention for the coming provincial election. The convention is called for Wednesday, May 6, at New Hazelton.

Delegates were also chosen to attend the general meeting of Skeena Liberal Association at Prince Rupert tomorrow. Nominations for Liberal candidate for the forthcoming federal election will take place at this meeting.



MRS. WINNIFRED WATSON of Toronto is overjoyed to hear her husband, Pte. R. B. Watson, is listed by L/Cpl. Paul Dugal of Quebec city as being one of 15 Canadian prisoners of war in Korea. All had previously been reported missing or dead. She was the glad news to her son Stephen, 2, and tears up the telegram received last October which said her husband was missing. Cpl. Dugal was the first Canadian prisoner released in the prisoner exchange in Korea.

Canadians Return to Action After 2 Months in Reserve

By BILL BOSS
Canadian Press Staff Writer
IN KOREA (Delayed by Censor) (CP)—The Canadians are back in action here.

More than two months in reserve ended Monday April 6 when, for their second time here, the 3rd battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, moved into familiar hills of the Korean front. The Patricia relieved the Thai infantry battalion of the 2nd United States Infantry division.

They were followed April 7 by the 1st battalion, the Royal 22nd Regiment, in for their last session with the Chinese before their imminent rotation. The Van Doos took over from a United States battalion which only three days before had relieved the French.

JOINED BY GUNNERS

The 1st Regiment, the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, moved into the Canadian brigade. While the other Canadians were in reserve, the RCHA supported a U.S. infantry regiment brigade which included the Netherlands infantry battalion.

"B" squadron of the Lord Strathcona's Horse drove its Sherman tanks up to the line April 9, relieving U.S. Army Shermans in the positions.

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The players are doing a magnificent job of a very dramatic and tense play. The setting is a humble cottage in a small fishing hamlet on the East coast of Canada.

The cast consists of a young engaged couple, played by Nina Youngman and Ray Hill, and their mothers, played by Beth Hill and Alice MacNeil. Gerry Woodside is directing the play.

At an executive meeting last week it was learned that "Lovers' Leap" was a financial loss, but the club felt that the experience gained could almost discount this.

Plans for the future will be thrashed out immediately after the festival.

3-Year Terms For Women Drug Peddlers

VANCOUVER (CP)—Two women who pleaded guilty to charges of selling narcotics have been sentenced to three year terms plus \$200 fines or extra two months imprisonment.

Sentenced were Ruth Vipond, 29-year-old waitress, and Mary Jack, both of whom admitted selling drugs to an RCMP undercover man.

The sentences, first passed in a roundup which so far has netted 29 suspected drug peddlers, were ordered in police court by Magistrate W. W. B. McInnes.

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SCREEN FLASHES

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The picture of the week, as far as Hollywood is concerned, was a big studio production made for an exclusive audience of 25 people.

The film might be titled "The Admission Tax Blues." It was a 22-minute subject detailing the effect of 20 per cent theatre ticket tax on the movie industry.

Members of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee saw the film in Washington this week.

The industry pitch was assembled by MGM boss Dore Schary and his assistant, Herman Hoffman. The whole project was carried out in a hush-hush atmosphere, and the public will not see the finished product.

"The picture was made to be shown to 25 people only," a spokesman reported. "The industry is making its pitch for repeal of the tax on a business basis. There will be no attempt to have people write their con-

gressmen or apply any public pressure."

Apparently the picture was the desired effect. Solid support in Congress for the industry stand was reported. However, there are still some formidable hurdles ahead for the measure.

The film industry really revels in the House. The motion picture mania estimates 500 new houses have been built since 1946.

But the picture is black. The motion picture mania estimates 500 new houses were built from 1946 to 1954.

But the big jump came in drive-ins. In 1949 there were 1,000 drive-ins. The number jumped to 3,483 in 1954.

The Coronation chair minister Abbey contains Stone of Scone, brought to Scotland by Edward I in 1296.

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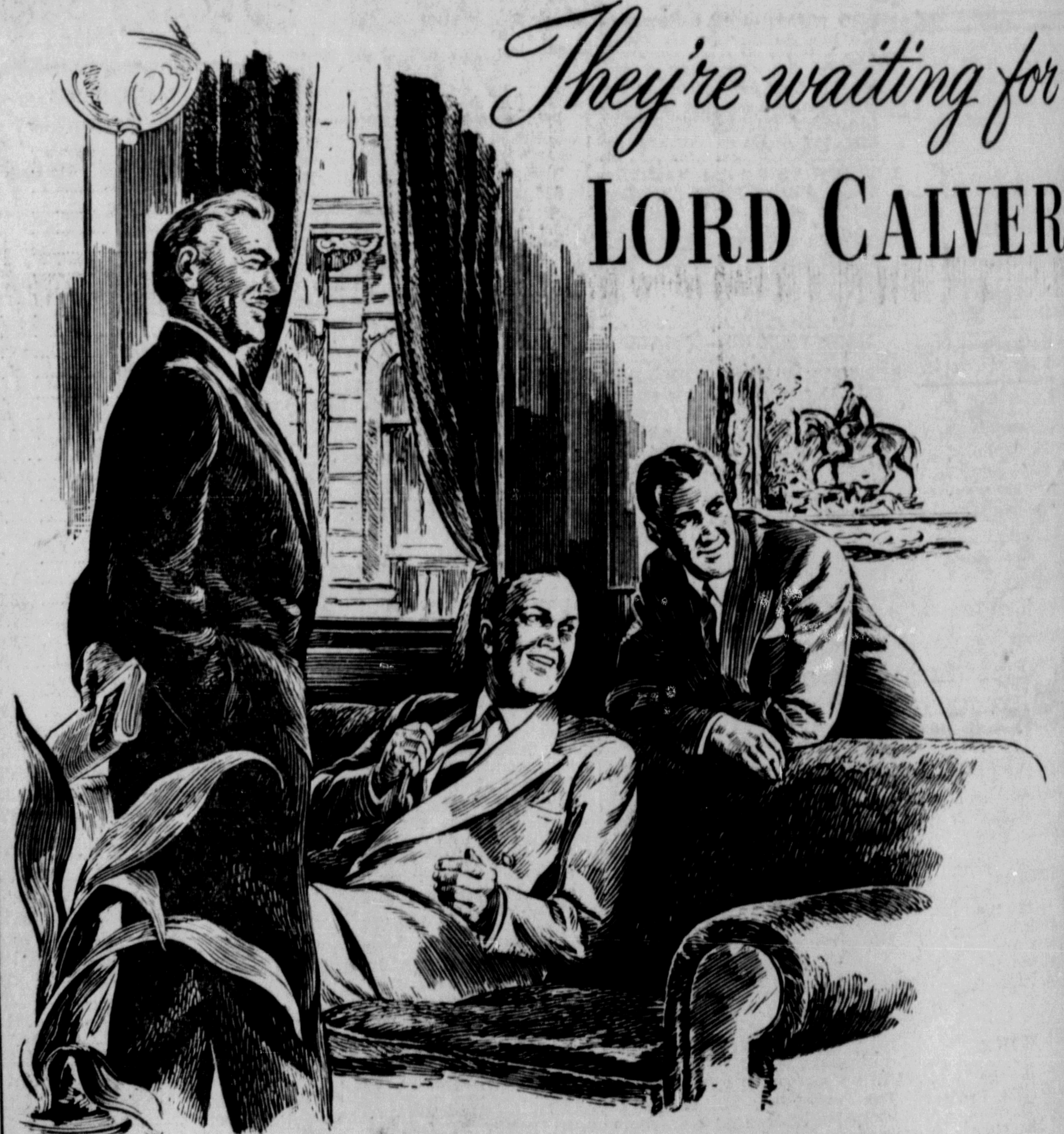
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