

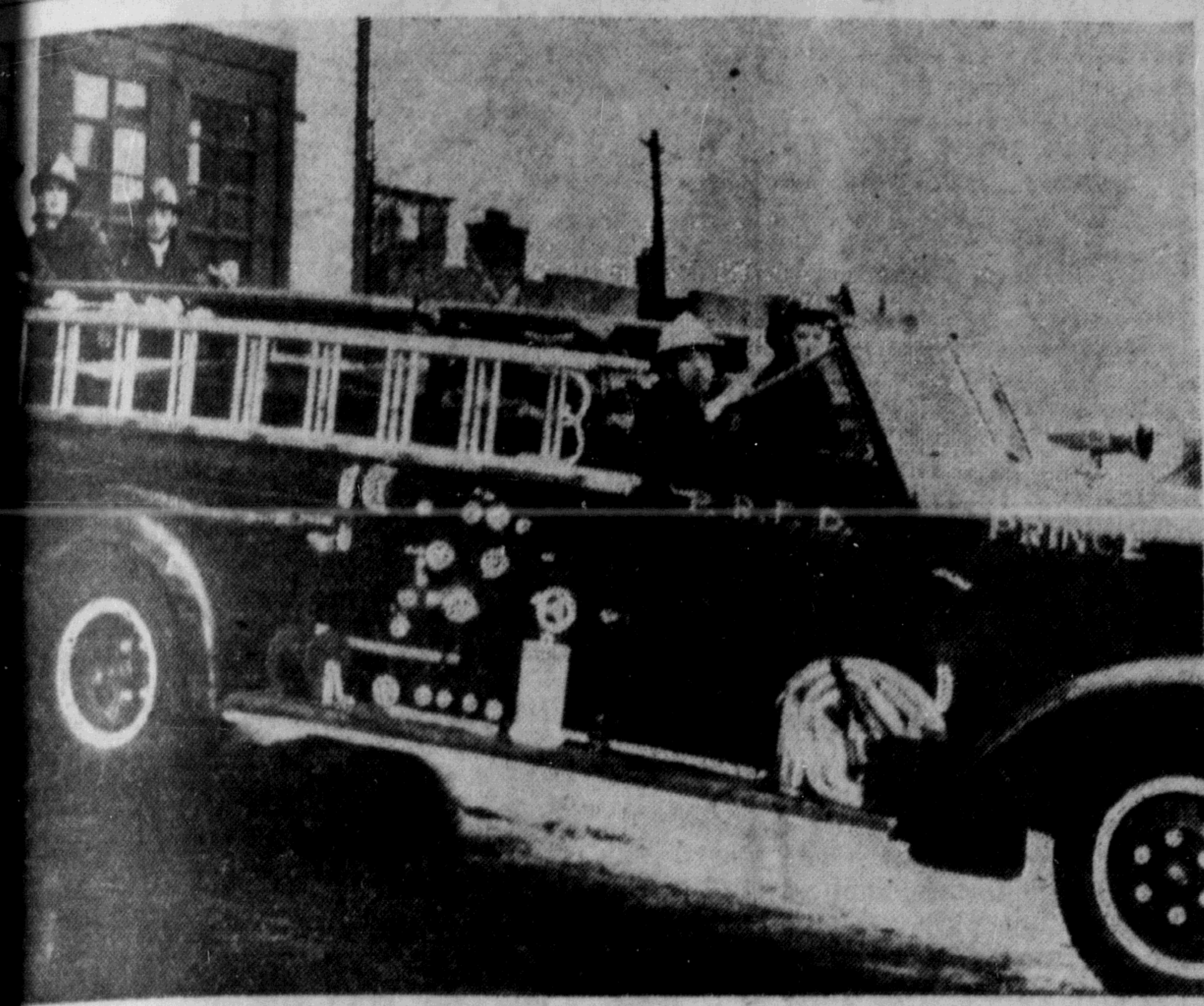
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**ACTION** If an alarm should come in on Future Citizen's day were the above assigned to the City fire hall. Assisting Fire Chief Earl Becker, (left), on the Junior Commerce sponsored day were student Fire Chief Jimmy Stewart, Howard Johanna, Terry Shenton, Louise Freeman and Don Hargrove.

## Relations Act in Final Reading

The legislature gave third and final reading to the government Relations Act—the most important bill to be passed for many years. The bill was read Tuesday and Wednesday by members, already in debate on the Compensation Act the night before, opposition and two amendments. The bill passed this morning. The bill is a union-wrecking, anti-labor law which was passed by the House by CCF amendments. Two amendments were submitted and passed unanimously. The bill is a union-wrecking, anti-labor law which was passed by the House by CCF amendments. Two amendments were submitted and passed unanimously.

## Connolly New Premier Of Nova Scotia

HALIFAX (CP)—Health Minister Harold Connolly, 53, was sworn in Tuesday night as premier of Nova Scotia's 15th administration since confederation and successor to the late Angus L. Macdonald. Premier Connolly told the legislature immediately after Lieutenant-Governor Alistair Fraser administered the oath of office that he regarded his tenure as temporary "and in due course the Nova Scotia Liberal Association will call a convention at which time a permanent leader will be selected."

## FORBIDS PROSECUTIONS

The 2nd government amendment, supported by all sides of the House, forbids prosecutions under the act unless there is permission from the Labor Relations Board. The CCF amendments dealt with a variety of matters in the act. They attempted to take some of the control from the labor minister and return it to the Labor Relations Board, safeguard industry-wide negotiations (CCF members said industry supported this), keep unions out of the courts and remove clauses that force union men to cross picket lines. Most opposition members agreed that the act would not give industrial peace.

## PRaised BY St. LAURENT

Mr. Macdonald died early Tuesday after an illness of only a few days. The death of the builder of Canada's Second World War navy evoked warm tributes from Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent on down. Mr. Connolly will retain for the time being at least, three of the 11 cabinet posts, the premiership and the highways and health portfolios. There were no cabinet changes. Mr. Macdonald's death makes necessary a by-election in his riding of Halifax South but there is no indication of the date. The constituency in the past has voted overwhelmingly Liberal.

## Fugitive Russian Diplomat Most Important To Flee Reds

CANBERRA (CP)—Officials expressed belief today that the Soviet diplomat who has brought them a story of Red spying in Australia is one of the most important Russians ever to switch allegiance to the West. These officials said copies of the mass of "spy" documents which the fugitive Russian third secretary, Vladimir Petrov, carried recently out of the Soviet embassy here probably will be sent on to the other Commonwealth governments as soon as they are translated and investigated. The information might also go to Washington. The capital still buzzed today over Tuesday's announcement by Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies that Petrov had fled communism and asked for Australian citizenship. Menzies said Petrov, claiming he headed the Soviet MVD state security police set-up in Australia, said the papers he brought detailed evidence of a large-scale spy ring in the country. The government kept the closest secrecy on all names contained in the documents and oral testimony by Petrov to avoid smears or premature accusations before the investigation is completed. Relays of translators worked around the clock, transcribing into English the secret Russian files the fugitive handed over. In a press conference at the embassy tonight Mrs. Petrov said she believes her husband was kidnapped. Ambassador Nicolai Generalov described the reports that Petrov had forsaken Russia as "nonsense." Mrs. Petrov's eyes were red from crying as she talked to reporters. She said "I don't believe my husband would go to your country like this. I'm sure he wants to speak to officials of the embassy."

## End of Session Marks Triumph for Sacred Premier Bennett

(CP)—The second full session of the 24th British Columbia legislature came to an end after 3 p.m. today. The end of a personal session of the province's Social Credit Premier Bennett. The session was the 69th in the history of the province. Legislation passed during the session is the most important since Social Credit's complete budget and full legislation to implement spending the monies mentioned in it. Social Credit was first elected to a minority government in June 1952. In its first session in the spring of 1953, the government went down to defeat on its plan to finance school costs and the opposition only permitted certain legislation to pass and only gave enough money to last till fall. In June of that year the government was returned with a working majority but no budget could be presented. This session the legislature passed the \$210,000,000 budget presented by premier and Finance Minister Bennett. During around 180 hours of debate in 42 days of sittings members considered 73 bills and passed 69 of them. Two private bills were defeated and two died on the legislature's order paper. The government accepted only one minor amendment to a bill.

# Fate Of Man In Assault Case In Hands Of Assize Court Jury

## Robinson Trial Under Way

A new jury was sworn in shortly before noon today to hear the case of Charles Robinson on a charge of unlawfully killing Violet Annie Sampare here last February 16. Robinson pleaded no guilty. He is not represented by counsel, although Constable McDonald of the RCMP from Kemano offered to assist him in his defence. Mr. Justice J. M. Coady, in answer to a question from accused, said "the court is not in a position to appoint counsel."



**WINNER** of the annual Rotary Club speaking contest and a trip to Ottawa is Georgina Mitchell, Grade 11 student at Booth Memorial High school shown above with A. P. Tony Crowley, president of the Prince Rupert Rotarians. Miss Mitchell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell, 333 Fifth Ave. East.

## No Direct Evidence Jurist Warns Panel

The 12-man Assize Court jury retired at 10:42 a.m. today to decide the fate of a 33-year-old carpenter, Mervyn Edward Schultze, who is accused of assaulting a two-year-old girl at Kemano last January 1. His trial, on a charge of indecent assault, concluded this morning with a one-hour charge to the jury by Mr. Justice J. M. Coady. The jury was still out at press time. Maximum sentence on conviction is two years in prison. In his charge, Mr. Justice Coady said "the liberty of a man is at stake" and reminded jurors that if they reach a verdict it must be unanimous. "In this case," said the jurist, "you have no direct evidence, and that is the important thing." "But," he continued, "you have other evidence and it is from this which you are asked to draw a conclusion."

## In Child's House To Get Camera

While the witness told court that Schultze stared at him at the time, the accused testified that he did not see anyone outside when he went to the child's home to retrieve his camera which he had left there the previous evening. The witness testified that he was 15 feet from the home when he saw accused through a partially-opened window. Schultze, in answer to defence counsel Gerry Pettenuzzo, related events leading up to his arrest about 5:10 a.m. New Year's Day. He said he met the father of the little girl about 4:45 p.m. December 31 and mentioned that he had received a flash attachment for his camera and would be around sometime to take pictures of his daughter. He said the father said "there's no time like the present."

## Did Not Go Into Bedroom

He had planned to go to his work hut to check the fire in a stove and en route decided to get his camera. On the way "I went to the trailer home for my camera," he said. "I heard a sound from the child and thought perhaps I had disturbed her, but did not go into her bedroom." Under cross-examination by Thomas W. Brown, QC, prosecutor, he said he did not think the noise from the baby warranted investigation by him. Further evidence disclosed that Schultze went from the home and had another drink with three friends in a tent where he was later arrested. RCMP testified that he was asleep when found and was holding a pistol in his right hand at the time. On his arrest, he was not told of the indecent assault charge, but was put in jail only on a charge of possessing a pistol without a permit. A defence witness testified that he had mentioned to accused that someone assaulted a two-year-old girl on the morning of Jan. 1 but RCMP did not mention it to accused until Jan 5 and did not lay the charge until Feb. 3 following lengthy investigation.

## France Accepts Proposal To Block Reds in Asia

PARIS (CP)—British-United States proposals for a military alliance to block Communist aggression in Southeast Asia were accepted by Foreign Minister Bidault in discussions today with State Secretary Dulles of the U.S., informed sources said. A 10-power pact is contemplated under the arrangements announced in London Tuesday by Dulles and Foreign Secretary Eden. No official announcement of results of the Dulles-Bidault talks had been issued by mid-afternoon, but informants said Bidault approved the Dulles-Eden plan because it "reconciles the views of the two great European powers with those of the United States."

## Civil Defence Groundwork Being Studied

Groundwork for organization of a civil defence set-up for Prince Rupert was studied at a meeting of heads of defence branches with co-ordinator Robert McKay last night. Mr. McKay reported that the Junior Chamber of Commerce had volunteered to line up men willing to act as auxiliary police in the defence scheme and that various union locals in the city would be contacted to supply men for other auxiliary squads such as firemen. He also noted that some men had volunteered to attend defence rescue service courses in Ottawa but that there were no openings in the Ottawa classes as yet for Rupert representatives. As soon as possible, the men would attend the classes and in turn instruct a local rescue squad.

## Shops Closing For Good Friday

Local businessmen today reminded Prince Rupert shoppers that stores would be closed tomorrow afternoon, for the regular weekly half-day closing, as well as all day Friday, Good Friday. Shops will be open as usual Saturday.



Booth Memorial High School students who worked at The Daily News during Future Citizen's Day are left to right Morris Dean who acted as shop foreman for the day; Jim Bateman, editor, and Jim Saville, promotion manager. Editorial for day was written by Bateman who later covered student city council meeting.

## Prince Charles, Princess Anne Leave For Tobruk To Meet Queen

SOUTHAMPTON, England (CP)—The tightest security measures known here since the war protected the gleaming 4,000-ton royal yacht Britannia for her maiden voyage today with Queen Elizabeth's two children aboard. Special passes were required to get past heavy police lines on the pier. The \$6,000,000 yacht will transport Prince Charles, 5, and Princess Anne, 3, to Tobruk to meet their parents on their return from their Commonwealth tour. Large crowds gathered outside Buckingham Palace in London to witness the departure of the children on their first trip outside Britain. Crowds also collected at Waterloo station to watch Charles and Anne board a Southampton train. Queen Mother Elizabeth and Princess Margaret travelled with the children to this south coast port. **CONTINUE STUDIES** It will not be a complete vacation aboard the royal yacht for Charles. His governess, Katherine Peebles, will see that he studies for two hours each morning in a special playroom on deck. The children will be looked after by Helen Lightbody and Isabel Anderson, the palace nurses. Official escort to the Prince and Princess will be Lt.-Gen. Sir Frederick Browning, treasurer to the Duke of Edinburgh. Chances of the children's being sea-sick are slight, as the ship has been fitted with anti-rolling stabilizers and their beds hung between special mountings.

## Board Ponders U.S. Wine Sales

VICTORIA (CP)—Attorney-General Robert Bonner says the Liquor Control Board is studying the possibility of offering California wines for sale in liquor stores. In answer to a question on the legislature's order paper from George Gregory, L-Victoria, Mr. Bonner said no California wines are at present being sold in liquor stores. But, he said, California wines have been offered to the Liquor Control Board and the board has been asked to carry California wines. The board now is considering the possibility of offering the wines for sale, he said.