

**TOMORROW'S  
TIDES—**  
day, February 25, 1953  
Pacific Standard Time  
11:32 19.0 feet  
5:37 9.5 feet  
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**Smokes  
Cut to  
Cents**

**All Popular  
Cigarettes Included**

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## Socred MLA Launches Attack On 'Sex Texts' In B.C. Schools

### Government Denies Immorality Charge

By The Canadian Press

VICTORIA.—A Social Credit private member's attack on the British Columbia school system Monday kicked up the hottest furore in the Legislature in nearly a decade and brought from the Social Credit government disavowal of the member's remarks.

J. A. Reid (SC—Salmon Arm) charged that B.C. teachers are under socialist domination and that children's minds are being "poisoned" by immorality taught from "sex text books."

"That is a cry from the Dark Ages," shouted Robert Strachan (CCF—Cowichan—Newcastle). "It'll hang you."

Less than an hour after Reid finished his speech, Education Minister Mrs. Tilly Rolston said she and the Social Credit government disavowed Mr. Reid's statements, particularly the charge that teachers are socialist-dominated. She added that Mr. Reid had a right to express his own views.

Strachan, flushed and angry, said Reid's statements were "diabolical," "tripe" and "rubbish." He is the father of three children.

Reid, who once campaigned for the late William Abernethy, former Alberta Social Credit leader, has two teen-aged children.

As Mr. Strachan started speaking, taking his turn in the budget debate, Premier Bennett, Mrs. Rolston and Mr. Reid hurriedly left the House.

Strachan appeared so indignant that he lost his way in his notes and CCF opposition leader Harold Winch called out: "Take your time, Bob. They called my three kids immoral, too."

"When parents hear what their children have been called, the next government of B.C. will not be Social Credit—or heaven help B.C.," Strachan said.

Reid quoted at length from a document which he said was prepared by a retired school teacher now living at Salmon Arm and whom he identified as A. J. Clotworthy.

The document said Clotworthy had found some school textbooks describing sexual intercourse "in complete detail and written under the guise of teaching morality." The document said school children are becoming thieves, robbers, dope addicts and prostitutes.

Reid said "sinister forces are at work who are using the lives and minds and souls of our children for political expediency... the body of a child is more important than profits made from the sale of sex text books and the soul of a child infinitely more valuable than any educational theories."

A group of school girls from a Roman Catholic convent and a nun were sitting in the public gallery while Mr. Reid spoke.

Strachan said after Reid's attack on the school system and teachers he could believe anything he had ever heard about the Social Credit party.

#### Quake Rocks Seattle

SEATTLE (CP)—A mild earthquake shock, which rattled dishes and doors in some homes, was widely felt over Seattle just before noon today. No damage was reported.



FISHING HAS AN APPEAL for all ages, regardless of sex and without too much regard for weather. Mrs. G. Chartrand, an elderly native of The Pas, Man., was not to be outdone by youngsters and entered the ice-fishing contest at the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival. She pulled in a northern pike from the Saskatchewan river.

### City Asks B.C. to Repair Cow Bay Floats Immediately

City council feels the provincial government is "passing the buck" with its request that immediate action be taken to repair the Cow Bay fishermen's floats.

While the B.C. government has advised Prince Rupert MLA George Hills that the floats are being turned over to the Dominion government "we must press for immediate action for repairs right now," said Mayor Harold Whalen.

"Even though the responsibility may rest with the federal government in the future, it still belongs to the provincial government."

"It should be pointed out to them what a hazard the present condition of the floats is to the public."

City Clerk W. R. Long was instructed by council to write the city office of the provincial department of public works and send a copy of the letter to Victoria.

Mr. Long read a telegram from E. T. Applewhite, who also had been contacted regarding the responsibility of the floats.

Mr. Applewhite stated in his answer that correspondence 15 months ago by the federal government to the province regarding the floats had been unanswered.

### Lower Taxes Help Company To Cut Rates

VANCOUVER (CP)—The British Columbia Telephone Company will cut demands for rate increases because of benefits from the federal budget.

At a hearing before the Board of Transport Commissioners here Monday it disclosed tax cuts will save the company about \$350,000.

The company is seeking increases of about 12.2 per cent in long-distance rates and an average 14 per cent in exchange rates because of increased costs.

Senator J. W. Deb. Farris, company counsel, said the original application for a revenue boost of \$2,959,978 will be reduced because of tax benefits.

### Pleads Guilty To Stealing

VANCOUVER (CP)—Wallace Gibbs, 39, today pleaded guilty to stealing \$7,178 from suburban Richmond School board.

Gibbs is former secretary-treasurer of the board.

He will be sentenced in County Court Friday. He was charged with theft of funds between May 19, 1949, and January 28, 1952.

### Park Board Asks City For \$19,000

The biggest budget in Prince Rupert's parks board history was presented to city council last night, then referred to finance committee without comment.

A total of \$19,725 will be sought by park commissioners in their attempt to "do the necessary things we think must be done."

Last year the board was granted \$9,000.

Meanwhile, an interim budget of \$4,000 was granted to the board, mainly for continuing work on the Plaza Park playground.

Biggest chunk of the estimates—\$8,000—is allotted to development and maintenance of McClymont Park where commissioners plan to create a picturesque and scenic picnic ground on several acres surrounding Hays Creek.

Other expenses have been estimated as follows: to complete Plaza playground (Sixth Avenue East), \$2,500; repair service, Gibson and Totem Parks, \$3,000; paint benches, possible resurfacing, buying nets, etc. for the Rotary tennis courts, \$1,000; works supervisor, \$2,500; maintaining Roosevelt Park and removing refuse, \$700; swimming pool supervision, \$1,000, and Gyro Park maintenance, \$200.

The budget will be considered by the finance committee in preparation of its estimates for 1953.

### Central B.C. Skier Claims Championship

BURNS LAKE (CP)—Svarre Larsen of Smithers Ski Club won first place in "A" class combined cross-country and jumping at the Western Canada Ski championships here during the week-end.

"B" class combined was won by Carl Gattas of Camrose, Alberta. Gattas topped "B" class competitors in the 18-kilometre cross-country Saturday with 2:00:38 time.

"A" class jumping was dominated by Vancouver Ski Club. Ralph Heile was first with a leap of 222 feet six inches; Jack Roo-croft, second with a jump only five inches less; Halvar Selles-bach was third.

In class "B" jumps, J. Holstad of the Vancouver Ski Club placed first with a jump of 192 feet. Second and third were won by Jergen Dahle of the Smithers Ski Club and B. Hollingsworth of Revelstoke.

Speed Eakin of the hosting Omineca Ski Club won the junior combined.

### Noted Cricket Star Hanged

BRISTOL, England (CP)—Miles Giffard, 26-year-old Cornwall county cricket star convicted of killing his wealthy parents and dumping their bodies off a cliff, was hanged today at Horfield Prison.

The prosecution charged Giffard committed the double murder because his father cut off his allowance to keep him from spending time in London.

#### Von Runstedt Dies

HANNOVER, Germany (CP)—Field Marshall Gerd Von Runstedt, 77, died at his home here today.

The soldier, who was regarded as Germany's best military leader, had been ailing for some time.



SOLDIERS OF THE ROYAL 22nd REGIMENT dig in at Norman Wells in the Northwest Territories after parachuting in during the joint Army-RCAF "Exercise Bulldog." The Royal 22nd, flown from Quebec, seized the airport and communications offices at Norman Wells in the mock warfare. The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry from Calgary were sent to dislodge them. Norman Wells is 950 miles north of Edmonton.



CAPT. J. C. BOUFFARD (left) of Montreal, commanding enemy forces in "Exercise Bulldog," gives instructions to Lt. Jean Lussier, Quebec City. Capt. Bouffard parachuted with the Royal 22nd regiment.

### Cease Fire Ordered In 'Exercise Bulldog'

EDMONTON (CP)—A cease-fire ordered by Maj.-Gen. Chris Vokes brought to a close Canada's largest airborne training manoeuvre in the far north.

Gen. Vokes, director of "Exercise Bulldog," issued his order following a successful ground attack at dawn last Saturday by the 2nd battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, on enemy positions occupied by the Royal 22nd Regiment.

The assaulting Patricia's dis-

lodged the enemy from the air-

strip and other installations.

The realistic battle was carried out under conditions as close as possible to actual arctic warfare. Throughout the week, RCAF aircraft from Rockville, Ont., Rivers, Manitoba, Saskatoon and Edmonton carried out live bombing and strafing missions on the simulated target along the Mackenzie river. Heavy-calibre machine-guns, 500-pound bombs and napalm bombs were used.

### Eleven Fined For Ousting Parish Priest From Home

REGINA (CP)—Eleven residents of the Dysart district who broke into the home of their parish priest and threw him out last December have been fined a total of more than \$500.

The 11 pleaded guilty before Magistrate E. S. Williams. Dysart is 40 miles northeast of Regina.

Rev. Daniel Maxim, pastor of the Romanian Greek Orthodox Church for more than 30 years, said he was told by a faction of his congregation that they didn't want him.

On December 6, 13 persons forced the back door of his house,

forced him to give them the keys for the house and Church. Father Maxim was thrown out and did not return until January 27.

The dispute is believed centred on whether the head of the Church should be in the United States or in Communist-dominated Romania.

Peter Dumba, alleged ring-leader, was fined \$100 and costs and put under a \$500 bond for two years. William Gherasin of Lipton was fined \$75 and costs, while Vasile Dumba, Bill Herda, Dino Herda, Theodore Isfan, Peter Isfan, Dan Isfan, Andrew Dumba, Nick Nistor and Thomas Nistor each was fined \$35 and costs.

### Chiang Scraps Soviet Treaty

TAIPEH, Formosa (CP)—Chiang Kai-shek's Free China, in a dramatic cold war move of open defiance to Soviet Russia, Monday announced it was declaring nul and void the Nationalist Chinese-Russian treaty of 1945.

The move clears the way for Nationalist participation in any blockade of the Red Chinese mainland. The treaty was signed in Moscow in 1945.

### 8 Lives Lost In Tenement House Fire

HALIFAX (CP)—The death toll rose to eight today after an early morning fire had swept through a row of tenement houses in the north end of this port city of 100,000.

Firemen recovered the eighth body, believed to be that of a woman, as they probed through the blackened, ice-covered ruins of four wooden buildings.

The outbreak blazed for more than two hours before it was brought under control.

Water froze where it fell in bitter pre-dawn weather as firemen fought flames near the naval dockyard.

Still unidentified were the bodies, recovered earlier, of a man, another woman and five children.

A dozen or more families fled when the blaze started shortly after 5 a.m.

### Saboteurs Damage Jets

COPENHAGEN (CP)—Saboteurs damaged four United States-built jet fighter planes on Denmark's biggest military airfield early today, it was officially announced.

It was the second incident of sabotage reported this year on the airfield at Karup.

### Two Out-of-Town Trap Teams Entered in Competition Here

At least 25 out-of-town visitors are expected at the annual game dinner of the Prince Rupert Rod and Gun Club tomorrow night which follows an inter-city trap shooting competition in the afternoon.

Two trap teams from Terrace and a team from Port Edward are expected to enter the shoot. Prince Rupert will supply two teams.

Guest speaker at the dinner and dance, which takes place at

Canadian Legion auditorium, will be James Cunningham, game commissioner of B.C.

Mr. Cunningham will outline to the large gathering the 1953 program set out by the commission and will show several colored wildlife motion pictures.

A special dinner meeting by the club's executive officers and Mr. Cunningham has been planned for 7 p.m. Thursday when local problems of anglers and hunters will be discussed.

Tomorrow night's dinner and dance, arranged by entertainment chairman Al Manson, will feature on its menu roast spring salmon, roast elk and roast moose. The elk is being supplied by the Alberta government game commission and the moose is provided by local hunters.

The trap shooting contest begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Eleventh Avenue range. Proceedings at the Legion auditorium begin at 6:15 p.m.