

Bennett Only One of Four Leaders of Major Parties With Legislative Experience in B.C.



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Voters' List For Provincial Election Lower Than 1952

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia's voters' list is expected to shrink for the June 9 election.

Of 15 ridings reported to the chief electoral officer up to May 14 have shown decreases in voting strength.

The new voters' list is expected to be less than last June's of 793,073 names, unless Victoria and Vancouver, whose counts are uncompleted, show gains.

Reason for reduction is that registrars of voters are cleaning up deadwood off the lists. This includes persons who have died, and those who have moved since the last election. Biggest cutback to date is in the Alberni riding where the list has been cut by 3,130 names—down to 9,274.

Eisenhower Appointment Bitter Jolt to Air Force

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower has nominated Arthur Radford, long-time opponent of naval air, as chairman of the joint staff and named a new leader in a sweeping reshuffle of the entire United States military high command.

Voters Eat Well Aboard Magnificent

By DAVE MCINTOSH
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WARD MAGNIFICENT (CP)—Supply officers aboard the magnificent claim that they eat better than men of other branches of the service. They claim that the navy particular pains to train its top good cooks.

Supply officers go so far, as to claim that the RCAF are so jealous of their cooking standards that they asked the navy to lower their own level. The reports: "Bring your standards to ours."

They claim the navy about \$1.05 a day to feed the 1,100 aboard this aircraft carrier command bound. Here is a sample menu, the one for breakfast—Apple juice, dry ham omelet, toast, coffee, marmalade. Dinner—Soup, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, mashed potatoes, carrots, cherry sundae, milk, tea. Supper—Soup, liver, bacon sausage, mashed potatoes, beans, apricot pie, tea.

Magnificent carries 55,000 types of items in her hold and air stores, besides 200 clothing items. Stores can be stocked for months, food for 90 days. Carrier's crew goes through 180 dozen eggs a day, 900 lb of meat, 100 gallons of milk, 32 pounds of coffee, 100 lbs of tea, 1,000 pounds of butter.

Ship has her own bakery. 6,700 pounds of store was loaded before the ship sailed from Halifax to the coast. The crew's own bread is more popular than the store variety.

Total of 30,000,000 flash-batteries were made in 1952.

As chief of naval operations, Eisenhower picked Admiral Robert B. Carney to succeed Admiral William B. Fechteler.

A shift in the air force command had already been announced last week, with Gen. Nathan Twining named to succeed General Hoyt S. Vandenberg.

The appointments, all subject to Senate confirmation except the NATO command, will not become fully effective until August.

As is customary, there was no official explanation for the wholesale sweep, but both the president and Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson have indicated they believe that the multi-billion-dollar defence program has been marked by waste and duplication.

Apparently the new move was closely keyed to the administration's current economy drive, perhaps in the belief that the new appointees will show enthusiasm for trimming down the "fat."

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By The Canadian Press

VICTORIA.—The antics of Doukhobors and the handling of natural resources are among the varied subjects being discussed in the campaign for the British Columbia provincial election June 9.

Only one thing is certain: even the gala Coronation celebrations June 2 and thereabouts will not still election talk in this province which saw its minority Social Credit government fall on the floor of the Legislature March 28.

Nomination day is May 29, and the four major parties in the field now have their candidates stumping furiously in all parts of the rich and vigorous province.

Premier W. A. C. Bennett said in a key speech at Summerland that the Social Credit platform is based on the party's nine months of government.

Social Credit had nominated 46 candidates by Monday, leaving two standard-bearers to be named—there are 48 seats in all. There are two triple-seat ridings and three two-seat constituencies.

The Liberals have named a full slate, the Progressive Conservatives at least 33, and the CCF, 47. The Labor-Progressive party also is fighting the election with candidates in the larger centres.

Premier Bennett is the only one of the three leaders with legislature experience—none of the others has been in the B.C. house before.

Deane Finlayson, 33-year-old Nanaimo lawyer, was elected to the leadership of the Progressive Conservatives late last year after the party lost several seats and Herbert Anscomb, defeated in Oak Bay, resigned.

Arthur Laing resigned his seat as federal member for Vancouver South to take over leadership of the provincial Liberals from Byron Johnson, former premier, defeated in New Westminster by Rae Eddie of the CCF. Mr. Laing was an unsuccessful candidate for the provincial house several years ago.

Arnold Webster, Vancouver high school principal, was elected some months ago to take over from Harold Winch, member of the house for 20 years and house leader for most of that time.

The CCF under Mr. Winch held 18 seats, only one less than Social Credit, when the last house dissolved. The government was defeated on an issue involving the sharing of educational government and municipal costs between the provincialities. The Liberals held six seats, Progressive Conservatives two, and Labor one, with two vacant.

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German POW Must Leave U.S.

NEW YORK (AP)—A German prisoner of war, who escaped and built up a business during seven years in the United States, gave himself up Thursday night and learned he must leave the country.

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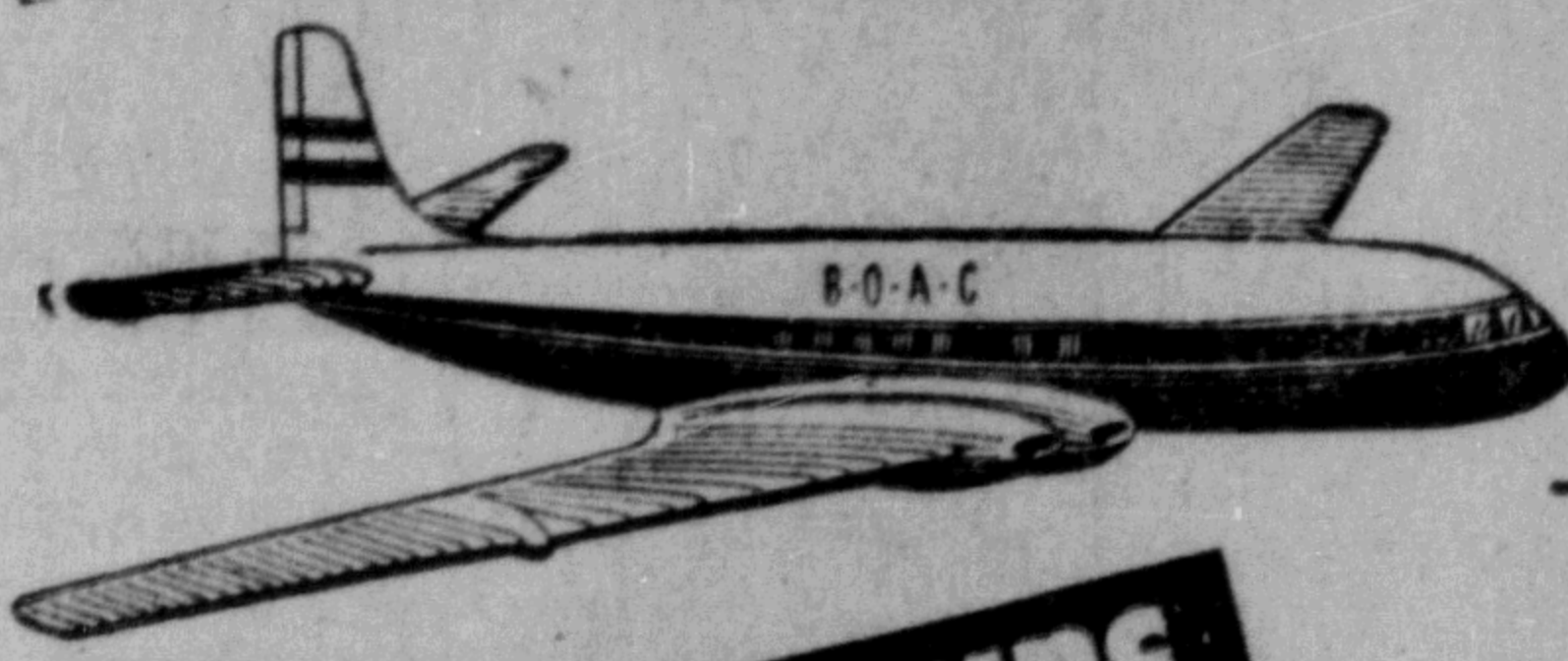
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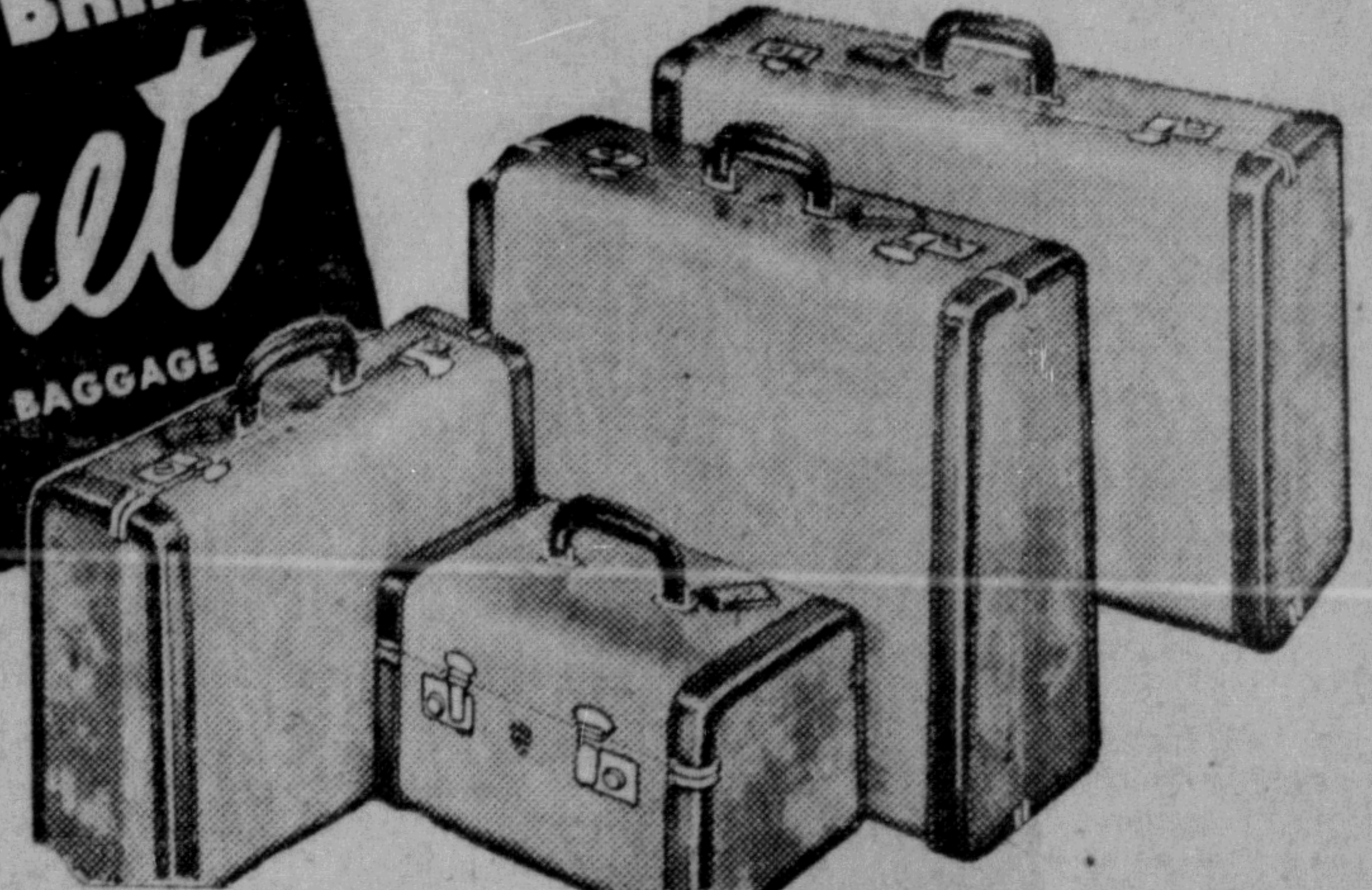
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