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**TOMORROW'S
TIDES**
March 9, 1954
(Standard Time)
3:57 22.1 feet
16:40 18.6 feet
10:30 3.2 feet
22:28 6.5 feet



MINCH-LONG cornet (above) is said to be one of the world's smallest, but at the same time has the same length of tube—16 inches—as that of the standard model being played by Munsen (right). Kenneth Arvidson (left), cornet soloist of the Augsburg College band, in Minneapolis, is playing the tiny horn, one of three which were handmade by the same instrument company. Arvidson was preparing to play the cornet at a meeting of the Music Educators Association.

Marshall Wins 165-Pound Title, Morrison Ousted in Semi-Finals

ANDY MARSHALL retained his light crown Saturday night by knocking out a challenger in his second round at the annual boxing tournament here.



ANDY MARSHALL
wins three fights



BILL MORRISON
unsuccessful

Marshall who scored a comeback knockout against champion Trent Morrison Friday night was not the Golden Boy.

Robert Thompson of Victoria, who defeated Len Johnston of Vancouver in the semi-finals of the 119-pound class, was named Golden Boy runner-up.

The 119-pound class was named hard-luck loser. A doctor advised him not to continue into the finals.

Fishermen Protest Granting Of Licences to Japanese

Special to The Daily News

KIWANGA—An estimated 500 fishermen and native workers, members of the Native Brotherhood of B.C., at a meeting here endorsed a resolution protesting issuance of further fishing licences to Japanese in area 4.

Harold Sinclair said representatives from each local branch in Skeena district attended the meeting, at which three other resolutions were endorsed and will be forwarded to the federal department of fisheries.

Besides protesting issuance of more licences to Japanese fishermen, the meeting endorsed a resolution urging the fisheries department to prohibit transferring of fishing licences from other areas into fishing area 4, which takes in neighboring waters around Prince Rupert.

Strike Off At Theatres

Threatened strike of movie projectionists in theatres here was averted this morning when union officials announced in Vancouver that a settlement was reached shortly before theatre-opening time.

No details were released. The projectionists in 23 Famous Players theatres in B.C.—including two here—had set today as the deadline for a strike if their demands for a 25-cent hourly wage boost had not been met.

Runway Crash Damages Plane

Special to The Daily News
STEWART—A Pacific Western Airlines plane was damaged in a runway crash here Saturday but the pilot escaped injury.

Two Per Cent Increase Slated On April 1 For B.C. Sales Tax

Five Per Cent Levy To Net \$23,420,000

VICTORIA (CP) — An increase in the sales tax to five per cent to replace premiums in British Columbia's hospital insurance scheme was announced today by Premier Bennett.

In his budget address to the legislature this afternoon, Premier Bennett, also finance minister in the government, said the increase from three to five per cent in the sales, or social services tax, will give the government an anticipated \$23,420,000 for the year ending March 31, 1955.

The tax, expected to be effective from April 1, will be the highest in Canada with the exception of some cities in Quebec where the municipal and provincial taxes combined amount to five per cent.

The premier also announced the government proposes:

- A flat \$5 increase in the province's cost-of-living bonus to old-age and blind pensioners and recipients of social assistance and mother's allowances.
- Exemptions from the sales tax of children's clothing and shoes.
- Reduction of the 17½ per cent amusement tax to 15 per cent.
- Reduction from \$10 to \$1 of automobile registration fees.
- To seek approval of granting borrowing powers of \$30,000,000 to the government-owned Pacific Great Eastern Railway.
- Abolition of the 10 per cent tax on liquor by the glass approved at the last session of the legislature.

The premier, who said the government does not expect undue changes in the province's economy in the 1954-55 fiscal year, budgeted for a sizeable surplus of \$5,654,097.

The estimated revenue for the year was \$193,398,969. To this was added a surplus fund anticipated at \$16,264,475 which included an anticipated surplus for the fiscal year ending this March 31 of \$2,748,163.

Expenditures for the 1954-55 fiscal year were estimated at \$204,309,347. It was estimated the province's revenue for the fiscal year ending this March 31 of \$2,748,163.

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Polio Threat May Alter Tour

MELBOURNE (Reuters) — Increasing anxiety for Queen Elizabeth's personal safety in the present polio epidemic may change the royal tour program further, it was learned today.

Another children's rally during the tour of western Australia later this month has been cancelled at the country town of Bunilton. Ten new cases have been reported in the state, making a total of 50 this month. Reported cases of polio in all of western Australia this year stand at 145.



Premier W. A. C. Bennett
... brings down budget in role of finance minister.

Public Works Jobs Delayed By Government Defeat in '53

VICTORIA (CP) — The defeat of British Columbia's first Social Credit government last spring in effect caused certain delays in construction projects planned by the government.

Premier and Finance Minister Bennett said in his budget speech today, "because of restrictions imposed by the provision of an interim supply for only the first six months of the fiscal year, the program contemplated with respect to capital works payable out of income pay-as-you-go was seriously retarded."

When the government was defeated in the spring the legislature gave it enough money—\$90,000,000—to last till September when whatever government was elected would have to call another sitting of the legislature.

The premier said a net capital expenditures program estimated to cost \$31,384,760 had been provided for.

"Much of the proposed work had to be deferred because of the restriction automatically imposed on normal contractual procedure by an interim supply bill that provided but a fraction of the amount that otherwise would have been spent during the summer and early autumn."

B.C. DRINKERS SWITCHING FROM HARD STUFF TO BEER

VICTORIA (CP) — British Columbians appear to have lost their taste for liquor bought in government liquor stores.

The budget read in the legislature by Premier Bennett today said the government expects a decrease in liquor profits for the coming fiscal year of \$1,000,000.

"This is due to a large increase in beer consumption as against a substantial reduction in hard liquor sales."

There is no given reason for the change. It is reported that Quebec noticed a similar change two years ago.

Move Stops Increase In Premiums

VICTORIA (CP) — British Columbia's hospital insurance service, a thorn in the side of governments since it first came into being in January, 1949, will be revised, with premiums being substituted by an increase in the sales tax.

Premier and Finance Minister Bennett announced in his budget in the legislature today the premiums will be substituted with a two per cent increase in the three per cent social services sales tax.

The change is the government's solution to rising hospital costs and saves British Columbians from a drastic increase in premiums or government subsidy.

Japan, U.S. Sign Pact For Defence

TOKYO (AP) — Japan and the United States today signed a mutual defence pact to give the Japanese both guns and grain and hasten the day when U.S. soldiers can withdraw from the island empire.

The mutual defence assistance agreement, actually a series of agreements, will pour \$100,000,000 of U.S. aid into Japan's economy in the next three months, and probably much more in the long run.

U.S. ambassador John Allison said the agreement "takes us one step nearer the time when the United States can withdraw its forces from Japan."

The agreement will increase Japan's defence force from 120,000 to 160,000 men. The U.S. will supply ships and planes.

The U.S. also will start the movement of 500,000 tons of surplus wheat and 100,000 tons of barley to Japan. Japan will sell the grain domestically and in turn use the money for guns and munitions.

The agreement was hammered out in eight months of negotiation which at times brought the Liberal government of Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida under intense opposition criticism.

Twelve Killed By Avalanches

INNSBRUK, Austria (AP) — Austria's week-end toll of avalanche deaths climbed to 12 today as rescue workers uncovered the bodies of three more skiers buried under a 30-foot-deep snow slide.

It took rescue workers 12 hours to find the three Austrians.

The deaths brought to 153 the number of persons killed by snow slides in Austria this year.

WEATHER

Forecast
North Coast Region: Cloudy, intermittent rain today and Tuesday. Occasional snow mixed with the rain overnight in the Prince Rupert area. Little change in temperature. Southerly winds 15 increasing to southerly 25 by late afternoon. Westerly winds 25 Tuesday. Low tonight and high tomorrow. At Port Hardy 38 and 48. Sandspit and Prince Rupert 32 and 42.

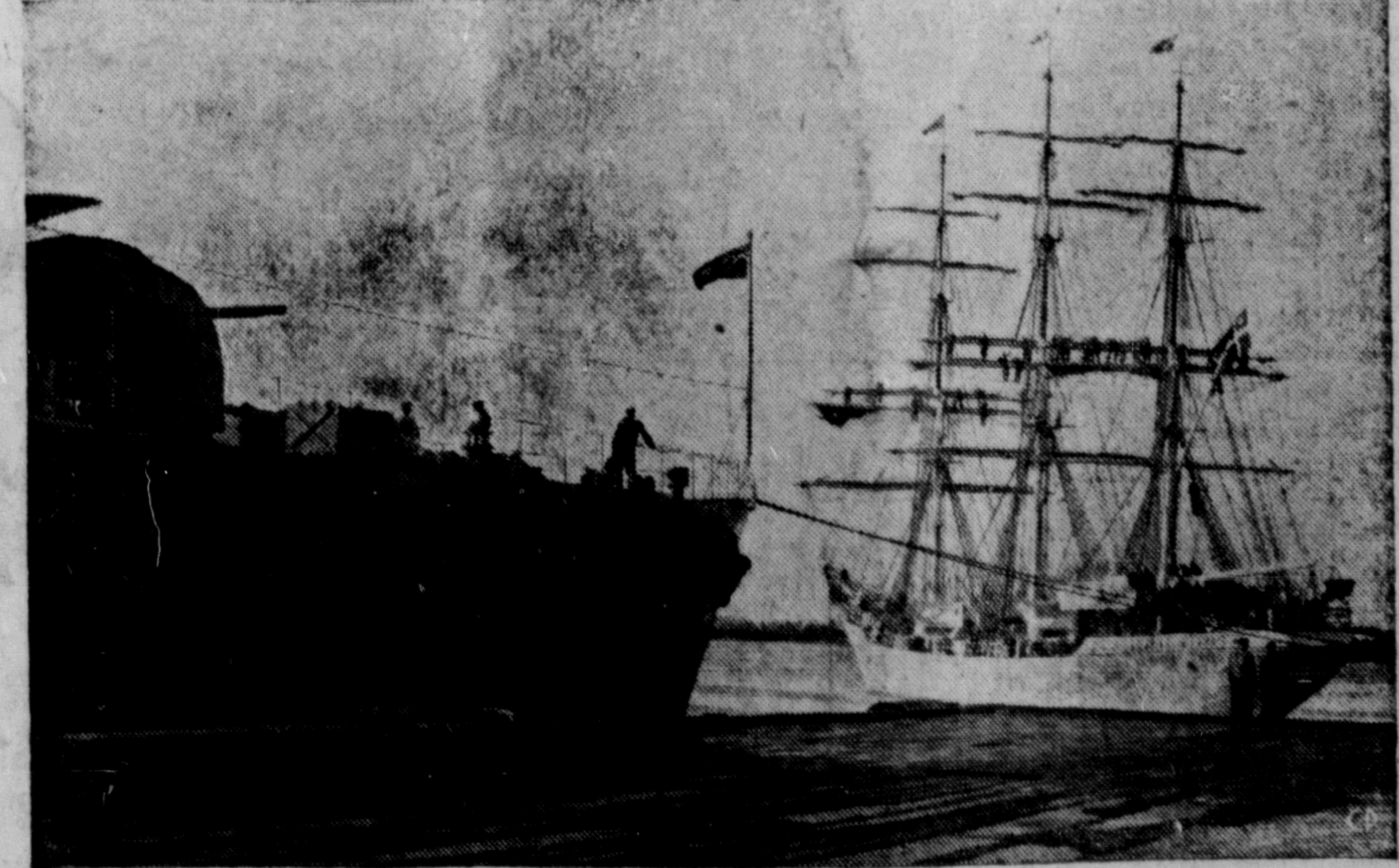
UNBELIEVABLE EXPENSES
The premier said the combined effect of more bed accommodation required to meet the needs of an increasing population, higher wages and shorter hours of work for hospital staffs, the increasing average patient stay in hospitals, more and better services, costlier facilities, equipment and drugs "is reflected by expenditures unbelievable a few years ago." The costs have increased from an average of \$18,200,000 for the three years ended March 31, 1952 to \$23,700,000 estimated for the coming year.

"Experience has taught us that, unless a province-wide coverage for all our people is established, hospitals will continue to incur ever-increasing operating deficits. The present plan is replete with contradictions. It is neither a welfare nor an insurance plan. It cannot be made a composite of the two without creating distortions and inequalities, or without requiring exorbitant administration costs."

Rica Hunt "Big Four"

Puerto Rico (AP) — The drive against politicians, the Puerto government today sought "four" of the island's "big party" and two Nationalist leaders still at large.

Police raids during the week netted 40 Nationalist leaders and six Communist Party members. All were jailed as possible subversives. The roundup followed after last Monday's capture of Juan Santos Rivera, party president, said to have been in Moscow training; Juan Ponce, a local labor union leader; Cesar Andreu Iglesias, party president; and Juan Rodriguez, a Harvard lawyer.



THE CANADIAN DESTROYER MICMAC is docked in St. George's harbor, Bermuda, alongside an old style sailing ship, Denmark, which is preparing to unfurl sail for her home port of Copenhagen. The Micmac, a training ship based in Halifax, was on a training cruise to Bermuda. The Denmark is a Danish training ship.