

TOMORROW'S TIDES

March 25, 1954
Standard Time

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A CLOUD of cigarette smoke, Swiss Dr. Pierre Steiner, 41, works over his plans for a new cigarette. After 14 years of experimentation, Dr. Steiner has come up with a new cigarette he calls Vitamin PPP. PPP. The tobacco mixture contains an ingredient said to offset the effects of nicotine, which Dr. Steiner believes is the only possible source of cancer in smoking. Dr. Steiner is a tobacco consultant to a group of Swiss cigarette companies. Dr. Steiner has a formidably good command of statistics showing the favorable results of experiments with Vitamin PPP.PPP on animals and human beings.

Judge Backs Up RCMP Witness As Evidence Becomes Confused

Testimony Differs Under Questioning

In a tense courtroom, Judge W. O. Fulton this morning accepted the testimony of an RCMP constable in preference to statements of a witness.

"I have no reason to doubt that the constable made extraordinary precautions to obtain the statement in this case," the judge said at the County Court trial of Edward Hashka and Dora McNeil on a charge of robbing Adrien Ouellet here last Jan. 17.

The judge made the statement following testimony of constable Riddell, who obtained statements from the accused following their arrest.

The statements told of a drinking party on the night of Jan. 16 which culminated in a fight early on the morning of Jan. 17 and the disappearance of a wallet owned by Ouellet containing "about \$70."

NO THREAT USED

Constable Riddell, under questioning by T. W. Brown, QC, crown counsel, said he used no threat of any kind to obtain a statement from Dora McNeil, 21-year-old Naas River native.

"I gave her the usual police warning, read it to her, and asked her to read it and if she understood what it meant to sign it."

The constable testified that she "appeared as if she read it" and then signed her name. She then dictated a statement to him which she also signed.

"I read the complete statement over to her, then she glanced at the statement. I asked her to sign it if it was a true statement . . ."

CHANGES STORY

In court this morning, Dora McNeil told Mr. Brown that Constable Riddell did not read the statement before she signed it.

In turn, she told defence counsel Gerry Pettenuzzo that he did read the statement first. During cross-examination, Mr. Pettenuzzo asked Constable Riddell if he told Dora that Hashka had mentioned in his statement that he (Hashka) showed her some money to which he replied: "I did not."

Mrs. Shirley Hill, stenographer at the city detachment RCMP, who acted as matron on Jan. 19—the day on which Dora McNeil made the statement to Constable Riddell—said she did not recall the constable "relating any details of Hashka's statement" to Dora McNeil.

"I did not speak and I could not hear her very well as she spoke in a low voice . . ."

At this point, Mr. Pettenuzzo called Dora McNeil to testify.

Sitting in a chair facing Judge Fulton, defence counsel asked her if she recalled constable Riddell asking her if Eddie showed her any money in the room.

"I said he didn't show me any money. He asked me twice. I said, no."

Mr. Pettenuzzo said: "Did Constable Riddell say you were making Eddie out a liar if you said he didn't show you any money?"

"That's what he said to me," Dora answered.

Defence counsel asked Dora if she realized she was under oath to tell the truth and if she knew the meaning of perjury. She replied in the affirmative.

WOULD LOOK BAD

She then told Mr. Pettenuzzo that she "thought it would look bad if I didn't say something about money in my statement . . . so I said he did show me some money."

"Did he in fact show you some money," said counsel.

She answered: "No."

Under further questioning by Mr. Brown, she said she was willing to make the statement to Constable Riddell, that he did not ask her to tell any lies and that he did nothing to force her to talk or frighten her.

"I think we would be making out Constable Riddell as a trickster if he had done this," said the judge as he pondered whether to accept Dora's statement.

RECALLED TO STAND

He then said he would accept the evidence of Constable Riddell, after which Mr. Brown recalled the RCMP to the stand to testify to his and Dora McNeil's signature on the statement which was read into the records.

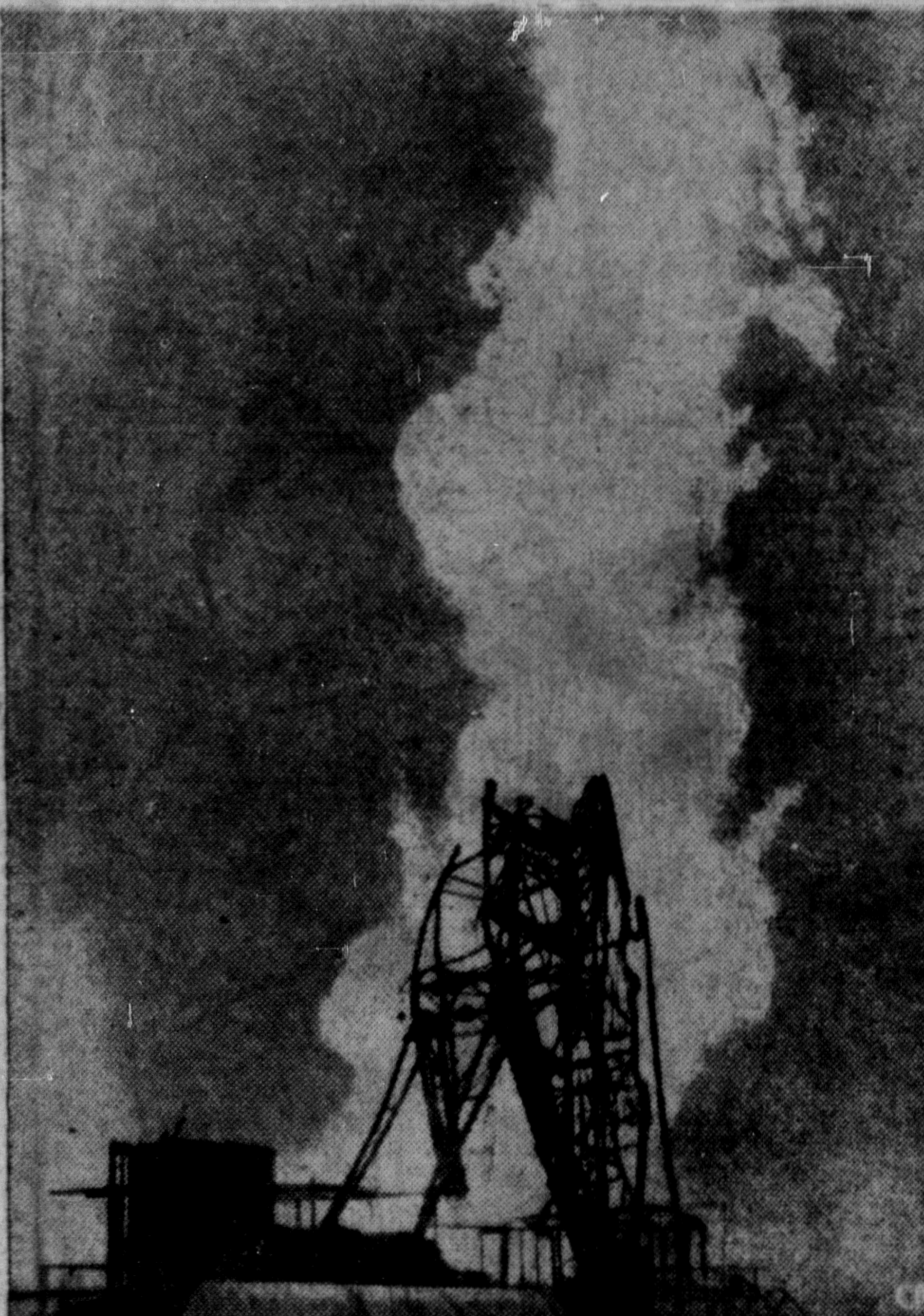
In it, she told of drinking beer and later going to the room occupied by Hashka.

Part of it said: "Eddie (Hashka) told me he got some money from Eddie the Frenchman and he showed me two \$20 bills."

The constable said Eddie Hashka at no time told him he had shown her money.

Before the crown completed its case just before 1 p.m., Ouellet was recalled to the stand to tell the denominations of the paper money he had in his wallet after he had cashed a cheque on the afternoon of January 16.

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FLAMES ARE STILL RAGING out of control as a high-pressure stream of natural gas roars 150 feet into the air through a crumpled drilling rig. The fire followed a well-head explosion of a new Imperial Oil Limited natural gas well in the Legal district 33 miles north of Edmonton. Damage was estimated at \$200,000 and loss in natural gas is estimated at 7,000,000 feet daily. The drilling rig was manned by five men who scrambled to safety.

Men Expected Back on Job After Walkout

The majority of the 30 to 35 men employed by Dominion Construction company on installation and alteration work at the Columbia Cellulose plant at Watson Island, who yesterday refused to go to work, are expected to be back at work by the afternoon shift today, it was learned this afternoon.

The men, members of the Pipefitters and Plumbers Union, Local 108 staged a "walkout" yesterday morning which tied up construction work on the new digester being installed in the mill.

Union officials said yesterday that the incident, brought about due to the dismissal of a shop steward, was "definitely not a wildcat strike." However, the men refused to go to work and around start of the day shift formed a placard line for a short time.

The shop steward has not been reinstated.

Meanwhile spokesmen for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 344 (AFL-TLC) and also the subcontractor for the Dominion Construction electrical work, Grant & Newton, denied emphatically today that the electricians took part in yesterday's walkout.

Approximately 20 men are employed on the digester power installations and both the union representatives and the electrical firm stressed that the electricians went to work as per schedule, passed through the "picket line" and put in the whole day on the job.

Involved in the walkout were pipefitters and millwrights.

Gov Urges Extension Liquor Store Hours

(CP)—Bruce Brown (Prince Rupert) Tuesday requested of the Prince Rupert council that the store there be allowed to be open until 11 p.m. from Sept. 30.

During the debate on the extension of liquor store hours there are many in Prince Rupert who believe that the increase in hours will lessen crime and make \$1,000,000 a year and he thought that a staff of three or four for additional hours would be expected by the people.

He realized the liquor store could not start in May but suggested that it start in May. He also mentioned

Asserts B.C. Breed Fish For Japanese

VANCOUVER (CP)—Homer Stevens, secretary of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union (Ind.), representing about 8,000 B.C. fishermen, said Tuesday in Vancouver that the people of B.C. are paying for fish caught by Japanese in mid-Pacific waters.

He said most of the salmon caught by Japanese originate in B.C. waters and that Canada pays for their breeding. Delegates attending the annual convention here voted in favor of protesting the present North Pacific Fisheries treaty.

Stevens told the meeting the Japanese catch in off-shore waters last year ran to about 3,000,000 salmon. George North, an official of the union, predicted the catch would rise to 30,000,000 fish next year.

North contrasted methods of Canadian and Japanese fishermen and said the Japanese use "mother ships" similar to those used in whaling. A B.C. fisherman goes out in his own boat, obtains the catch and sells it.

Compensation Act Amendments in B.C. Legislature

(CP)—Increased pension compensation benefits for British Columbia workers under proposed amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act tabled in the legislature Tuesday.

Amendments tabled by Minister Wicks following meetings with representatives of both worker and employer groups, boost compensation payments to workers. At present rates are based on 70 per cent of salary.

Amendments, if approved by the legislature, will also increase maximum allowable compensation for workers covered by the act from \$3,600 to \$4,204. It will extend medical care to chiropractors, chiropodists, naturopaths.

A new method of computing pension benefits is applied to pensions which were granted before March 18, 1943. Pensioners enrolled before that date will also get a new act a pensioner

Drive Total Reaches \$4,204

A total of \$4,204.20 has been collected to date in the local Red Cross fund campaign, and officials expect the \$5,500 quota will be reached by the end of the month.

The campaign, which opened with a door-to-door canvass a week ago today will close March 31, and individuals or business firms not contacted to date, have been asked to mail their donations to Box 333 in Prince Rupert. Receipts will be issued.

Meanwhile, results of canvasses in the rest of the district have not been received. The Rupert district drive covers the coast south to Butedale and north to Stewart, the Queen Charlotte Islands and Skeena River communities.

Aid or Army Asked by Rhee

SEOUL (CP)—President Syngman Rhee today called on the United States to help unify Korea by force or give him a South Korean Army which needs no help "if peaceful efforts fail."

Miller Downs Carmichael; Wins North Star Trophy

The first trophy was won this afternoon in the third annual Prince Rupert Curling club bonspiel when Al Miller's rink repulsed one of two Prince George bids for curling honors here in defeating W. Carmichael's quartet 12-6 in the final of the North Star Bottling Works trophy competition.

At the same time Neely Moore beat Jack Mitchell's rink 12-6 to enter the finals of the Grand Challenge trophy event. Moore's crew will meet C. Geddes of Prince George in the finals set for 6:30 this evening.

Entering the finals of the Superior Auto trophy competition was Rob Rudderham who defeated A. McDonald 11-7. Rudderham now plays Jack Laurie at 6:30 tonight in the finals. All final games are 12 ends.

This afternoon two semi-finals are being played in the E. T. Applewhite trophy competition with three Smithers rinks in the running. George Adomeit plays Bill Bovill while Ward Carey plays Jim Georgeson's rink from Prince Rupert.

Final games in E Event for the Bacon Fisheries trophy, and the play-offs for Grand Aggregate competition for the Frizzell Motors' trophy start at 11 o'clock tonight. In the Frizzell Motors contest the eight finalists in A, B, C and D events play off in sudden death competition until the two finalists play off tomorrow afternoon at 4:15.

The Miller rink of Bill Lambie, Hec McDonald and Jack Lindsay, besides winning the North Star trophy, all win electric kettles. To the Carmichael quartet goes four electric clocks.



FOR THE FIRST TIME in more than 50 years Canadian chinchilla breeders will combine with United States breeders in a fur auction. The 1,800-member National Chinchilla Breeders of Canada at its annual meeting in Guelph announced the chinchilla-raising industry in Canada now is valued between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. Little Barbara Nott is thrilled with the family of the expensive animals, with mother, father and two kits valued at \$3,600.

China Policy Talks Slated For Commons

OTTAWA (CP)—China policy is expected to be the focal point of an external affairs debate scheduled for Thursday in the Commons.

Possibility of Canadian recognition of the Chinese Communist government has been a hot topic in the capital since Prime Minister St. Laurent made a series of pronouncements on the subject near the end of his world tour.

At Manila, Seoul and Tokyo, he said Canada is sooner or later bound to recognize the Chinese Reds, no matter how much she might dislike the Communist complexion of China's government.

He stuck to that view in a press conference on his return home a week ago today, though in the Commons Monday he said the government isn't considering recognition "at this time."

Seamen on Tanker Showered By H-Bomb Radio Active Ash

By WILLIAM J. WAUGH

PEARL HARBOR (AP)—The United States' hydrogen explosion March 1 at Bikini atoll, described by one congressional observer as so tremendous that it was out of control, showered radio-active ash on a U.S. Navy tanker carrying 92 men.

The navy, in a cautious announcement Tuesday night, disclosed the new victim of the mighty blast but said "no apparent injury to crewmen exists."

The naval district here said the 4,200-ton tanker Patapsco received "a slight and not a dangerous contamination of radio-active fall-out."

Twenty-three Japanese fishermen were badly burned in a shower of nuclear ashes from the same blast. They said they were 80 miles away and outside the official hazard zone.

In addition, 28 U.S. technicians and 264 Marshall Islands natives more than 100 miles from the flash point were exposed to milder radiation.

Representative Chet Holifield (Dem.-Calif.) said Monday that the explosion "was so far beyond what was predicted that you might say it was out of control."

Its power has been estimated as between 500 and 700 times greater than that of the 1945 Hiroshima atomic bomb which killed 66,000 persons.

In Vancouver, Dr. Gordon Shrum of the University of British Columbia's physics department, said yesterday it was "quite likely" that radioactive particles from recent hydrogen bomb blasts have blown over Canada's west coast.

Atomic Pamphlet 70 Cents in Britain; The Thing in United States Top Secret

(AP)—A British pamphlet which anyone can buy for 70 cents is reported to contain information of a type highly secret in the United States.

The pamphlet, titled "The Atomic Bomb," contains enough information to be called "classified."

The U.S. to send a person to jail and possibly even death as a traitor if made public by an American scientist, it is believed.

The New York Times describes the pamphlet in a dispatch today from Kansas City, where the American Chemical Society is holding its national meeting.

The Times says the British government pamphlet, written about a month ago by K. E. B. Jay of the division of atomic energy of the ministry of supply, is being studied by leading American scientists "with avid interest."

"It tells the story of atomic energy production in Britain. The avidity of American scientific interest in the pamphlet is because it tells in detail how the British enrich uranium to fissionable levels and how they produce plutonium, material for the atomic bomb."

French Frown On U.S. Plan

SAIGON, Indo-China (AP)—Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson's announcement in Washington that he and the French army chief of staff, Gen. Paul Ely, are discussing sending a U.S. mission to train the new Viet Nam army caught French military circles by surprise today.

French military men here oppose the idea.

WEATHER

Forecast

West region: Cloudy in part tomorrow otherwise sunny today.

Little change in winds northwest locally reaching 25 in areas. Low tonight.

Thursday at Port 50; Sandspit and 48.