

TOMORROW'S TIDES	
Thursday, December 17, 1953	
Pacific Standard Time	
10:22	21.6 feet
23:33	18.3 feet
4:09	8.4 feet
17:15	3.6 feet

**Allies Hail U.S. Deal on Tactics**

**Edge Softens Cut Threat**

By TOM MASTERSON

PARIS (AP) — The North Atlantic Council of ministers today went into closing sessions of its meeting considerably cheered by the Eisenhower administration's pledge to work for a sharing of United States atomic tactics with its 13 NATO members.

Prospects of limited atomic co-operation, raised by the U.S. Defense Secretary, Charles E. Wilson, to ease the sting left by Secretary Dulles' threat that U.S. aid to Europe would be cut if the European pact was not approved soon.

Wilson promised only that the Congress will be asked to let the NATO members have "pertinent" information on how to use the atomic bomb the U.S. is building. He said the allies might be asked to build them themselves.

Wilson did he offer to share atomic weapons with any ally, observers pointed out, and nothing to the meeting allied foreign, defence and atomic ministers which would make the possibility of sharing atomic weapons to Europe, the U.S. already has six atomic cannons.

The McMahon energy law sharing of U.S. atomic secrets with foreign powers, Wilson said, is prepared to progress to amend the law.

## Interview With Gouzenko Set Over Until New Year

WASHINGTON (AP) — United States Senate spy hunters today gave a surprise announcement that efforts to interview Gouzenko, former Soviet spy, in Canada are being delayed temporarily.

Gouzenko in 1945 tipped off authorities to a Soviet spy ring in Canada with connections in the U.S.

Chairman William E. Jenner of the Senate internal security sub-committee has been trying to arrange an interview with the former Soviet clerk, now a naturalized Canadian, seeking leads on any Communists who still may be in the U.S. government.

But Robert Morris, sub-committee counsel, said Tuesday the group so far has been unable to make any final arrangements with the Canadian government.

Today's hearing of the sub-committee was called to put into the record additional information from the justice department about the distribution of FBI reports on several former federal employees.

The disclosure that plans to question Gouzenko had been held up came when Morris said Jenner had telephoned him that he was giving up efforts to arrange the interview in Canada before Christmas.

## Weather Station Queen Leaves

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Coast Guard has announced that ocean station Queen, on the great circle route near the Aleutian chain, was withdrawn from service Tuesday.

Only two U.S. ocean stations now remain in the Pacific—Nan, halfway between San Francisco and Honolulu, and Victor, halfway between Midway Island and Japan. A Canadian weather ship, Poppa, is stationed about 1,000 miles west of Vancouver.

**Junior Chamber of Commerce Home Light-up Contest Entry Form**

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**PRETTY MARGARETA HILLMAN** of Loevestad, Sweden, vocalizes on her father's farm after scoring a success in her singing debut in her native land. Possibly another Swedish Nightingale, she has received excellent press notices.

## City To Call For Tenders On Installation of Radio

The City of Prince Rupert will call for tenders for installation of one-base station frequency modulation radio telephone and two mobile units, one for the ambulance and one for the fire truck.

City council made the decision at the second last meeting of the year.

Alderman H. F. Glassey, chairman of the Utilities Committee, giving a report of a special committee said members thought that an FM type radio telephone equipment was superior and more to the city's advantage than an AM unit.

The FM system is approximately \$1,200 more than the AM but it was thought the additional expense could be recovered within a year and over a period of years be built up to supply a substantial revenue to the city.

Trade licences were granted by the licensing committee to the following: Edward Chapman, light delivery service; Shear-downs Super-Service Ltd., service station and parking lot; William Roy, taxi; Aubrey D. Collins, taxi; Walter Arnason, taxi.

Council decided to buy a \$200 refrigerator for the RCMP barracks; amend the Traffic Bylaw to prohibit parking in front of authorized sidewalk crossings; renew the lease for the Seal Cove air base with the department of Transport; sub-lease the floats at the air base to Queen Charlotte Airlines in order to ensure proper supervision; granted the Savoy hotel a loading zone in front of its entrance and granted Queen Charlotte Airlines permission to erect signs within the city pointing out the way to the air base.

Council also agreed to supply a \$5 Christmas bonus to married persons and \$2 to single persons in receipt of social assistance. The city will be reimbursed by the Department of Health and Welfare on a 80:20 basis.

# Shortage Of Two Cent Stamps Causes Christmas Card Crisis

## Record Run Depletes Post Office Supply

A crisis has struck the post office here and postmaster Jack Burgess is crying the blues . . . "Postage Stamp Blues."

Why? Because there are no two-cent stamps here to sell. There haven't been any since late yesterday and there won't be any until sometime tomorrow and then only if the plane arrives from Vancouver.

In a record run on the post office in the past two weeks, city people have bought 100,000 two-cent stamps. A rush order of 10,000 went through the wickets in just 2½ hours yesterday afternoon after they were rushed here by air from the south.

A regular order of 10,000 two-cent stamps was due on the Prince George today, but it did not come . . . and the bewildered Mr. Burgess looked for someplace to hide, while would-be mailers lined up in the post office lobby, looking sadly at batches of Christmas cards they had hoped to post.

The post office ordered two-cent stamps this year on the basis of last year's sales of 90,000 and they were expected to last until today.

## Loan Field In NHA Plan Widened

By The Canadian Press

OTTAWA—Down payments under the government's new housing legislation will be reduced to 10 per cent from 20 per cent on the first \$8,000 of the mortgage value, Works Minister Winters announced today.

Down payments on portions in excess of \$8,000 will be 30 per cent, making for a graduated general reduction from the current 20 per cent now applicable to all National Housing Act loans.

Under new legislation a prospective homeowner can get a new \$10,000 NHA house with a down payment of \$1,400 instead of \$2,000 currently required.

Monthly repayments will be reduced by extending the life of mortgage loans.

Principal change, however, will be the widening of the mortgage-lending field, to allow chartered banks and Quebec savings banks to make mortgage loans under a mortgage-insurance system to be administered by the government's Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

## Greenlease Kidnap-Killers Unconcerned As They Await Death Penalty Friday

By LARRY HALL

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Greenlease kidnap-killers spent part of their time today reading wild west stories and working crossword puzzles, outwardly nonchalant about their execution early Friday.

Carl Austin Hall, 34-year-old playboy, and Bonnie Brown Heady, 41, his paramour, gave no outward signs of cracking before their death in the gas chamber.

They pay with their lives, side by side, a few minutes after midnight Thursday night for the killing of six-year-old Bobby Greenlease which they planned before they kidnapped him Sept. 28 in Kansas City.

The only enigma of the crime left is what happened to half of the \$600,000 ransom paid by Bobby's multi-millionaire father, Robert C. Greenlease. The missing money, which Hall has insisted he had with him when arrested in St. Louis the night of Oct. 6, has become the object of an inquiry by a federal grand jury at Kansas City, the FBI and the St. Louis police board.

## Press Poll Shows American Readers Ignore World News

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — A poll of United States newspaper readers shows that 40 per cent of those questioned couldn't identify Georgi Malenkov as Russia's premier a month after he took office, the International Press Institute has disclosed.

The average American, said IPI, reads "very little" of the 4½ columns of foreign news printed daily by the average U.S. newspaper, and "the level of his knowledge about important events abroad is low."

The summary was contained in a book called The Flow of News, published by the IPI. An organization of editors in 32 countries, its study was financed by the Ford and Rockefeller foundations.

The reader poll was conducted for IPI last April and May by the American Institute of Public Opinion. Malenkov succeeded Stalin as Russian premier March 6.

The survey found 79 per cent of the Americans interviewed didn't know NATO means the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

## Fire Razes Abandoned Mill

VANCOUVER (CP) — Flames shot 100 feet into the air today as fire exploded through an abandoned sawmill in False Creek area and caused \$50,000 damage.

Firemen from five halls and the city fire boat battled the blaze at the Robertson and Hackett mill for more than an hour. The mill, one of the oldest in the city, was in the process of being dismantled.

## Building Trades, Wicks Hold Talks On Proposal For Holiday Stamp Books

VANCOUVER (CP)—Industry and worker representatives from Vancouver's building trades met with Labor Minister Lyle Wicks here yesterday to discuss the proposed institution of holiday stamp books in B.C.

The books would be used to keep an accurate record of time worked by carpenters and other construction workers in order to compute the number of days holidays owing them annually. Similar systems now are in force in Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta.

Herb Fleischer of the Building Trades Council (AFL) said following the meeting that council representatives had received a "very favorable hearing" from the minister.

The minister asked both management and worker representatives to make representations to the government concerning institution of the books.

Mr. Fleischer said the council and industry representatives have held a number of discussions on the proposal, seeking means of arriving at a system that would be as free of "red tape" as possible.



**KYOKO ANZAI**, one of Japan's promising young movie actresses, doesn't go in for the lazy relaxations. The pretty starlet prefers her motorcycle. Nineteen-year-old Kyoko has just completed filming "Half-Virgin."

## — WEATHER —

**Forecast**

North coast region: Gale warning in effect. Cloudy with intermittent light rain today and Thursday. Little change in temperature. Winds southeast 20, frequently reaching 35 in exposed areas.

Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy and Prince Rupert, 36 and 48; Sandspit, 42 and 48.

**FISHERMAN FOUND DEAD**

Richard Mattson, 60-year-old fisherman was found dead on his boat near Galloway Rapids this morning. Mr. Mattson, who lived on his boat in that vicinity for the past three years, is believed to have died from natural causes.