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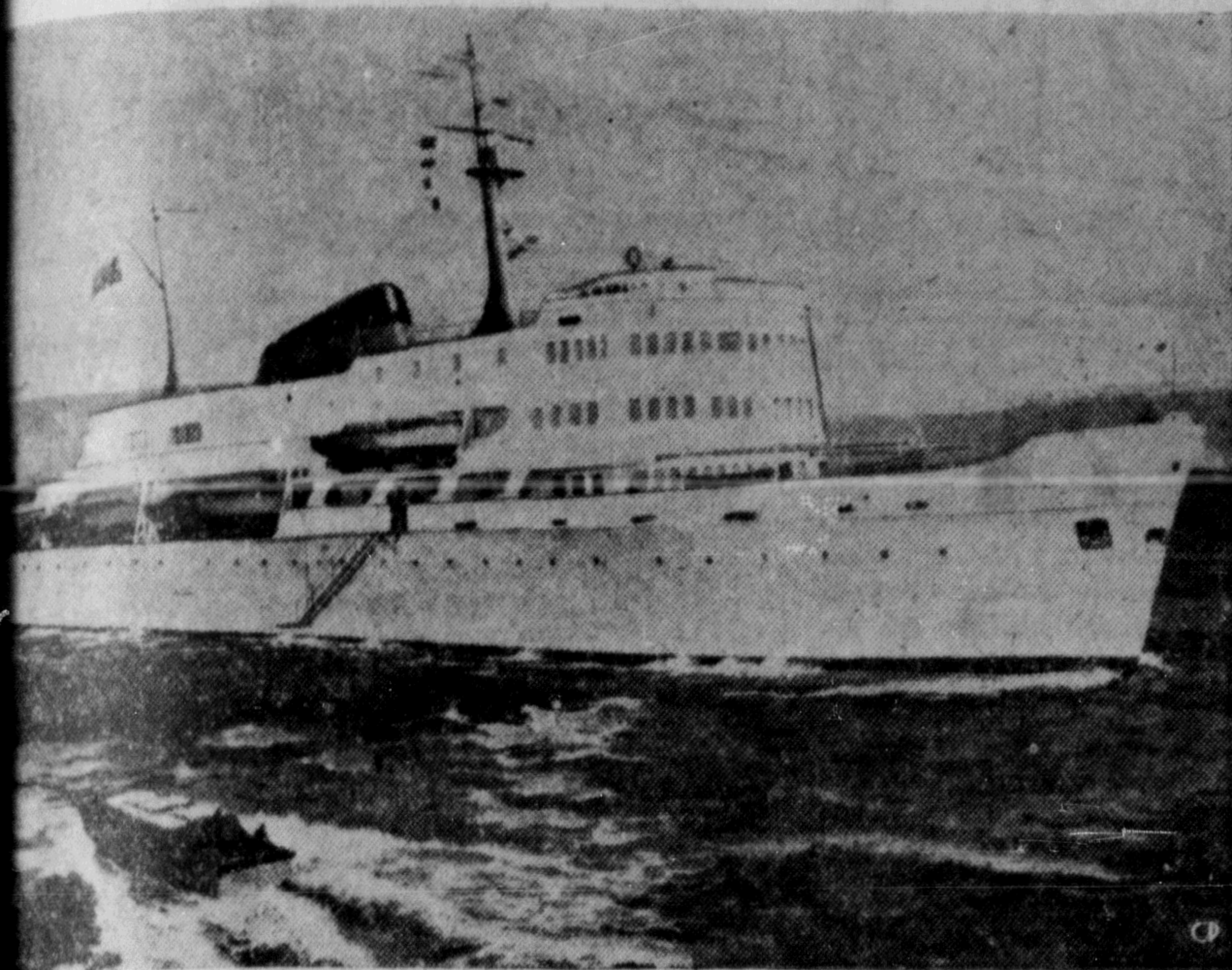
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It is expected to be laid this fall for this dream ship of the Canadian hydrographic service. The vessel, shown in this drawing, will be a 285-foot, diesel vessel designed to withstand the pressure of Arctic waters with a draft of 15 feet to enable it to chart shallow waters. It will carry a crew of 102 and have a flight deck and hangar amidships for two helicopters.

Hel-Powered Dream Ship Designed For Canadian Hydrographic Service

The men who designed and built for hydrographic service operations based on the east coast since the old Acadia was launched in England in 1914. There have been other survey ships since then but none have been designed for the job. Mr. Smith says the job of charting the Arctic seas will take 50 years to complete. But the more immediate aims will be to meet the pressing needs of defence and industry.

Defence planners want safe sea lanes in the Arctic that will enable them to reduce their reliance on air transport. And industrialists seeking to open up the mineral wealth in the North want good ports and safe sea lanes for the future.

CORONER ADJOURNS INQUEST INTO TERRACE CAR MISHAP

TERRACE—The inquest yesterday into the deaths of three persons arising from a two-car collision near Terrace Sunday night has been adjourned by Coroner Larry Pruden until Monday, following formal identification of the victims.

Killed as a result of the accident were Dennis Waters, 20, Carol Ann Bell, 18 months and Fred Wesley, 5. All told 13 persons were involved in the mishap.

Still on the critical list is Stanley Walker. Other victims, Mrs. Pauline Bell and Mrs. Joe Wesley have been transferred to Vancouver and Prince Rupert, respectively, for further treatment. The remainder of those involved are progressing favorably.

R. K. Elkins of Terrace informed the Daily News this morning that he was not the first man to reach the scene following the accident.

"I did not get there until nearly an hour afterward," Mr. Elkins states.

Living Cost Increases Boost Price Index Tenth of Point

OTTAWA — Scattered increases in living costs pushed the consumer price index up by one-tenth of a point during March to 115.6 from 115.5. It was the first rise in six months.

Food prices continued to decline and shelter costs were unchanged. But there were increases in the cost of clothing, household operations and a group of other items, including health and personal care and postal rates.

The boost in the consumer price index, based on 1949 prices equalling 100, followed a February decline of one-fifth of a point. It was the first rise since the half-point jump last September.

The index, a yardstick for measuring living costs, had been declining since last September.

In March, the food column continued to drop. A sharp decline in egg prices along with smaller declines in butter, beef, fresh pork, veal, fresh tomatoes, celery and potatoes offset boosts for coffee, tea, oranges and cured pork. The sub-index dropped by three-tenths of a point to 110.4, following a point decline in February.

SHELTER UNCHANGED

The shelter column remained unchanged at the peak of 125.6, following an increase of one-fifth of a point in February. Rents were slightly higher but these were offset by lower home-ownership costs.

The household operations column rose by a half point to a new high of 118.1, reflecting an increase in the price of cleaning supplies which offset lower prices for electric irons and lawnmowers.

Scattered increases pushed the clothing column up by a tenth of a point to 109.9, still well below the peak of 115.2 in November, 1951. (See earlier story, Page 6.)

Defence counsel Robert Blair asked for the adjournment when the information was changed from "goods valued at more than \$25."

Crown witness George Grenville Turner, master of the Quathlaski 14, stated that the goods in question, a pair of binoculars, were valued at \$18.50. He said that he noticed the binoculars missing from the wheelhouse of the boat April 11.

Defence counsel told the court that the framework of the defence had been based on a greater value being placed on the binoculars.

Canada Hints Stern Measures If Far East Peace Parley Fails

Police Nab Fugitive From Prison

Convict Taken After 15 Hours

VANCOUVER (CP)—

A shot-punctured, all-night chase through bushlands ended Tuesday with the recapture of Lawrence Corbett, escaped prisoner.

The 18-year-old gunman, branded in court as a "potential murderer," escaped from Oakalla prison farm in suburban Burnaby at 2 p.m. Monday. He had 15 hours freedom.

Twice during the night as police trailed Corbett through the bush in the eastern section of the city they fired on the fugitive, who disappeared in the darkness.

Surrounded near the home of his grandmother, Corbett surrendered without a fight. He was wet and tired when taken from the rain-soaked bush.

Convicted of a series of armed holdups, he was recently sentenced to Oakalla to a term of two years less one day.

Prison officials described him as "emotionally disturbed" after he learned the suspected slayer of his 12-year-old sister was held in Oakalla.

Donna Lee Corbett was strangled with her own shoelace near her home in Quesnel, B.C. last September. Lawrence Vincent, 26-year-old carnival worker, is in Oakalla awaiting trial, charged with her murder.

Phone Officials Here For Parley

Two officials of the North West Telephone Co. are in town today to explain the changes in radio-telephone service scheduled as a result of their company and its affiliate, B.C. Telephone Co., taking over the telephone portion of the Canadian government's telephone and telegraph system in this area. They are Miles Green, radio-engineer, and B. R. Abram, commercial superintendent.

The two will have a meeting tonight with representatives of interested organizations.



THIS POOCH can tell you that even the dogs in West Berlin are affected by the Cold War between the West and the East. Little Mohren crossed the zonal border into East Berlin to study one of the trees that caught his attention. Communist "People's Police" shot at the mongrel, wounding him in the right foreleg. Maybe they thought he was a spy or something. Mohren vows he'll now stay on his side of the Iron Curtain.

Taxi Driver Fined \$400 For Illegal Liquor Sale

For unlawfully keeping liquor for sale, taxi driver James Thomas Moran was fined \$400 and costs, or in default three months in jail, by Magistrate W. D. Vance in police court yesterday afternoon. Moran pleaded guilty to the charge.

The taxi, seized by police at the time of the offence, April 21, was released to the owner on the condition that no appeal to the sentence would be filed.

In presenting the case, prosecutor T. W. Brown, Q.C., asked that all reference to "automobile" in the information be stricken out.

Referring to the possibility of permanently impounding the car, Mr. Brown said that the prosecution found itself in a dilemma.

"In some six cases around this district where vehicles were seized, the cars were given back afterward by the attorney-general's department in 50 per cent of the cases," Mr. Brown said.

"Yet, I can quite see that taking the value of the car plus the ordinary \$300 fine would be disproportionate for a first offence." And, he added, "If we did proceed in this manner, the attorney-general's department would probably give back the car."

"At the same time, a \$300 fine is no deterrent."

Mr. Brown went on to stress that if this had been a second or third offence on a similar charge, he would have gone ahead with confiscation of the car.

Before passing sentence, Magistrate Vance said that it appeared heavier fines were in order if the illegal traffic in liquor was to be stamped out.

The accused told the court that he was in no position to pay a higher fine.

"You should think about such circumstances before you breach the law," Magistrate Vance said.

Pearson Tells Reds Of "Consequences"

By ALAN HARVEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

GENEVA, (CP)—Canada, through External Affairs Minister Pearson, has issued a warning to the Communists that failure of the Far East conference here may result in further collective measures by the Western powers.

This would apply particularly in respect to Indo-China.

The chief of the Canadian delegation issued the warning in an address at yesterday's plenary session of the conference.

At the end of his speech, he referred to the recent meeting of Asian Commonwealth prime ministers at Colombo, Ceylon.

"I would like," Pearson said, "to call attention to the importance attached by these Asian leaders to the role of the United Nations in furthering the peaceful purposes of this conference, particularly in respect of Indo-China."

"If these peaceful purposes are not achieved by a just honorable and negotiated settlement, the consequences will be bad, and probably far-reaching."

MAY HARDEN DIVISION

"Failure here may well necessitate further collective consideration by those who, as a result of such failure, will feel increasingly threatened, of further ways and means to meet that threat. This, in its turn, may harden and make more dangerous the great and tragic division in the world which now exists."

"The reward for success at Geneva will be great in terms of peaceful progress; but the penalty of failure may be even greater in terms of increasing tensions and the risk of a war which would engulf and destroy us all."

Conference observers believe Pearson's warning of "further collective consideration" was designed to emphasize Canada's solidarity with the other Western powers in the event of failure of the conference.

Asked by The Canadian Press whether he had in mind the possibility that Canada might join the projected "SEATO" pact designed to strengthen security in the Southeast Asia area, Pearson replied that he did not consider that specific possibility when he wrote his speech.

The conference recessed until Friday following Pearson's speech, giving the delegates a chance to hold private consultations and clarify their positions.

The Associated Press reported today that Western diplomats are ready to break off the Korea phase of the conference once they are sure the Communists will not accept elections supervised by the United Nations.

This would clear the way for the conference to turn to the Indo-China problem.

Rescuers Work To Free Miners After Blast

RIBOLLA, Italy (Reuters)—Rescue officials here today feared 50 miners and firemen died in one of the greatest mine disasters in Italian history.

Black-shawled mothers and wives gathered again today at the entrance to a Ribolla coal mine, hoping some 30 miners trapped 800 feet below were still alive.

An explosion scored the shaft yesterday and brought tons of rock down in a cave-in.

Wails of grief went up from the waiting relatives last night and today as six more bodies were hauled to the surface, bringing the known death toll to 19. Twenty injured men have been rescued during 24 hours of frantic digging by rescue workers.

So far only 10 men of those originally trapped have been brought to the surface unhurt.

Death on Boat Said Natural

Deputy coroner George Dawes announced last night that old-age pensioner James Blake, found dead on his boat yesterday had died of natural causes. Coronary thrombosis was the actual cause, Mr. Dawes said.

Mr. Blake, 71 years of age, had lived on his boat the "Kay-O" at the Fairview wharf. He is believed to have lived in this district for the past 11 years. Mr. Blake has no known relatives in this area.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

Injured Girl Flown South

VANCOUVER — A three and one-half-year-old Smithers girl, Mavis Tennant, is in good condition in hospital here after being flown from the northern B.C. city Monday night with an eye injury.

An RCAF plane made the mercy flight after the little girl was struck by a piece of a plank which broke when someone stepped on it.

Revolt Reported In Paraguay

BUENOS AIRES — A Paraguayan radio broadcast said today a cavalry division has revolted against Paraguay's government. The broadcast said other troops and police had rallied to the defence of the administration.

U.S. Representatives Start Debating Contentious St. Lawrence Seaway Bill

WASHINGTON — The United States House of Representatives opens debate today on the first St. Lawrence seaway bill to reach its floor in the nearly 20 years the international project has been proposed in legislation.

The U.S. Senate has already passed the measure which would authorize U.S. participation with Canada in construction of the 27-foot-deep channel in the St. Lawrence river. The seaway would allow larger ocean-going ships to steam from the Atlantic to Great Lakes ports.

House leaders have called for a vote on the proposal Thursday, and the tally will amount to a "now or never" decision as far as U.S. participation is concerned. Canada has officially stated that she will build the seaway by herself on the Canadian side of the St. Lawrence if the U.S. legis-

lation fails in Congress this year.

One of the main points of contention in the debate preceding the vote is expected to materialize around an amendment relating to financing of the U.S. portion of the project. It will be offered by Representative Charles Brownson (Rep.-Ind.).

The bill, as passed by the Senate, would authorize a St. Lawrence Development Corp. to sell \$105,000,000 in revenue bonds to the U.S. treasury department. The bonds would be retired within 50 years through tolls received from ships using the waterway. Brownson, however, will propose that the bonds be offered to private investors instead of the treasury. He contends that if the project would be self-liquidating, as claimed by proponents, private capital would have no hesitation in purchasing

the bonds to supply the money needed for construction.

Supporters of the bill claim the amendment is "unbusinesslike" and would have a crippling effect. They contend that money from private sources might not be available when needed for construction.

WEATHER FORECAST

North coast region — Gale warning continued. Sunny with cloudy periods today. Mostly overcast tonight and Thursday but with clear intervals in the southern part. Rain in the northern part tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Wind southeast 15, increasing after midnight to southeast 35 and decreasing to southerly 25 tomorrow afternoon. Low tonight and high Thursday at Port Hardy 35 and 52; Sandspit and Prince Rupert, 40 and 50.



ENGINEER D. E. THOMAS of Bell Telephone Laboratories demonstrates that his voice can be clearly heard by his assistant (in the background) at a receiver across the lawn, as he tests the new Bell solar battery. The sun's rays falling on the battery, which he holds in his right hand; are the only source of power needed to operate the small mobile radio transmitter. Providing an operating potential of several miles for the transmitter, the solar battery is composed of strips of specially prepared silicon that can convert sunlight directly and efficiently into electricity.