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Strike

Ends

By The Associated Press

LONDON. — A union-

management agreement

has ended the threat of

strike throughout Brit-

The two sides agreed Wed-

nesday night to a sweeping re-

view of wage demands by

400,000 members of the power-

ful National Union of Railway-

on minimum wage increases of

not less than seven shillings a

week. The British Transport

The agreement provides for

At present, rail workers get

The unions originally de-

manded a full 15-per-cent in-

said would add an extra £31,-

000,000 to the yearly wage bill.

Monckton, who succeeded in

Everting the strike, knocked

himself out of action in the

intensive negotiations, his phy-

They ordered the 62-year-old

lawyer to take an immediate

rest to cure an influenza attack.

Monckton refused to go to bed

with the illness throughout the

WEATHER

with intermittent light rain to-

southerly 15 today increasing to

at Port Hardy, Sandspit and

Prince Rupert 42 and 48.

Low tonight and high Friday

North Coast Region: Cloudy

sicians disclosed today.

negotiations.

CANADA'S DEEP-SEA MERCHANT NAVY, after several post-

war years of prosperity, is flying distress signals. The federal

government is considering a request from ship owners for author-

ity to sell most of the Canadian-owned vessels in view of a

Nov. 12 government decision not to subsidize operations. Two

Junior Chamber of Commerce Home Light-up

Contest Entry Form

Judging will commence December 20th. Mail your entry to:

Jaycee Light-up, 642 East Fourth, no later than December 19.

This contest is made possible by various local

merchants in co-operation with the Jaycees.

laid-up ships are anchored in Halifax harbor.

Labor Minister Sir Walter

Commission, which runs the

The union said it will insist

Christmas-time railway



TRIS WATER WHEEL, so big it looks like a ferris wheel, was erected on Perry Creek, 15 miles north of Cranbrook, B.C., in 1933 when placer miners were crowding Perry Creek for gold. Built from 11,000 board feet of lumber it powers two pumps used to drain seepage from a mine 100 feet deep. When built the wheel was considered the largest of its kind in North America. It is 32 feet in diameter, has a seven-foot face width and 72 built-in-buckets.

#### Queen Drinks Potent Native Brew on Arrival in Suva

pered her arrival in the Fiji Island songs.

The royal libation was a pophigh spot of the opening remonies in the two-day visit warch and her husband, the the of Edinburgh.

Islands @-Queen chested, grass-skirted Fiji men ter of a commander of the Fi- lings ained a cocoanul whirl clubs and spears in war jian battalion. the full of potent, soapy-tast- dances, and heard 200 gar- The child presented a bou- an immediate minimum wage

> First to greet the monarch were five major chieftains, who boarded the ship to pay homage as their ancestors did to important visitors centuries ago.

The Queen's first welcome ashore came from Mei Hainona

Ganilau, three-year-old daugh-Killers of Greenlease Boy Regret Mistakes Not Crime

By AL DOPKING

WEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (A) ad Austin Hall's last day was led today with regret - not gret that he kidnapped and med little Bobby Greenlease, It that his wild gamble for ack riches was lost in a drunk-

spending spree. A few cells away from him in ath row his paramour, Bonnie own Heady, was sorry, toomy that her illicit love affair Mh Carl was broken up in a

weking crime. The killers die tonight in the schamber a few minutes after for killing six-year-old a few hours after his kidoping Sept. 28.

both have written to the mul-& And both asked for spirit-Counsel in their final nours

Milcials say Hall is sorry only scuff-type sandals.

Mrs. Heady, next and that in death row. when arresting officers ordered a chicken dinner.

Louis Oct. 6. ber came closer, neither Hall nor chiefs had prepared in a huge Mrs. Heady had talked about wooden bowl.

the big remaining mystery: half of the record \$600,000 ran- ents for Prince Charles and

som money they collected from Princess Anne. Bobby's 71-year-old father after Five hundred skirted Fijians day and Friday. Not much they had already killed and carrying lighted torches ran change in temperature. Winds buried the little boy in Mrs. alongside tonight as the Queen Heady's back yard in St. Joseph? and the Duke drove in an open 25 Friday morning. A federal grand jury at Kan- car to a state ball at the Grand

sas City is looking for that. So Pacific Hotel here, are the FBI and the St. Louis police board. The board's inquiry into the handling of the arrest so angered former Lieut. Louis Shoulders that he resigned.

Hall and Mrs. Heady will wear regulation prison clothing when lonaire Greenlease family they are taken a quarter of a sas City asking forgive- mile by automobile from death row to the lethal gas chamber tonight. For Mrs. Heady that will be a green cotton dress and

his plans for quick and easy Hall will be dressed in green crashed in the binge that pants and shirt. He will go into the gas tank barefoot.

ne 34-year-old Hall had been 'In their last hours, the oncested as saying that he planned gay lovers will have a final chat

and vowed never to be taken Both are reported outwardly Now Hall says his pro- calm. They have been eating food aged spree made him too fuzzy taken to them from the officers' realize clearly what was hap- mess and for their last meal they

## Pioneer Railroader's Son Opens New Food Market

Prince Rupert-born man ables and meat, we hard work and singleness wand-new store tomorrow. to customers in his new about 1935.

48ehold needs arranged on today. foods, fresh fruit, veget- other city businessmen.

Spero was born 35 years ago purpose it reflected in the in this city. His father came to ogress of his business opens Prince Rupert in 1907 when the Grand Trunk Pacific was being opero Postulo, son of a pio- constructed into the city. His railroader of this district, father was also well known as a dream come true when the proprietor of the Royal Honew food market opens its tel which he operated up until

between Eighth' and Spero attended Borden Street avenues on McBride and Booth schools and got his main introduction to business two-storey building will when working for James Killis, everything in the way of owner of the confectionery store dern conveniences for the and poolroom at Premier Mines The food market sec- between 1935 and 1942. Later he with its storage room is worked in the shipbuilding prosquare feet. Well-lighted jects at the Prince Rupert dry-Huorescent fixtures, the dock before buying the small offers complete grocery store on Eighth Avenue in 1945. meat lines with additional The small store goes into disuse

shelves in keeping with Married, with three children, serve-yourself system. There Mr. Postulo is receiving many live refrigeration units for congratulatory messages

nationalized railway system. had previously refused to grant boosts of more than four shil-

"kava" today as thousands landed men and women sing quet as big as herself, backed increase of four shillings a week three paces and, in a Fijian and negotiation of a further demonstration of respect, sat interim increase within the down and bowed. Then she next six weeks.

clapped her hands three times. Thousands cheered as the an average weekly wage rate of royal couple drove through about £8 11s. Suva's crowded streets to Albert Park for the welcome.

Addressing her subjects, the crease which transport officials Queen promised to "constantly watch over your welfare and pray for your prosperity years to come."

"Your loyalty and devotion to the throne are well known far beyond these shores."

chiefs clapping in time as she knocked on his hotel door in St. drank. The duke also drank the po-But as death in the gas cham- tent native brew, which three

Then came to kava, with the

The Queen was presented What happened to the missing with many gifts including pres-

(See earlier story, Page 7)



THIS GERMAN YOUNGSTER enjoys some of the goodies to be found on the "Toy Tree," a special Christmas toy exhibition with which a U.S. sector department store in Berlin is getting the jump on the opposition. Hanging from the tree are many of the items most Children would like to find under their Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

#### LIQUOR STORE TO OPEN AT NIGHT NEXT WEEK

The government liquor store here will be open evenings throughout most of the festive season, starting this Saturday

The store will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. December 19, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 31. Usual closing time is 6 p.m.

The night opening here is in line with procedure throughout the province. The liquor control board has ordered the night shift at liquor stores, for the first time in B.C., to relieve the annual Christmas congestion.

## Son Accused of Murdering Wealthy Parents With Poison

NEW YORK (A)-Howard Fra- that didn't exist. their \$100,000 wealth. by spik- wealth, stood in a hallway outing their champagne with poi- side the apartment as the le- established links with foreign son as all drank a toast to his thal toast was drunk. Fraden intelligence services . . ."

a double suicide or a murder scene. and suicide for four months, until a girl started talking.

Luca said Fraden will be charg- untainted with poison, to deed with homicide in the deaths stroy it. of his parents, Dr. William Fraden, 53, and his wife. Shirley, 50.

De Lucas said Fraden and a The deaths were unsolved unfriend, Dennis Wepman, 23, an til a girl friend of Wepman went unemployed writer, "planned to authorities. Wepman had told the murder of Fraden's parents her of his "complicity in this for some time."

Wepman, also facing a homi- about her knowledge of a crime. cide charge, made a complete

ney said. month hotel room.

De Luca said Fraden had been living luxuriously on the inheritance from his parents, had tion celebrated its golden an- flight said about 1,000 Wright century ogservances of the purchased a Rolls Royce \$18,000 and planned to go to today, but especially here at being held around the world.

England to pick up the car. Wepman was quoted as saying Fraden poured more potassium cyanide into his parents' from the poisoned champagne. and notables of the aviation at Kitty Hawk.

information from Wepman:

parents that he had obtained a sycle makers from Dayton, early today, will be among the brothers' historic flight. job, gave them the poisoned Ohio, who came to Kitty Hawk planes assembled at Kitty Hawk. | Consolidated Vultee Aircraft champagne on the night of Aug. in quest of good and steady The crew members, Flt. Lt. R. Corporation said the new plane 19 in their apartment.

pagne in the kitchen and then similar gatherings. returned to the living room to join them in a toast to the job entists gathered to hear pioneer A report from Capetown told port, it weighs 80 tons and is

"DEAN OF RODEA" DIES veteran cowpoke who iriginated and women in honoring the record was 21 hours, 311/2 min- propellers. the Calgary Stampede died in Wright memory at a banquet. utes. Los Angeles. He was 65.

later admitted him to the apart-The case had been considered ment to witness the death

Fraden and Wepman left the apartment together, taking District attorney George B. de along the son's tell-tale glass,

> Two days later they returned to the apartment together and "discovered" the bodies.

> thing," and she became worried

# Former Police Boss, Aides, Facing Trial

By RICHARD KASISCHKE Associated Press Staff Writer

MOSCOW .- The Soviet government announced today that Lavrenty P. Beria has confessed to plotting against the state and will be placed on trial with six key members of the police network he headed for 15 years.

The official announcement, published in the government newspaper Izvestia, said the Soviet state prosecutor has completed his case against Beria, Premier Georgi Malenkov's top deputy until his arrest June 26. Moscow radio said the seven men will be tried at a special sitting of the Soviet Supreme Court. It did not say when.

The government announcement said Beria and his associates aimed at using "the organs of the ministry of internal affairs . . . against the Communist party and the government of the U.S.S.R. in the interests of foreign capital . . to grab power and to liquidate the Soviet worker-peasant regime with a view to restoring capitalism and securing the domination of the bourgeoisie (middle class)."

Beria, who headed Russia's police activities from 1938 until his arrest, was first deputy prime minister and minister of internal affairs under Malen-

The statement said Beria and his associates "admitted their guilt of having committed a number of the most serious state crimes." It declared that Beria had been committed for 100-inch organizing an anti-Soviet plot,

and counter-revolutionary work. Mark Here against:

V. N. Merkulov, former minister of state security and Beria's deputy; V. G. Dekanozov and S. A. Goglidze, both fairs in Georgia; P. Y. Meshik. department; B. Z. Kobulov, for- mark. mer Soviet deputy minister of internal affairs.

The statement said Beria's den, 20, was accused today of Wepman, who also lived lav- "traitorous" activities went as murdering his parents, to get ishly on the slain couple's far back as the Russian civil mer years. They quote precipiwar of 1918-20 when he "had tation totalling 132 inches in





THE COMMONS today apday appointed E. T. Applewhaite MP for Skeena, as deputy chairman of the committee of the whole House. His appointment, made on the motion of Prime Minister St. Laurent, is for the present session only.

# Rain Passes

Prince Rupert has passed the 100-inch mark in precipitation

The total for the year Tuesormer ministers of internal af- day morning was 99.9 inches and fine weather on that day former minister of internal af- failed to change the figure. But fairs; L. E. Vlodzimirsky, for- yesterday's rainfall added .71 mer head of the investigations inches to pass the 100 inch

> However, the meteorological station at Digby Island reports "that's nothing" and goes on to prove it with figures from for-1923, 126.48 mches in 1913, 117.81 in 1932, and several other years over the 100 mark.

However, they did admit that this year's fall is a little more than average, quoting 98.23 inches as the average for a 28 year period ending in 1936.

And they were ashamed to admit that there has been only 5.4 hours of sunshine to date this month.

FIREMEN TRAPPED CHICAGO (A)-At least eight

firemen were reported trapped in wreckage of a small west side hotel which was swept by fire here today.

#### confession but Fraden was un-co-operative, the district attor-ney said. World Today Celebrates 50th Fraden was seized by detectives yesterday in his \$200-a- Anniversary of Powered Flights

for niversary throughout the world Day luncheons and dinners are Wright brothers' first flight. the place of its birth.

dents, relatives, Carolina na- landed for refuelling at Gander of powered flight began. Fraden, falsely telling his Wright, the glider-minded bi- airfield in Northern Ireland century later, as the Wright

In Washington, aviation sci- New Zealand. airplane builder Glenn L. Mar- of a British Canberra jet bomb- powered by four Allison gastin deliver the annual "Wright er making a record flight from turbine engines which develop lecture." Tonight President London today. Its time was 12 more than 5,500 horsepower CALGARY(CP)\_ Guy Weadick, Eisenhower will join 1,200 men hours 25 minutes. The previous each in turning contra-rotating

winning 12,000-mile dash to 350 miles an hour.

KITTY HAWK, N.C. (A)-Avia- the 50th anniversary of powered timed to coincide with the half-

At San Diego, Calif., a big The RAF Canberra jet bomber flying boat today became the Old friends of the Wright which won an England-to-New first airplane introduced to the brothers, early-day flying stu- Zealand air race last October world as the second 50 years

mouths after they collapsed tives who knew of the inventors, en route to join in celebrations | The R-3Y1 seaplane transport, built for the United States DeLuca said he also got his fraternity gathered to pay The speedy twin-engined Navy, was set for launching at tribute to Orville and Wilbur bomber, which left Aldergrove about the same hour, half a

L. E. Burton, pilot, and Flt. Lt. is the fastest big flying boat in The son, out of the sight of Other groups in other towns, P. H. Gannon, navigator, also the history of aviation. Its top his parents, spiked their cham- and in other lands, planned operated the plane on its prize- speed is figured at more than Also called Tradewind trans-

It has a wing span of ap-

The national committee for The 6,000-mile flight was proximately 145 feet.