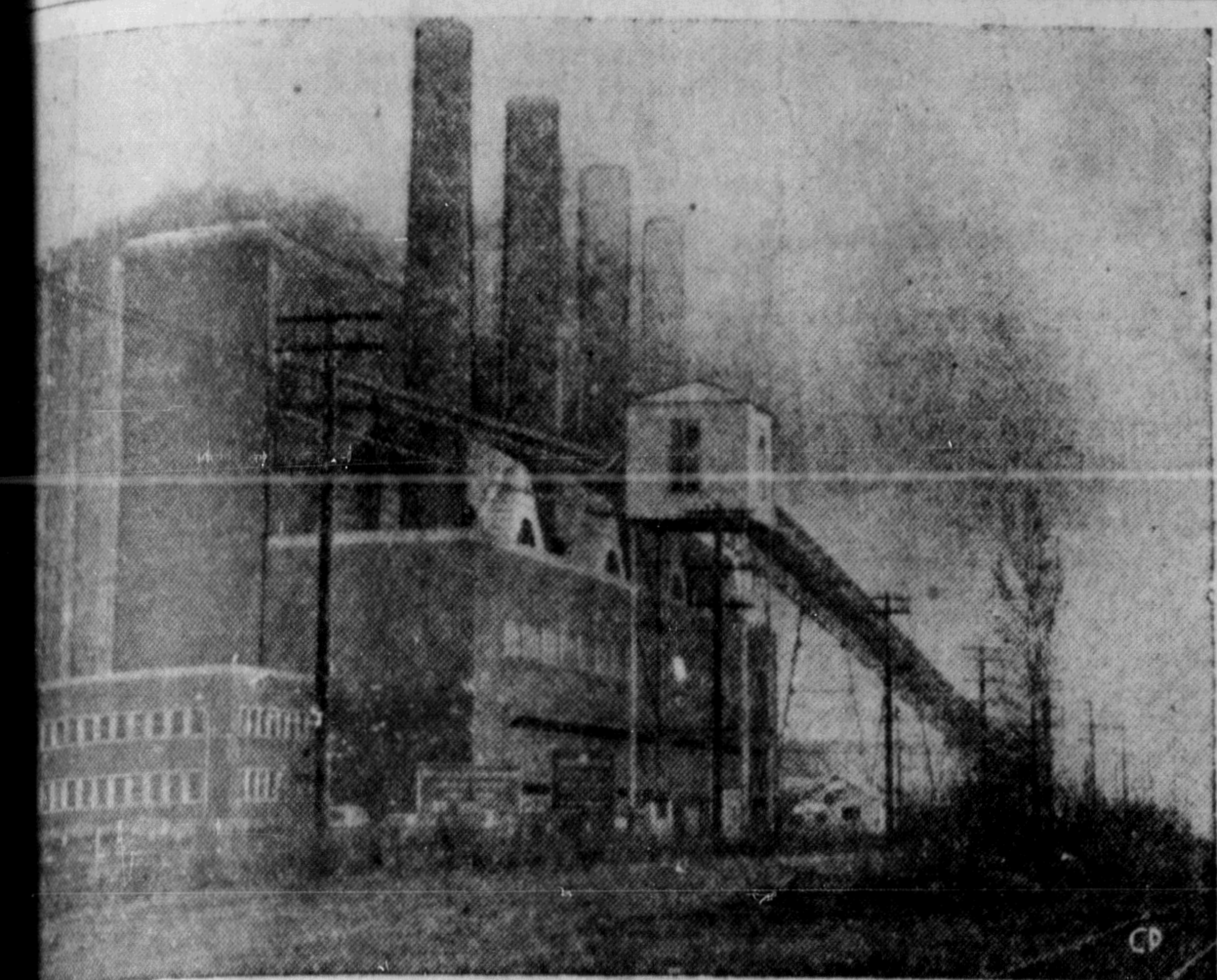


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Plumes from the roof of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission generating station in Toronto, damaged by an explosion. Hydro officials estimated damage at \$1,000,000. The blast was in a stator, stationary part of a generator. No one was injured.

## Master Plan For City Hospital Drawn Up by Stevenson

Attending the conference were seven teams from B.C. and five teams from Alberta.

Speakers included: Dr. K. C. Charron, principle medical officer, civil defence health planning group, Ottawa; Dr. G. E. Fryer, medical consultant, and Miss E. A. Pepper, nursing consultant.

After their arrival last Thursday delegates heard plans drawn up by the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria and Rest Haven Hospital at Sidney.

## FRONT LINE ONLY SAFE SPOT IN H-BOMB WAR SAYS MONTY

LONDON (AP)—Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery thinks the safest place to be if a war breaks out is "in the front line with the fighting soldiers"—because he believes both sides will be using atomic weapons from the outset.

NATO's deputy supreme commander in Europe explained his view in a BBC interview Monday night.

"If you're in the forward area, the enemy cannot drop on you explosions which have a killing effect over a wide area because he'll kill all his own soldiers too."

## Chamber, Angry at Ottawa Continues Fight For Airport

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, dissatisfied with the federal government's refusal to supply a full report on Digby Island's suitability as an airport site, decided last night to work with the city council airport committee until the establishment of an airport is achieved.

Members were critical of a letter from Transport Minister Lionel Chevrier who wrote the Chamber stressing the difficulty of the Digby Island terrain, the "serious weather handicap" and the problem of a second runway.

T. Norton Youngs, chairman of the Chamber's airport committee said that Canadian Pacific Airlines had told him that throughout last year only ten flights had been cancelled because of weather and two or three of those days it was because of weather elsewhere, not at Prince Rupert.

**NOT FEASIBLE**

Mr. Youngs said that \$50,000 had been appropriated for the Digby Island survey and that it was not feasible that the government should refuse to let the chamber have it.

"It must be available," Mr. Youngs said, "we are just getting the brush off. I don't see a helicopter service operating between here and Terrace in our time. There are only two such services operating in North America at the present time."

"The future of Prince Rupert demands that we have an airport here," he said.

Lou Felsenthal said that places of equal importance to Prince Rupert were getting special treatment. An airport here, he said, would pay for itself eventually, as this city was the hub of the north country.

John Magor asserted that since the matter was of such importance it was worthwhile the whole city getting behind it. The chamber's airport committee should give the city council's airport committee its wholehearted support, along with all other organizations in town.

"We should demand a copy of

the federal government's report until we get it," he said.

**WANT SPEEDY ACTION**

The chamber also expressed concern at the slowness with which the federal government was taking action on the Cow Bay floats. The floats were handed over to the federal government by the province last month and \$29,000 had been allotted towards repairing them.

"When are they going to start working on the floats?" Jack McRae wanted to know.

He said the fishing season would be underway soon and if more space for visiting boats was not made available almost immediately the city would have a collection of hostile fishermen on its hands.

On his motion the chamber agreed to wire the Minister of Fisheries asking that the government not wait to call tenders on the job but allot it to someone so that the work could be completed in time.

## First Dampness Falls on City Since March 15

The weatherman called it right yesterday when he forecast a few showers of snow and mixed rain.

White flakes first began falling over Prince Rupert at 2 o'clock this morning and a thin blanket of snow covered the ground when early risers headed for work.

The precipitation was the first appreciable fall over the city since the sun began to shine daily last March 15.

Total fall was not known at presstime, but the weatherman forecast scattered showers with little change in temperature for tomorrow. Low tonight and high tomorrow: 30 and 45.

## CNR Train Crash Kills Three

By The Canadian Press

MONTMAGNY, Que.

—A Canadian National Railways passenger train, travelling from Halifax to Montreal, swerved onto a siding and plunged into a standing freight car early today killing three crew members. No injuries, except minor bruises, were reported among passengers.

Dead are J. D. Levesque of Riviere du Loup, Que., engineer; Gaudiose Thibault, also of Riviere du Loup, fireman, and G. E. Belanger of St. Vallier, Que., brakeman.

Travelling at a speed estimated at 60 miles an hour, the locomotive jumped the tracks after it veered onto the siding near the station here, 35 miles east of Quebec City.

The crew members were killed instantly. The first six cars behind the locomotive, carrying express and baggage, were piled up but the passenger cars, though derailed, remained upright.

Flames started by hot coals from the engine's boiler, were put out promptly by the municipal fire brigade.

### NOT SCHEDULED STOP

A CNR dispatcher at Levis, main station on the St. Lawrence river South Shore line between Riviere du Loup and Montreal, said the train was not scheduled to stop at Montmagny when it reached there about 12:45 a.m. EST.

There was no panic among passengers following the crash. The train consisted of a baggage car and an express car.

Among the passengers were Hon. Jules Brabant, Rimouski, Que., industrialist and Quebec legislative councillor, and Gerard Legare, Liberal member of Parliament for Rimouski.

CNR officials arranged to have all passengers taken by automobile to L'Islet, about 20 miles east of here, where they boarded the Ocean Limited, second train travelling from Halifax to Montreal.

## Coffee Prices In U.S. Boosted

NEW YORK (AP)—Roasters and chain stores in the United States announced new increases in coffee prices today amid predictions that coffee at \$1.50 a pound is inevitable.

So far this year only one ship has departed with wheat, and three others have taken barley to Japan.

Last week, the two-year-old Japanese freighter Masashima



CLOUDS shrouding the Rocky mountains yesterday prevented aircraft from flying food supplies to a group of skiers who are attempting for the first time to traverse dangerous mountain country between here and Banff, Alta., 200 miles south. Their proposed route would take them across eight icefields, some never before crossed on skis. The party, seven men and one woman, Mrs. Peter Austin and her husband shown above, left last week and were to have reached Fortress lake 40 miles south, by Sunday. There was no word that they had reached their first objective.

## Three Deepsea Freighters Coming Here Soon For Grain

Three deepsea ships are heading for Prince Rupert to load 1,000,000 bushels of barley.

The grain also is arriving here at the rate of 40 cars a day and being placed in the Dominion Government grain elevator preparatory to being piped into the holds. Some 400 carloads of barley are enroute from the prairies.

While only minor activity has taken place at the elevator so far this year, it is expected the trio of vessels, first of which is expected Monday, will be the forerunner of many to come here for grain during the spring and summer months.

Two of the ships coming are Greek vessels—the Nicolas Kairis, due on Monday, and the Audrey on April 15. The other vessel is the stately Norwegian liner and freighter, MV Taranger, due April 20.

It will be the Taranger's third trip to this port. She came here first in August last year and made her second voyage to Rupert last October 23.

The Greek ships each will load about 400,000 bushels of barley for the Orient, and the Taranger will take a lesser amount to Europe.

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HEIDELBERG, Germany. (AP)—Two United States soldiers patrolling the East-West border were seized by armed Russian soldiers Monday and have not been released, U.S. Army headquarters reported today.

Two Bavarian border police who went to the scene to investigate also were seized. The army said the two policemen were released after four hours of interrogation.

The names of the two Americans were withheld.

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SEVENTEEN CHILDREN of Canadians now living in Australia were christened in a mass ceremony on board HMCS Ontario when the cruiser called at Melbourne during her Australian cruise. Protestant Chaplain Earle Sigston (extreme right) of Toronto, conducted the baptismal ceremony on the quarterdeck using the ship's bell as a font. The children ranged in age from three months to 11 years. The children are shown here with their parents.

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## Excludes Shipyard From New Proposal

Interested Prince Rupert firms and organizations should band together to buy the drydock, Mayor George Hills recommended last night at a meeting of the special committee appointed by the city to consider the proposed sale of the drydock and shipyard.

"The only way we can hold the drydock is through a co-operative effort by those here who need its services," the mayor said.

"The fishing companies, vessel owners and perhaps the Columbia Cellulose Company might well consider taking the lead in such a move. It is reasonable to expect that a group of this sort could obtain the present equipment for a very nominal sum."

Mayor Hills explained that he was not suggesting the group also attempt to purchase the shipbuilding facilities or any other property which would involve high overhead costs without being put to much use.

He said he believed that one of the small pontoons plus construction of slipways, might be sufficient for the purpose in mind and that a determined effort locally to put the plant in to efficient and useful operation might persuade the federal government to assist the operation by subsidy.

Orme Stuart was elected chairman of the committee, and Alderman Mike Krueger secretary-treasurer.

Pointing to the prospects of increased shipping activity along the northern coast, Mr. Stuart stressed the importance of having a floating dock here that would be capable of handling vessels up to 8,000 or 10,000 tons. He expressed himself

unable to see why the federal government should not be prepared to subsidize such an operation.

A letter from Bruce Brown, MLA for Prince Rupert, was read at the meeting which advised that two representatives of Wallace's shipyards had, upon inspection, decided that the floating drydocks were almost beyond repair. They had been sent here since concern was felt that removal of the equipment might upset the balance of shipbuilding on the coast and result in greater competition for Wallace's. As a result of their inspection, this concern was lessened.

On being informed of the need to retain a sufficient portion of the yard to serve as a repair depot mainly for fishing vessels, officials of that company said that such an operation would not be economically sound unless the volume of business was three to four times greater than it had been recently.

It was agreed at the meeting that committees should be formed under the headings of finance, research, planning and publicity. Members of the central committee are Mayor Hills, Ald. George Casey, Don Williamson, Erling Pedersen, Ole Stegavig, Harry Robins, Doug Souler, Harold Thom, James Black, James Prusky, Bill Brett, Tom Parkin, W. C. R. Jones, John Magor, Bill Vance and Art Ogilvie.

## Churchill Attack on Attlee Assailed by British Papers

LONDON (AP)—Even Conservative newspapers criticized Prime Minister Churchill today for his charge that Clement Attlee's Labor government threw away Britain's wartime exchange of atomic secrets with the United States.

The nominally independent but usually pro-Conservative Times, says Monday's House of Commons debate on the hydrogen bomb "degenerated into a sterile, angry and pitiful party wrangle—and the responsibility was the prime minister's."

The bitter partisan fight in the wake of Sir Winston's charge generally obscured the action of the House, which on a voice vote called on Churchill to take "immediate initiative" in seeking a face-to-face conference with Premier Malenkov and President Eisenhower. But the opposition did not challenge the Conservatives' stand that the timing of such an approach should be left to the government.

### HOUSE IN UPROAR

Churchill put the House in an uproar with his charge that it was the "responsibility or misfortune" of Attlee's 1945-51 government that a hitherto secret 1943 agreement for British-U.S. atomic co-operation is no longer in effect.

Attlee, seething with anger and backed by a continuous Labor chorus for Churchill to "withdraw!" "resign!" replied that the agreement had been terminated by the U.S. Congress' adoption in 1946 of the McMahon Act, which forbids sharing of atomic secrets with foreign governments.

The Daily Mirror, which has Labor leanings and has been asserting loudly that Churchill is too old for office, describes him as the "first notable victim of the horror bomb."

The Mirror says he "floundered" through the debate—"it was like watching a great noble oak weakened by time, swaying in the blast of the bomb."

## Survey Urged For Two Groups In Northwest

VICTORIA (AP)—Premier Bennett said Monday he has suggested a Canadian company and an American metallurgical enterprise both survey northern hydro-electric power potentials to see how they could best be developed.

In his first public statement on a meeting held in his office recently with representatives of the Aluminum Company of America and Frobiters Ltd., Mr. Bennett said he had asked the companies for information concerning their power proposals.

Frobiters and Alcoa are rivals for the power potential of northern B.C. and the Yukon. Frobiters proposes using hydro-electric power development in northern B.C. and the Yukon for a multi-million dollar development in Canada. Alcoa wants to use Canadian water resources to power a development in Alaska.

The premier said in the legislature that B.C. wants the best possible use made of the power resources. Later, outside the House, he said he had suggested both companies make surveys. He described the meeting as a preliminary conference.

He said there was no friction at all between the federal and provincial governments on the development of northern resources.