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Crowds Mourn Queen

HUNDREDS OF LONDONERS, some of them using stands erected for June Coronation ceremonies, the funeral cortege of Queen Mary turn from the Mall. Crowds were packed deep along sides of streets as the 85-year-old Queen's body was taken from her Marlborough House to Westminster Hall adjoining the Houses of Parliament.

Independent' Insurance Firms Set New Rates For Autoists

PRINCE RUPERT—New car insurance rates for "independent" insurance companies were set Wednesday by John A. Hill, chairman of the Independent Automobile Insurance Association of B.C. members of the independent insurance write about.

one-half the auto insurance in B.C. Their rates, based on claims experience, follow closely the pattern announced last week by the B.C. Underwriters Association on behalf of 150 "board" companies.

Two is that most independent companies will offer "pink slip" insurance at \$1 less for class 2 owners and \$2 less for class 4 policy-holders—businessmen who drive company-owned cars. Collision insurance will cost from 5 to 8 per cent less than BCUA rates, depending on location.

New rates for board companies became effective April 1.

However, there is variation in effective dates for independents. Some agents will be writing new business this month on new rates but accepting renewals at old rates until May 1.

The rest will be writing both new and renewal policies with new rates effective either April 1 or May 1.

Other features of the rate changes are the same as board companies.

These include a 20 per cent no-claims bonus on property damage and public liability coverage for those half of B.C. car owners who qualify for "preferred risk" rating, creation of a new classification for 8 per cent of the owners and principal operators who are under 25 years old, and reduction of agents' commission from 20 to 15 per cent.

—WEATHER—

Synopsis

A disturbance which has been moving toward the B.C. coast for the past day will continue to drift eastward during the day.

The strong winds on the north coast will moderate toward evening but there will be some increase in wind over the south coast.

Forecast

North coast region: Gale warning continued.

Rain today. Cloudy with occasional showers tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature. Winds south 30, occasionally 40, becoming southwesterly 30 through the afternoon and decreasing to 20 overnight.

Low tonight and high Friday at Port Hardy, 38 and 48; Sandspit, 38 and 45; Prince Rupert, 38 and 45.

Tough Political Battle Looms In Provincial Campaign Here

Liberals To Choose Candidate Tonight

Political wheels already have been set in motion in Prince Rupert to start what most observers predict will be the most competitive election campaign staged here in many years.

First move came from the CCF here, following dissolution of the B.C. Legislature last Saturday, and announcement Tuesday by Social Credit Premier W. A. C. Bennett that the next election would take place June 9.

The Prince Rupert CCF club met the same night in the Metropole Hall under chairmanship of William Brett and appointed Jack Scott and George Hills city MLA as delegates to the April 10 provincial CCF convention.

Mr. Hills remained in the south following break-up of the Legislature after the Social Credit government defeat on the floor. He will return to Prince Rupert after the convention to address a public meeting in the Legion auditorium April 19.

Tonight, the Prince Rupert city and district Liberal Association holds its convention to nominate its candidate for the election and to name delegates to the provincial convention in Vancouver April 8.

At both the Liberal and CCF conventions, new political leaders will be chosen.

NEW LEADER

The CCF will consider—and likely accept—the resignation of house leader Harold Winch who resigned last week. Then the party must elect a new man to lead them in this all-important campaign for the June 9 test at the polls.

The Liberals meet to seek a successor to former Premier Byron Johnson.

An Ottawa dispatch said yesterday that Arthur Laing, federal Liberal member for Vancouver South, is due in Vancouver on Monday and "quite possibly will allow his name to stand for nomination for leadership."

The dispatch said that Mr. Laing's decision will depend on whether Chief Justice Gordon Sloan can still be persuaded to accept nomination.

Chief Justice Sloan frequently has been mentioned as a possible leader, but each time he has said he would not leave his judicial post.

SECRETDS TO MEET

The Social Crediters here will meet "in about a week" to name their candidate. Last year's entry Art Murray, first Social Credit contestant in the Prince Rupert riding, said today he will not run again.

Mr. Murray came third in last year's June 12 election race, second to Jack McRae, defeated Liberal MLA in a close contest with CCF'er George Hills.

It is expected the Secretds will also contest the Atlin riding election, to oppose the deeply entrenched position of Frank Calder, CCF, first and only Indian MLA in Canada.

Marine Held For Murder In 3 States

DUBUQUE, Ia. (CP)—A handsome 18-year-old AWOL marine today faced murder charges in three states.

Fred E. McManus who shrugged off five slayings as "too bad" signed a statement admitting a car theft killing at Rochester, N. Y., last Friday and double killings in a holdup at Kenneyville, Ill., on Saturday and Spring Valley, Minn., Monday.

McManus blamed the acts on love of a 16-year-old girl he called his wife—Diana Marie Wegeland of Summerville, N.Y. She told authorities she knew of the Minnesota and Illinois slayings but "I guess I loved him so much that as long as I was with him nothing else mattered."

Police said total loot in the five robbery-slayings was \$57.

Meanwhile the weakened Progressive - Conservative stand here may bow out altogether or reorganize completely.

William Lambie, president of the P-C Association here said "we will take such action as is deemed necessary."

Walter Smith, local Liberal chief, indicated a heavy campaign here, saying: "I think we stand a very good chance of reclaiming this seat."

VOTE DIVIDED

The Liberals went down to a staggering defeat in last year's election with the province's polling almost equally divided between the CCF and the Social Credit.

Secretds, with 19 seats in the house, gained the slim majority which granted them the right to form a government in August.

The most controversial and hectic session in B.C.'s political history opened in the first week of February. It was the Rolston education formula which handed the government its defeat on the floor in a 28-17 vote after seven months in office.

It was a defeat, however, for which Premier Bennett long had been angling so he could lead his party in another election for an expected bigger majority.

And when the defeat came, Premier Bennett received it smiling broadly.

Social Crediters are expected to contest each of the 48 seats in the province.

The preferential ballot type of voting will remain in effect.

27 Days Left To Register On Vote List

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbians have only 27 days to make sure their names are on the provincial voters list.

Fred Hurley, chief electoral officer, announced Wednesday the list would close April 27. Tuesday it was reported erroneously May 5 would be deadline for voters to register.

All persons whose names already are on the voters' list will be advised by cards to be sent through the mail.

Advance polling days have been designated as June 4, 5 and 6.

Finlayson May Contest Oak Bay Seat

VICTORIA (CP)—Deane Finlayson, youthful provincial Progressive Conservative leader, is expected to contest the Oak Bay riding in the coming provincial general election.

He will carry the banner which was dropped by former Tory leader Herbert Anscomb when he was defeated by Liberal P. A. Gibbs last June 12.

Mr. Finlayson said Saturday after a quarterly meeting of the party's executive "things have never looked so good for the Conservative party in B.C."

Russ Abandon Highway Patrols

BERLIN (CP)—Russian zone border guards virtually abandoned controls on the east-west express highway to Berlin today and interzonal traffic sped at an unprecedented rate.

The Soviets obviously instructed guards to deal only perfunctorily with cargoes and credentials. Giant trucks were not even subjected to customs inspections.



THIS IS A PHOTO OF THE FEDERAL CABINET, with its parliamentary assistants, sitting in session around the round table. At the head of the table in centre is Prime Minister St. Laurent.

Development of Newsprint Industry In Alaska Urged by Forest Service

WASHINGTON (CP)—The United States Forest Service has told Congress that the time has come for successful development of a newsprint industry in Alaska to meet anticipated newspaper printing needs.

At the same time, existing supplies of newsprint are reported adequate for 1953 although the long range prospect is for increased demand.

Ira J. Mason, chief of the Division of Forest Management of the agriculture department's forest service, and H. B. McCoy, National Production Authority Administrator, brought the House of Representatives Interstate Commerce Committee up to date Wednesday on the newsprint situation.

Mason told the committee that

Tongass National Forest in southeastern Alaska has 70,000,000 board feet of timber available for pulping operations, with expenditures of no more than \$10,000,000 required to construct a main access road.

He said the forest service believes "the time has arrived where it is possible to develop

a major pulp and paper industry in Alaska which can compete successfully in national world markets."

First major pulp plant in Alaska now is under construction at Ketchikan and is scheduled to go into full operation July 1, 1954 with a daily capacity of 350 tons of pulp.

SOUTHERN CAGE TEAMS MOVE INTO SEMI-FINALS

VANCOUVER—Cloverdale Senior B basketball team moves to Kamloops for the provincial semi-finals Friday and Saturday after taking the quarter-finals with a 121-111 two-game total-point victory over Cumberland.

Winner of the Kamloops series travels to Prince Rupert for the finals April 10 and 11.

Cloverdale had to give the Cumberland team a 67-49 second game beating to pull the lower mainland championships out of the fire after Cumberland had gone ahead 62-54.

Reds To Meet With UN At Panmunjom Monday

By The Canadian Press

While west leaders continued to sound words of caution, Communist delivered United Nations command in Korea their latest proposals for ending the Korean fighting. The Reds say they are ready to set the date to resume truce talks.

The UN command agreed to a meeting in Panmunjom Monday to discuss exchanging sick and wounded prisoners—which Gen. Mark Clark said must be done before the resumption of truce talks.

Clark made the original proposal on prisoners.

In Washington, officials saw increasing evidence that Russia's snowballing peace offensive was a reversal of cold-war tactics aimed at stalling the west defence build-up and wrecking anti-Soviet unity.

Some say the Russians are running a risk too.

If the west maintains its unity, it may be able to create a stability the Soviets will find difficult to upset.

The spotlight remains focused on Korea. If the Reds Monday resort to customary haggling, the western world will have grounds for questioning their sincerity.

In addition to Korea, these are the latest developments in the "Surprise-A-Day" peace offensive:

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED POWERS IN EUROPE—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway warns that Soviet threat against Western Allies has not diminished one iota. He did not mention peace moves in a speech at the second anniversary of SHAPE.

AT THE UNITED NATIONS, Andrei Vishinsky made an ap-

parent bid to close a long-standing difference on general disarmament.

He accepted the western plan calling for continued work by the UN disarmament commission.

It looked like the first break in a seven-year stalemate.

Some delegates speculated Vishinsky is ready to go along with the west in a study of plans for a balanced reduction of armaments and putting atomic energy under definite controls, acceptable to all sides.



SPECIAL PERMISSION was given to take this photo of Marguerite Choquette pleading her first case in a Quebec sessions court. Miss Choquette, daughter of Mr. Justice Fernand Choquette of Quebec Superior Court, is the second Quebec woman lawyer to plead in a court in the province.

Good Friday Parties for School Children

PRINCE RUPERT—Good Friday—school children and a few workers will welcome the week-end, but the week has little good news.

Goldenberg Engaged Province

VICTORIA (CP)—The British government has rejected a new financial agreement between the federal government and the province.

Appointment was made by through order-in-council announced. Goldenberg will be asked to sign a new federal-province tax agreement. The province trades and other taxes for dis-



OFFICERS AND MEN of the 79th field regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery, stationed at Hohn, have adopted a nearby German orphanage. Here they distribute gifts to some of the children on the lawn of the orphanage.