

Saturday, March 21, 1953
Pacific Standard Time

5:09	19.4 feet
18:27	15.7 feet
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Union Leads Meet Companies

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COUVER. — Rep-
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IDGE, Mass. (AP) —
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Germany Treaty

CP) — The lower house
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final approval to the
Army Treaty calling
German soldiers to
and free Europe. The
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standing also ratified
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to West Germany.

SUNSHINE GREET'S CITY ON FIRST DAY OF SPRING

ing arrived this morning with Prince Rupert among the
er in Canada where Old Sol greeted early risers with
brightness.
eazing weather gripped half the nation as spring pre-
to take over from winter at 2:01 a.m.
Alberta citizens awakened to snow, there were 20-mile-
gales in Manitoba and hardly a blue sky or balmy
anywhere else in the country.

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Rupert May Get Power From Alcan Hydro Site

Terrace-Kitimat Line 'Considered'

Consultant Advises Against Signing 20-Year Franchise

Use in Prince Rupert of electrical power from Alcan's huge hydro plant at Kemano Bay is considered likely, according to a report presented to the city by an electrical consulting engineer.

The B.C. Power Commission is "seriously considering" building a high voltage line from Kitimat to Terrace at this time, states M. A. Thomas, consultant retained by city council to evaluate Prince Rupert's power problem.

"In my opinion it is quite possible that they (B.C. Power Commission) would therefore be in a position to bring this power to Prince Rupert at an

earlier date than would be economically feasible for the Northern B.C. Power Company (present supplier).

"Because of the many uncertain factors regarding Kitimat power at this time, I would definitely recommend that the city avoid making any agreement for a term of the order of 20 years, as suggested by the Northern B.C. Power Company," said Mr. Thomas.

The consultant was retained by city council following a series of stormy debates on the question of which company would provide future power for the city, the Commission or the power company.

Present 20-year franchise of the power company expires in March, 1954.

The company has made a proposal to the city to renew its long-term franchise, while a referendum voted on by taxpayers a year ago showed a small majority in favor of the Commission.

Council will meet Monday to consider Mr. Thomas' report.

While Mr. Thomas believes that Prince Rupert will eventually receive power from the Alcan development, "this is not likely to happen in the immediate future unless a relatively great load increase is definitely in sight," he stated.

"A capital investment of several million dollars would be required to bring power from Terrace and terrain is very difficult. Because of high fixed charges for the transmission line, I would caution against expecting this power to be available at rates greatly below those existing unless a large amount of power were involved."

Mr. Thomas said that if the B.C. Power Commission established a power district here, "there is little likelihood" of much change in rates charged, especially for residential use.

He said it was "probable" that commercial and industrial rates would be better than at present. "There is little difference" in rates of the power company and rates charged by other B.C. utilities for similar services to residential customers. Commercial and industrial rates compared "slightly unfavorably" with the Power Commission rates.

MORE UNITS

Mr. Thomas said he is in favor of installation of additional diesel units as requested by the power company. He said it was more economical to install and operate at the present time than expansion of the company's hydro facilities.

Mr. Thomas considers it necessary that the present capacity of electrical energy supply should be increased at once to prevent a possible power shortage. A diesel plant expansion could likely be completed this year while hydro would take much longer.

Mr. Thomas referred to the controversy regarding the manner in which the power company has discharged the obligations assumed under the agreement in 1929.

"I have not been able to discover any instance where they (power company) have not been able and willing to supply service to any potential customer of any category, provided the customer was willing to pay the prevailing rates, and otherwise meet the requirements of service."

"However I do feel that unless an extension to the existing generating capacity is made in the relatively near future there is some danger of a shortage of power occurring in the area."

Probers To Attend Inquest

Two men here to investigate the King George Hotel fire will be present at the coroner's inquest which resumes today at 4 o'clock into the death of five fire victims.

The investigators are Jack Newall, from the provincial fire marshal's office, and Fred Whiffin, of the Fire Underwriters' Association, both from Vancouver.

Search of the hotel ruins for possible further victims has ended without further incidence. Victims were identified by the first sitting of the jury as Alex Megetto, Mrs. Nina Peters, Thomas Ruzik, Henry Morgan and Charles Harrington. Coroner is George Dawes.

Jurymen, headed by foreman Keith DeWitt, are Stan Saville, Gunnar Anderson, Ed Gladding, Gordon Horne and Harry Shear-don.

Full investigation of Sunday's tragic hotel fire was launched by Provincial Fire Marshal W. A. Walker.

In Vancouver, Mr. Walker said: "We will probe every aspect of the fire, one of the worst in B.C.'s history."

The fire marshal said that Newall would delve into the matter of fire escapes required under provincial law for the protection of hotel guests.

Socreds Again Criticized For Policies

VICTORIA — Opposition charges resounded across the Legislature Wednesday as the house plodded through financial estimates for government departments.

The government was charged with reneging on payment of the municipalities' share of the three per cent sales tax.

Members approved the \$14,286,550 estimates for the finance department and \$31,383,282 for the health and welfare department.

Opposition members charged the government intends to use money which they said was due the municipalities as their share of the sales tax to help finance its new education plan.

W. T. Straith (L-Victoria) said the municipalities are losing around \$3,000,000, which is their share of the tax.

Leo Nimsick (CCF-Cranbrook) said the government is "reneging."

Health Minister Martin announced the province will carry 80 per cent, instead of 50 per cent, as previously of the municipalities' social assistance costs.



Sole Survivors

MRS. JOHN CRAMP, still in her dressing gown, tenderly kisses her daughter, eight-month-old Evelyn, after a fire in their home in Toronto's suburban Scarborough killed the father and three other children. John Cramp, 30, collapsed six feet from the open back door of the house. In his arms he held two of the children. Hours later a fourth victim, Dianne, 2, died in hospital. A space heater exploded and within seconds the three-room frame house was an inferno. Mrs. Cramp wheeled baby Evelyn to safety.

No Shortage of Ammunition On Korean Battlefront Today

By GEORGE McARTHUR

SEOUL (AP) — Front-line officers and the top army commander agree there is no general ammunition shortage on the Korean battle front today.

There is plenty of ammunition at the front and stockpiled in the rear, although shells are rationed on the battle line.

LT-Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, United States 8th Army commander, says he has enough ammunition to take care of anything he can foresee.

However, supplies of some special types of shells are still not up to desired levels.

Talks with front-line officers, artillery commanders and the army commander indicate there is little dissatisfaction with the current situation. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, former 8th Army commander, touched off a congressional investigation when he testified in Washington that he had been troubled by ammunition shortages during his 22 months in command.

Front-line officers now in Korea feel the critical period was last fall—from August until November. Before and after that there may have been shortages, but the front was supplied by one means or another. Even during that period, officers disagree on whether the ammunition supply was short enough to be felt badly in more than a few instances.

Since then, the situation has been improving and stockpiles all along the ammunition pipeline in Korea are adequate.

Gen. Taylor said he is thoroughly satisfied with the situation.

Artillery officers agree the current allocation of shells is adequate for the current situation on the front.

The allocation system is flexible and is based on a period of several days. A unit which fires heavily one day can usually balance it out on the next rainy day when visibility is poor.

In any event, the lid is off when the front flares.

Cigarette Prices Cut in Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—Safeway slashed cigarette prices on Thursday and other big chain and department stores hastened to join battle in a price war.

New price for all brands of Canadian smokes, provincial sales tax included: one for 32 cents, three for 92 cents, 10 for \$3.04.

A Safeway spokesman said: "We buy direct from the manufacturer. We have a large turnover and low overhead. We want to pass the benefit along to the public, that's all."

He said the company will not lose money on the new price.

Canada's film industry elbowed its way into the award sweepstakes with a National Film Board picture receiving an Oscar.

The film, produced by Scottish-born Norman McLaren, was honored for distinctiveness in the short documentary film class.



VIRGINIA KAIMAKOFF



WILLIAM BROCK

TWO 16-YEAR-OLD MEMBERS of the Canadian Junior Red Cross will be among the hundreds of thousands who will view the Coronation this summer. They are Virginia Kaimakoff of New Westminster, and William Brock of Kippen, Ontario. They have been chosen from among the more than 1,000,000 Junior Red Cross members in Canada and will spend a month in Britain as guests of the British Junior Red Cross.

One-Night Drive Nets \$2,400 for Red Cross

Biggest response in history here was given to Red Cross canvassers last night when a total of \$2,410.76 was collected from only a part of residential sections in the city.

Stan Saville, Red Cross president, said he estimated the drive would go "away over" the objective of \$5,500 for Prince Rupert and district.

Results of canvassing several residential sections are yet to be calculated, as well as that of the downtown business section.

Total proceeds of canvassing, including out-of-town districts, are not expected to be completed until the end of March, said Mr. Saville.

"The way canvassers were received last night shows the Prince Rupert people are giving more than ever before," he said enthusiastically.

"I'm sure that we'll even exceed last year's campaign of \$5,912."

Last night's drive is the only canvass which will be made of city householders.

Outlying districts yet to report are Stewart, Alice Arm, the Queen Charlotte Islands, Bute-dale, Oona River, Osland, Digby Island, and Metlakatla, Port Edward and Miller Bay.

Organizations taking part in

Death Toll Hits 455 In Quake

BALIKESIR, Turkey (CP) — Rescue workers today dragged additional bodies of earthquake victims from debris of villages and towns in western Turkey.

Official death count thus far in Wednesday night's disaster stands at 455, but unofficial estimates say the total will reach 1,000.

Army, Red Cross and civilian volunteers gave aid to more than 1,000 injured and 15,000 homeless in the rich farming and mining region southwest of Istanbul and across the Sea of Marmara from that big port.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 homes were destroyed or damaged.

Probe Asked At Mine In Hazelton

VANCOUVER (CP)—Immediate

investigation by Health Minister Martin into medical services available to 150 miners employed at Hazelton was demanded Thursday by the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Harvey Murphy, union regional director, said he requested the investigation after union officials told him the town's one doctor had been refused recognition by the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Lynn Gunn, college registrar, said Dr. Fred Reynham at Hazelton "had failed to meet all requirements of the college."

—WEATHER—

Synopsis

A Pacific storm skirted to the south of B.C. last night and, curving northward to Southern Alberta, rolled out a carpet of snow as a welcome to spring.

Forecast

North Coast Region: Cloudy today and Saturday with a few showers today. Not much change in temperature.

Winds light, occasionally southerly 20 in exposed areas today.

Lows tonight and highs Saturday—At Port Hardy and Sand-spit, 32 and 45; Prince Rupert, 30 and 45.

Veteran Forecaster Sets October 19 For Election

OTTAWA — Here is a new election-date forecast from the man who was right in 1949: Monday, October 19.

It comes from Senator John T. Haig as a second thought to the forecast he made earlier this season. At that time he picked Monday, October 12, but he said Thursday that he overlooked the custom of celebrating Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October.

Senator Haig, Progressive Conservative leader in the upper chamber, is an old hand at picking election dates. He hit it on the nose by predicting June 27, 1949, as the date of the last election.