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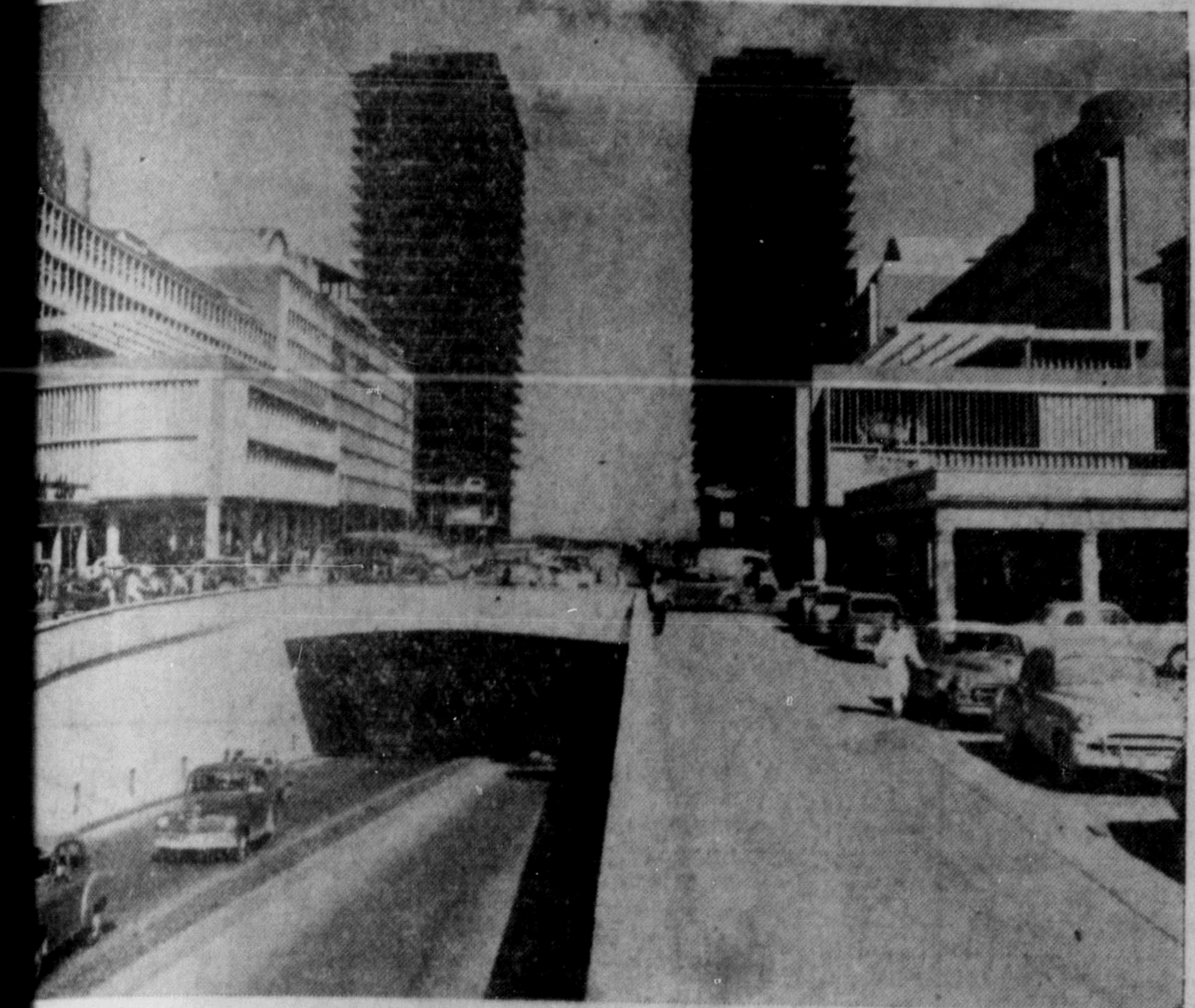
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100-YEAR-OLD CITY OF CARACAS, Venezuela, is going modern in a big way. The Centre (above), formerly called Avenida Bolivar, has acquired two new 28-storey steel structures, still in the process of completion, an underground by-pass, an underground bus terminal and an underground parking space for 1,600 cars.

Rupert "On The List" For Naval Air Division Says Visiting RCN Officer

Prin- naval drill hall annex, that Prince Rupert was definitely on the list of Canadian cities seeking to establish naval air divisions. Others are Vancouver, Lethbridge, Regina, Ottawa, St. Catharines and Winnipeg.

He said that he had made a survey from St. John's, Newfoundland to Victoria, B.C., and Prince Rupert had shown greater interest and produced a bigger turnout than many of the places he had visited.

ALEXANDER PRESENTED WITH CORONATION MEDAL

An impressive ceremony in HMCS Chatham drill hall, where Seaman Sidney E. Alexander was presented with the Coronation medal.

The weekly Naval Divisions Cmdr. T. A. Johnstone, commanding officer of HMCS Chatham told Alexander that he was unable to make the trip to Coronation as he had been chosen to do, "Queen Elizabeth had graciously presented him with the medal in recognition of the qualities shown in winning the recommendation for the trip."

Eighter Fire, Explosion Kills Seven, Injures 13

Longshoremen working deep in an aft hold unloading chemicals at the army base, 200 yards from where the aircraft carrier Leyte was berthed when it was rocked by an explosion that killed 37 men Oct. 16.

The victims included a father and son—Anthony Bensaia, 53, and Alvin L. Bansaia, 24—who were working their first day as longshoremen.

At least five saved themselves from death by jumping overboard after their clothing caught fire.

In addition to those killed and injured in the hold, five fire-fighters suffered burns that required hospital attention.

Edward F. Montgomery, chief of the Boston fire department's arson squad, said after a preliminary survey of the scene that it is his belief the explosion was caused by a mixture of chemicals.

BEGAN TO SMOULDER

He said a drum of sodium peroxide apparently was stowed "too near the boilers" and that the heat caused some of the chemical to leak out and mix with bauxite—aluminum ore—stored in the same hold.

He said that when the mixture began to smoulder, one of the men threw a pail of water on it and caused "a violent chemical reaction."

The United States Coast Guard called a court of inquiry to investigate the disaster.

None of the Black Falcon's crew of 40 was injured.

Survivors said one of the victims, David McConnell, 51, gave his life in saving others.

In addition to the Black Falcon and Leyte explosions, a government experimental fishing vessel was swept by a \$100,000 fire while tied up in Boston Oct. 22, and a navy radar ship, the William K. Wood, suffered \$8,000 damages Oct. 26 in a fire caused by a boiler flareback.

Pulp Workers Vote To Strike In Eight Pacific Coast Plants

Queen, Radiant in Robes Opens U.K. Parliament

LONDON.—The Queen, radiant in jewelled crown and imperial robes, opened Parliament today by reading the speech from the throne, in which Sir Winston Churchill's government solemnly pledged to use the vast resources of the Commonwealth in the fight for a lasting peace.

The speech said Britain will campaign relentlessly for a four-power conference aimed at "the relaxation of international tension and the preservation of peace."

Major surprise of the speech was its failure to mention impending legislation to amend the Regency Act and relieve Princess Margaret of the ruling responsibility in the event of the death or incapacity of the Queen to perform her duties.

Under the forthcoming law, it is believed, the Duke of Edinburgh would become Regent until his son Prince Charles reaches 18.

R. A. Butler, chancellor of the exchequer, told the last session of parliament that such a bill would be introduced soon.

Churchill himself remained at his official residence, 10 Downing Street, during the reading of the speech.

A spokesman said: "He is preparing the speech he will make to the House of Commons later today."

"My government are resolved to work constantly in harmony with the government of the United States," the speech said.

"My government will continue to regard the relaxation of international tension and the preservation of peace as a basis

Iran High On Agenda

High up on the agenda of world affairs would be efforts for the resumption of normal relations with Iran, as a step towards the solution of the Anglo-Persian oil dispute.

The speech disclosed plans to transfer the atomic energy program from government hands—now it is controlled by the ministry of supply—to a corporation.

The speech also promised a bill to end present restrictions on private trading in raw cotton, and steps to encourage farmers to produce more food, combined with a marketing scheme to take over when rationing ends, probably next year.

A statement about reforms of the House of Lords said simply "my ministers will give further consideration to the question."

At present the Lords can hold up a bill passed by the Commons for one year.

The occasion today was the first full show of pageantry since the Coronation. The Queen drove in thin autumn sunshine from Buckingham Palace with the Duke in the Irish state coach.

of their policy. To this end they are persisting in their efforts to bring about an early meeting between the Soviet Union and the three Western powers."

The young monarch wore the priceless imperial state crown for the first time since the Coronation last June. The world's ambassadors listened in a special box and the Duke of Edinburgh leaned forward to catch each word.

"My government will continue to take their full part in all efforts by the United Nations to promote international co-operation. The North Atlantic Alliance is fundamental to my government's policy, and they will do their utmost to keep it vital and strong."

"My government will also continue to co-operate with their partners in Western Europe to promote European unity and economic well-being."

"My government will continue to work for a settlement of the problem of German unity, in conjunction with the governments of France and the United States and in consultation with the German federal government. They will also maintain their efforts for the conclusion of an Austrian peace treaty."

Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Kent pulled their fur capes tight around them against the cold outside Parliament.

Thousands gathered before Buckingham Palace as the cavalcade chattered through the wide flung gates and disappeared into the inner courtyard.

Today's ceremony rounded out a glorious Coronation year for the Queen. And the procession through the streets provided Londoners with probably their last opportunity of seeing a royal ceremony for some time.

On Nov. 23 the Queen and her husband will leave for a six-month royal tour of Australia and New Zealand.

The Duke, dressed as admiral of the fleet, escorted her into the House of Lords. After donning the state crown, the Queen walked into the peers' chamber.

Philip showed her to her raised throne, crossed in front of her, and sat on her left on a smaller, lower throne. She wore a white, jewelled gown bearing the floral emblems of the United Kingdom.

Field Marshal Earl Alexander, former Canadian governor-general, bore the sword of state which he held upraised through the reading of the throne speech.



SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL preparing speech

Shots Heard Near Pow Compound

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Flares and rifle shots exploded tonight near the area where Indian troops are holding anti-Communist North Korean and Chinese prisoners-of-war, a reliable source reported.

Three flares were seen and four rifle shots were heard at a point south of the demilitarized zone, the source said.

Two flares went up at 7:40 p.m. and two rifle shots rang out 10 to 12 minutes later, it was reported.

Another flare exploded in the same area about 8 p.m. and two more shots were heard at 8:15.

A spokesman for the Indian command said he knew of "nothing" happening at the prisoner compound.

Telkwa Youths Face Jail Term

Special to The Daily News
SMITHERS.—Two Telkwa youths face possible one-year jail terms as a result of a Halloween prank.

Elwood Mackie, 21, and a 16-year-old juvenile have been charged with giving a false fire alarm, an indictable offence calling for one year's imprisonment.

The village, 10 miles east of here, was roused three times by the fire sirens Halloween, the last at 2 a.m. Sunday. The two youths were arrested later that morning.

They appeared in county court here and were remanded for eight days. Mackie was granted bail.

CCC Employees Favor Stoppage

Workers at the giant Columbia Cellulose plant on Watson Island have voted in favor of strike action.

Results of a government-supervised strike vote—held on Saturday and yesterday—were announced an hour after polls closed at 8 o'clock last night. The vote was 286 in favor of a strike and 99 against.

There were 404 members of Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (AFL-TLC) eligible to cast ballots.

The vote, taken simultaneously at nine B.C. pulp and paper company mills, showed all but one pulp union and one paper makers' union favored a strike.

Union officials here said next move in the dispute is up to the union's international officers in Vancouver.

A special meeting of representatives of unions in all the mills is expected to be held in Vancouver within the next 10 days.

Meanwhile the executive of Local 708 meets here tonight.

Ninety-six per cent of the membership of Local 708 voted last week to reject the "final" company offer of a five-cent-an-hour across the board increase, while only 74.3 per cent favored strike action.

W. C. R. Jones, manager of the \$27,000,000 mill which opened at

Following are results from all mills involved:

	For	Against
Columbia Cellulose Co., Watson Island	286	99
Alaska Pine & Cellulose Ltd., Port Alice	141	208
Alaska Pine & Cellulose Ltd., Woodfibre	310	38
Elk Falls Co. Ltd. (pulp workers)	94	34
(paper makers)	29	28
Howe Sound Pulp Company, Port Mellon	139	62
MacMillan & Bloedel (Harmac), Nanaimo	269	66
MacMillan & Bloedel, Alberni	82	24
Ocean Falls (pulp workers)	490	172
(paper makers)	136	39
Powell River Company (pulp workers)	935	366
(paper makers)	107	154
TOTALS	3018	1290

BAD WEATHER DELAYS ARRIVAL OF COMICS HERE

Tragedy struck at The Daily News today when it was learned that bad weather had prevented the arrival of the weekly shipment of comic strips. For this reason Blondie, King of the Mounted, Li'l Abner and The Heart of Juliet Jones are not with us today.

However, it is the sincere hope of the management that these comic strip characters will make their customary appearance tomorrow.

Lawyer Opposes Proposal To Change Police Force

Strong opposition to a municipal police force for Prince Rupert was expressed by city lawyer J. T. Harvey at last night's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

"I consider any change of this sort a very retrograde and dangerous step," Mr. Harvey said. "In a city of this kind it would introduce all kinds of dangers. It did not work before and it would be even worse now."

Mr. Harvey said that while he did not consider the present system perfect, he felt it was needed to control subversive elements in Prince Rupert. He believed also that a municipal force would leave the city open to graft and other forms of corruption.

Members of the chamber agreed to discuss the matter further at their next monthly meeting.

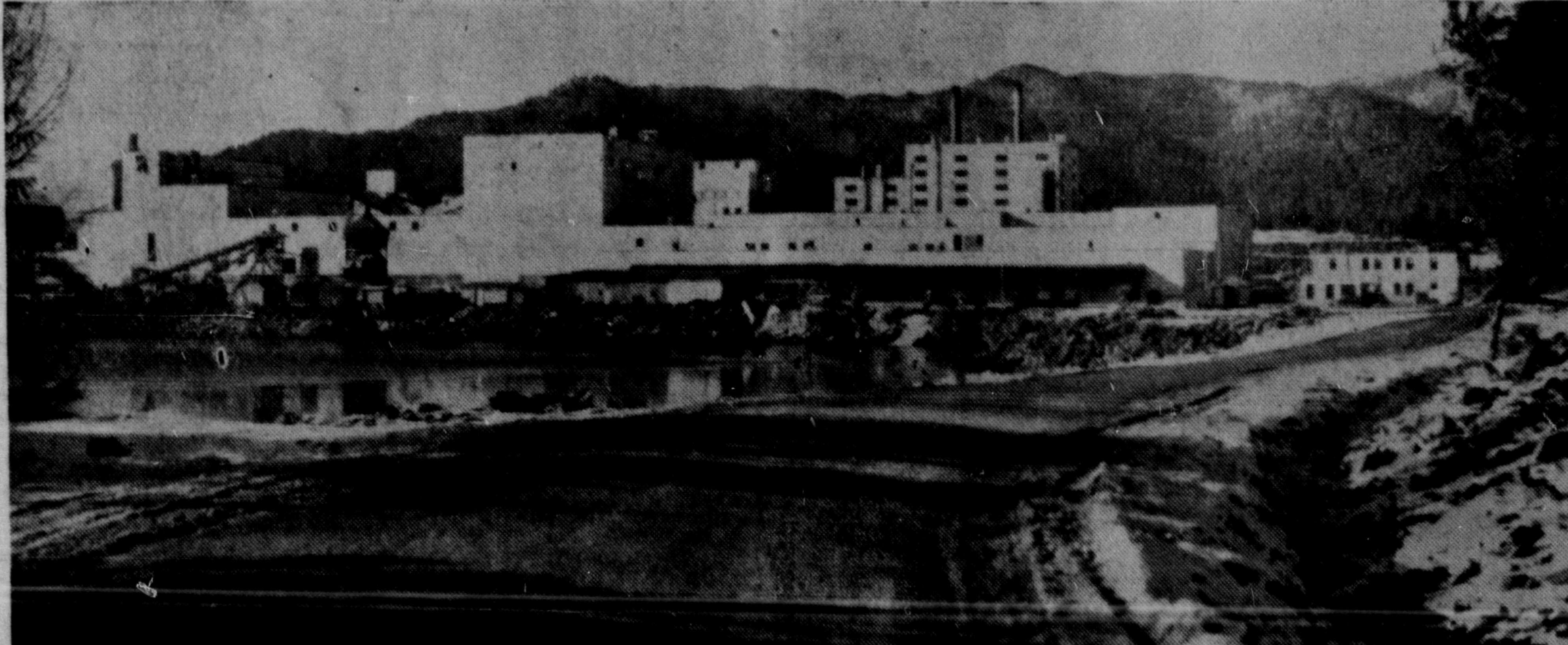
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WEATHER

North Coast Region: Gale warning issued.

Intermittent rain today. Rain Wednesday morning with showers Wednesday afternoon. Cloudy Wednesday evening. Cooler Wednesday.

Low tonight and high Wednesday at Port Hardy, 42 and 48; Saultspit and Prince Rupert, 40 and 45.



THIS BUSY COLUMBIA CELLULOSE PLANT soon may be as peaceful as it looks if 400 pulp workers make good their strike threat. The workers, members of Local 708 of the Pulp Workers' Union, voted 74.3 per cent in favor of a strike in a government-

Justice Clyne's Mother Dies

VANCOUVER.—Funeral services will be held here Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Martha Alice Clyne, mother of Mr. Justice V. Clyne. Mrs. Clyne died Friday in her 87th year.

Ellis Hall Leaves \$4,250,022 Estate

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—The estate of Ellis A. Hall, Albuquerque oil man who died in an Alaska plane crash, has been set at \$4,250,022. Hall, his wife, two daughters and 17-year-old Patrick Hibben were killed in the plane crash Aug. 17.