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Economist

Facing

Charges

Held by Police

For Extortion

sums of money from various

of personal dishonesty. Soon af-

suspicions were aroused and

tions. These enquiries confirm-

ed me in my suspicions and I

passed my information to the

brought to St. John's for trial.

manis resigned suddenly as the

chief of Newfoundland's devel-

opment program last February

and said he was taking a new

commended the one-time Lat-

vian cabinet minister for his ef

forts during the last four years

toward expanding the province's

industries and natural resourc-

will not soon again see so re-

manis."

unspecified job elsewhere.

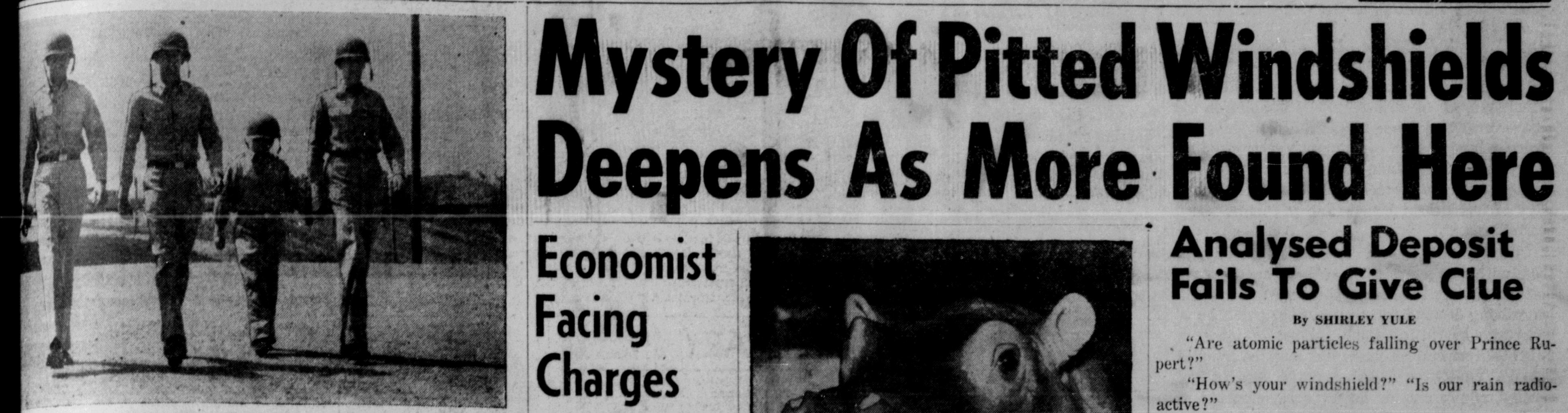
He said Dr. Valdmanis will be

The Latvian-born Dr. Vald-

hands of the RCMP."

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Deepens As More Found Here



SHORT OF IT-If he could take two steps to their one, Airman 3/C Robert H. Gaston right) would have no trouble marching with such giants as these. Gaston, 19, of thin had to get a waiver to enter the Air Force since he was an inch short of the test Gaston's towering comrades are (left to right): T/Sgt. John L. Thomas, 1a: Airman 1/C Robert M. McBride, 6-51/2, of Snohomish, Wash.; and Airman 6-8, of Alexandria, La. Holmes also needed a waiver because the maxito enter the service is six feet, six inches. All are stationed at Carswell Air Force

Liberals Backed on Drydock urns Lake and District Group

e of the drydock the Burns Lake lberal Association

ister of Fisheries James Sinclair and Prime Minister St. Laurent said the resolution has been noted."

"That's all we have heard so far from Ottawa," said G. P. Lyons, secretary of the city Liberal Association.

A wave of protest from Prince Rupert organizations resulted ention from Otta- in temporary postponement of the sale until September 30. Orhe Prince Rupert iginally, April 1 had been set as handing that the would be closed down if not sold

Main reason put forth for retaining the drydock which has operating at a loss sub-

IER CANCER CAMPAIGN Y PAST \$3,000 MARK

supert's conquer cancer campaign has passed the In just two days, and contributions are continuing

Thairman Ronald Allen reported at noon today of \$3,021.20 had been collected to date. There were local canvassers yet to be heard from and there ums so far from out of town points.

also far exceeds the \$2.000 quota set for this year, beating last year's total collection here of \$2,300.

tted French Troops to Defenders' Aid

United States-air- | centre of the fortresss' shrinking opers from France perimeter.

a fleet of huge six-by-four mile area to one C-124 Globemast- not more than a mile and a efly in Saigon to- quarter across. rench jump troops

ned out of France

100ps meanwhile he key northwestbeleaguered Dien the French high fierce hand-towas in progress. nch communique ewhether the conences marked the anticipated third

ch defences on the ard points in the ner Thursday by hter-attacks. The ed the enemy suf-

els came back early enewed attacks at ying for a breake heart and nerve

ATHER

st Region __ Sunny Jungle, the proud peacock puts aturday. Not much up a magnificent front (top photo) to delight his lady love. emperature. Winds Should she step behind the occasionally reachmland mlets today. scenes, however, she would see and high Saturday a less-inspiring but equally y and Sandspit, 37 spectacular network of feather Rupert 32 and 48. (bottom). backs that support the display

STRUTTING HIS STUFF at

South Miami's exotic Parrot

'since Prince Rupert is central half of the government of New-British Columbia's only seaport, foundland." we are extremely interested in the drydock. "A seaport without a drydock is only half equipped. The Lib-

erals of the central interior pert's plant so that our port may

Mr. Allen promised the committee he would see what could be done to save the drydock for

Modern Vessel From Liberia In For Grain

sea vessel to arrive in Prince Rupert in recent years docked vesterday at the Dominion Government Elevators on her maid-

Into Indo-China | Already, by a series of night was built in Glasgow, Scotland, quently criticized in the Newdesperate French assaults and furious digging and five months ago. Of Liberian foundland legislature by oppo-Dien Bien Phu thrusting, the Vietminh had registry, the Nicky arrived here sition Progressive Conservatives mmunist-led Viet- managed to draw their steel ring from Osaka, Japan, to take on for importing Germans to staff on their hard-hit tighter around the fortress. They a part cargo of 2,500 tons of the estimated 12 industries crehave cut its girth from a broad barley. She is scheduled to stop ated under his leadership. at Tahsis, on the west coast of His salary as director of the vancouver Island, to take on a economic development program lumber shipment before return- and the government - backed ing to the United Kingdom.

the Canadian National sidized by the federal government is its value to deep-sea arrested on charges of ex-Acknowledgement from Min- shipping here and as a wartime emergency unit.

During the Second World War, some 20 ships and smaller vessels were built here.

Burns Lake President Len Proppe told fellow members that firms with whom he dealt in be-

would strongly request the continued operation of Prince Ru-

go forward, not backwards." A special drydock committee appointed by city council here met recently with Bernard Allen, former manager of the shipyard here and now negotiating for its disposal on behalf of the

Prince Rupert.

Most modern and newest deep-

She is the 12,000-ton Nicky and Dr. Valdmanis had been fre-

A crew of 29 operates the 475- vince's resources was far greatfoot vessel under command of er than that of Mr. Smallwood Capt. George Mitropoulos.

Port Edward.

ST. JOHN'S Nfld. (CP) -Premier Smallwood said early today that Dr. Alfred A. Valdmanis, former director general of economic development here and later chairman of the Newfoundland and Labrador Corporation has been The premier said Dr. Valdmanis was arrested by the RCMP in New Brunswick on charges "that he extorted very large

WELL, SHUT MY MOUTH!-This hippo is all ham as he registers astonishment at the size of the crowd that gathers outside his cage at Copenhagen (Denmark) Zoo.

wood said "these sums run into Russia Repeats Demands many hundreds of thousands of many hundreds of thousands of "Up to the time I asked for his resignation a few weeks ago, For Big Five Meeting. I had no reason to suspect him

ter his resignation, however, my anew today that the Geneva France and the Soviet Union. conference be expanded into a undertook some quiet investiga-"Big Five" meeting, giving Com- fore and rejected by the Western munist China equal status with Big Three, came again in notes

Australians

manded the recall of all Austra- the Russian communication does lian diplomatic personnel Russia as a result of the Petrov-In announcing the resignation asylum case. It also announced sources, however, feared the new at that time, Premier Smallwood that all Russian diplomats in note might endanger the con-Australia have been ordered ference from its opening session. home immediately.

Meanwhile an Associated Press dispatch from Geneva reported that the two Russian bodyguards of Mrs. Vladimir Petrov left He said then: "Newfoundland Switzerland by plane for East Berlin en route to Moscow from markable a man as Alfred Vald-Australia.

No Injuries Follow 'Quake

or damages were reported. companies developing the pro-

The Soviet demand, made bedelivered in Washington, London and Paris.

in not necessarily require an answer, since it merely restates a previous Soviet position. London

The Western powers contend Berlin conference that China major convening powers. The communique issued at the end of VICTORIA ()-Thirsty travel- | the one-man liquor commission. would not constitute diplomatic beer with their meals. recognition of Peiping.

plans for Geneva.

Analysed Deposit Fails To Give Clue

By SHIRLEY YULE

"Are atomic particles falling over Prince Ru-

"How's your windshield?" "Is our rain radioactive?"

Those questions and variations on the theme are dominating conversation in this city as dozens of local motorists join car-owners across North America in pondering the mystery of the pitted windshields.

The first report of a pitted; windshield by QCA's Gerry Lev- plained pock marks. Also vicers here Tuesday brought a ser- tims were several members of ies of complaints from puzzled motorists all over town, including stories of an odd ash dotted M. Taylor and several of the over cars and covering pits in car glass, a mysteriously cracked yesterday. At least one was poswindshield and an oddly-spotted rear-view mirror.

ANALYZES SAMPLE

Meanwhile, Dr. G. W. J. Fiddes of Miller Bay Hospital, who analyzed a sample of the mysterious substance called ash for lack of a better term, reports had no effect on glass in his lab. It is not a fluoric compound GLASS CRACKED (fluoric acids are the only acids which effect glass) but a mineral more like an ash or a graphite,

pitted windshields wondered could it be due to the hydrogen Mr. Vance believes that's due bomb tests in the Pacific?

Scientists throughout Canada and the United States scoffed terming the epidemic of windshield pocks mass hysteria, but a Michigan industrialist reported today that he had tested an geiger counter and got a definite

BLAMES SAND FLEAS

French foreign office sources comes from a Centralia, Wash- ror isn't pitted, and the spots immediately indicated that they ington man who blames sand could be due to water seeping felt the new Russian note would fleas. He suggests that the sand in between the glass and silver not postpone the opening of the used in making glass contains backing. Geneva talks, now scheduled to flea eggs which hatch out in The last measured rainfall in LONDON (P-Russia today de- open Monday. The French said the glass when warmed by the Prince Rupert was Wednesday. sun. "The fleas have to chip the Prior to that rain fell every day glass to get out," he says.

> Gerry Levers reported that all of was radio-active. the cars parked on the CPA lot | Does anyone have a geiger at Seal Cove showed the unex- counter handy?

the RCMP sub-division staff at the court house. Inspector W. constables found the pit marks itive the marks weren't there the night before, because he had purposely examined the wind-

Some Daily News staff members, including Publisher J. F. Magor, were inclined to scoff at the mystery until their own windshields broke out in spots.

Bill Vance blames a cracked windshield on the mysterious particles. Pock first showed up on his windshield Monday, then Almost everyone reporting the spread to the side windows. Now tne windshield is cracked and

to the substance eating through one layer of the glass and letting air in to crack the glass. He likened the mysterious flecks to mercury, except that they are extremely light.

The spotted mirror was ash scraped from his car with a brought to the Daily News office by R. C. Mutch, owner of the York Hotel. Wednesday, after a rainfall he noticed the spots and tried to wipe them off with-Craziest explanation to date out results. However, the mir-

for several days, and Prince Ru-In Prince Pupert this morning, pert is wondering if that rain

that Foreign Minister Molotov agreed for Russia at the January Railway, Ship Liquor Outlets was only "invited" to the Geneva meeting, and was not one of the In B.C. Seen Ready by May

the Berlin meeting specified that lers and Vancouver residents will Others will be issued as they are China's attendance at Geneva soon be able to order wine and approved.

Canada's two big railway sys- glass is new in B.C. under leg-The latest Russian move be- tems and 26 Vancouver down- islation approved last fall. Prev-Thursday over a large triangu- Treaty Alliance met in Paris for shaker-full of public liquor, beer few private clubs with bars.

San Francisco, but no injuries Western Big Three's strategy They represent only the first Canadian National Railways regroup of licences processed by ceived 68 of the licences issued

Public sale of liquor by the

SAN FRANCISCO (A)-A rolling came known as the foreign min- town hotels and restaurants lously, thirst - quenching was type of earthquake was felt on isters of the North Atlantic Thursday divided up the first done in hotel beer parlors or a lar area, 50 to 100 miles south of a confidential preview of the and wine licences issued in B.C. The Canadian Pacific and

> Thursday. Of the group, 29 were for dining rooms and 39 for lounges and cocktail bars. Railway officials said here that the new outlets should be in operation on both trains and boats

in B.C. in May, A CPR spokesman said it was expected that lounge and dining-room licences would be used on transcontinental trains between here and Field, B.C. Trains and boats may serve liquor only

while moving. Thirty-two licences were issued or approved for Vancouver and two to a New Westminster hotel which cannot start operations until alterations are approved.

Owners said they would need several days to get into operation, but many were confident of a Monday start. Beer was expected to be available before wine service.

Restaurants may sell their wine and beer from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Dining-lounges may serve liquor from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. except for special licences issued to two cabarets. They will remain open from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. but must charge a \$1.50 minimum cover charge.

No public house licences were



THE HUFFING AND PUFFING at the Woodbridge rail yards in England isn't done by steam locomotives. The rails are too curved for steam engines, so horses, like Tinker and Charlie (above) are used to shunt boxcars along the yard's main line.

himself. Fishermen's Farewell Dance Kick Off For Halibut Season "Kick-off" of the halibut sea- | tivity of the year. son will be marked tonight by But not nearly as many small the annual Fishermen's Farewell | vessels as last year are expected Dance sponsored by the Prince to convert to halibut gear, due Rupert Fishermen's Co-operat- to high outlay compared to relatively short season. ive Association. The yearly event will see sev- "Many trollers are talking eral hundred fishermen, their about trolling for halibut on the wives and friends congregate so- grounds not frequented by longcially before the serious work line fishermen," a Co-op spokesbegins in preparation for the man said. halibut season which opens May Of late, more and more small fishing vessels have crowded the Already local boatyards are halibut fishing industry, once seeing the beginning of the an- the sole field for the large off-

every two weeks or so. Opening of the 1954 season Today, fishing companies oppromises to be as active and con- | erate collecting camps at stratgested as last year's record, says | egic places near halibut grounds W. H. Brett, president of the where small boats can unload Deep Sea Fishermen's Union. daily and also purchase their

nual rush repairing and refitting shore fishing fleet of big boats

the vanguard of more than 400 | which fished practically the

Many small boats—gillnetters supplies. and salmon trollers-are expect- These camps are expected to ed to enter the halibut industry leave the port towards the end to get into the first fishing ac- of the month.