

**TOMORROW'S
-TIDES-**
Tuesday, February, 1953
Pacific Standard Time

3:51	19.9 feet
15:56	18.8 feet
9:59	6.5 feet
22:03	5.7 feet

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Million Homeless Floods

Over 860 Dead
Hurricanes

LONDON.—Count of flood-ravaged areas, the Netherlands, Belgium passed a total of 860 today with more than 1,000,000 homeless in the wake of flying hurricanes.

Netherlands is the worst with a death toll boosted to 860 by unconfirmed reports of persons dead at Stelendam, Holland. It is the worst in the Netherlands since 18th century.

Britain, 395 were counted. Rescue workers fear the toll may mount to 1,000.

Persons and volunteers battled waves to save hundreds now dead.

Persons died by flood in Britain and 10 others died when a Belgian trawler sank in the three countries.

Persons, homes, dikes, communications and shipping is being run into millions of dollars.

Persons total included 248 in floods, 132 in the sinking of the ferry Princess Victoria and 15 in the disappearance of a British trawler.

Persons of bodies still unaccounted for among vast seas of along Britain's battered coast.

Persons English Island alone, 300 were in the Thames estuary, rescue officials said 500 are still unlocated and 100 are floating on the flood-torn sea.

Persons mustered its resources to rescue hundreds still stranded to hold back giant waves swept as far as 40 miles inland.



THE STATUE OF ROBERT BURNS got a coating of ice during sleet storm which struck Windsor, Ont. The bust of the Scottish poet was erected last summer in Jackson Park, Shirley South, 17, is the interested spectator. (CP Photo)

More Than 460 Seek Assessment Revision

The largest agenda in the city's history faces the Prince Rupert court of revision scheduled to open its sessions Feb. 9 in city council chamber.

Total number of appeals is 464. Deadline for submission was Jan. 30 at 5 p.m.

This flood of appeals was brought about by a re-assessment in certain city sections which raised land values from 20 to more than 200 per cent.

After loud protests to the increase were voiced in various quarters and appeals began, their rush on the city clerk's desk, council itself decided to appeal re-assessments on land in the three sections, which are:

- Section 2, western residential.
- Section 1, business centre.
- Section 7, eastern residential.

"Very few" ratepayers have protested re-assessments of improvements.

"Most of the appeals are levelled against land re-assessments," said W. R. Long, city clerk.

Mr. Long also has been appointed assistant assessor and will appear in that capacity at the court of revision in place of Harry Daggett, assessor, who is ill in hospital.

The court of revision, consisting this year of entire city council, will first hear the appeal by the council on behalf of the citizens. This appeal likely will be granted.

Then Mr. Long will make "suggested assessments" of all land in the three sections involved. The suggested figures may be accepted by council if no appeal is heard, or may be argued by ratepayers who have filed appeals.

The council chambers, where the court of revision will sit, is expected to be crowded next Monday.

Last year, 29 appeals were filed. Only other high year was in 1947, after a complete reassessment, when 100 formally protested increases.



BILL BOSS (right) Canadian Press staff writer in Korea, receives the first issue of new insignia for Canadian war correspondents from Brig. M. P. Bogert, commander of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade, in Korea. The cap badge is a green cloth maple leaf and shoulder patches are oval-shaped. The inscription is done with gold thread. Boss returned to Canada last week for a brief vacation.

Eisenhower Asks U.S. To Scrap Secret Pacts With Russians

Orders Fleet to Stop Protecting Formosa

By The Canadian Press

WASHINGTON.—President Eisenhower announced today he is ordering the United States 7th Fleet to stop shielding Communist China and, in a surprise move, invited Congress to disavow any Roosevelt-Truman "secret understandings" which permit the enslavement of people anywhere.

At home, the new Republican president cautioned against tax cuts until a balanced budget is in sight and gave his blessing to the end of all price and wage controls where the present authority for them expires April 30.

Eisenhower said the present effect of the Truman order neutralizes the Chinese Nationalist island of Formosa to protect Chinese Reds who are killing American soldiers in Korea.

WARTIME MEETINGS
Eisenhower's mention of secret understandings referred to wartime conferences at Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam attended by President Roosevelt and Truman.

The Republicans long have attacked the two Democratic presidents for making secret agreements with the Russians at those conferences.

Only a portion of the agreements reached at the conferences was disclosed at the time.

Eisenhower spoke out in his "state of the union" message which brought him before the joint session of Congress for the first time since he took office.

It was a far-ranging 8,500-word address in which:

RUSSIA HAS WEAPONS
He said United States has "incontrovertible evidence that Soviet Russia possesses atomic weapons."

Promised all action within his power to wipe out racial segregation.

Asked early statehood for Hawaii. He didn't mention Alaska.

Announced a new system of checking the loyalty of federal employees, together with a series of studies and surveys designed to end "waste and incompetence" in government departments.

Asked Congress for a good bit of legislation as a "corrective action" for the Taft-Hartley Labor Act, for one thing.

ORDERED BY TRUMAN
Mr. Truman, on June 27, 1950, two days after the start of the fighting in Korea, directed the 7th Fleet to protect Formosa against a Communist invasion and to assure that the Nationalists did not attack the mainland.

The explanation of that order was that it was designed to keep the Chinese Reds out of the Korean war.

Since 1950, Eisenhower recalled, the Reds have entered the war and, with Russian backing, have turned down every peace overture from the United Nations.

Eisenhower disclosed another move in the Far Eastern conflict: "Immediate increased attention to the development of additional Republic of Korea forces."

He said the foreign policy, in general, will envision "all peaceful methods or devices except breaking faith with our friends."



Soldiers in White
THREE MEMBERS of the 1st Battalion, Royal 22nd regiment, test camouflage suits in Korea. The suits, actually a light covering worn over the regular uniform, are used on the snow-covered ground. Left to right are: Pte. Jean-Louis Longpre, Ottawa; Pte. Chester Gordon Smith, Montreal, and Cpl. Paul Theriault of Sept-Isles, Que.

Six Rental Homes in Seal Cove Area Occupied by Tenants Over Week-End

First six of 50 homes of the Prince Rupert rental housing project were occupied over the week-end.

The newly-opened homes are located on Sixth Avenue East, in the Seal Cove area. In all, 45 homes have been allotted from twice that number of applicants.

All 50 homes are expected to be filled by April 1, according to the Housing Authority, body which administers the project.

Applications are still coming in for the new homes, a spokesman said today.

"It looks like we could well do with another 50 of them."

The homes — one section at Seal Cove, another on Eleventh Avenue near McClymont Park, and the third in section two — are of two and three-bedroom construction, a few with basements.

They are heated by thermostatically controlled automatic oil heating plants. A 120-gallon storage tank is installed in each home. A special furnace room houses the plant in homes where there is no basement.

APPEAR SATISFIED
"The new tenants appear very satisfied with the houses," said the spokesman.

First to sign leases were Kenneth Ross Slater, Stanley White, Clifford John Walker, David Bain, William D. Hayes and Harold William McCormick. Their families range from two to four children.

Balance of the 16 homes in the Seal Cove area are expected to be occupied by the end of this month.

Next lot to be ready for occupancy is Section 2, slated for March 1. The Eleventh Avenue homes should also be ready near that date, the Housing Authority estimates.

Rentals range from \$67.50 to \$87 a month, depending on size and location of the home.

SIGN SHORT LEASES
Tenants are required to sign short leases on a month-to-

month basis, and another form on which certain clauses of the lease are amplified.

Tenants assume full responsibility for taking good care of the property. Substantial repairs and maintenance, such as to the roof or foundation will be done by the Housing Authority.

Repairs of damages such as broken glass, or the plumbing or fixtures must be made by the tenants.

"Taking care of the property is not confined to the home. The grass and garden, generally are equally important and if they become unkempt, the tenancy may be terminated in the same way as for any other breach," say the regulations.

MANY REQUESTS
The housing project is the result of persistent requests by city council and the Chamber of Commerce to provincial and federal government authorities for action in relieving the housing shortage here.

The matter also was pressed by former MLA Jack McRae, and by E. T. Applewhite, Liberal MP for Skeena.

The project is jointly financed by the federal, provincial and civic governments, with 75 per cent of costs borne by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the federal body.

Total cost of the project is estimated at more than \$500,000.

Members of the Housing Authority, set up to administer the project and appointed order-in-council, are Orme Starni, chairman; Mrs. Willa Ray, Norman Bellis, Hugh McKenzie, and R. G. Moore.

V. L. Whiting is secretary-manager.

City Jeweller, John Bulger Taken Ill
John Bulger, Sr., 76-year-old city jeweller, was taken ill over the week-end, and is resting in Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Mr. Bulger, who came to the city in 1916 to work for a jewelry store here, later established his own business. A Rotarian, he has been active in community affairs for many years.

His physician said today his condition "is definitely improving."

2 Miners Shot Seeking Rescue Of Comrades
BERLIN.—West Berlin newspaper Telegraph said Sunday 20 East German uranium miners were drowned and 62 others trapped in lower levels of a Saxony pit which flooded after pumps gave out.

Two other miners were reported to have been shot to death and six wounded by Russian guards who quelled with bullets demonstration by about 2,000 men demanding quick rescue for their comrades.

Abbott to Tell All on Feb. 19
OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Abbott announced today he will bring down the budget Thursday, Feb. 19.

Fire Destroys Business Block
COLLINGWOOD, Ont.—Fire, whipped by gale-force winds, destroyed one of Collingwood's biggest business blocks Sunday and left only a brick wall standing when it was brought under control. Loss was estimated at \$500,000.

Highway 16 Re-Opened Crews
Clearing crews pushed way through a remaining mass of road west of Terrace to reopen Highway 16 after it closed since Friday.

Wet snowfall "bogged" more than 40 miles of the stretch east of Prince Rupert, W. H. Meighen, public works engineer, said today.

Trucks also are on schedule for Friday night's slide.

Boat Crews on Strike
NEW YORK.—Tugboat and barge crews went on strike today in a wage dispute that threatens to tie up the major artery of shipping — from ocean to garbage scows — in the New York.