

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**

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**DRUGS**



MOORE, left, world light-heavyweight champion in a picture taken before last night's fight, matches right arm with challenger Harold Johnson, Moore successfully defeating him with 14th round knockout. See story on Page 6.

## Government Plans Legislation Before Railway Strike Occurs

### To Head Off Tie-Up Says St. Laurent

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OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent, meeting railway and union heads here under the threat of a general rail strike, made clear to them today that the government plans to call on Parliament to legislate against a strike before it happens.

Officers of the major railways and their unions, summoned to the capitol Wednesday, heard the prime minister urge them to get back into negotiation and reach a settlement before Par-

"We have given thought to further steps, but we are not jumping at anything yet," Mr. St. Laurent and Labor Minister Gregg were to meet this morning and afternoon in two and perhaps three conferences with the railways and the unions representing 145,000 employees, chiefs of the latter group newly reinforced in their contract demands by a membership vote authorizing them to stage a strike that could tie up more than 90 per cent of rail transport.

OTTAWA —Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent, after meeting with railway union officers said today that he is optimistic about settlement of the contract dispute in which a general rail strike is threatened.

The strike-empowering vote was announced Wednesday at Montreal by Frank H. Hall, head of the 14 unions' central negotiating committee. "He leads the committee in today's conferences with the ministry. The union chiefs were empowered to call a strike if negotiations are not successful."

Parliament intervenes at the behest of the government. The prime minister did not propose either terms of settlement or a time limit for the reaching of an agreement.

The negotiations started late last year for contracts to replace a series that expired last Dec. 1. The unions—representing workers who do not actually run the trains—want fringe benefits such as better deals on paid holidays, sick leave and vacations. Commercial telegraphers also are affected.

Mr. St. Laurent made it clear that the government—as of now, at least—does not intend to allow a strike to start as it did in 1950, when Parliament was called in to halt a nine-day tie-up.

After a cabinet meeting dealing with the strike issue, the prime minister Wednesday gave a clue to the cabinet attitude when he spoke, in a statement, of parliamentary intervention in connection with "avoiding" rather than ending—a strike.

Mr. St. Laurent, asked about future moves if today's action fails to bring a settlement, would say only:

### Liquor Charge Brings \$50 Fine

Rex William Recheck of no fixed address was fined \$50 and costs or in default of payment to serve 30 days in jail after he pleaded guilty to a charge of consuming liquor in a public place.

### Parks Workers Face Layoffs

VANCOUVER —Layoffs of park board employees are likely if budget-trimming orders by city council are carried out, board chairman Arnold Webster said Wednesday night.

He entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of vagrancy. Recheck received a remand yesterday on the consuming charge in order to obtain counsel, but told Magistrate H. F. Glassey this morning that he had not obtained a lawyer, but "had a witness."

## West Can Gain Nothing From War Molotov Tells Laborites at Embassy

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov voiced a grave warning against the dangers of a new war Wednesday night during dinner exchanges with the visiting British Socialist delegation headed by party leader Clement Attlee, it was learned today.

Molotov sounded the warning in one of eight toasts at the British embassy dinner attended by Premier Malenkov on the eve of the British delegation's departure for Communist China.

It was understood that no specific proposal or new slant on Soviet foreign policy emerged from the long exchanges across the dinner table or in private talks between Soviet leaders and the Laborites.

### Alps Claim Lives

CHAMONIX, France (Reuters) —An avalanche of snow-capped Mont Blanc today killed two Italian climbers who were nearing its summit, bringing the month toll in accidents in the French Alps in the past four days to seven.

### Car Damage Set at \$800

A car registered in the name of L. "Clippie" Smith of 1315 Overlook Street, sustained damage unofficially estimated at \$800 this morning when it went off the road about three miles beyond the city limits on Highway 16.

### SPEAKS ON RED CHINA

Molotov told the Britons there was a great need for Communist China's admittance to the United Nations and expressed the hope of closer relations between Britain and the Peking regime. He wished the delegation success on their stay of about two weeks in China.

### First Halibut From Area 3-A Unloaded Today

The first landings of halibut from Area 3-A at the Prince Rupert Halibut Exchange were reported this morning.

### Flight

CP—A dramatic flight was successfully completed yesterday afternoon when a four-day-old girl on the west coast of Vancouver Island, returned to her parents after being kidnapped by a pilot.

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### Settlements Made German Labor Front

ST. GERMAN (Reuters) —A strike of 14,000 publication and utility workers in Hamburg ended today with the municipal government agreeing to terms fixed by a committee giving Germany's labor front a reprieve from the threat of a general strike.

### Salmon Catch Down

Yield Could Top Total From 1953

Preliminary figures from the Department of Fisheries in Prince Rupert show that catches of sockeye salmon on the Skeena River up to the last day of fishing, August 7, were almost 80,000 fish short of last year's yield.

Up to that date, only 543,504 sockeye had been caught as compared to 622,347 by August 8 last year. This year's catch is considerably under that of 1952, when by August 9, 1,259,860 sockeye had been taken.



THERE'S NO SUCH THING as travelling light for actress Ingrid Bergman, who's arriving in Munich with husband, Italian director Roberto Rossellini, with each holding one of their twin daughters. Ingrid's holding Isotta Ingrid, while her husband holds Isabella Fiorella, and a nurse (not shown) carries a third child. The international stage and screen star is in Munich, to make a film based on Stefan Zweig's novel "Angst" (Fear), which Rossellini will direct.

## Fisheries Association Rejects Union Proposal

VANCOUVER (CP)—An attempt to end the five-day-old strike of 570 West Coast tendermen met with failure last night when the Fisheries Association of B.C. rejected a union proposal reducing its wage demands by \$3 a month.

In announcing the rejection, an association spokesman said his group considered the union proposal "insignificant," and noted that it was the first change the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union (Ind.) had made in its original demands since negotiations began five months ago.

Meanwhile, in Prince Rupert, a B.C. Packers spokesman released the present wage scale of tendermen. The figures, including basic wage plus a \$53 per month subsistence allowance, on a 24-day month, included: cooks and deckhands, \$282; mates, \$293.50; engineers, \$324.50; and captains, \$353.

When the men worked a 30 1/2-day month, not taking days off, wages rose to \$344.01 for cooks and deckhands, \$358.63 for mates, \$377.02 for engineers and \$434.25 for captains. An additional \$23 per month is paid each of the crew when tending troll and halibut camps.

In a press release to the Daily News today, Tom Parkin, northern representative of the UFAWU, and William Beynon, of the Native Brotherhood of B.C., replied to a fish companies statement yesterday.

The local men termed as "hard to understand" a claim by Art Sager, executive assistant of the Fisheries Association, that the companies had made two separate offers which would give tendermen from \$50 to \$90 per month increase. If that was so, said the Rupert men, the tendermen would not be on strike for \$30 a month. They reiterated that there had been no offer of any description from the operators since negotiations began in April, up until the strike vote was counted last week.

### Five-Year-Old Billy Peena

WILSON, B.C. (Reuters) —A five-year-old boy, Billy Peena, was adopted today by a family in the town of Woodville, after the mother had been poisoned and five other baby woodchucks killed by dogs. Now about three months old, Woodie lives in a hole beside the porch and plays daily with the four Peena children. While a tiny cub, he was fed from a tiny doll bottle but has now acquired a liking for food with jelly on it, corn and nuts, and will scratch on the door if his pan is empty and he wants a drink.

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