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Tonight, 10:30 p.m.  
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## Equal Drinking Rights Seen

### Paper Claims Move Pending

VICTORIA (CP) — The Daily Times said Friday that the federal government will amend the Liquor Act at the current sitting of the House of Commons to allow Native Canadians equal drinking rights.

The Times said it had learned from sources here and in Ottawa that the act will be opened this session.

Attorneys-general in the various provinces have been sound-ed-out in the amendments by Immigration and Citizenship Minister J. W. Pickersgill.

#### EQUAL RIGHTS

Amendments will give each province the authority to grant equal liquor rights to Indians.

This is considered one of the most important steps in granting Indians full citizenship rights.

Attorney-General Robert Bonner said B.C. has not considered what action it would take if the federal legislation was amended. But he admitted he had received "confidential information" on the subject from Mr. Pickersgill.

Two prominent B.C. Indians, Frank Calder, CCF, MLA for Alton and Andy Paul, head of the Native Brotherhood of B.C., were in Ottawa late in December in connection with the Indian Act.

Mr. Calder advised the Legislature two weeks ago he had been in the nation's capital, but gave no hint of the information he received.

He declined all comment Friday.

#### LEGISLATION HINTED

Mr. Calder has led the battle for granting equal rights to B.C. natives in the Legislature. This session, he has made no mention of the subject.

One government official said B.C. may introduce legislation "concerning Indians;" this session, but gave no hint of its possible content.

At present, restrictions governing the consumption of liquor by Indians allow them to drink in beer parlors, but not in their own reservation homes or the homes of friends, or at public gatherings.

They are not allowed to purchase liquor in a government liquor store, and are guilty of an offence if they are as much as found inside a liquor store.

Bruce Brown, Liberal MLA for Prince Rupert, told the Legislature Thursday it is "the height of stupidity" that Indians are allowed to drink in beer parlors only.

"In any public place," replied Attorney-General Bonner.

According to information reaching the Times, liquor will be allowed even on Indian reservations.

#### WEATHER

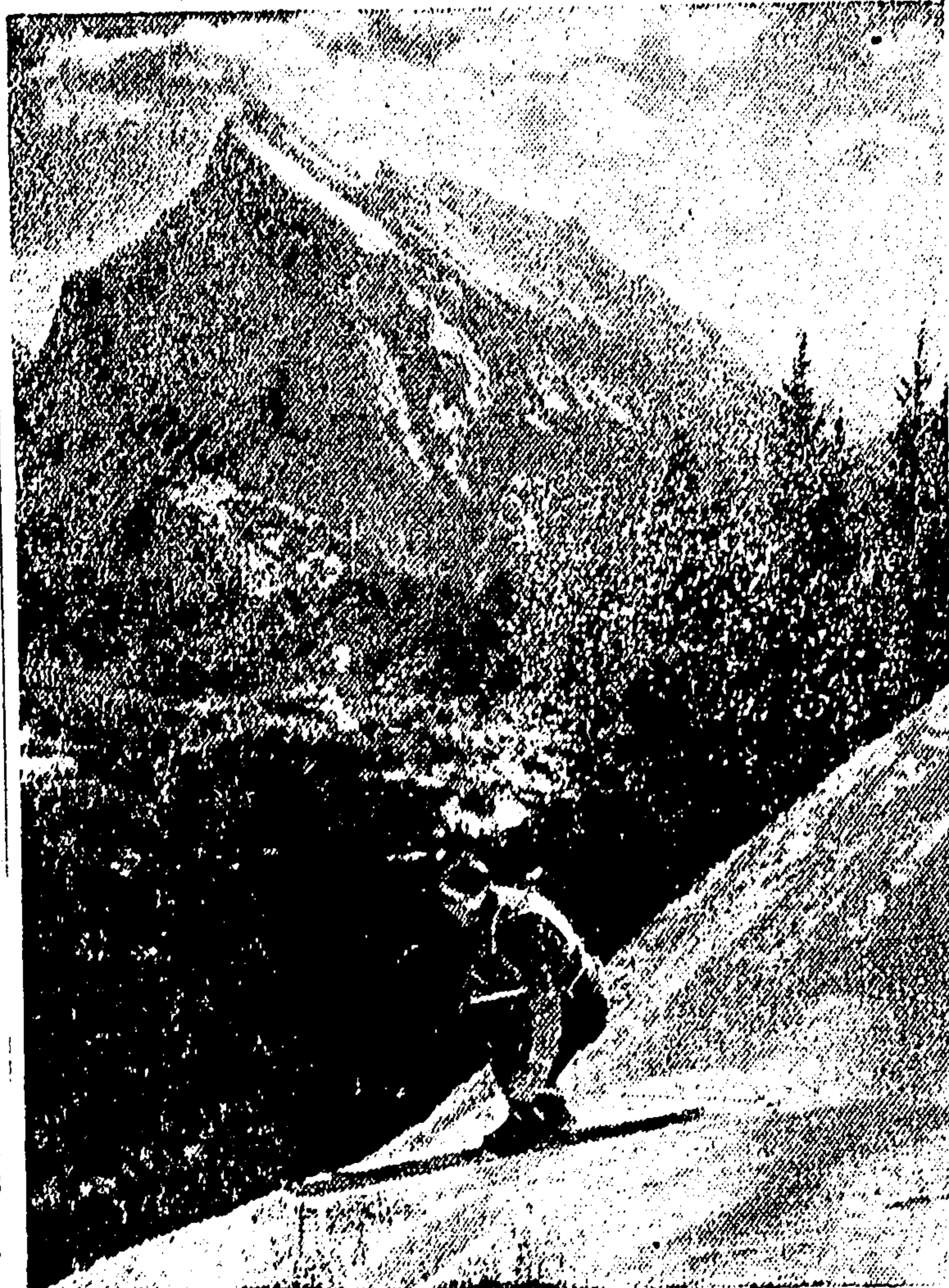
Cloudy with a few sunny periods. Scattered snow. High 32. Colder. Winds north 15 becoming northeast 35 in midland later tonight and Tuesday. The low tonight and high Tuesday at Port Hardy 29 and 30; Sandspit 30 and 30. Prince Rupert 15 and 20.

## Increased Interest in Militia Sees More Instructors Sought

A need for more instructors as a result of an influx of recruits into the 19th Harbor Defence Troop, R.C.A., since the first of the year, is causing the promotion in the unit, public relations officer, Sergeant A. N. Van Meer announced.

Interest, encouraged by Capt. B. O. Evans, is in some part due to the appearance here last month of a recruiting team of Royal Canadian Engineers from Esquimalt and Chilliwack with the R.C.E. Band, A/3d. Van Meer said.

Promoted January 20 to be sergeant in charge of the Canadian Women's Army Corp section, was Private Mac Eyre. Other promotions were acting Bdr. E. Donald Glenores to acting Bdr. G. B. Van Meer to



GORDON MORRISON, former Olympic skier, swerves at the top of the S-turn on the slope of Mount Norquay near Banff, Alta. Morrison is coach of the University of Alberta entry in the 1956 international collegiate ski tournament at Banff. (CP Photo)

## Drydock Equipment Sales Made to Highest Bidders

Sales of machinery and material at the Prince Rupert shipyard are being made to the highest bidders, J. J. Behan, Vancouver, operating department manager for the Canadian National Railways in the B.C. district, said in a wire to the Daily News today.

Answering an inquiry by the Daily News which spoke of the "apparent secrecy" surrounding disposal of the shipyard equipment and stated that some local businessmen are inclined to think preference is being given to Vancouver and Victoria firms, Mr. Behan said:

"There is no secrecy about sale of machinery and material at the Prince Rupert shipyard. The railway selected certain units for transfer to other railway points and we have been working on the shipment of this material but have been somewhat delayed on account of snow and weather conditions.

"As soon as units for transfer have been shipped, we intend some newspaper advertising. This we expect will take place before the end of this month."

"Sales to purchasers residing in the vicinity of Prince Rupert have been large and those interested locally enquiring as to you should be advised to submit bid through T. J. Boulter, assistant superintendent at the drydock Prince Rupert, or direct to Bernard Allen (special drydock representative), 5238 Angus Drive, Vancouver.

"Our sales to highest bidder."

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## CARS Opening On Air Tonight

A condensed broadcast of the opening ceremonies at the Prince Rupert Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism treatment centre February 4, will be broadcast at 9:30 p.m. tonight over radio station CBRP.

Featured will be addresses by Alderman Kay Smith who declared the centre open and speeches by members of the CARS branch executive.

The CARS Troop strength stands at 25. Corporal Donn

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TOMORROW'S  
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Tuesday, February 14, 1956.

(Pacific Standard Time)

High	2:47	20.8 feet
	14:54	20.5 feet
Low	8:54	4.0 feet
	21:06	3.9 feet

# Sockeye Salmon Fishing Season For Skeena Will Open July 31

## Second Charge Seen Soon

### Bail of \$1,500 Being Pondered

Police today indicated that a charge of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm may be laid against a Prince Rupert youth held in custody since a double stabbing in front of a city home last Tuesday night.

The youth, Earl M. Gamblin, 19, who is employed at Kitimat already faces a charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm as a result of injuries received by Helmar Mork, 16, Seventh Avenue East. Mr. Mork was wounded on the left arm in the fight which occurred in front of the Mork home.

His son, Perry Mork, 24, is still in Prince Rupert General Hospital after receiving wounds in the back and throat.

Sergeant Adam Wildgoose, NCO in charge of the city detachment, RCMP, told Magistrate W. D. Vance this morning that, after consultation with T. W. Brown, QC, the Crown was considering asking that bail be set at \$1,500. Sgt. Wildgoose

said that laying of the second charge against Gamblin was awaiting a medical report on Perry Mork's condition. Mr. Mork was discharged from hospital Saturday.

## Reds Strong In Unions Says Alsbury

VANCOUVER (CP) — Tom Alsbury, president of the powerful Vancouver and New Westminster Trades and Labor Council (AFL-TLC), said Friday night that 25,000 union members in British Columbia are "under direct Communist control."

Speaking at the University of British Columbia, to a meeting sponsored by the Civil Liberties Union, Mr. Alsbury said nearly one-third of the province's labor union membership is "under a measure of Communist influence."

"Of the 55,000 under Communist influence, 25,000 are under direct Communist control in that Communist officials control their union," he said.

He estimated B.C.'s total union membership at 185,000 and said he believed Communist infiltration is stronger in B.C. than anywhere else in Canada.

"The trade union movement in Canada has a democratic structure. Its principles are sound, but they are not always applied. Trade unionism is made up of humans and it contains the weakness of humans. Its success depends upon the administration," Mr. Alsbury said.

He pointed out by member of the former drydock committee that the city's part in disposing of the shipyard was relinquished when no purchaser was found following closure of the property by cause of operating loss, and the committee was disbanded. At that time, however, the

committee was not fully constituted. It was the result of the effects of domestic gas. He was found in an enclosed area in the non-quota area to 21,752 tons.

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