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A LIST OF RESOLUTIONS in his hand, a confident young 1955 is shown on the podium to take over at midnight tonight from a weary 1954. During the old man's 12-month term peace has come to the world in a greater measure than it has during the last 23 years. Canada's top officials today were full of confidence that 1955 will see ties throughout the world strengthened to an even larger degree.

## Two Mothers in Race for "New Arrival" Gifts

A large array of gifts is waiting for the first baby born after the past few years. Donations from city businesses have been put up for both the parents and the lucky youngster.

Gifts range from cigars for the proud father to baby food for the youngster and include a free taxi ride home from the hospital for mother and child and \$5 credit to cover trips to and from the hospital for the father. There's an additional quart of milk slated to be delivered to the parent's home for two weeks, as soon as the baby requires it and a free pair of baby shoes and a host of other gifts for mother and baby.

Up until press time, two prospective mothers were considered entrants in the 1955 Stork Derby. Last year, Mr. and Mrs. James Sutherland were the recipients of the many gifts for the first baby of 1954 when their daughter was born at 12:44 p.m. January 1, nearly 13 hours after midnight.

An official letter of introduction to the various merchants donating gifts will be compiled by The Daily News for the parents whose baby is the "New Year Baby."

An increase in supplementary benefits -- now paid for the first three months of the year -- will bring them up to the level of normal benefits, now average about 80 per cent of the regular benefits.

At the \$800,000 annual unemployment insurance fund is expected to run to an extra \$6,000 a year. There will be no increase in contributions going into the fund.

Supplementary benefits are to some classes of workers for various reasons, comparable for ordinary benefit during the first three months of the year. Depending on the client's wage scale, they range from \$1.30 and \$12.00 a week for single persons and \$3.00 to \$10 for those with dependents.

## CNR Revenue Up For Month, Down For Year

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—Canadian National Railways today reported increased net revenues for November compared with the same month last year, but indicated net earnings for the first 11 months of the 1954 were down by \$17,000.

Operating revenues for the month at \$54,320,000 were \$1,014,000 higher than in November, 1953 and expenses at \$50,545,000 were \$1,012,000 lower. Net revenue at \$3,775,000 was up by \$3,000.

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# Coalition For Peace Stronger, Outlook Brighter Says Pearson

## CPA Backs Airport Proposal

### Firm Pledges Technical Aid

Canadian Pacific Airlines has promised its full support of the proposed construction of an airport on Digby Island, it was reported yesterday at a meeting of the city airport committee.

J. T. Harvey, chairman, said that he had received correspondence from CPA president Grant McConachie who, having studied the report sent him by the committee, described it as an "excellent piece of work."

"You can rest assured we will do everything we possibly can to promote this new airport site as I believe the plans you have drawn up are entirely practical," Mr. McConachie wrote. He added that the assistance of his technical staff was available to the committee and that he was addressing a letter to Transport Minister George Marler urging the government's favorable consideration of the proposal.

Mr. McConachie's remarks were based on a report drawn up by a Vancouver engineering firm which the committee engaged. Recommending site A on the west side of the island as the best location, it supplemented a study made earlier by transport department engineers and suggested how the cost estimates of assessment of property in Prince Rupert.

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## Assessment Notices Mailed Today

Good news or bad depends

on whether individual assessors have gone up or down

will be waiting for Prince Rupert property holders early next week when the mail brings them their annual assessment notices. The notices will show the value of their property and improvements as valued by the City Assessor, following the complete re-assessment of property in Prince Rupert.

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## Missing Boat Found Safe

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—An all-ships alert to vessels on the B.C. coast to watch for a missing 52-foot U.S. fishboat came up with prompt results early Thursday.

A few hours after the alert was put out by RCAF search and rescue here at the request of the U.S. Coast Guard, it was reported that the Salmon Bay of Seattle had been sheltering in Queen Charlotte Sound.

The alarm was raised when the boat, which has no radio, was reported overdue at Craig, Alaska.

Mr. Harvey said he expected to have the brief completed next month.

## BENNETT PREDICTS 1955 TO BE B.C.'S GREATEST

KELowna, B.C., Dec. 30.—Premier Bennett, in a New Year's message from his home, Thursday predicted that 1955 will be British Columbia's "greatest year."

Mr. Bennett said this year had been a good year for the province. Many plans were crystallized for a further period of expansion and development.

"The new year, with close co-operation between government, industry and labor, will be B.C.'s greatest year," he said. He outlined some of the big developments, especially hydroelectric projects, planned for 1955, and said "all these combined will bolster our economy . . . resulting in increased employment and prosperity for the whole province."

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## States Canada Grows In Strength Yearly

OTTAWA (CP) — External Affairs Minister Pearson said today the Free World's coalition for peace became stronger in 1954 but that the hell of an H-bomb war is not yet out of the picture.

He said the growing power of weapons and new methods of delivering them have made unity and calm steady strength more essential than ever to prevent the terror of such a war.

As the year ends our coalition for peace seems stronger than it was at the beginning. We are learning to live with the situation that exists without panic but without illusions.

Mr. Pearson added his statement to year-end messages Thursday by Governor General Massey, Prime Minister St. Laurent and Opposition Leader Drew.

Mr. Massey's message, filmed for television broadcasting tonight, said Canada grows in strength every year.

"So tonight a backward glance can bring us even deeper satisfaction and a forward one still greater confidence."

### BRING MORE PROBLEMS

Mr. St. Laurent said in 1954 Canada faced problems within and without and the new year will bring more.

But with God's help and with goodwill and a desire to live in harmony as one family, I am confident that we shall meet the problems that it brings.

Mr. Drew issued his statement late Saturday, saying he was recovering strength after his recent meningitis infection. He said Canadians have more hope now than at any time in 40 years.

"There is more reason than we have known in a generation to hope for peace, and we can wish each other with full hearts a happy and prosperous new year."

Mr. Pearson's 1,000-word statement reviewed the major international developments of 1954, which he said had brought both successes and disappointments.

### LACK OF COHESION

He said the disappointments, however, were not as serious as the lack of cohesion shown in recent times among democracies.

On the whole, however, the critical periods had proved so boring, rather than shattering, to our coalition.

Turning to Soviet policy, Mr. Pearson said that until recently

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Vancouver police commission said Thursday it found no apology in a newspaper photograph which was detained by police after taking a forbidden picture of a robbery suspect.

The commission also threatened that a proper criminal charge was possible in this and other such cases where newspaper publications contravene instructions.

Detention of Vancouver Province photographer Bob Olson for a half-hour after he took a picture of a robbery suspect two weeks ago resulted in the worst press-police relations in the west coast city's history.

Olson said he took the picture against police orders after realizing it would not be published until proof of the suspect's guilt was established.

### LIABLE TO CHARGE

City prosecutor Stewart Morrison said "a proper criminal charge lies against the photographer, his employers and other newspapers for unlawfully and wilfully attempting by their actions in publishing the photograph in question, to obstruct the course of justice."

## Legless Accident Victim Urges Drivers To Use Care

LOCK HAVEN, Pa., Dec. 30.—Robeson Gross, the editor who lost both legs in an automobile accident a year ago tonight, has this advice for New Year's Eve motorists:

"The difference between safety and disaster is a hair's breadth at every crossing, curve, or intersection, even on the straight highway."

Last year—just before her accident—Miss Gross wrote an editorial urging highway safety. She ended it with "Who wants to start the new year in a hospital or a morgue?" She ends this year's editorial this way:

"As every accident victim knows, an accident can happen any time, anywhere, to anybody."

Miss Gross, now back at her desk at the Lock Haven Express, wrote an editorial summing up her thoughts on the first anniversary of her tragedy. It says in part:

### POIGNANT KNOWLEDGE

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### WEATHER

North Coast Region—Variable clouds and a few showers mixed rain and snow, to day and Saturday. Little change in temperature. Wind northerly 16 to 20 mph. Saturday, Dec. 31, Prince Rupert 32° and 42°. Prince Rupert 32° and 42°.



## Fire Destroys Federal Boat

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 30.—Millions of dollars in shipping was threatened with destruction today when fire destroyed the sternwheeler Samson V at the federal government wharf here. Damage was placed at \$300,000.

The sternwheeler, operated by the federal public works department, was used as a snag boat on the Fraser River.

The fire was believed to have originated in the engine room.

Only three men of the 14-man crew were aboard and they escaped without injury. Mike Jack Caldwel was forced to smash his way through a cabin window.

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At timer the oil-fed flames threatened nearby fishing fleet and port and shipping facilities.

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