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WEATHER
Gale warning in effect. Intermittent rain today. Cloudy with a few showers tonight and Sunday. Little change in temperature. Southwest winds 15 tonight. Low tonight high tomorrow at Prince Rupert 38 and 45.

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TIDES
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High	1:15	19.7 feet
	13:01	22.0 feet
Low	7:02	7.3 feet
	19:36	2.5 feet

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Two Dead, Damage High After Maritime Flooding

SOME EXPLAINING TO DO — Oui, oui, why in France . . .! Carmen, a four-year old pure white French poodle owned by Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Jarrott of Stratford, Ont., guards over two of her jet-black pups. They may not be of the pure family strain but Carmen loves them just the same. These two are the hungriest of her litter of five. (CP Photo)

Roads, Rail Lines, Communications Out

HALIFAX (CP)—Floodwaters began receding today in the wake of a violent rain and snow storm that left the Maritime provinces battered and limp. The worst appeared to be over.

Two died in the three-day onslaught that caused untold damage. Harassed public service workers struggled to restore broken communications, washed-out roads and rail lines and pump flooded basements.

Jacques McGraw of Dignard settlement, near Tracadie, N.B., was electrocuted when a power line snapped under a load of sleet and fell on him. At Birchtown, near Shelburne, N.S., Charles Russell Acker, 3, drowned when he fell in a flooded gravel pit near his home.

Flooding in Nova Scotia was the worst since the January, 1956 storm that inundated many parts of the province.

POWER POLES DOWN

Power, telephone and telegraph poles were down in many parts of New Brunswick. Ice as big as a man's fist coated telephone wires and dragged them down.

Halifax and Lunenberg County on Nova Scotia's south shore bore the brunt of the floods. People evacuated their homes in several small centres.

The LaHave River spilled its banks flooding Bridgewater's main street and the railway yards.

The Sackville River ran amok at Bedford near Halifax and several families moved out. At Kearny Lake, nearby, about 50 families were stranded when a bridge was washed away.

Trunk highways were closed between Dartmouth and Bedford, Chester, Windsor, Bridgewater, Middleton, Mahone Bay and Lunenburg. CNR officials here reported all trains between Halifax and Yarmouth via Bridgewater and Liverpool had been cancelled indefinitely.

A north end street was washed away in Halifax and more than 100 basements flooded.

The sloop Kondor was driven aground in Halifax Harbor's Northwest Arm. Rough seas delayed the arrival here of the Cunard liners Brittanic and Saxonia. Several smaller ships, including United States escort vessels, sought shelter in the harbor.

IWA Plans Joint Action With Pulpmen

VANCOUVER (CP)—This year's annual convention of the International Woodworkers of America will consider a resolution urging joint bargaining action with the pulp and sulphite workers union, IWA officials said Thursday.

Secretary Fred Fieber of IWA local 171 said such a move would be "the effective way of dealing with the employers."

Officials of the Pulp and Sulphite workers said talks have been going on for some time at the international level aimed at closer co-operation between the two unions and possible amalgamation. The two are the biggest labor organizations in B.C.'s forest industries.

Secretary George Mitchell of the IWA provincial organization said the proposal has not been discussed by the Union's district council but it is likely it will be accepted at the February IWA convention.

Britons Near South Pole

WELLINGTON, N.Z. (Reuters) — Dr. Vivian Fuchs and his 12-man team of British scientist-explorers expect to reach the South Pole Sunday after their epic two-month battle against snow, ice and crevasses. The British leader reported today, he was 56 miles away from the pole.

FIRST THIS SESSION

Liberals Plan To Test Tory Strength Monday

OTTAWA (CP)—The Liberals may move a want-of-confidence motion in the Commons Monday—their first of the current session which opened last October.

If the Progressive Conservative government were defeated on the motion, it would precipitate a new election. But the Liberals hopes the Conservatives can squeeze through with a narrow margin and thus stay in office for some months at least.

The new Liberal leader, Lester B. Pearson, wants to move aggressively against the Conservatives immediately on the argument that government trade policies have led to mass unemployment. However, the Liberals are not anxious for a quick election because they need time to build up a strong political organization.

MAY TAKE RISK

Nevertheless, one party source said that if the aggressive action led to an early election, the Liberals were willing to take the risk.

Final decision on party tactics is to be made at a Monday caucus at 11 a.m. The Commons opens at 2:30 p.m. Then the Liberals will have their opportunity to introduce their want-of-confidence when the government moves a motion of supply to consider departmental estimates.

It appears possible the Independents and Social Crediters would support the Conservatives, providing enough strength for a government victory. CCF support—possible if the CCF did not like the terms of the Liberal motion—would ensure a healthy win.

But if the government victory margin were slim, Prime Minister Diefenbaker might take the initiative and seek an early election.

Present party standing: Conservatives 113, Liberals 106, CCF 25, Social Credit 19, Independents 2.

UNION CHIEF MUM

Local 708 Members Vote On Negotiators' Power

Despite city residents' interest in the pulpworkers' union meeting held last night, Angus Macphee, president of Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers flatly refused to discuss the meeting this morning.

Reminded by The Daily News that he himself had objected to reports on Local 708 being printed unless he released them, Mr. Macphee said:

"I have no comment. I am not at liberty to say anything."

He confirmed that there had been a meeting and that the membership had been addressed by H. L. Hansen, international representative of the pulpworkers and E. P. O'Neal, Local 708 wage delegate on the joint bargaining committee.

He would not confirm that an important vote had been taken at the meeting.

Unofficial reports, however, indicate that a goodly percentage of the Watson Island pulpworkers want to go back to work and end the two-month long strike which has seriously hampered the economy of Prince Rupert.

About 450 union members heard Mr. Hansen's address and also a review by Mr. O'Neal of negotiations to date.

A secret ballot was taken on the question as to whether the membership wished to have its wage delegates act on a referendum basis or whether they would be given power of attorney to accept a settlement with Pulp and Paper Industrial Bureau. If the majority favors a referendum plan then the wage delegates must bring back a proposed settlement for the membership to vote on. If given power of attorney, the wage delegates can sign an agreement if they think it would meet with the memebrship's approval.

The ballot was on a coast-wise basis and will be tabulated with the votes of other locals on the coast.

The wage delegates leave Monday for a pulp and paper union conference in Vancouver.

An attempt to test memberships' confidence in the executive by secret ballot was quashed and a standing vote was taken, with few standing up to show disapproval of executive action.

Mr. Macphee told that meeting that he had made no statement to the press regarding any increase in strike allowances.

NICE, France (AP) — Somerset Maugham, who will be 84 next week, said today he is quitting writing "and this time for good."

O.C. Football

LONDON (Reuters) — Results of soccer matches played in the United Kingdom today:

ENGLISH LEAGUE
Division I
Birmingham 2, Burnley 3
Blackpool 3, Wolverhampton 2
Chelsea 2, Newcastle 1
Leicester 0, Arsenal 1
Luton 3, Aston Villa 0
Man United 7, Bolton 2
Notts F 1, Leeds 1
Portsmouth 2, Man City 1
Sunderland 1, Everton 1
Tottenham 3, Preston 3
West Brom 3, Sheffield W 1
Division II
Barnsley 1, Fulham 0
Blackburn 3, Bristol 0 R
Bristol C 1, Charlton 2
Cardiff 1, Leyton O 1
Grimsby 3, Rotherham 1
Huddersfield 3, Notts C 0
Ipswich 1 Lincoln 1
Liverpool 0, Middlesbrough 2
Sheffield U 0, Derby 1
Stoke 0, Doncaster 0
West Ham 6, Swansea 2
SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Division I
Airdrieonians 3, Rangers 4
Celtic 1, Aberdeen 1
Dundee 2, Clyde 0
East Fife 0, Hearts 3
Hibernian 3, Falkirk 3
Partick 3, Motherwell 2
St. Mirren 0, Raith R 4
Third Lanark 2, Kilmarnock 1
Division II
Arbroath 4, Berwick 0
Ayr U 0, Dunfermline 3
Brechin 4, Morton 2
Cowdenbeath 8, Stranraer 1
Dumbarton 3 ,Montrose 1
E. Stirling 3, Albion 1
St. Johnstone 2, Alloa 2
Stenhousemuir 1, Dundee U 6
Stirling 3, Forfar 3
AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL
Ireland 3 ,Wales 1

Queen Has Chill

LONDON (Reuters) — The Queen has a chill and doctors have advised her to stay indoors over the weekend at her Norfolk estate of Sandringham. A Buckingham Palace spokesman said the Queen is "recovering" from the chill.

ALONG WITH OTHER ships of the RCN's Pacific Command keeping busy these days are the trim new minesweepers of the fleet. Among them is HMCS Cowichan, pictured above at the start of a recent execise out of Esquimalt, B.C. Commanded by Lieut.-Cdr. G. W. Brooks, 32, of Sault Ste. Marie and Victoria, the Cowichan was commissioned in Victoria last December 12. The new sweeper is a unit of the Second Canadian Mine-sweeping Squadron. (RCN Photo)

NO BLAME TO DRIVER

Jury on Fatality Urges Better Street Lighting

A strong recommendation for improved street lighting accompanied a verdict of accidental death returned last night by a six-man coroner's jury investigating the death January 13 of 74-year-old John Alexander McNaughton.

Absolving motorist Charles Edward Morrow of all blame, the jury determined that death was a result of injuries received when the victim was accidently struck by Morrow's automobile at Sixth Avenue and McBride Street.

Headed by foreman W. A. Gordon, the jury urged that the lighting at the intersection involved be brought to the same standards as at the junction of First, Second and Third Avenues West.

Conducted by city coroner George J. Dawes, the three-hour inquest included evidence of the police, the driver of the involved auto and his wife, two doctors, the deceased's employer, a mechanic who inspected the auto and an eye-witness to the accident.

RCMP constables J. C. Dukeshire and D. W. Maulsby, who attended the accident, testified that visibility was poor and that measured skid-marks on the wet pavement indicated that the auto was not travelling faster than driver C. E. Morrow's estimate of something under 25 miles per hour.

BLINDED BY LIGHTS

Mr. Morrow, who stated that he was partially blinded by the lights of several oncoming cars, testified that he could not see the victim until moments before the impact. His wife coroborated his evidence.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. William Hick, who attended Mr. McNaughton on his admittance to hospital, and Dr. R. B. Smith, who conducted the autopsy. Dr. Smith testified that although the accident victim had sustained fractures of the leg, ankle, skull and nine ribs, death was due to shock, promoted by his age.

ENLARGED HEART

He told the coroner and jury that his examination revealed an enlarged heart, which he said could have been caused by the injuries or a previous heart condition. RCMP Constable Maulsby testified that he had, on examining the deceased's home, found a note apparently in Mr. McNaughton's handwriting which asked "If I should take a heavy stroke please wire (names and addresses of daughter and son), thanks, John McNaughton."

The handwriting on the note was identified by the deceased's employer, Stewart R. Donaldson, former manager of the Prince Rupert Hotel, who said also the man was a fast walker, with good hearing. He identified a dark suit as the clothing that McNaughton had worn on the day of his death.

Mechanic Jules Gratien, 356 Biggar Place, who had examined Morrow's auto at the request of the RCMP, said that brakes, steering, wipers, defroster and lights were all in good condition.

Eye-witness Vaughn Tattersall who had just parked his own car near the scene of the accident, testified that he was just getting out of his machine when he heard the car. He said that although he didn't pay too much attention to the oncoming vehicle, he heard "a bump and saw what looked like a bundle of papers land on the street ahead of the car."

He told the jury that when he got to the scene, the driver of the car was trying to make the victim comfortable and the driver asked him if he would telephone the police and ambulance.

Coroner Dawes, in his summation to the jury, recommended that they attach no blame to the driver of the vehicle.

Other members of the jury were J. R. Finlayson, F. L. Derry, A. W. Meyer, Alexander Cimbella, C. E. Giordano and D. W. Bodger.

A. Bruce Brown appeared on behalf of the deceased's estate.

Bo-Me-Hi Curling Team Compete in Zone Finals

A Booth Memorial High school curling rink is in Prince George today seeking the Northern British Columbia Zone High school championship.

The rink, composed of Alleyn Ritchie, skip; Keith Inkster, third; Eric Kristmanson, second and Bob MacGregor lead, is a representative Bo-Me-Hi rink which left Thursday night for Prince George for the finals which start today.

Last weekend, another rink, skipped by Lloyd Kristmanson and made up of Danny Pick, Eric Kristmanson and Bob McGregor won all four games in the District High school bonspiel at Terrace. Another Prince Rupert rink, which came first at Terrace was composed of Brian Kellough skip; Lorne McLean, third; Gail Gomez, second and Stan Valpy, lead.

However, in accordance with rulings by District 52 school board only curlers who had attained required scholastic standards are allowed to take part in out-of-town inter-city sports events and the top Bo-Me-Hi rink failed to qualify.

Ritchie, Inkster, Eric Kristmanson and MacGregor will compete in the finals tonight.

Pair Pleads Guilty To Fur Theft

Disappearance of 15 mink pelts from a boat tied at the BA Oil dock in Cow Bay Wednesday which prompted an investigation by RCMP and Game Warden C. J. Walker, wound up in police court this morning.

Pleading guilty to the theft of the pelts was John Perry Wilson, 29, of Kitimat. Earl Valentine Ryan, 27, of Metlakatla, entered a similar plea on a charge of possession of stolen goods.

Identification by the owner of the furs, trapper John Bergman of Porcher Island, resulted in the recovery of 13 of the pelts. Police said they had been sold to William Scuby Furs.

The two men were remanded until next week for sentence by Magristrate E. T. Applewhaite.

Slowpoke Driver Pays Fines

Twenty-year old Albert Stark, James Apartments, who blocked a police car's way when driving leisurely along Highway 16 just outside Prince Rupert at about 20 miles per hour, found out he was driving too slow.

Unable to pass Stark, the policeman stopped him and later charged him with impeding traffic by driving too slow in a 50 pmh area. The incident occurred December 10.

Stark pleaded guilty to the charge in Port Edward police court yesterday afternoon and was fined $10 and costs.

Sergeant J. E. Ruttan of RCMP city detachment and Constable K .S. Sutherland of Port Edward RCMP agreed this was the first case in their recollection that such a charge has been laid here.

At the same court session, Stark was fined $50 on a charge of driving without due care and attention and $15 on a charge of being in possession of liquor though being a minor.

He pleaded guilty to both counts which were the result of RCMP investigation of a motor vehicle accident on Highway 29 Tuesday. Stark was the driver of the car involved in the mishap.

Speeder Fined At Port Edward

Nineteen-year old Edward Sklapsky, 400 Eighth Avenue East, was fined $75 and costs in Port Edward police court yesterday afternoon when he pleaded guilty to a charge of exceeding the speed limit of 50 miles per hour near Oliver Lake November 11.

He also pleaded guilty to a charge of having no adequate muffler on his car and was fined $10 and costs.

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Nazi-Type Youth Gang's Plan To Rob Bank For Supermen Society Broken Up by Police

NEW YORK (AP) — Plans of a youth gang for a $40,000 bank robbery to get funds for setting up a Nazi-like superman society have been broken up because two members disclosed the plot.

Police said the leader, 21-year old George Leggett, had imbued his group of 10 youths with "Nordic supremacy" and the racial ideas of Adolf Hitler. Leggett called himself "George Van Lieter" and said he was born in Germany. Authorities said he was born in the rBonx.

CHARGED LAID

The gang was broken up Friday with the arrest of Leggett and four teen-agers.

Early today four more youths, alleged members of the gang, were booked — three on burglary charges and one 16-year old on a charge of juvenile delinquency.

Police said Jay Page and William Shutz, both 16, and Brian Casey, 18, broke into a Queens apartment Wednesday night and stole a quantity of jewelry, all of which has been recovered.

In the homes of the plotters police found two sawed-off shotguns, three .22-calibre rifles and knives and daggers.

The two youths who told their elders of the bank plot, which led to the arrests, were not charged.

POLICE EXPLANATION

Police gave this account.

Leggett formed the gang about two months ago. Members took an oath to "unite and purify all the Nordic peoples," and planned the bank holdup to provide money for an upstate camp to promote "the moral strength, spiritual greatness and physical perfect which make up the true Nordic."

The gang had letterhead stationery and membership cards. They also had rubber stamps with phrases such as "for the cause" and "Nordics over all."

Leggett is unemployed. The other members attended high school.

Last Tuesday, Leggett called a meeting at his home and outlined his plan to rob the Kew Gardens, Queens branch of the Chase Manhattan bank. Tuesday night a 16-year old gang member stole $90 from his parents and turned it over to Leggett to buy more guns. Later, Leggett set the robbery attempt for Friday.

Getaway cars were to be stolen Thursday. That was when two of the boys said robbing a bank was going too far. For balking, the youths were threatened and forced to go along as the other gang members searched for cars they could steal.