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## TIDES

Thursday, March 21, 1957  
(Pacific Standard Time)  
B.C. CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE  
% ARCHIVES OF B.C., 297  
PARLIAMENT BLDGS., High 20.2 feet  
VICTORIA, B.C., Low 17.4 feet  
17.4 feet 17.0 feet  
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23.18 8.5 feet

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Daily from 9 a.m. till 9 p.m.

Sundays and Holidays  
3 p.m. till 7 p.m.

Deeth's Pharmacy  
Limited

Ormes Drugs Limited



ALTHOUGH IT MAY seem that United States vice-president Richard M. Nixon is trying a little amateur African witchcraft by putting a hex on chief Osae Dyan, the "V" sign is actually a sign of respect he's making during a visit to the village of Aburi, Ghana. Nixon and his wife, Pat (visible in background, just beyond Nixon), made a handshaking tour through the ancient village when they were in Ghana during the celebrations marking the emergence of the former British colony known as the Gold Coast to a sovereign state.

## ESCAPES GALLOWS

### Dr. Adams Confident As Trial Continues

By R. B. MacLURKIN

LONDON (Reuters)—A middle-age nurse admitted today she discussed the Dr. John Bodkin Adams murder trial although instructed not to do so.

Mrs. Annie Mason-Ellis said she talked over the case with two other nurses Tuesday night on the train to the south coast resort of Eastbourne.

Mrs. Mason-Ellis and the others attended Mrs. Edith Alice Morrell, 61-year-old Eastbourne widow whom the portly bachelor doctor is accused of turning into a drug addict and murdering in November, 1950.

She said under cross-examination that they talked about "newspaper reports" of the affair again this morning on the train from Eastbourne to London despite police warnings not to discuss the case.

"At one point were you discussing the cupboard or cabinet in which the drugs were kept in the dining room of Mrs. Morrell's house?" defence lawyer Geoffrey Lawrence asked. The nurse agreed the three did.

Lawrence asked her whether one of the nurses this morning had remarked to another about the drug cabinet. "Don't you say that or it will get you into trouble."

Mrs. Mason-Ellis said she could not answer the question but, when pressed, said:

"Yes, I think one of them did say that. Which one I can't tell."

After testifying it was not she who said that, the nurse was asked who did.

"Must I answer?" she asked Justice Sir Patrick Devlin. The judge replied she must.

"Then it was Miss Caroline Randall," she replied.

"CAN'T REMEMBER"

Questioned what it was she was told not to say, Mrs. Mason-Ellis paused and said: "Really I can't remember because I may not be terribly interested, if I may say so."

Lawrence snapped: "Mrs. Mason-Ellis, this conversation took place only about two hours ago. I am not asking you to remember something that happened six years ago. What is it you were talking about?"

The witness then agreed that it was about where the drugs were kept in Mrs. Morrell's house. Helen Stronach, another nurse, testified Tuesday that they were in a locked cupboard. But Mrs. Mason-Ellis' recollection was they were kept in a drawer.

"There was no cupboard and no key, the whole of that was untrue, wasn't it?" Lawrence asked.

"Yes, and that is why we discussed it," Mrs. Mason-Ellis said.

READS ENTRY

Lawrence said that once while Adams was on holiday the old lady was treated by another doctor, Pickering up one of the little red logbooks on the case kept by the nurses, he read this entry, recorded by the witness:

"Said I refused to look after her. . . She wished she was dead and wished she knew a doctor who would put her to sleep forever. Later apologized for the information."

The defence lawyer slowly repeated the words "wished she was dead. . ." but dropped this line of questioning after stressing the frame of mind of Mrs. Morrell before her death.

The House of Lords has given final passage to a bill previously approved by the House of Commons to limit the death penalty to certain types of murder. The Queen's signature will make it law.

Poisoners now are exempt from the gallows. Murder still punishable by hanging includes shooting, killing of police or prison officers, killing during attempts at theft and killing while resisting or avoiding arrest.

### CCF Opposes Exemption For School

VICTORIA (CP)—The CCF went on record Tuesday as being opposed to the section of the proposed new Municipal act granting exemptions to private schools.

Party leader Robert Strachan said such a principle "should not be included in the act."

He said the CCF feels that parents who send their children to private schools "should be prepared to pay all the necessary costs."

Mr. Strachan said that while he approves the bill in most parts, he also objects to the "arbitrary powers taken by the lieutenant-governor-in-council in connection with improvement districts."

### Tenders Called For Waterworks

Special to The Daily News

TELKWA—Tenders for the construction of the proposed new waterworks system at Telkwa have been called and bids close at 5 p.m. March 27, village clerk P. Pickering has announced.

The project involves installation of approximately 13,000 linear feet, four, six and eight inch water mains, and construction of a pumping station.

Plans can be inspected or obtained on deposit of \$25 from the consulting engineers, Associated Engineering Services Ltd., 2255 West 12th Avenue Vancouver.

A certified cheque of bid bond of 10 per cent of tender amount is required with each bid.

### Fire in Factory

NANAIMO (CP)—A spark from a welder's torch set off a fire in the main plant of the Vancouver Island Gas Co. at the mill stream here Tuesday.

The flames ate through cardboard cartons holding 500 meters for the soon-to-be-opened Nanaimo gas system.

No accurate estimate of damage was available. The meters, worth about \$13,000, were not all damaged.

### CITY SUNSHINE IN FEBRUARY WELL ABOVE 34-YEAR AVERAGE

Lots of sunshine, with less snow than usual, made February a fair weather month for Prince Rupert.

Digby Island radio station reports only 4.2 inches of snow, while the sun shone for 61.5 hours. This was well above the average sunshine figure for the past 34 years—58 hours.

Rainfall during the month was 2.96 inches, giving a total precipitation of 3.38 inches. Number of days with a measurable precipitation was 12.

Highest temperature recorded was 48.9 degrees on February 18. Six days later the mercury slumped to 8.0 degrees—the lowest of the month.

Mean maximum temperature was 38.3, mean minimum 23.4 for a monthly mean figure of 33.3 degrees.

### Railway Walkout Certainty

Union Rejects Tribunal Offer

LONDON (CP)—A walkout of British railway men became a virtual certainty today as the government struggled to halt or avert two other strikes involving 3,000,000 workers.

The rail threat followed the award this morning of a three-per-cent wage increase by a government tribunal acting on a 10-per-cent demand from the 370,000-member National Union of Railwaymen.

Union leaders already had rejected a three-per-cent offer from the British transport commission, which operates the nationalized lines. They had warned they would call a walkout if the wage tribunal's award fell far short of their demands.

As union leaders met to consider a strike call, a spokesman termed the wage award "an affront to railway men."

Thirty union leaders representing nearly 3,000,000 factory workers gathered meanwhile to select targets of "guerrilla" strikes likely to culminate in Britain's worst industrial stoppage in a generation.

The leaders are members of the executive of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions. They decided Tuesday on strike strategy in support of a 10-per-cent wage demand.

About 200,000 shipyard workers, who belong to the 40 unions in the confederation, have been on strike since Saturday, halting construction or repair work on about 600 vessels.

The confederation chiefs decided Tuesday that their members in "engineering"—miscellaneous skilled and unskilled workers in the manufacturing industry—will begin sporadic walkouts in selected plants on Saturday, to be followed April 6 by a mass strike.

### The Weather

Cloudy with scattered showers mostly along the mainland. Little change in temperature. Wind westerly 20 today and variable 15 tomorrow. Low tonight and high Thursday at port Hardy, Sandspit and Prince Rupert 35 and 45.

ACTOR IMPROVING

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—Actor Ronald Colman, 66, under treatment for a lung infection, continues to improve, St. John's Hospital reported. He may be permitted to go home at the end of this week.

### Star Expecting

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Actress Elizabeth Taylor and producer Mike Todd expect their first child in late November. Miss Taylor has two sons by her previous husband, actor Michael Wilding. She and Todd were married February 2 in Acapulco, Mexico.

### Healthy Appetite for Kosher Food Wins Terrier Longer Life, Part in Film

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—A little dog with a big kosher appetite, only days removed from execution in a dog pound, will be co-starred in a movie with Frank Sinatra, Kim Novak and Rita Hayworth.

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