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TIDES

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B.C. CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE STANDARD TIME
3 ARCHIVES OF B.C.
PARLIAMENT BLDGS.,
VICTORIA, B.C.
High 4,287 217 feet
Normal 7,000/5,718 feet
Low 4,055 43 feet
Tide 22,562 62 feet

Samuel Cromie Of Sun, Friend Drowned In Boating Accident

Promising Careers Ended at 39 Years

VANCOUVER (CP) — A moonlight boat trip during the weekend ended the promising careers of two youthful Vancouver business executives.

Samuel Patrick Cromie, assistant publisher and vice-president of the Vancouver Sun Publishing Co. and William Derek Dix, vice-president of sales of Neon Products Ltd., were drowned early Saturday as they tested a new fibreglass outboard-motor boat on the calm, near-freezing water of Halfmoon Bay, 40 miles north of here.

Both men were 39 years old. Mr. Cromie, a former alderman and prominent figure in Western Canada newspaper cir-

cles, leaves a widow and four children. Mr. Dix, whose summer home adjoins the Cromie summer house at Halfmoon Bay, is survived by a widow, three children and four step-children.

Mr. Cromie's body was found late Saturday, but the search continues today for Mr. Dix's although fears have been expressed that it was carried out by the tide.

Mr. Cromie was one of five children of Robert James Cromie, who bought the Vancouver Sun in 1917 when it was five years old and had a 7,000 daily circulation. He died in 1935 and his eldest son Donald, assumed the presidency seven years later.

The circulation then was 75,000. Sam Cromie returned from a wartime stint with the RCAF in November, 1945, and together the brothers built the Sun into western Canada's biggest newspaper, with some 200,000 daily readers and profits in 1956 of almost \$1,000,000. The Sun Publishing Co. also owns the Garden Grove, Calif. News.

Mr. Dix is the son of Morris B.

Dix, once known as a detective

story writer and at present em-
ployed by Interprovincial Building

Credit Ltd. in Toronto.

City Curlers At UBC Cinch Second Place

Prince Rupert representatives in the UBC curling league cinched second place in the current round robin event Sunday night, trouncing Vancouver's Peterson rink 13-1.

The victory places Ruperts one notch higher towards the play-offs.

A wire from lead Russell Morison said, this morning:

"The ice was typical. Prince Rupert, ice of two years ago and the game was a hard, fast knockout."

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Inquest Set For Monday On Newcomer

An inquest was opened and adjourned by Coronor George J. Dawes today on a man who fell into a coma a few hours after arriving in Prince Rupert and died without recovering consciousness.

The RCMP said Frank Cognard, believed to be 27, came to the city from Vancouver last Thursday.

His home is in Montreal. He became ill at the Green Rooms, 622 Fraser Street,

on Friday and was taken to Prince Rupert General Hospital, where he died early yesterday.

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No One Injured In Plane Crash

EDINBURGH as they arrived to begin a four day state visit.

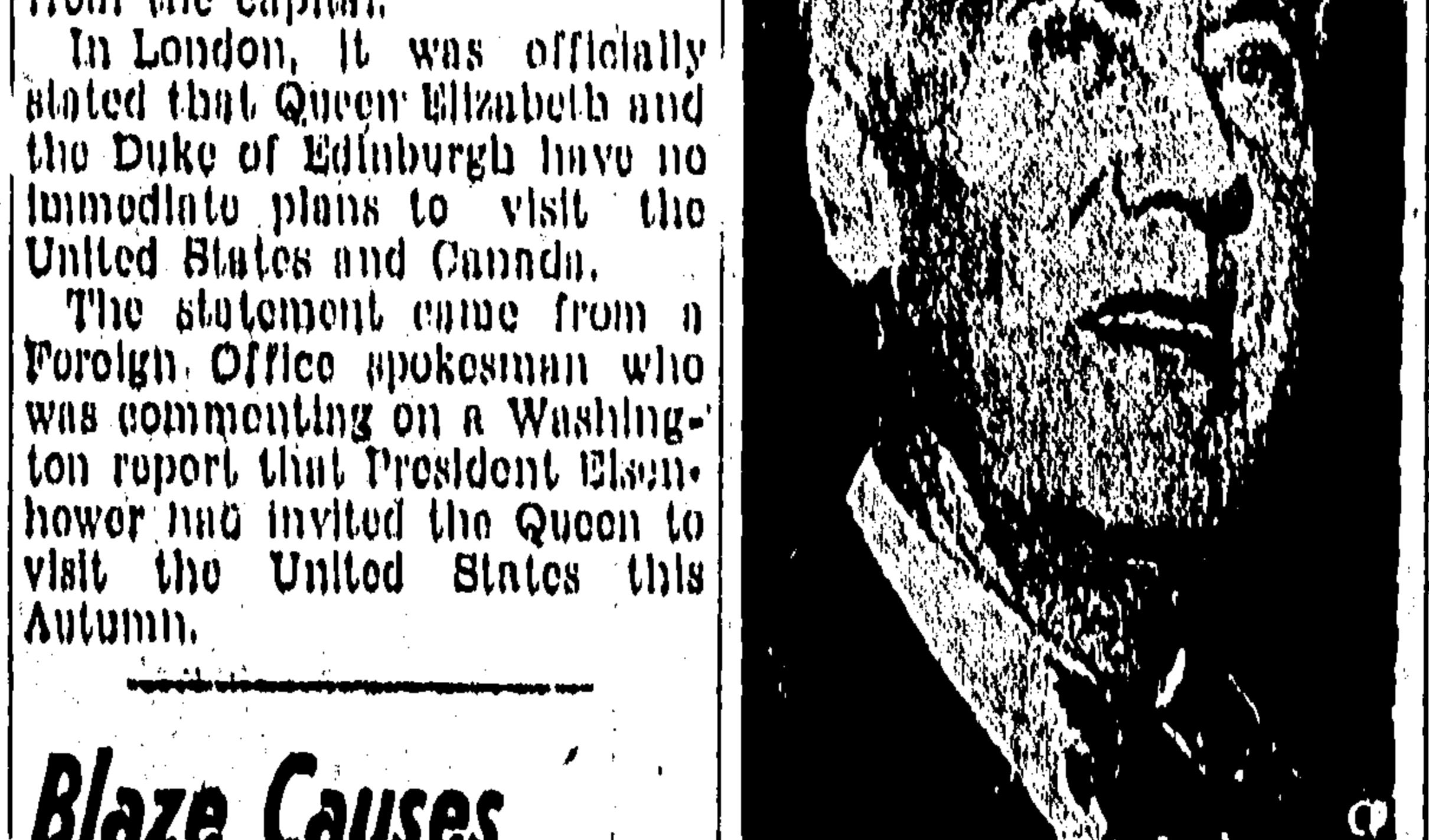
As the Queen passed, crowds chanted "Isabel, Isabel, Isabel," the Portuguese equivalent of Elizabeth. Many fainted in the crush, while others were burnt falling from windows and walls.

A cloud of 10,000 doves soared into the air when the Queen paused to unveil a small memorial tablet to her great grandfather, King Edward VII, who visited Lisbon in 1903. The Queen looked skyward in pleased surprise, then gave a smile of thank to Portuguese President Fransico Carvalho Lopes.

The Queen entered a limousine with the president and drove off to the gay, pink palace of Queluz, her home during the state visit, located about 8½ miles from the capital.

In London, it was officially stated that Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh have no immediate plans to visit the United States and Canada.

The statement came from a Foreign Office spokesman who was commenting on a Washington report that President Eisenhower had invited the Queen to visit the United States this Autumn.



Blaze Causes \$3,000 Damage

Fire caused approximately \$3,000 damage to the Christopher Killian Block, 423 Third Avenue West Saturday night after flames spread from the back of a cupboard half-way up the entrance stairs into the walls for the entire length of the building.

Squirting water in both directions, firemen extinguished the blaze within half an hour, but to insure against a possible outbreak a fireman was stationed in the premises for most of the night.

HEADS DEVELOPMENT — Dr. Axel Wenner-Gren, 75 year old Swedish financier and one of the world's wealthiest men, heads a foundation that has presented the British Columbia government with a plan that could lead to the development of a large part of the province's unoccupied northland. The multi-million dollar scheme in effect offers to build a 100-mile Monorail railway in return for first chance at staking mineral rights, timber stands and hydro-electric power developments in an area more than one-tenth the size of the province.

At Least 70 Persons Dead As Old Folks Home Burns

WATKINSON, Mo. — Fire turned an old folks home into a blazing death oven in minutes here Sunday, killing at least 70 persons.

Seventy of the 166 patients—45 of them women—were reported missing. Only 10 bodies were recovered before searchers gave up. Until dawn, they had been held back for hours by the intense heat.

One eyewitness said it seemed the entire 2½ story brick building was afire in three or four minutes. Another said it couldn't have been more than 15 minutes.

"The whole building was in flames in just three or four minutes," John J. Barada, a 34-year-old hardware operator, said. He was one of the first to reach the scene.

Coroner T. H. Kriegge estimated the death toll "from 70 on up." The state highway patrol, in reporting 70 patients unaccounted for, did not include employees.



FOX POINT LIGHTHOUSE, 81-year-old landmark guarding the entrance to Hubbard's Harbour on Nova Scotia's south shore, topples at the height of a blaze that destroyed it. Keeper Glen Shaford was away when the fire broke out.

(CP Photo)

RESERVE DIVISION SOS

Weight of Few More Recruits Needed To Correct Slight "List" at Chatham

By RON MONK

Daily News Staff Writer

SOS from HMCS Chatham, at present steaming through rough water at Prince Rupert, "Send Out Seamen." Have had one experience of going down with all hands and although no danger of that happening again, weight of a few more recruits would correct an uncomfortable list."

"Such was the signal made from Prince Rupert's Naval Reserve division today to launch a new drive aimed at increasing the crew of the Chatham, which

is anchored astern and slightly starboard of the Civic Centre.

And at this point, my knowledge of nautical terminology exhausted, I hand over to Lieut. George J. Brown. He is Senior Divisional Officer, Public Relations chief and unofficial historian. He says:

"HMCS Chatham is named after HMS Chatham, the consort ship of HMS Discovery in which Captain George Vancouver explored the west coast of North America in 1793."

"The ship's name was taken from the title Earl of Chatham held by Sir John Pitt, First Lord of the Admiralty from 1788 to 1794."

"HMCS Chatham was first commissioned in 1923 under the name of Royal Canadian Naval

Volunteer Reserve, Prince Rupert, with Lt.-Cdr. W. Hume in command.

"Shortly afterwards, the establishment was reborn in its wartime role of a permanent force RCN base, handling recruiting and operating as a routing centre for ships, convoys and patrols along the northern British Columbia coast. It did these jobs until it was paid off in August 1945."

"On Trafalgar Day in October 1946, HMCS Chatham was commissioned in its peacetime capacity as a reserve division. In contrast with the prewar lack of equipment and cramped quarters, the new naval centre received the most modern gear available to give trainees full and comprehensive instruction."

"The division is now specializing in minuscoping with additional training for communications, bandsmen and medical assistants. The latter section is usually filled by Wrens. Further courses will be started as the number of recruits increase."

"Lowest rate of pay for able seamen is \$90 a month and men and women who join now will be eligible for an expenses-paid course lasting two weeks at Great Training Centre, London, Ontario, and Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. Uniforms are supplied free."

"Recreational facilities available aboard HMCS Chatham include an indoor rifle range, basketball, badminton and tennis."

"Tip traps, handball, McKee friends with Aerobatics Officer, Lt.-Cdr. G. V. Smith, if you decide to sign on. It's also the Paymaster."

"Many Attend Delgren Rites"

A large crowd of relatives and friends gathered at Ferguson Funeral Home Saturday afternoon to pay their last respects to Gunnar Frederik Delgren, resident of the city for 30 years, who died last Tuesday at the age of 60.

Officiating at the funeral service was Canon Basil S. Brookler of St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral.

Pallbearers were: Ed Sylverson, Elmer Ankelin, Matthew Leighton, Lawson Hewitt, Roy Lindahl, Panton, Inar Lind.

Hymn singing was: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" and "While Our Hoods are Bowed in Woo."

Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery.

Charlottes Herring Fishing Closed For 11-Day Period

Kildid Sound produced 2,500 tons of herring last week out of a total of 2,804 tons for the whole of Central Sub-District's Bella area.

The Kildid haul helped to counter-balance the meagre 80 tons taken from Northern Sub-District and 940 tons from the Southern stretch.

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JERUSALEM, Isr.—Israel announced today she is recalling Ambassador Abba Eban from Washington for consultations. He will report on latest developments in the efforts to persuade Israel to quit the mouth of the Gulf of Aqaba and the Gaza strip.

An announcement said the call to Eban to return immediately followed a suggestion by Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir, who now is in New York.

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The Weather

Variable cloud and fog patches in the forenoon dissipating during the forenoon. Mostly clear Thursday. Little change in temperature. Wind light. Low to-night and light Tuesday at Port Hardy 30 and 40. Sandspit 35 and 40, Prince Rupert 30 and 40.

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