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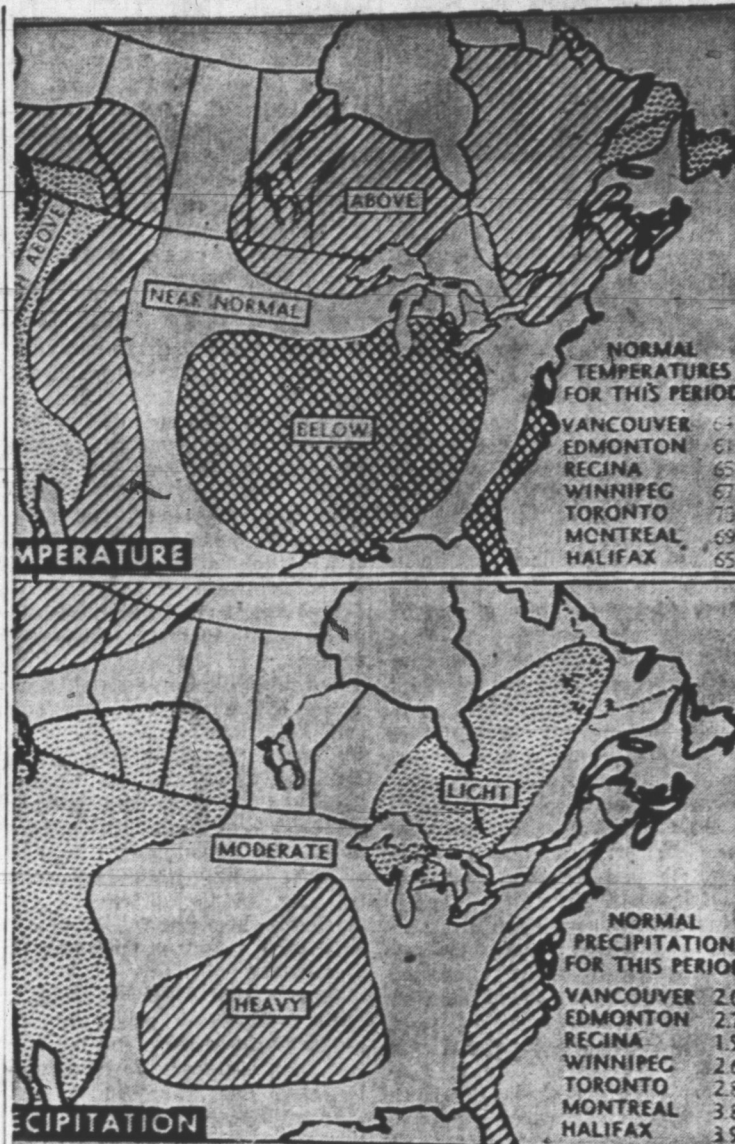
QUEEN IS RELAXED

Smiling and relaxed the Queen is greeted at Edmonton airport on Monday. She was skipping two days of appearances because of a stomach upset. (CP Photo)

Red Blast Greet's Nixon As He Arrives In Moscow

Sizzling Weather Greet's The Queen

By DAVE McINTOSH
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REGINA (CP) — Crowds, weather, and 184 hands. That's the story of Regina on the 35th day of the Royal Tour of Canada. There wasn't much to do in Regina Thursday. There were the official receptions — at the city hall, the legislature, just the usual. The crowds made Regina. An RCMP official estimated that 100,000 people turned out to welcome the Queen and Prince Philip to the city. Regina's population is about 100,000. And there was the weather. It was a hot summer day—typical of the Prairies. The temperature was a sizzling 85 and, probably, more than 100 in the brilliant sun, the weatherman said. Throughout the five official hours in the city that was named



Nikita Sees Trip As Anti-Russian

By JOHN SCALI
MOSCOW (AP)—Richard Nixon was President Eisenhower's proclamation of this week as "Captives Nations Week" in the U.S. Nixon told the small crowd of Russians at the airport that "if there is another war there will be no victors, only losers." What aroused Kremlin wrath was President Eisenhower's proclamation of this week as "Captives Nations Week" in the U.S. Nixon told the small crowd of Russians at the airport that "if there is another war there will be no victors, only losers." Nixon put his words of friendship into action by beaming and shaking hands at the airport with all the Soviet citizens he could reach. At almost the same time, Premier Khrushchev stood before a Polish friendship rally in Moscow's Sports Palace, 20 miles away, and announced a representative of the "panic stricken American imperialists" had arrived. He suggested Nixon come see a meeting of "enslaved peoples" he said the U.S. was talking of liberating. "The anti-socialist campaign they have launched in the U.S. in time for Vice-President Nixon's arrival in the U.S.S.R. will do them no good," Khrushchev declared. Nixon will meet Khrushchev for the first time in the Kremlin today.

Drop In Building Of Houses Shown

OTTAWA (CP)—An increase in the flow of direct federal mortgage loans in June was not sufficient to offset a drop in new housing construction. It was shown Thursday in a report by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. In a preliminary report covering centres of 5,000 population and over, CMHC said new housing starts in June fell by 12.5 per cent to 11,312 from 12,923 a year earlier. There was a slight gain, however, from the 11,155 homes started in May. For the first half of the year, construction starts were made on 45,231 homes compared with 52,822 in January-June last year. Housing completions, reflecting the heavy activity last year, totalled 9,027 in June compared with 7,236, and in the first six months totalled 46,540 compared with 43,339. Direct loans by the corporation in June were made for 3,166 units, compared with 2,905 a year earlier. The rise was sharper when compared with May, when direct loans were made for 1,630 units. However, National Housing Act lending from private lending sources declined. Chartered banks issued NHA mortgages for 2,251 units compared with 3,534 a year earlier, and other approved lenders issued 1,609 mortgages compared with 2,006. The largest decline during June in new housing activity was in Ontario, where construction starts fell by 23.1 per cent from last year to 4,046. Starts declined in the British Columbia region by 17.6 per cent to 1,233, in Quebec by five per cent to 3,305 and in the Prairies by 2.3 per cent to 2,271. However there was a sharp rise in the Atlantic region, where starts jumped by 27.3 per cent to 457.

HOT IN EAST
Above-normal temperatures are predicted for most parts of Canada from mid-July to mid-August. Temperatures are expected to be near normal in northern British Columbia and northern Alberta, most of Saskatchewan and northwest Manitoba. This map, based on the 30-day outlook of the United States weather bureau, also shows that rainfall is expected to be light to moderate for all of the country except northern British Columbia and northern Alberta where heavy rainfall is expected. Tables show normal temperatures and precipitation for various centres during the period. (CP Newsmap)

Hour-Long Strike Is Castro Booster

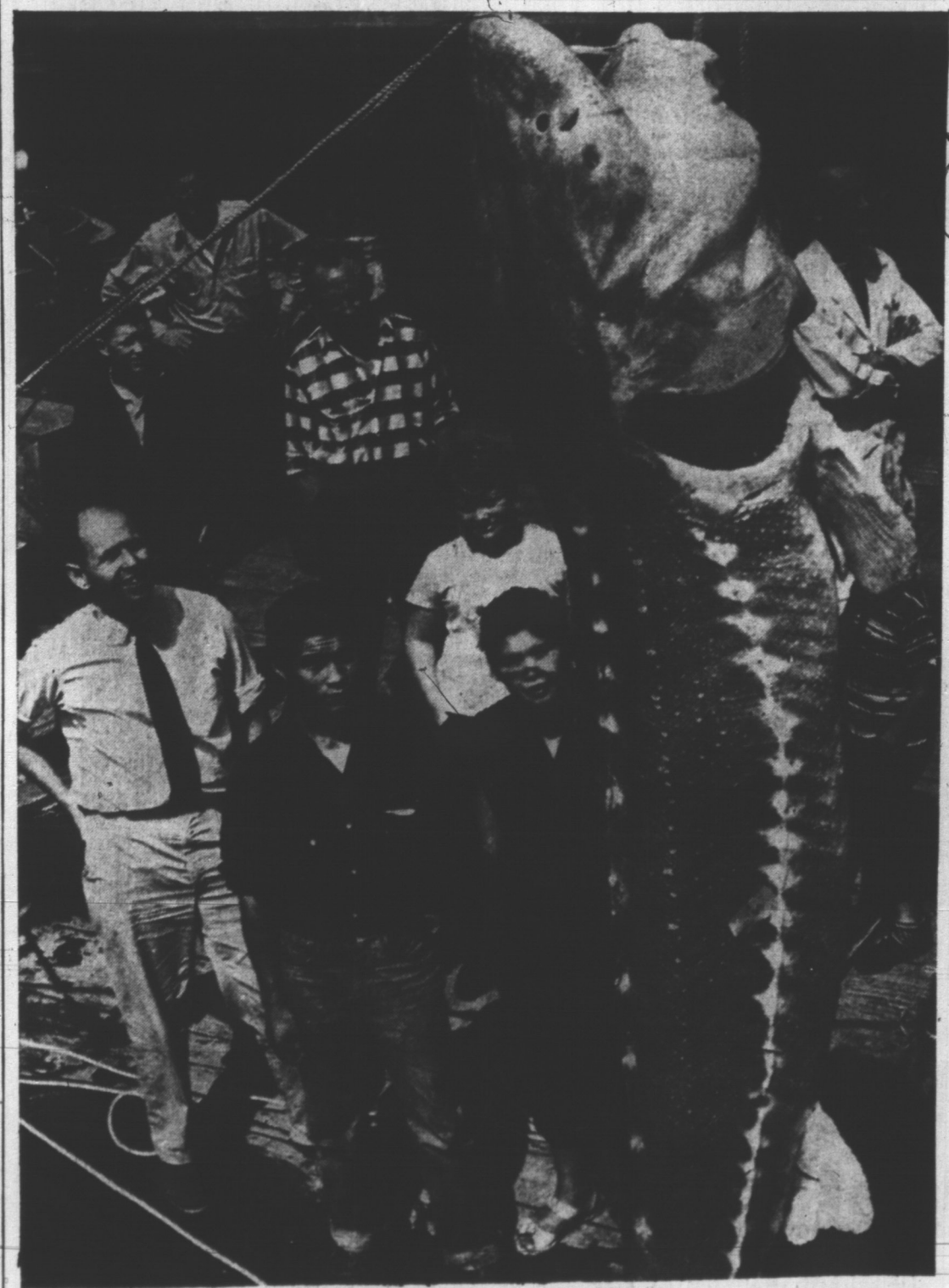
HAVANA (AP)—Fidel Castro's supporters tied up Cuba Thursday with a one-hour general strike called to support demands that he come back and be premier. The bearded revolutionary said he'd withhold his decision until Sunday, when an eight-day show of strength is planned. Thursday's work stoppage called by the 1,000,000-member Cuban workers confederation, was part of a great buildup for Castro. He abandoned the top cabinet post a week ago to attack and expel Manuel Urrutia as president. The campaign comes to a climax Sunday, when Castro's 20th of July movement celebrates the sixth anniversary of the start of the revolution against the now-fallen dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista. A huge rally is scheduled in downtown Havana. "We'll let the people decide on the 26th of July," Castro told a rally early Thursday. There was little doubt the people at Sunday's rally will urge Castro back to office. DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT The ostensible purpose of Sunday's rally is to demonstrate support for Castro's pet revolutionary program, agrarian reform. He has called for 500,000 peasants — "campesinos" — and about 150,000 have already agreed for what now is being called a "vote of confidence." "If they want to accuse me of anything," Castro said, "let them accuse me of having the people's support." Thousands poured into the streets of Havana to demonstrate for Castro. Starting on schedule at 10 a.m., workers in shops and factories left their counters and their tools for an hour.

Interim Berlin Agreement Is Sketched At Conference

By JOHN EARLE
GENEVA (Reuters) — Britain's Selwyn Lloyd said Thursday the East-West foreign ministers have sketched an interim agreement on Berlin and they might get it approved "at another level" — considered a reference to a summit meeting. He was speaking at Thursday's plenary session which ended after 2 1/2 hours with reports of "no change whatsoever" in the conference deadlock. But the ministers have been invited to lunch today by State Secretary Christian Herter of the U.S. and one Western official said the prospects of an early breakdown of the talks were more remote than during Wednesday's meeting. In the most important development of Thursday's session, Lloyd said that after two months of talks "there is an interim agreement for Berlin sketched out in outline for us." ANOTHER LEVEL "I believe that it should be possible here or at some other meeting, perhaps at another level, to get final acceptance of this interim agreement." His reference to "another level" was taken to mean a summit meeting of the U.S., British, French and Soviet heads of government. Lloyd said the plan for Berlin "is not agreed, but it is there in outline, with certain ingredients in it — force levels, armaments, activities and duration." of the Western powers on the subject of negotiations between East and West Germany. Russia has insisted on the establishment of an all-German committee—with equal representation for both sides — to discuss German reunification. The West has rejected the proposal as "totally unacceptable" and proposed instead that negotiations should be continued on the present basis—with the Big Four powers as the main participants and East and West Germany as advisers. A Soviet spokesman indicated Thursday night that "the next plenary session might not take place until early next week. "I don't think we shall meet again before Tuesday, but perhaps Monday," he said. The first top-level Soviet-West German meeting since the conference resumed was held Thursday night when West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano dined with Gromyko.

Best Car Drivers Get Lower Rates

By ROBERT RICE
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MONTREAL (CP) — One of every five motorists insured should be able to qualify as a class I-A select insurance risk and pay lower rates. But even if you get into this new and top rating category—announced Thursday by the Canadian Underwriters Association—it doesn't necessarily mean you're a perfect driver. By definition, it means you've had no accidents for five years. But it also means that you and your insured vehicle are not exposed to accidents as much as others. In the eyes of insurance companies, the combination of the two—a good driving record and restricted accident exposure—



STURGEON IS HUGE
This huge Sturgeon is nine feet, nine inches long and a pound it came to a tidy sum in the Fraser River. (CP Photo)

'Country Caucus' Considers Spuds

A central selling agency for the marketing of potatoes will be one of the problems discussed today at "Country Caucus," a day set aside by St. Dunstan's University to discuss farmers' problems. One of the most controversial subjects to hit the farm scene here for many years. A central or one-desk selling agency was tried here several years ago and then discarded in a storm of controversy. This time, the Guardian was told last night, the establishment of a central selling agency for marketing spuds will be suggested on a voluntary basis. The Caucus is being held in the University Auditorium. Guest speaker at tonight's dinner meeting will be Dr. Waldo Walsh Halifax, deputy minister of agriculture for Nova Scotia. Mr. Walsh will discuss the farmer of the future as he endeavours to paint a picture of things to come on the farm scene. Vertical integration will be discussed by the Nova Scotia man as it is a live subject in farm circles at the present time. Hon. Eugene Cullen, minister of agriculture, will preside at the dinner meeting. DR. WALDO WALSH The day sessions will include a critical look at the potato industry" with James MacNeil, director of marketing, Nova Scotia and discussions on a pool marketing plan led by such men as Allan Palmer, George LaBelle, Dave Ward, E. Avery and Reid Sangster. The two fires were impossible to reach with men and equipment. All efforts are geared to saving valuable timber and towns in the other danger areas. The resources department Wednesday believed the fires had been checked. But high winds and 15 rainless days brought them back to life. Temperatures have been in the 80s. It's believed the fires were started by lightning storms that swept over the area. Resources Minister W. J. Keough said Thursday department men and equipment were based at Port Hope Simpson "and we are flying in more men and equipment from Ganfer." Group Capt. Swetnam of the RCAF in Goose Bay, dispatched two other planes with men and equipment to Port Hope Simpson.

Forest Fire In Labrador Threatens Charlottetown

By TONY THOMAS
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ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Four large forest fires were burning in Labrador Thursday night and two of them were creeping toward the settlements of Charlottetown and Port Hope Simpson. At last report, winds up to 50 miles an hour had driven flames to within 15 miles of Charlottetown. Less than half that distance from the flames is Port Hope Simpson. The Charlottetown-bound fire was concentrated along the Gilbert River where flames earlier this week ate through 422 square miles of woodland burned earlier this week. Another fire flickered stubbornly at St. Augustine River which crosses the Quebec-Labrador border in southern Labrador. The other one was "some where way back between the Eable and Kenamu Rivers," a resources department spokesman said. Two Gunmen Grab \$27,000 PITTSBURGH (AP) — Two gunmen grabbed \$27,000 in a holdup of a suburban bank Thursday and wounded two policemen in a fierce gun battle. One bandit was shot. The other surrendered. A third was believed to have escaped. Both police officers were reported in serious condition. The money was recovered. Police identified the bandits as Joseph Gaito, 29, and Eddie Kearns, both of Pittsburgh. Gaito was shot in the hip in the exchange of fire with police.

Doctors Use Surgery Less

By david anania
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EDINBURGH, Scotland (CP)—Doctors attending a joint meeting of the British and Canadian Medical Associations concentrated on problems of the mind and heart Thursday. A roundtable conference on the value of surgery in curing mental illness concluded that doctors are using the knife less than in the past to deal with psychiatric disorders. Professor Allan Walters of University of Toronto reported the number of brain operations dropped since the advent of tranquilizers and newer techniques. Psychiatry Professor J. S. Thurst of University of British Columbia suggested neurosurgeons should wait "a long time" before undertaking brain surgery. CHEER SUGGESTION During sessions on heart diseases the doctors loudly cheered a suggestion that surgeons carrying out open-heart surgery — a technique used in by-pass and blue baby operations—must be given proper facilities.

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