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THIS IS CALIFORNIA!

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — These industrial workers had no choice but to wade off their jobs Thursday after torrential rains left the streets of this city a virtual river. The street they are traversing is appropriately named Canal Street. Many Bay Area municipalities suffer similar inconvenience as a result of record rains. (AP Wirephoto).

Rebel Leader Declares "Total War" In Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — Rebel leader Fidel Castro has declared a state "of total, implacable war between the people of Cuba and the tyranny of Batista" as of one minute past midnight Friday night.

Ignoring a last-minute offer of amnesty by President Fulgencio Batista's government to all rebels who down arms, Castro said his columns already are on the move throughout Oriente province of eastern Cuba.

"The fight against Batista has entered its final stage," the 31-year-old guerrilla leader said in a statement issued from his hide-out in the Sierra Maestra range in Oriente province.

Castro said Tuesday the first stage aimed at cutting the island's communications and transportation was beginning. Batista on the same day obtained emergency powers from congress to smash the revolt.

Since then tension has grown. Some workers have left their jobs, the rebels have distributed arms to civilians and Batista has mobilized the 38,000 members of Cuba's armed forces.

The hour set by Castro for total revolt marked the end of an ultimatum period. He had demanded that Batista resign by Saturday "to save Cuba from further bloodshed."

All government employees and others who work for Batista after midnight will be prosecuted as traitors and criminals when Batista is overthrown, Castro declared.

The bearded guerrilla leader, whose forces grew from an 81-man nucleus that landed on the coast of Oriente province in December, 1956, did not mention Prime Minister Gonzalez Guell's offer of amnesty to any rebels who would give up their arms.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said Friday President and Mrs. Eisenhower hope Sir Winston Churchill will be able to make his scheduled visit to Washington later this month.

Churchill returned to London Thursday from the French Riviera where he was stricken by pneumonia Feb. 18. On his arrival at home he was described as pale but otherwise looking well.

In reply to questions, White House press secretary James C. Hagerty said no word has been received yet as to whether Britain's former prime minister could still make the visit here.

The plan has been for him to be on hand in Washington April 25 for the opening of a display of his oil paintings. Arrangements were made for Churchill to be the guest of the Eisenhowers at that time.

"Both the President and Mrs. Eisenhower are just waiting now to find out what Sir Winston's wishes are, depending on his recovery," Hagerty said.

Before his illness, Churchill had accepted an invitation to receive the freedom of the city of Toronto.

SYDNEY (CP)—City councilors will vote at their next session on a motion to double aldermen's salaries to \$800 a year and increase the mayor's salary to \$6,000 from \$3,000.

The increase was provided for in the city's budget brought down last week but a change in a 1950 by-law is necessary.

BAR HARBOR, Me. (AP) — Brook End, summer home of Mrs. A. Atwater Kent of Philadelphia, was virtually destroyed by wind-swept flames Thursday.

The three-story, stone and wood house was one of the largest at this summer playground of the wealthy.

Mrs. Kent's late husband, a radio manufacturer and philanthropist, bought the estate in 1928 for a reported \$100,000. It is on Eden Street, close to the terminal of the Bar-Harbor - Yarmouth ferry Bluenose, which sailed as the flames died out.

The Kent place was one of the big estates that escaped the disastrous 1947 forest fire that wiped out part of Bar Harbor.

LEGAL ACTION PLANNED

Movement To Bring End To Nuclear Bomb Tests Grows

Service Vote Due Today; New Session Likely May 8

OTTAWA (CP)—Result of the service vote, which could reverse some of the tight election squeezes in last Monday's civilian polling, will be announced today.

The soldier vote, reported to have been heavy this year, was cast March 24-29 at various military establishments at home and abroad. The counting will not be completed until today when it will be known just how many servicemen voted.

Fewer than a dozen seats, in which Monday's results gave winning candidates margins of less than 300 votes, could be affected.

In the June election last year, only one reversal was recorded as a Progressive Conservative victory for Eric Neilsen on election night was upset by the service vote. Liberal J. Aubrey Simons was declared re-elected, but irregularities in vote-taking forced a byelection last December, that was won by Mr. Neilsen.

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LIBERAL LEADER LESTER B. Pearson is in Florida for a short holiday. But the leaders of the two other Commons parties—both defeated Monday—are planning future action.

CCF Leader M. J. Coldwell is back in Ottawa to prepare for a national executive meeting in Toronto April 12-13. He said he will not be a candidate for re-election in his party's leadership when the party holds its national convention in Montreal in July.

Social Credit Leader Solon Low, whose 19-member Commons representation was wiped out last Monday, will hold a caucus with his defeated group here Tuesday.

Report New Plane Can Fly Mile A Second 100 Miles High

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The X-15, designed to be the first air plane to penetrate outer space, will be able to fly a mile a second at altitudes above 100 miles, North American Aviation said Friday.

The plane, now under development at North American's Los Angeles division, is scheduled to be test flown sometime next year.

An artist's conception of the craft shows the rocket-powered plane has an unusually heavy vertical stabilizer.

Engineers expect the stainless steel fuselage of the X-15 to glow cherry red when the plane enters the earth's atmosphere, with a surface temperature of approximately 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

At the same time, the spokesman said, liquid oxygen fuel for the rocket engine must be kept at minus-300 degrees Fahrenheit.

Ripple Rock Blast Set For Today

CAMPBELL RIVER, B.C. (CP)—The Ripple Rock blast, designed to eliminate the west coast's worst navigational hazard, is set for 9:31 a.m. PST (1:31 p.m. AST) today. Fine weather was forecast.

A dress rehearsal Friday went off without a hitch.

Reporters and cameramen took up their positions in a bunker more than one mile from the blast site in Seymour Narrows, nine miles from this east coast Vancouver Island centre.

Ripple Rock has claimed more than 100 lives in marine disasters.

Engineers, scientists and dozens of other connected with the demise of Old Rip, also took part in the dry run.

The explosion is designed to tear 40 feet of solid rock off the top of Old Rip's twin peaks. At low tide one of the peaks is only nine feet below sea level while the other is 20 feet below.

The explosive—2,750,000 pounds of dynamite—has been packed into the heart of the rock in an intricate sub-surface operation which took three years.

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More Rain In Sight For California

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Rain-soaked California, soggy and slipping after weeks of almost incessant storms, faced the prospect of more rain today and of a stormy Easter.

Coastal areas were pounded by towering waves Friday from the Pacific.

In the interior valleys creeks and rivers vaulted their banks, flooding thousands of acres and driving more than 5,000 persons from their homes.

Twelve persons have died in the storms the last few days.

Damage to property and to crops ranges into the millions of dollars.

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EASTER

When I see springtime blossoms
On altars quiet and dim,
And hear the bells of Easter,
My thoughts go out to Him.

The gentle son of Mary
Who went alone to die,
Upon an eastern hilltop,
Beneath an April sky.

Friendliness and despised was
He,
Condemned by every one,
Forgotten were the miracles,
The kind deeds He had done.

In anguish on the Cross He died,
That lovely day in spring,
The sky grew black in sympathy
The birds refused to sing.

They buried Him in Joseph's tomb;
But e'er the break of day,
Came one in shining garments
And rolled the stone away.

And to the women seeking Him
The Angel gently said:
"Jesus was crucified,
Is risen from the dead."

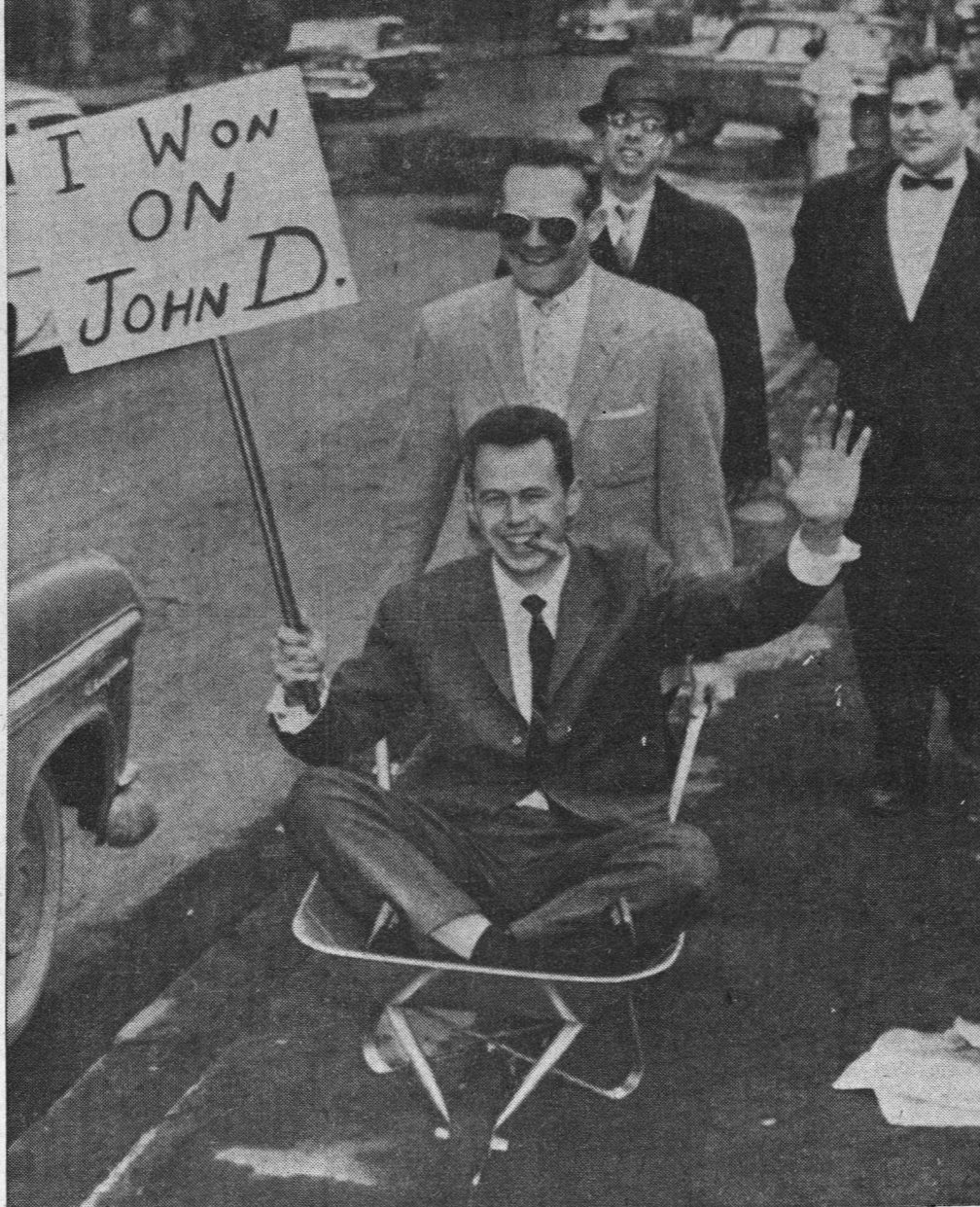
For there was no retaining
The Christ within the tomb,
And now in countless altars
The flowers of springtime bloom.

The giving earth remembers
The wonder of that day,
When He arose and angels came
And rolled the stone away.
Constance I. Heckbert.

Algoma Steel Steps Up Pace

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont. (CP)—Algoma Steel Corporation Friday announced increased operations in two departments.

Douglas Joyce, vice-president of operations, said most of the 1,000 men laid off last year when operations were reduced have been recalled. The plant has been operating at 1 per cent of capacity for the last few months.



MONTREAL — Roy Patton Bill Heath a ride in a wheelchair-Phillip's square. (CP Wirephoto). Pays off an election bet by giving row around Montreal's busy

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