

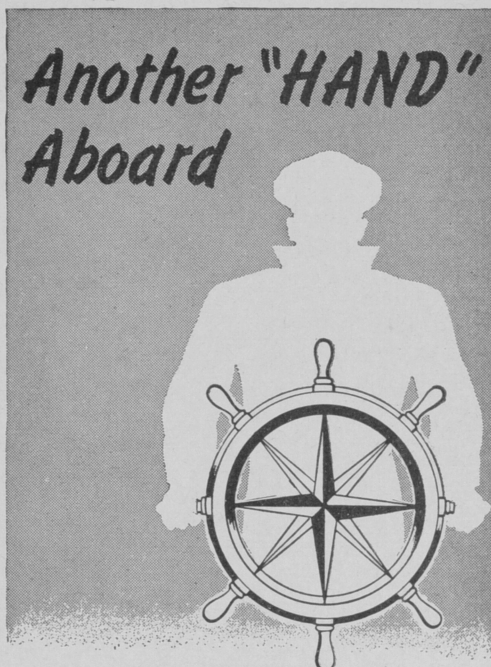
workers who gave of themselves to alleviate distress, there came a steady stream of morbid sight-seers. Their presence in long lines of automobiles called for extra measures of traffic control around the afflicted areas, especially in those localities where work parties were still struggling to restore roads and access to flooded properties.

Fortunately, during this tense and anxious period, the municipality of the City of North Vancouver, also policed by the RCMP detachment, suffered only minor damage. The few reports of crime received were not such as to hinder seriously the Police in their humanitarian labors in the neighboring community.

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Over on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, one of the rainiest areas on the North American continent, the leaden skies also loosened their content. On the whole, the widely separated small communities suffered little from the swollen waters of the many streams rushing furiously to the Pacific. Near the mouth of the San Juan River, however, trouble was reported early when a number of houses on low ground near the stream were engulfed by the rapidly-rising flood, reaching to the second floors. This situation was telephoned to the Police detachment at Shawnigan Lake, 35 miles away, by a resident of down-stream Port Renfrew who had surveyed the situation after seeing cattle and other debris floating past in the torrent. The constable at Shawnigan soon learned that he was unable to attend the scene; the rough secondary road leading to Port Renfrew was already washed out in several places. With at least six persons, some children, marooned and in danger of drowning, the Officer Commanding Victoria Sub-Division immediately contacted Rescue Co-ordination Centre at RCAF Headquarters in Vancouver and asked their help.

The weather and flood conditions prohibited the use of conventional aircraft, but here the close co-operation main-



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