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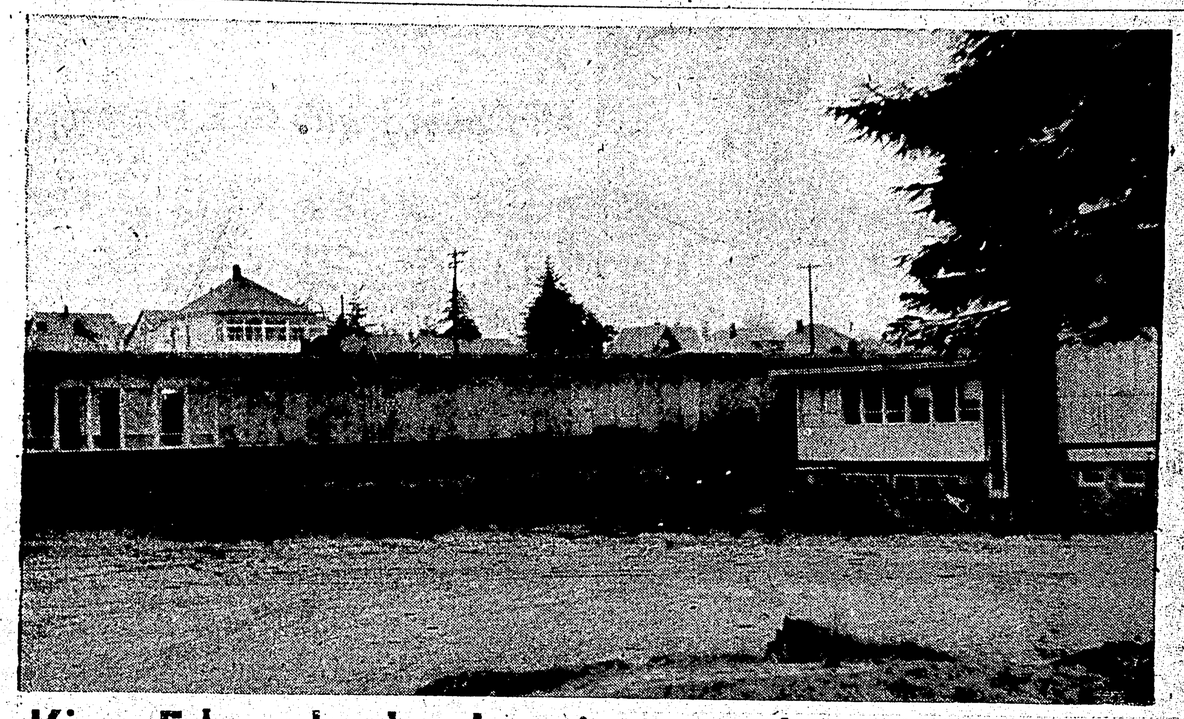
de Gaulle wins as colonial revolt ends with quiet surrender of insurgents



LONG LINE of boarded up windows at King Edward Elementary school look on to Eighth Avenue East after Northwest Construction Ltd. nailed plywood sheets over 63 windows broken Saturday evening when gale-force winds ripped roof off gymnasium. District 52 school board is insured against wind damage to schools. Temporary roof has been installed. Contractors are shown clearing debris off school grounds. Students received holiday from school today but will be back in classes tomorrow.
—Staff photo by Dick Ayres.

King Edward school major casualty as gale-force winds buffeted city

Damage estimated in the thousands of dollars was caused by the gale which lashed the city Saturday afternoon and evening.

Major casualty was the King Edward Elementary school where about 45 foot section of the roof was ripped off and then hurled against the windows on the Eighth Avenue East side. About 63 windows of varying sizes were broken.

Gale-force winds ranging in intensity from 45 and 65 miles-per-hour buffeted the city for more than four hours, ripping off shingles from houses, damaging signs and blowing in plate glass windows of city stores.

Also damaged was the warehouse of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative store at Cow Bay where about eight strips of metal roof were torn off.

The wind finally had its way with King Edward school about 6:15 p.m. Saturday when a gust swept about 45 feet of tar paper and pebbles from the gymnasium roof from the Eighth Avenue side toward the chimney on the Seventh Avenue side. The roof debris was then blown against the windows.

R. G. Moore, principal of King Edward said Northwest Construction Ltd., immediately dispatched a crew which boarded up the windows with plywood, installed a temporary roof and also rigged up polythene tubs to catch the water leaking from the damaged roof.

The Northwest Construction crew worked until nearly midnight and men were kept on all night to supervise the siphoning of water from the tubs in the gymnasium.

Mr. Moore said it was too early to tell the exact amount of damage to the floor, ceiling and walls of the gymnasium but classrooms where the windows were broken were cleaned up, books and desks cleared of glass fragments and floors repolished. Both King Edward janitors and the school board maintenance man worked Saturday night and yesterday to clean up the school.

With a temporary roof on the school, Mr. Moore said everything is ready for students, who got a holiday today, to return to school tomorrow.

Numerous power failures of short duration were also attributed to the winds.

The gale was so fierce at one stage Saturday afternoon it flattened one woman who was trying to walk against the wind near the Prince Rupert Rowing and Yachting club.

While winds have been lighter today another "big blow" is expected tonight. Gale force winds up to 50 miles per hour have been forecast by the Dominion Government weather bureau in Vancouver.

Drivers fined

Five more persons charged with illegal parking on a provincial highway pleaded guilty in city police court Saturday morning and were each fined $10 and costs.

Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite told the group that the charges were laid as a result of a complaint from Port Edward, after traffic near Oliver Lake had been tied up by cars parked on the travelled portion of the road. A total of 47 persons were summonsed for parking infractions after the January 23 traffic jam.

In police court Monday morning four more parking violation charges were levied with the minimum fine of $10 and costs.

Speeder fined

Anton Goryanc of 936 Sixth Avenue East was fined $25 or in default 20 days when he pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in city court this morning.

RCMP reported that Goryonc was proceeding from the City limits to the Frederick Street hill at speeds of 45-50 miles per hour.

The speed limit in the area is 30.

Algerian rebels bow to president

ALGIERS (CP)—The French colonial revolt against President de Gaulle's Algerian policy collapsed today.

His ranks thinned by steady desertions, Pierre Lagaillarde, the firebrand insurgent leader, led some 300 of his haggard, unshaven forces out from the barricaded stronghold at Algiers University they had held for eight days.

The rebel remnant climbed into trucks parked near the barricades. The trucks headed in the direction of a little village west of Algiers.

It was not immediately known what the French Army, which had stuck with de Gaulle, would do with Lagaillarde and his men.

RESISTANCE OVER

A crowd watched in silence as the men moved out, their armed resistance apparently over and done with.

Lagaillarde, a reserve paratroop lieutenant, gave up after the population of Algiers ignored his call for a continuation of the general strike the rebels earlier had planned to end today.

As he crossed the saure the red-bearded Lagaillarde exchanged salutes with the French officers commanding foreign troops who were assigned to duty before the barricades.

Then, after its initial silence, the crowd cheered and clapped for Lagaillarde and there were cries of "Algerie Francaise!" (Algeria is French).

Somebody started singing The Marseillaise and it was soon taken up by the crowd.

BARRICADES DOWN

As Lagaillarde surrendered, the other group of insurgents, led by Loseph Ortiz, were dismantling their street barricades. It was reported that Ortiz had fled.

By 10:30 this morning the city was almost back to normal, with shops opening and transportation rolling again, despite attempts by groups of youths to persuade stores and restaurants to close and office workers to leave their jobs. But this apparently met with little or no success and the breakdown of the resistance followed.

Dr. Bernard Lefevre, a right-wing political figure in Algiers, said the surrender came as a result of night-time negotiations between the insurgents and the army. He said the conditions asked by the insurgents were that the surrender go off with military honors and that no sanctions be taken against them.

Whether the army accepted these conditions fully was doubtful. De Gaulle is demanding that the army bring the insurgents under control had called the rebel leaders liars and conspirators, indicating they could expect little mercy from him.

COULD BE EXECUTED

If the letter of the law were followed, Lagaillarde and Ortiz probably could be executed for treason, having violently challenged the authority of the state and waged armed warfare against it. But the insurgent leaders' continued popularity with the French colonials in Algeria ruled out this extreme punishment.

The city was forcibly reminded Sunday that the nationalist rebellion also is continuing, when a time bomb carried by a Moslem terrorist exploded in a crowd, killing the terrorist, three paratroopers and a civilian.

From the interior came word of increased nationalist guerrilla activity. The rebels ambushed two French convoys, killing 29 French soldiers and two civilians and wounding 34 soldiers. The French high command said 53 Moslem rebels were killed and 17 were captured.

PRESIDENT DE GAULLE AND WIFE
rebels bow to General.

Shaw reports surplus in hospital operation

Prince Rupert General hospital ended up last year with an operating surplus of $13,569, chairman of the hospital board James K. Shaw said Friday in a press release to The Daily News.

Mr. Shaw said that the finance committee's report at Thursday's hospital board meeting showed that the surplus as of December 31, 1959 compared to a deficit of $36,330 as of December, 1958.

The year's expenditures totalled $564,553 or $25,333 less than the approved budget of $589,866 for 1959, prior to adjustment by British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service.

Expenditures in 1958 totalled $570,961 as against an approved budget of $540,761.

December, 1959 surplus was $300 compared to a December, 1958 deficit of $2,149.

PATIENT DAYS DOWN

Mr. Shaw said that the administrator's statistical report showed that patient days were down in 1959, with a total of 30,749 patient days compared to 32,564 in 1958.

Last year there were 4,212 admissions including 550 newborns compared to 4,238 admissions, 507 of which were newborns in 1958.

Daily average of patients last year was 92.5 per cent as against 97.1 per cent the year before. Occupancy rate in 1959 was 75.8 per cent compared to 86.6 per cent.

Mr. Shaw said that the board had approved repairs to the east wing roof and to the elevator as estimated costs of $500 and $610 respectively.

Mrs. Carl Strand, again appointed as the hospital women's auxiliary representative to the board, told the board the WA has voted to buy the hospital an ice-making machine.

Application will be made to BCHIS for purchase of an electrocardiagraph at a cost of approximately $900.

The board set March 24 as the date of the annual meeting of the Prince Rupert General hospital association.

Impairment brings fine

Raymond Alexander Ostrum, 24, of Prince Rupert was fined $75 or in default two months after he was found guilty of driving a vehicle while his ability was impaired.

Willa Ray, counsel for the defence, said in court this morning that Ostrum was in collision with a parked vehicle on the corner of Fifth and McBride Streets on January 30 at 5:25 p.m.

Upon the collision he returned home and then voluntarily proceeded to the police station and reported the mishap.

RCMP confirmed that Ostrum returned voluntarily and was charged at the detachment office.

Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite recommended no suspension of Ostrum's licence.

Prince Rupert has now gone 383 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Water supply threatened by damage

Prince Rupert's water supply system narrowly escaped being cut yesterday when two slides and a big tree came down along the shore of Shawatlan Lake.

City Works Superintendent C. J. Gustafson went out yesterday to inspect the line and found that the slides had not damaged the 20-inch pipeline between the Northern B.C. Power Company powerhouse and the booster pump at Fern Passage.

However, a large tree had fallen across the line and a branch of the tree had loosened several joints causing the line to spring a minor leak.

Mr. Gustafson and a city crew are attending to the pipeline today.

Fog alarm, light out of operation

The fog alarm at Holland rock, in the approaches to Prince Rupert harbor, will be out of operation until further notice, acting district marine agent for the Department of Transport Ian M. Campbell reported today.

Mr. Campbell also said that the Tsenakum Point Light in the entrance to Skidegate Channel is reported not burning and will be attended to at the first opportunity.

EXCITEMENT, PROFIT OFFERED AS SALMON DERBY UNDERWAY

For excitement and profit, this year's Salmon Derby appears to offer ample opportunities for anglers.

Beginning today at 8 a.m. the derby officially opened and will not close until May 31.

Rod & Gun Club and Prince Rupert Rowing and Yachting Club, co-sponsors of the derby offer three cash prizes, and dozens of consolation and merchandise gifts for the best catches.

The prizes for this week was donated by Co-Op Centre and Home Oil Company. They are a fibre glass Mohawk trolling rod and one case of outboard motor oil.

Weekly prizes will be distributed at the monthly meeting of the Rod & Gun Club, held the second Monday of each month.

Gale-stricken fish boat sinks with crew members

KODIAK, Alaska (AP)—The 90-foot Seattle fishing boat Fearless, struggling to port with a load of king crab, sank in a heavy gale and blizzard near here Sunday. The four men aboard drowned.

All bodies were recovered several hours later by a crab tender and another fishboat.

Names of the victims were not known immediately, but it was believed three were members of the regular crew and the fourth was a fisherman catching a ride here from the southeast end of Kodiak Island.

First word the Fearless was in trouble came in a desperate SOS: "Request immediate assistance. Awash astern. Located off Cape Chiniak with cargo of crab. Trying to launch boat. Will not last long. Having great difficulties."

The Logger, a 104-foot power barge operating as a crab tender, was first to reach the scene about 10 miles south of here and found one body.

The other bodies were spotted by Coast Guard search planes. Two were picked up by the Logger and the other by the Sunrise, an 86-foot seiner.

Debris from the Fearless and the dory in which the men tried vainly to escape was found later washed ashore at Cape Chiniak.

The disaster brought the North Pacific death toll to six in four days. Two other fishermen drowned Thursday night when the Barbara Lee sank in a storm while trying to assist a foundering Coast Guard lifeboat at the entrance to Grays Harbor on the Washington coast.

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BODIES STILL UNIDENTIFIED

Fish boat death inquest adjourned

An inquest into the deaths of two men and a woman, still not positively identified, who died aboard a flaming fish boat here early Friday morning, was begun here late Saturday afternoon and adjourned for a week.

Coroner George J. Dawes told a six-man jury headed by foreman William J. McLean, that the remains of three persons, supposedly John James McMullin, 30, his wife Mary, 47 and Andrew Daniel Hordeski, all of 708 Fraser Street had been found in his presence aboard the charred and water-logged hull of the halibut boat Embla between 6 and 9 p.m. Friday.

Coroner Dawes said he wanted to release the remains for burial and adjourn the inquest until direct evidence as to who was aboard the boat could be presented to the jury.

The jury viewed the remains, contained in three polythene bags, and agreed with deputy coroner Dr. R. B. Smith, that only one body could be identified as being that of a male.

RCMP Constable R. B. T. Sherwood, who with Staff-Sgt. W. J. Currie and six other policemen searched the boat wreckage, said the three lots of remains were found in three different locations in the boat. The one male body was found in the focasle under a winch which had collapsed on top of it and accounted for it being better preserved than the others.

One body was found floating amidships while the other and smallest portion of a body was in the bilge below where the pilot house once had been.

He said that Dr. Smith had definitely established that there were three separate bodies.

One survivor, Paul Cloutier, 38, 2063 Seal Cove Circle, is still in Prince Rupert General hospital. Saturday he received medical treatment for severe lacerations to the right wrist. Constable Sherwood said that Cloutier's doctor would not allow the police to interview him yet. The other survivor, Peter Matchura, 58, who lived on the Embla, is still in jail, after being charged with being intoxicated in a public place. He pleaded not guilty to the charge and Const. Sherwood told the jury that Matchura could not state definitely if the persons aboard were Mr. and Mrs. McMullin or Mr. Hordeski.

Undertaker Hugh Ferguson told Coroner Dawes that no one had come forward to claim the bodies.

The coroner polled the jury to gain permission to release the unidentifiable remains for burial.

The inquest will resume at 1:30 p.m. February 6.

The blaze aboard the 58-foot halibutter started about 2 a.m. Friday when an explosion occurred and flames swept the vessel. Firemen fought the fire for three hours before the blazing boat was towed across the harbor and beached. The fire was extinguished about 10 a.m. Friday by the high tide.

Gangsterism charges over union violence

VANCOUVER (CP)—Tense rivalry between the west coast's waterfront unions, which had fallen into an uneasy lull during the last few weeks, erupted into violence during the weekend with the savage beating of a top union official.

The attack, on President Richard Greaves, 55, of the National Association of Marine Engineers (CLC), was the 32nd incident of violence connected with the seven-month jurisdictional dispute and again brought the warrion unions' bitterness into the open.

It brought also a slashing attack against "gangsterism" from E. P. O'Neal, secretary of the B.C. Federation of Labor (CLC), and a meeting was called for today to discuss possible federation action.

BROKE INTO OFFICE

Greaves was kicked and beaten unconscious by two men who burst into his office late Saturday. He staggered to a nearby hotel and police were called in. Hospital officials said he was in satisfactory condition Sunday.

The union leader has been attacked three times in the last 18 months. The first attack occurred in Montreal and the second—in which he escaped injury—in Vancouver seven months ago during a strike against Northland Navigation Limited.

Spokesmen for the two other major waterfront unions, the 40,000-member Canadian Brotherhood of Railway and Transport Workers (CLC) and the 10,000-member strong Seafarers' International Union (Ind.) denied their organizations were connected with the attack.

WEATHER—

Gale warning in effect. Intermittent rain Tuesday. Continuing mild. Winds southerly 50 by evening. Low tonight and high Tuesday 40 and 48.

TIDES—

Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	04:57	20.4 feet
	17:11	18.4 feet
Low	11:10	6.2 feet
	23:18	6.7 feet