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City to ask AG for reason of delay in giving Indians equal liquor rights

No discrimination wanted says mayor

There's no place for apartheid or racial discrimination in Canada, Mayor P. J. Lester said last night after City Council voted to write Attorney General Robert Bonner asking the cause for delay in the granting of equal liquor rights for Natives.

Mayor Lester said that any law which denies equality to Indians should be changed.

"This form of apartheid has no place in Canada."

The mayor made the comment after he had pointed out that the Special Committee appointed to investigate the August 2, 1958 riots in Prince Rupert had recommended "complete equality" for the Native peoples.

The first recommendation of the special committee stated:

"Integration of the Native people is proceeding at a fair rate. Anything that hinders this process must be eliminated. The Native peoples should have complete equality including liquor rights."

The mayor said that the committee's report had been sent in full to the attorney-general's department but no answer had been received.

Council's action was taken after a Police Committee recommendation "that the attorney-general be written inquiring what is holding up equal liquor rights for Natives."

Warm greetings sent Lieutenant-Governor for May 27 visit here

The City Council is sending warm greetings to Lieutenant-Governor Frank M. Ross and Mrs. Ross who plan to pay a visit to Prince Rupert May 27.

The City will write to Mr. and Mrs. Ross expressing the City Council's pleasure at the proposed visit and extending a warm welcome.

Council took the action last night after receipt of a letter by Mayor P. J. Lester from the Lieut. Gov. Ross in which he said:

"It is the intention of Mrs. Ross and myself to pay a visit to Prince Rupert on May 27 and when we are there we will give a reception for approximately 250 people.

"We are looking forward with pleasure to our visit."

Royal refusals not unexpected

LONDON (CP)—Despite the efforts of Britain's popular newspapers to establish something sinister behind the royal refusals for Princess Margaret's wedding, officials are generally satisfied that short notice is the real reason.

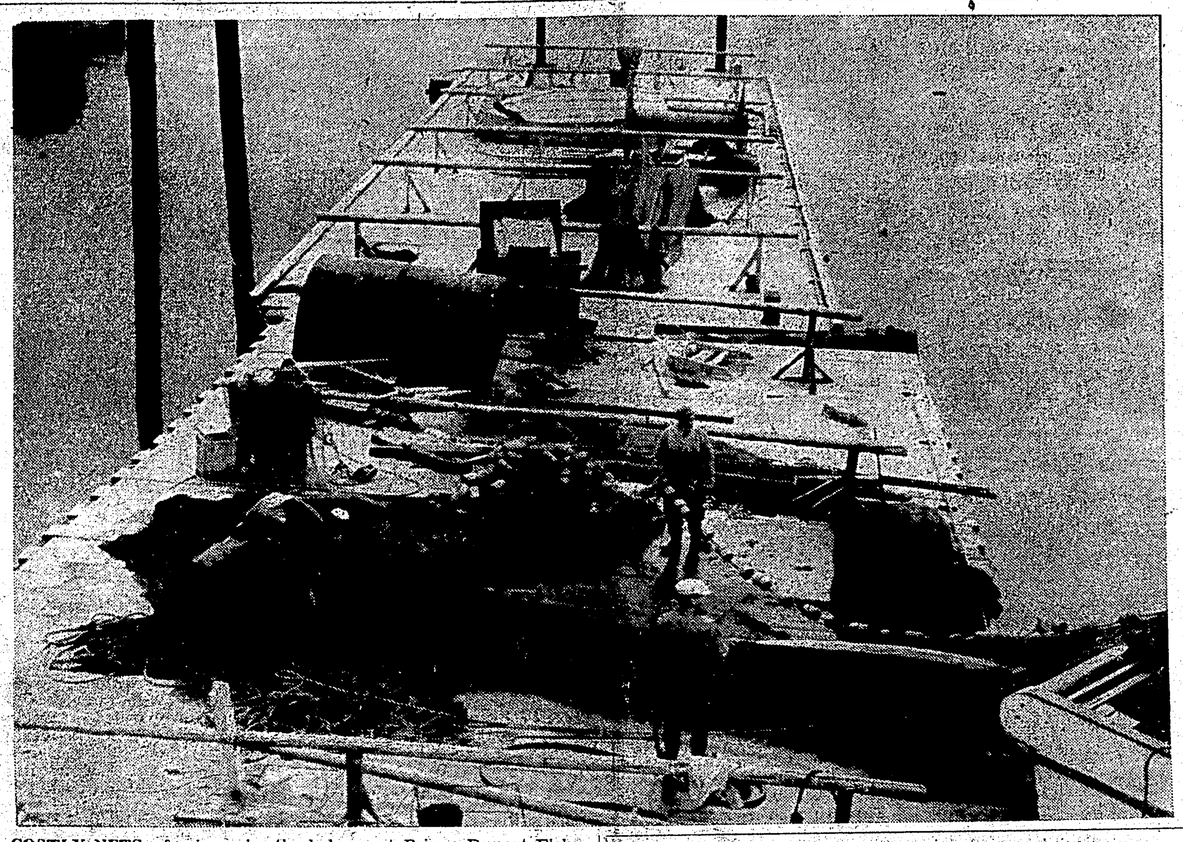
After counting a long list of "We regret" notices from European royalty, a spokesman at Clarence House, home of Princess Margaret, said it wasn't unexpected.

"After all they have only had six weeks' notice. Normally one would have expected a much longer engagement."

So far, the only member of European royalty to have accepted an invitation is Queen Ingrid of Denmark. The royal families of Norway, Holland, Belgium, Sweden—and even Don Juan the Spanish pretender—have sent their apologies.

Mishap reveals drugs

VANCOUVER (CP) — A traffic accident led to a drug possession charge against a city motorist Monday. Police checked the driver after his car sideswiped a guard rail and found he had a hypodermic needle, a spoon and two bottles of pills in his pockets.



COSTLY NETS of seiners berthed down at Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association docks at Fairview are shown being readied for fishing season. Inground workers make sure net doesn't become tangled as it is reeled aboard stern of boat. —Staff photo by Gary Oakes.

Bottom fish landings up

A rise of 73,800 pounds in the mink feed catch boosted the landings of bottom fish at Prince Rupert for the week ending April 8, the Department of Fisheries reported today.

Of the total 115,300 pounds landed, 79,200 pounds were mink feed compared to last week's 5,400 pounds. Price for the mink feed is still .02 cents a pound.

The total catch included 9,200 pounds of lemon sole selling in a price range of .03 to .04 cents per pound; 22,400 pounds of grey cod which sold at .025 cents per pound; 100 pounds of rock sole which sold at .04 cents a pound; and 4,400 pounds of green shrimp which sold at .14 cents per pound.

Four draggers operated in Hecate Straits in the vicinity of White Rock.

The green shrimps were brought in by seven shrimp trawlers operating in Chatham Sound.

Banks to open on Saturday

Prince Rupert's three chartered banks will be closed over the Easter Holiday week-end but will be open from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, it was disclosed today.

The banks will close all day Good Friday, Sunday and Easter Monday, April 15 to 18.

B.C. ROUNDUP

$40 million urged to aid municipalities

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Vancouver Board of Trade has proposed a $40,000,000 increase in provincial aid to the municipalities.

The board says B.C.'s towns, cities and districts need that much more help to provide municipal services.

If the province adopted proposals made in the fields of education, hospital, transportation and social services, municipal tax loads would be lightened by about the same amount, the board says in a brief prepared for the provincial cabinet.

The proposals came after a five-month study by the board of an earlier proposal by the Union of B.C. Municipalities which endorsed them to a substantial degree.

Elected president

CRESTON (CP) — Murray Mackie of Trail has been elected president of the Kootenay Junior Chamber of Comerce. He succeeds Don Lane of Kimberley. Dave Masich of Kimberley was elected vice-president.

Fisheries meeting

VANCOUVER (CP) — About 500 delegates are expected here April 25 for the three-day annual meeting of the Fisheries Council of Canada.

Among the speakers will be Federal Fisheries Minister J. Angus MacLean and Dean George F. Curtis of the University of British Columbia faculty of law, who will discuss territorial water limits dealt with at the Law of the Sea Conference in Geneva.

Accepts ruling

VANCOUVER (CP) — Dr. Norman Mackenzie, president of the University of British Columbia, says the federal government's decision to deport Irina Rebrin, Russian lecturer at UBC, should be accepted.

Dr. Mackenzie said Monday prior to leaving to attend a Canada Council meeting: "Naturally I regret it, but there may be reasons for it. When we elect or appoint or employ people to be responsible for security, I suppose it is essential that they should have more information than we have.

Taxes jump

NANAIMO (CP) — City council Monday night brought down a record budget under which city taxes will be increased by at least nine mills. The budget, amounting to $2,215,706, was the first to exceed the $2,000,000 in the city's history.

Spending higher

VICTORIA (CP) — Total capital expenditure in British Columbia will reach $1,290,000,000 in 1960, about 7 per cent higher than in 1959 and 6 per cent above 1938, Trade Minister Bonner predicted Monday.

He said his estimate is based on the national and provincial figures during the first quarter of this year.

Record high was in 1957 when $1,592,000,000 was spent.

Skills obsolete by '70

VANCOUVER (CP) — The skills this year's high school graduates learn will be obsolete by 1970, the chairman of the Canadian Conference on Education says.

By the time they die, society will be entirely different than it is today, Kurt Swinton, president of Encyclopedia Britannica of Canada, told 150 teachers, trustees and parents at an education conference Saturday.

Prince Rupert has now gone 454 days without a fatal traffic accident.

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DISLOCATION DEATH CAUSE

Jury unable to name cause of fatal mishap

A coroner's jury inquiring into the April 7 death of 21-year old Mario Santurbano decided last night at City Hall that he died from a severe blow to the neck which dislocated his spine between his neck and shoulders.

The jury, after hearing evidence from the RCMP decided that Santurbano died between 8:30 and 9 p.m. after his eastbound car skidded 131-feet on Highway 16, three and one-half miles from the city limits near Oliver Lake.

RCMP said the car jacknifed and overturned into a muskeg pond some 75-feet from the edge of the road. The jury, presided over by Deputy-Coroner Dr. R. B. Smith, could not determine why Santurbano's car left the road.

Dr. H. J. Meuwissen said he found a complete dislocation between Santurbano's sixth and last vertebrae of the cerbical spine which could cause instantaneous death.

Witnesses told the jury that Santurbano was last seen in Prince Rupert about 8:30 p.m. and that he had not been drinking prior to the accident. They could give no reason why Santurbano was leaving town at that time of the night.

NO DEFECTS

Garage mechanic Dawn Bodger said that the vehicle was in good mechanical condition and that a flat tire found on the front right wheel of the car after the accident did not cause the skid. He said that the wheels of the car had lock-type hubcaps which are connected to the air valve. He explained that the hubcap containing the lock and valve were found in the muskeg near the car, not on the highway where the vehicle started its skid.

Arthur Helin of 1321 First Overlook Street and Robert Peters of Port Edward testified that they arrived almost simultaneously at the accident about 8:50 p.m. and found the car upturned with the lights on and steam rising from the engine.

SENT FOR HELP

They said that when checking the vehicle they found a person with his head in some two-feet of water in the car and immediately sent Mrs. Helin to Prince Rupert to summon help.

They told the jury that they had difficulty in raising the victims head from the water, in fear of Santurbano drowning, and couldn't free him from the vehicle without the help of several others who arrived later.

Deputy Coroner Smith, lauded Mr. and Mrs. Helin and the Peters for their quick action in "a difficult situation."

He said that their fast thinking in sending for help as soon as they discovered someone in the car was something which many people in such a situation completely forget.

20-cent per hour boost by 1961 given linemen

A total wage increase of 20 cents an hour over a two-year period has been granted City Telephone Department linemen, it was reported to City Council last night.

Alderman Norman Bellis, chairman of the council's wage and personnel committee, said an agreement had been reached with the linemen, members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He said the agreement boosts a lineman's present wage of $2.80 per hour to $2.93 for 1960 and $3 per hour for 1961.

Ald. Bellis reported that telephone operators had accepted a salary increase of $10 a month for 1960 bringing their present salary to $260 a month. An additional salary boost of $10 per month will be granted in 1961.

All other pay grades not covered by agreements will be boosted by 4 per cent for 1960, he told council.

M. Santurbano funeral held

Requiem high mass was sung at the Church of Annunciation this morning as relatives and friends gathered to pay their final respects to Mario Santurbano who died in a motor vehicle accident Thursday, April 7. Prayers were said at Ferguson Funeral Home last night.

Reverend Thomas Lynch officiated at the mass and the interment at Fairview cemetery.

Pallbearers were Frank Marogna, Joe Irfino, Artuo Pucci, Vincent Ciccone, Valerio Colontonio and Robert Player.

Firearm case adjourned

No plea was taken in police court this morning when Jarosiew Domansky of 921 First Avenue West was charged with unlawfully pointing a firearm at another person.

Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite adjourned the case until tomorrow.

A charge of causing a disturbance by using obscene language in a public place against Graham Alexander of 320 Fifth Avenue West was dismissed on the grounds that no other persons but the principles in the incident which occurred April 10, were disturbed.

Ex-RCMP chief heads provosts

OTTAWA (CP)—Colonel L. H. Nicholson, who resigned last year as RCMP commissioner, has been appointed honorary colonel commandant of the Canadian provost corps, the army announced Monday.

Col. Nicholson was commissioned in the Saskatoon Light Infantry machine gun in 1941. Two years later he transferred to the Canadian Provost Corps.

He subsequently served as assistant provost marshal of both the 1st and 2nd Canadian corps, and from September, 1945, to April, 1946, he was provost marshal.

Canadian newsman leaves Africa

DURBAN, South Africa (Reuters)—Canadian newspaper man Norman Phillips was released from jail here yesterday.

Police said Phillips, foreign editor of the Toronto Star, left here today by air for Johannesburg on his way out of the country.

Phillips was detained last Saturday under South Africa's emergency laws after a cable office employee sent justice officials a story written by the Toronto reporter.

External Affairs Minister Eric Louw said Monday that Phillips would be released when police had finished questioning him, on the condition that he leave South Africa immediately.

Canada had made a strong protest to the South African government over Phillips' detention.

Start on dam seen

VANCOUVER (CP) — A Vancouver newspaper says Canada and the United States are nearing agreement on the proposed Columbia River project that would assign the key Mica Creek dam a secondary position.

The newspaper said in a dispatch from Ottawa, that the High Arrow dam on the Arrow Lakes would be the first development along the British Columbia section of the Columbia.

World News Briefs

JOHANNESBURG (CP)—Prime Minister Verwoerd's government today promised a drastic revision of the "cheap black labor" system on which white South Africans are dependent.

Meantime, 150 policemen supported by three armored cars raided 10 Negro townships southwest of Johannesburg. The "cleanup" operation followed a similar raid on Western Township Monday.

HAVANA (AP)—An insurgent band led by a former Castro officer was reported bottled up in the Sierra Maestra mountains of eastern Cuba today, but the government refused to talk about it. Unconfirmed reports said troops and militiamen in Oriente province were moving in on an encircled group of about 40 guerrillas led by Manuel Beaton, former captain in Fidel Castro's revolutionary forces.

GENEVA (AP)—John Hare, Britain's minister of agriculture and fisheries, said Monday the price of fish all over the world is bound to rise regardless of whether the world maritime conference agrees on a universal sea and fisheries border or ends in failure.

SEOUL, Korea (Reuters)—Police throughout South Korea were on the alert today following anti-government riots at Masan Monday night in which 10 policemen were wounded by hand grenades.

PULASKI, Va. (AP)—A young husband, holding his 10-year-old sister-in-law hostage, waved a shotgun at police and shouted wild threats early today as he stayed barricaded in a brick bungalow. He demanded that his 16-year-old wife, Sandra, be brought to the bungalow "or I'll come out shooting."

The youth, 19-year-old Jack Jennings, rushed into the bungalow Monday after he broke away from police taking him to jail. He had been charged with unauthorized use of his father-in-law's car.

American half-dollars only worth 45 cents under new discount plan

By KEN SPECHT
Daily News Staff Writer

Prince Rupert citizens were advised today not to accept United States coins unless they get the full value in return.

A. D. Perley, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, told The Daily News today that his bank has warned customers not to include U.S. coins when they send in rolls of currency.

He said that the banks are charging the current rate of discount on the U.S. coins, which in most places is about 8 per cent.

United States coins had become worthless in some Toronto stores, Canadian Press reported today, as merchants posted notices warning that the coins no longer are being accepted. Others were charging two cents on a U.S. quarter and one cent on nickles and dimes.

A sad tale of the discount blitz to clear the influx of American coins from the country was related to the Daily News today, after it happened in Prince Rupert.

Germain Grise of 801 Fraser Street said that when he went into a local cafe to purchase a package of cigarets he received an American 50-cent piece as change. He said he knew nothing of the currency discount in coins and accepted it as equal to Canadas' half-dollar.

Five minutes later, he explained, he went back to the same cafe, purchased another article less than 50-cents, and when he handed the American half-dollar to the proprietor he was asked to add another five cents in order to cover the cost of the article.

Easter, spring hours set for Centre, swimming pool

Civic Centre will be closed Good Friday and Easter Sunday while the public library will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday, Jacob Vandenbrink, Centre manager said today.

He said the swimming pool will be open Good Friday from 2 to 5 p.m., 7 to 8 p.m., and 9 to 10 p.m. for public swimming.

As most of the winter programs are nearing completion the Civic Centre will not be open any more on Saturday mornings or Sundays, Mr. Vandenbrink said.

Civic Centre will be open 1 to 10:30 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays and will close Sundays. The library will be open from 2 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays and 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. It will be closed Wednesdays and Sundays.

Swimming pool hours will be as follows:

Mondays: 2 to 5 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m.; Tuesdays: closed for cleaning; Wednesdays: 2 to 5 p.m., 7 to 8 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m.; Thursdays: 2 to 5 p.m., 8:30 to 10 p.m.; Fridays: 2 to 5 p.m., 7 to 8 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m.; Saturdays: 6:30 to 10 p.m.; Sundays: 2 to 6 pm.

All other hours in the swimming pool are taken up by swim classes, Mr. Vandenbrink said.

WEATHER

Gale warning over. Cloudy with showers Wednesday. A few clear periods tonight. Little change in temperature. Winds southwest 30 decreasing to 20 tonight. Low tonight and high Wednesday 40 and 50.

TIDES

Wednesday, April 13, 1960
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High	02:07	22.6 feet
	14:43	20.0 feet
Low	08:30	1.2 feet
	20:38	4.0 feet