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City airport could be in operation by summer if CPA launches service

KIDDIES' FAD voted most likely to succeed the Hoola Hoop craze of last summer is a wind-blown bubble-blowing wand developed by a Vancouver man. Here Marcia Lothrop demonstrates by making eight-foot bubbles by dipping the wand into bubble soap and letting the wind blow through the round end of the wand. —CP photo.

Most of jobs done by Fall says Hees

Inauguration of air service from Prince Rupert's new $10,000,000 airport on Digby Island to Vancouver before the end of summer appeared much closer today.

According to a letter to Mayor P. J. Lester from Transport Minister George Hees, all airport projects with the exception of the terminal building are expected to be completed by the end of September this year.

If the various jobs are completed, the possibility exists, that Canadian Pacific Airlines might wish to start operation of its triangular service between Prince Rupert, the Queen Charlottes and Vancouver and Prince Rupert, Terrace and Vancouver, before the airport is fully completed.

Should this transpire, there will be no necessity for Prince Rupert air travellers to use flights out of Terrace airport, 109 miles away and the city should be served by CPA's DC-6B aircraft.

Mr. Hees said that he could understand the city's reluctance to accept the uncompleted airport.

However, he said, as Canadian Pacific Airlines might choose to start operation in advance of completion of any or all the facilities, he thought the city might review its earlier decision not to sign an interim certificate of acceptance of the airport as requested by the DOT regional office in Vancouver.

Mr. Hees said that plans and specifications for the terminal building were now in an advanced stage of preparation and it was hoped that tenders would be called in the spring.

However, he said, "while every effort will be made to expedite the work," the construction period for this type of building was lengthy and might well be in excess of 12 months from the time of the award of the contract.

On the instrument landing signals, radio buildings and emergency power unit, Mr. Hees said tenders would be called within the next two or three weeks with a target date for commission of September 30, 1960.

Other projects still to be completed, with proposed tender dates and expected target dates are as follows:

Power service to airport—Tenders at end of February, completion target date July 31, 1960.

Runway and approach lighting—Tenders by mid-March, completion target date, August 31, 1960.

Clearing for hazard beacon—Work to start shortly and to be completed before spring.

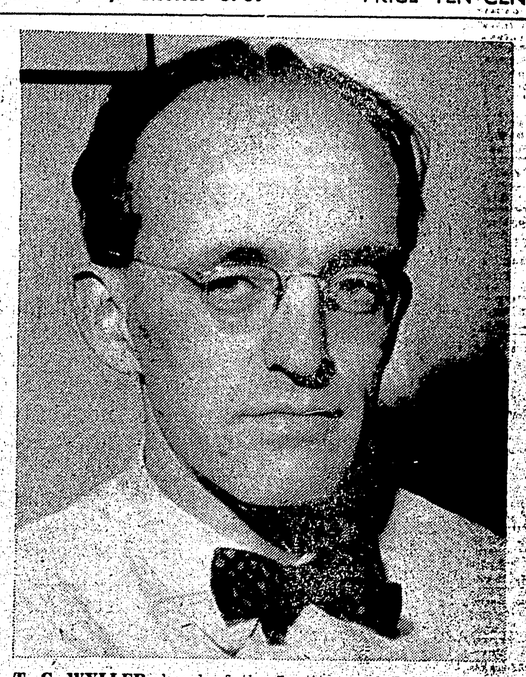
Equipment garage — Negotiations underway to buy contractor's equipment garage at dock and move to airport.

(Following is a copy of the wire to transport minister Hees.)

Hon. George Hees
Minister of Transport
Ottawa, Ontario.

Citizens of Prince Rupert greatly disturbed over apparent lack of progress on building of terminal facilities at Prince Rupert Airport. With CPA Canso service now cancelled regardless of our protests of an arbitrary decision of the Air Transport Board in allowing the cancellation, the travelling public being seriously inconvenienced by having to travel 109 miles over rough highway to Terrace. With no assurace of air service at Terrace. Had understood terminal facilities would be under construction this winter. Would appreciate receiving report referred to in your letter of January 20 and an opportunity to meet you and your department officials to discuss this important problem.

P. J. LESTER
Mayor.



DR. T. C. WYLLER, head of the Institute of Political Science at Oslo, Norway, and visiting NATO exchange professor to Canada for 1960, was scheduled to arrive in Prince Rupert this afternoon for a two-day stay. Dr. Wyller who wants to gain as broad an impression of Canadian communities as he can, is willing to speak to city groups on great powers in world politics, European governments, modern political theory and labor and industrial relations. Tonight Dr. Wyller will meet District 52 school board, school principals and District school Superintendent J. M. Phillipson. Tomorrow he will tour the Columbia Cellulose Company Ltd., operation at Watson Island, speak to the Rotary club luncheon, meet the Indian Affairs department officials, Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-Operative association representatives tomorrow afternoon and the City Council tomorrow night. Friday he will speak at Prince Rupert Senior High school, before leaving the city.

Union report blasts board "for prejudice"

L. J. Wisheart, Local 559 Fire Fighters Association's chosen representative to the conciliation board hearing a wage dispute between the union and the City of Prince Rupert has charged board chairman S. D. Johnston and city representative R. A. McLean with being "slanted and pro-Prince Rupert" and showing "definite prejudice" against the union.

Mr. Johnston and Mr. McLean filed a majority report released Tuesday which binds the firemen to a 10 per cent wage increase over a three-year period.

In a minority report filed with the Labor Relations Branch of the provincial department of labor, the New Westminster man charged that "tieing the union down to a three-year contract so they cannot carry a dispute to a board is in direct contravention of the spirit of the act, and denies them their democratic right, and it outside the power and jurisdiction of this board."

Mr. Wisheart added, "I feel these men should have every right of appeal under the act and in view of the prejudiced board, that the findings of the board be set aside and a neutral chairman be appointed on a new board of conciliation to conciliate this dispute."

He recommended:

● That the agreement be for one year as neither party asked for any change in this regard.

● Statutory holidays be increased from four working days to eight working days consecutively.

● That the firemen's basic rate be increased from $401 to $451 for 1960, the same as Vancouver rates, and all other rates increased accordingly.

● As they operate a full time ambulance service, that holders of industrial first aid tickets receive $7.50 per month above regular rates of pay.

● The same sick leave plan as is enjoyed in the lower mainland.

● Group insurance plan be increased from $6,000 to $9,000 with the city paying half the premium.

● As two or three men are taking courses with the institute of fire engineering at a cost of over $100 per man, that any man who passes the examination be granted an additional $20 per month.

"In conclusion, may I point out that in making these recommendations, I am making them simply to see that the fire fighters of Prince Rupert receive the same consideration as members of the outside staff, inside staff, telephone employees hired by the city, and the school teachers in this area" the report stated.

In his report, Mr. Wisheart referred to a mandatory award clause of the Municipal Act which binds the firemen to accept the award of the conciliation.

Spring looms as crocus blooms

There may be other signs of spring throughout the city but to Mrs. Howard LaForge of 903 Eleventh Avenue East goes the honor of reporting the first crocus this morning.

In Mrs. LaForge's front garden, enjoying the morning sun and defying the crisp frosty weather, is a golden crocus in full bloom. In addition there are half a dozen more crocuses in bud, ready to herald the arrival of spring.

However, Mrs. LaForge told The Daily News she cannot take credit for the annual gardening phenomena. It's her mother-in-law Mrs. Lottie LaForge who takes care of the garden and who is the proud owner of the first reported crocus.

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NEW TRUCKING TAXES BLAMED FOR WIDESPREAD POVERTY

VICTORIA (CP)—Two Social Credit members of the legislature said Tuesday there is widespread poverty in their ridings as the result of recently-imposed taxes on trucking operations.

Hugh Shirreff (Skeena) and Cyril Shelford (Omineca) in reports to the royal commission on road user charges said almost everyone in their constituencies was suffering by the higher fees—now under review by the commission.

Mr. Shirreff said there was "inability to pay" and the tax set-up was "an injustice."

"We don't need taxation, we need help."

He suggested a one-cent gasoline tax increase and "a little hike in licence fees to make up the difference.

Commissioner William Veitch, deputy finance minister, said terms of reference excluded raising of the gasoline tax.

Mr. Shirreff said:

"My whole area is based on logging and logging trucks. If it were not for that we'd be dead in a week."

New regulations had raised payments in some cases to $140 from $53, he said.

He predicted that the tax boosts would eventually end up as "consumer taxes" as in the long run they would be passed to consumers.

A brief to the commission presented by Jack Strathern on behalf of the Skeen Timbermen's Association said licence fee increases "will have the almost immediate effect of ruling many trucks for logging and lumber companies off the road."

He was spokesman for five logging and eight pole companies in the area.

Segregated cafe seats result in wild battle

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)—Negro and white youths battled in a wild slugfest at a downtown variety store in the latest demonstration over segregated lunch counter seating.

Police chief Ed Brown mobilized his entire 250-man force and called in 40 auxiliary officers after what started as a peaceful demonstration exploded into hand-to-hand combat Tuesday.

Swarms of Negro and white youths boiled out into one of the city's main intersections. Police quieted the melee 30 minutes later and arrested 11 white persons and one Negro.

GUARD SCHOOLS

Brown posted guards at all schools today, Negro and white. Managers of four variety stores, possible trouble spots, agreed to close at 3:30 p.m., daily closing time for schools.

Police court hearings were scheduled today for the 12 persons arrested.

It was the third Negro lunch counter demonstration in a Chattanooga variety store in the last five days. The first two were peaceful.

Meanwhile, Negro students resumed non-violent resistance to segregated lunch counters in Virginia and North Carolina.

Police arrested 25 demonstrators—both white and Negro—in North Carolina.

In Richmond, Vt., pickets marched against a department store in defiance of the arrest of 34 Negro students there Monday. Three Negroes were arrested outside the store.

In Greensboro, N.C., where the sitdown demonstrations began Feb. 1, variety store lunch counters were open on the customary segregated basis. No Negro demonstrations were reported.

Fine for driver

Percy R. Cameron of 315 Second Avenue West was fined $10 or in default five days when he pleaded guilty before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite in police court this morning on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a red tail light.

Cameron stated that he had repaired the light on many occasions but it had burned out on February 17 when he was charged.

Fisherman rescues two sons

A Porcher Island fisherman assisted his two sons to safety yesterday when their gillnetter exploded and burned while taking on fuel at Kitkatla, about 25 miles southwest of Prince Rupert Rupert, RCMP reported today.

Henry Vickers, the boat owner, and his sons, Clarence and Terry, both in their early 20's were flown here by Pacific Western Airlines and were treated for superficial burns to face, neck and arm. They were reported in "good condition" in Prince Rupert General Hospital today.

Mr. Vickers told police his boat the Rupert 64, was taking on fuel when one of his sons accidentally turned over the engine and a spark caused an explosion. He pulled both boys from the cabin.

The burning vessel was cut adrift and later beached.

RCMP aboard the police boat "Nanaimo", who were called to the scene yesterday, are still investigating the mishap.

Prince Rupert has now gone 406 days without a fatal traffic accident.

World News Briefs

BONN, Germany—West Germany probably will abandon her plan to set up military supply dumps in Spain because of opposition from some NATO allies, diplomatic sources said today.

The Bonn government has been warned that some allied countries would object to the plan inspired by West Germany's lack of space for rear area dumps of war material and supplies.

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NEW DELHI—Prime Minister Nehru announced today he will meet again with Nikita Khrushchev when the touring Soviet premier, now in Indonesia, stops in Calcutta March 1 on his way home.

Nehru also expressed doubt at a press conference that his proposed meeting with Premier Chou En-lai would bring the border dispute between India and Red China nearer to a solution. He said Chou had not yet replied to his invitation to come to New Delhi in late March.

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BERLIN—Rescue workers groping through shattered shafts today found 21 bodies of the 107 men trapped in a blazing coal mine at Zwickau, East Germany.

Weary rescuers said "there is still hope" for some of the 86 other men trapped by a raging fire in the Karl Marx mine for more than 48 hours. Twenty-one dead were brought up Tuesday night.

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RIO de JANEIRO, Brazil—Brazil's beautiful waterfront capital made ready to welcome president Eisenhower today. He faced a jam-packed schedule including three speeches and more talks with President Kubitschek.

A good share of Rio de Janeiro's 3,000,000 residents were expected to fill the streets of the flag-decked city to greet the president on his arrival from Brazilia, the nation's future capital being built 600 miles to the northwest.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Canadian Red Cross in serious plight

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Canadian Red Cross Society is in a serious financial plight owing to its failure since 1953 to meet campaign objectives, Marshal Stearns, chairman of the Society's central council, said Tuesday.

Mr. Stearns said the 1959 campaign ended $334,519 short of actual operational needs and "our contingency fund, which should never drop below $1,000,000, now is down to $383,000 after making up these needs."

The Red Cross will need $6,350,913 this year, $600,000 more than was raised last year, he said.

Biggest single item on the budget was salaries but "I do not believe we can eliminate one single person from the payroll, nor can we pay any person a salary less than the one we are paying now," he added.

Mr. Stearns was addressing the B.C. division of the society.

Baby bonds legal

VICTORIA—Premier Bennett told a press conference today there is no doubt about the legality of Pacific Great Eastern Railway "baby bonds."

And he added in a press conference, Liberal House Leader George Gregory was just being ridiculous when he questioned them in the legislature last week.

Moran dam

CHILLIWACK — A University of British Columbia professor is still advocating an all-but forgotten suggestion for a dam on the Fraser River at Moran, 170 miles northeast of Vancouver.

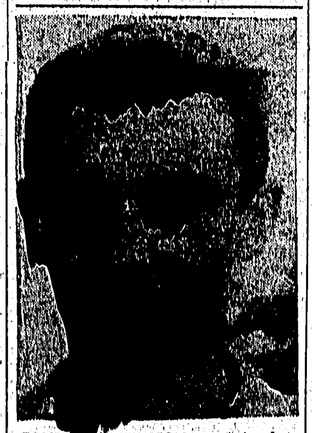
Dr. H. B. Warren, professor of geological engineering, said at the annual meeting of the Chilliwack Board of Trade Monday night "every single engineer I know prefers development of the Moran dam to the Peace or Columbia River projects."

Early taxpayers

VERNON—Property owners in this area are well ahead with tax payments this year, city officials report. A total of $69,000 in taxes has been received to date, compared with $53,000 at the same date last year.

Increase accepted

VANCOUVER—Wage increases ranging from nine to 12 cents an hour have been accepted by 25 employees at MacMillan, Bloedel and Powell River Limited's paper-making plant in Vancouver. The new rates will range from $1.66 to $1.84 an hour. A similar offer was accepted earlier by 400 employees in the Crown Zellerbach plant in Richmond and Martin Paper Products in New Westminster.



LIFE SENTENCE must be served by 15-year-old Steven Murray Truscott, convicted of the rape-slaying of 12-year-old Lynne Harper near the Clinton, Ont. RAOF base June 9, 1959. His death sentence was commuted but an appeal to the Supreme Court against his conviction was denied this morning. —CP photo.

OC of RCMP transferred

Sub-Inspector W. B. Irving, officer commanding the Prince Rupert RCMP subdivision has been notified that he is to be transferred to headquarters of E Division in Victoria, it was announced today.

He will be succeeded here by Sub-Inspector F. L. Jeeves, 51, who is currently serving in Victoria.

Sub-Inspector Jeeves, who joined the British Columbia Provincial Police in 1932 and transferred to the RCMP in 1950, was recently commissioned.

The transfer is expected to take place in about a month's time.

WEATHER—

Mainly clear. Cooler, winds occasionally up to northeast 25. Low tonight and high Thursday 25 and 40.

TIDES—

Thursday, Feb. 25, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	00:28	20.3 feet
	12:28	22.3 feet
Low	06:22	5.4 feet
	18:53	1.8 feet