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KISS FOR ELLEN—Tiny refugee Nevenska Filipovic has a big kiss for Immigration Minister Fairclough as she arrived in Canada with a group of 19 European tubercular families who were admitted to Canada as part of World Refugee program. —CP Wirephoto.

Record B.C. budget expected to exceed $300 million mark

No election plans set for this year

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Bennett said Tuesday he will bring down a record budget for British Columbia next month.

It will be even larger than the $300,000,000 budgeted last year, he said at a press conference.

He also said that no provincial election would be called this year.

"My thought today is toward 1961," he said.

Asked if he feared Social Credit might not be returned to office, he replied: "You never can tell what will happen in an election."

But he added his office was being deluged with letters from people claiming that the longer Social Credit remains in power, the more benefits they receive.

Referring to the record budget, Mr. Bennett said, "It will mark the start of the great 60s. There will be no increase in taxes and no borrowing."

The budget is expected to be brought down about Feb. 12.

The premier said the 1960 legislative session, which opens Jan. 28, will be "a constructive session. . . the best session we have had since we have been the government."

He added it would last about eight weeks and there should be no controversial legislation introduced.

This was taken by some observers to mean the government will not propose further labor legislation.

Premier Bennett referred to a campaign organized by labor against the controversial Trades Union Act brought in at the last session.

"If ever a campaign went sour, it was the campaign of the labor bosses against Bill 43. Those dire things they said we would see, we have not seen."

The premier described as "ridiculous" charges that the government had not handled natural resources properly.

"If there is one thing Social Credit has done well, it is its stewardship of natural resources.

"We have seen that the resources stayed with the people and developed according to our laws, the people getting full rates, full taxes and that no special benefits were granted.

We have increased revenue from resources. . .and are more proud of our handling of resources than that of any other field."

MAY BE PREMIER—Quebec's Provincial Secretary Yves Prevost has been mentioned as probable successor to the late premier Paul Sauve who died January 2 after four months in office. The 51-year-old Quebec lawyer, shown above has been a cabinet member since 1953. Union Nationale party sources said Attorney-General Antoine Rivard, also mentioned as a possible successor, would likely step down to make the choice of the party unanimous. —CP photo.

School board stalls student swim classes

J. M. Phillipson, District Superintendent of Schools, reported to District 52 School Board Tuesday that following a meeting to discuss proposed swim classes between the school principals and a committee from the Civic Centre Association, the following consensus followed:

- Preferred grade for the swimming instructions offered to the schools would be Grade II.
- The preferred months for eight one-hour instruction periods would be between January school opening and Easter holidays.
- Pupils would leave school at 2.30 p.m. and be conveyed by bus to the pool with the instruction period ending at 3.30 p.m.
- That return transportation to school and related responsibilities would be a matter for board consideration. It was considered that there was little need for providing transportation following the classes for children from King Edward school but the meeting was undecided about other students.

Mr. Phillipson informed the board that an hourly rate had been established at the request of W. J. Scott. The Civic Centre delegation set the rates at $30 per hour for 45 students and $40 per hour for groups numbering between 45 and 60.

Questions were raised by the board as to the total cost of the eight one-hour instruction periods and Mr. Phillipson quoted a figure of $1,500 per term as an estimate of the cost of providing the lessons for all Grade II pupils in the School District, estimated at 720.

He told the board that the principals had voiced considerable concern that the swimming classes might encroach on regular instruction time—particularly if they were held in the morning.

The principals also queried teacher responsibility with regard to supervision, and stated that swimming instruction should be a family responsibility.

Chairman W. J. Scott asked that the matter be referred to a special meeting of the board scheduled later this month at which time information could be gathered regarding the reasons for Vancouver and Victoria school boards extending the swimming instructions only to Grade V students.

A question of school board liability in the event of accidents during the instruction periods was raised by William Homenuk and the matter will be investigated before the board makes a decision.

A decision was reached however on the question of continuing rental payments on the band instruments presently being used at Booth Memorial Junior High on a rental contract.

The board agreed to purchase the instruments rather than extend the contract. Total cost is expected to amount to $480, after rentals and discounts have been applied.

The board instructed Mr. Phillipson to proceed with the printing of a folded type of teacher recruitment brochure, limiting the project to 1,000 copies.

WAS 1959 WET?

Old record shattered by 8.5-foot rainfall

Of all the rain that has fallen on Prince Rupert in the past decade, the greatest amount, a whopping 103.7 inches or 8½ feet, fell during 1959 to set a record that is best forgotten. This plus 38.8 inches of snow for a total precipitation of 107.58 inches sets another 10-year record.

If the city's own precipitation gauges had been operating earlier in the year, the picture would have been even soggier. According to Digby Island radio station 15.39 inches of rain fell in the months of December while Prince Rupert's gauges recorded 23.5 inches.

Surely everyone remembers the sweltering day of June 6, 1958 when the mercury soared to an unbelievable (for Prince Rupert) 90 degrees to set a local record.

Who said Prince Rupert's temperature has never dropped below zero? Looking back over the last 10 years we find that on January 1, and January 23, 1950 the mercury plummeted to the astonishing low of minus three degrees.

While the year 1956 saw 67.9 inches of snow fall to top all other snowfalls for the 1950's, the same year was blessed by the greatest amount of bright sunshine, a total of 1,101.77 hours.

Looking at Prince Rupert's temperatures for the year 1959 we find a mean maximum of 62.4 degrees, a mean minimum of 32.2 degrees and a monthly mean of 45.6 degrees. Prince Rupert's total of 860 hours of sunshine only exceeded the 10-year low in 1953 of 744.8 hours by 115.8 hours.

Although city residents do not get as much sunshine as the rest of Canada they can console themselves with the fact that with Prince Rupert's moderate climate the city almost invariably becomes the warmest section of Canada during many parts of the cold winter months. This recently happened on November 15, 1959 when 19 degrees above zero was Prince Rupert's coldest day of the month and yet Canada's warmest.

Skeena pioneer passes

Nelson Brew, 73-year-old Skeena River pioneer, passed away suddenly on January 5 at Haysport where he had been living for more than 45 years.

Mr. Brew came to Canada from Douglas on the Isle of Man in the Irish Sea in 1910 and worked at Haysport, even before the building of the Grande Trunk Railway. He aided in the construction of the Canadian Fishing Company plants at Haysport, Oceanic and Clanton.

In 1914 Mr. Brew joined the Royal Canadian Engineers and served overseas in the First World War. He returned to Canada in 1918 and built a store and post-office at Haysport, which he operated until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife Annie Elizabeth of Haysport, a daughter Mrs. George Cloutier and a grand daughter Vicki Lynn Cloutier of Prince Rupert. A son, Marvin N. Brew of Port Edward and two step-sons, Robert Hatch and William Hatch of Westview. Mr. Brew has one brother, John and three sisters, Edith, Ethel and Evelyn Brew, all in the Isle of Man.

Interment from the Ferguson Funeral Home will be held at Fairview Cemetery at 2:30 Friday. Reverend D. R. Chassels of St. Peters Church will be officiating.

First ships call for grain

A Liberian freighter and a Norwegian ship are the first two vessels to call at the Port of Prince Rupert for grain in the New Year.

The Liberian vessel MV Island Skipper which began loading No. 1 and No. 2 feed barley today, arrived here Sunday night from Yokahama, Japan. She'll take on a full cargo of barley for the United Kingdom.

Also berthed at the Canadian Government elevator is the Norwegian MV Sun Corona which arrived Tuesday, also from Japan. She is still fitting and it is not known when loading will start.

Firemen called

The City's Fire Department was called to 218 Sixth Avenue West at 2:50 p.m. yesterday where an over-heated stove threatened to break into flames. Although no drastic action by firemen had to be taken, our local brigade stood by until the stove cooled down.

World News Briefs

ACCRA, Ghana—Prime Minister Macmillan arrived here today to begin a six-week study tour of Commonwealth nations in Africa. Macmillan, accompanied by his wife, Lady Dorothy, will spend five days in Ghana before flying next Monday to Lagos, capital of Nigeria which becomes independent in October.

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PARIS—President Charles de Gaulle will visit Canada from April 19 to 22 and then will go to the United States "until the end of the same month," it was announced today.

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NAGPUR, India—Sixteen coal miners were drowned at Damua, 120 miles from here, when a mine was suddenly flooded Tuesday afternoon, the colliery proprietors said today.

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LONDON—Reports reaching Polish emigre circles today said Gen. Frey-Bielecki, chief of the Polish Air Force, has fled from Poland to Yugoslavia in a MiG jet. If true, the defection would be one of the most important from the Soviet bloc since the war.

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LOS ANGELES—Carole Tregoff's icy composure melted into tears as a jury viewed the scene where, prosecutors say, she and Dr. R. Bernard Finch murdered his wife.

While his former receptionist and admitted mistress wept, the surgeon maintained the professional calm he has shown since his trial started Monday.

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BERLIN — The anti-semitic campaign engulfing the Western world spread to ships at sea today as "Heil Hitler—Juden raus" crackled over the European Radio Service emergency channel.

An anonymous caller station in northern Germany asked the caller to identify himself but he failed to respond.

Verigin denies charges

OTTAWA (CP)—John Verigin denied Tuesday night that the reunion he is trying to arrange with his mother in a manoeuvre in Doukhobor politics.

"It is strictly a personal matter between mother and son," he said of moves to have his mother, Anna Markova, admitted to Canada from Russia.

Mrs. Markova is the granddaughter of Peter (The Lordly) Verigin, an early leader of the Doukhobor religious sect, and there has been speculation her presence in Canada would be used to help establish John Verigin as the sect's spiritual head.

Recognition of John Verigin, it is said, would give the orthodox Doukhobors in British Columbia ammunition to overthrow the leadership of the fanatical Sons of Freedom wing, associated with a long history of bombings, burnings and nude parades.

"Mrs. Markova is my mother," Mr. Verigin said in an interview. "She lost her only other son, my stepbrother, during the war. As a result she is alone and I have been trying to arrange for her to come over so she can spend her declining years in Canada.

"The report that she has anything to do or intends to have anything to do with Doukhobor problems is completely erroneous and without any foundation."

B.C. ROUNDUP

Northern mayor begins by laying down rules

PRINCE GEORGE—Mayor Garvin Dezell laid down the law to his council Tuesday.

In his inaugural address he said he will enforce the provisions of section 125 of the Municipal Act and declare the seat of any alderman who misses three consecutive meetings vacant and call a byelection.

The man who defeated fiery mayor Mrs. Carrie Jane Gray in recent elections also said:

"I expect each of you to do your utmost to further our interests and act in a manner that will make us a potent body in the councils of the Union of British Columbia municipalities and all levels of government in Canada."

$35,000 off quota

VANCOUVER — The British Columbia Tuberculosis Society's province-wide fund-raising drive has reached $225,000, $35,000 short of its quota.

Nechako floods

VANDERHOOF—Rising waters of the Nechako River, caused by an ice block a mile downstream from this village, 60 miles west of Prince George, have forced at least two families to leave their homes.

At the request of worried officials the Aluminum Company of Canada closed spillway gates at the Kenny Dam near Kemano Saturday.

It was estimated that the effects of the closure would be felt here within three days but the waters were still rising Tuesday.

Tourist promotion

KAMLOOPS—John Fisher, executive-director of the Canadian Tourist Association, will be guest speaker at an annual dinner meeting of the Kamloops Board of Trade Jan. 25.

Poor support

NANAIMO — Sport promoter Frank Crane told a Lions Club meeting junior hockey has received poor support from city council. He said the mayor has done nothing for the game except "face off the puck."

$500 bail for possession

Bail of $500 was set for R. C. Gilfoy of 530 Eighth Avenue West who was charged with possession of stolen goods.

Prince Rupert RCMP charged Gilfoy with possession of fishing gurdies and he was arrested by Prince Albert police and returned to Prince Rupert for trial.

His case was adjourned until January 14.

$8,000 in fines

KELOWNA—A total of $8,200 was paid in fines by 3,212 motorists during 1959.

Stolen pipe returned 'anonymously'

The Daily News was notified today by R. D. Thompson, office manager of Filbey's Plumbing and Heating Co., that all or most of the 1,000 feet of copper tubing reported stolen from the Prince Rupert Senior High School has been "anonymously" returned.

The piping, valued at $1,500 disappeared sometime prior to December 24 from a storage building on the grounds.

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HIGHWAY RINK—Mild weather and rain during the Christmas holiday turned provincial roads into skaters' dreams and motorists' nightmares. Three boys are shown skating on a main highway just north of Winnipeg. —CP photo.

Air crash death toll set at 34

BOLIVIA, N.C. (AP)—A National Airlines plane with 34 persons aboard crashed in woods near here today.

The North Carolina highway patrol said it thought there were no survivors.

Seven bodies had been recovered.

The patrol said the big ship burst above the ground 2½ miles southwest of Bolivia, a village 25 miles southwest of Wilmington.

Doyle Howard, a reporter from the Wilmington News, said it appeared the plane had exploded in the air.

Debris was scattered over a half-mile radius on a farm in the swampy, wooded area.

There was no sign of fire after the plane struck, Howard said.

He said the largest part of the plane he saw was a wing and half the fuselage "all ripped to pieces."

The scene is 12 miles from the Atlantic coastline.

The plane, carrying a crew of five and 29 passengers, was on a non-stop flight from New York to Miami.

Prince Rupert has now gone 355 days without a fatal traffic accident.

$1 from public

VANCOUVER—A fund-raising drive to aid a 75-year-old widow and her paraplegic son whose home was damaged by fire has received only $1 in public donations. The Vancouver Horticultural Society, of which they were members, gave $202.

WEATHER—

Rain overnight decreasing to showers Thursday afternoon. Little change in temperature. Winds southeast 30 tonight shifting to westerly 25 around noon Thursday. Low tonight and high Thursday 35 and 42.

TIDES—

Thursday, Jan. 7, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	08:30	18.9 feet
	21:24	16.0 feet
Low	01:50	3.6 feet
	15:15	7.5 feet