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Plan new ministry of forests to spur national development

Williston flares up over bribes

VANCOUVER (CP) — Tempers flared Wednesday and an enraged provincial cabinet minister offered to give up his portfolio if it could be shown he had "made as much as 50 cents in the way of a bribe."

It added up to a lively day at the opening sessions of the three-day truck loggers convention—highlighted when an angry Forests Minister Ray Williston flung aside a prepared speech to answer charges that "money talks" in the operation of his department.

The allegation of bribery was laid before 1,200 delegates and guests of Gordon Gibson, former Liberal member of the legislature, in an attack on tree farm licences.

NEVER BRIBED

After hearing the charges, Mr. Williston, almost incoherent with anger, told the loggers he had never been offered a bribe since taking office.

"If anybody, anywhere, can show where I, since 1956, have made as much as 50 cents in the way of a bribe, a handling, a recommendation or anything else in the administration of my office, then I'll walk out of my office tomorrow."

Referring to Mr. Gibson's charges of a "one-man government" in Victoria, the minister said he had never been "pressured" by any members of the cabinet concerning his department.

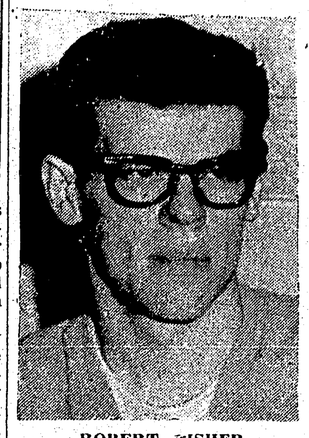
Mr. Gibson earlier said the whole system of forest management licences must be abolished if the small logger is to survive. Those who hold licences are "not playing the game fair" and "over-ambitious government leaders . . . elected to look after our rights instead are selling us down the river."

MADE MILLIONS

He said most forest management licences have been sold since the first holders got them and millions of dollars have been made tax free. "Money still is talking today."

During a debate on the government's Trades Union Act—originally known as bill 43—Gordon Dowding, CCF member of the legislature for Burnaby, and Pat O'Neal, secretary of the B.C. Federation of Labor, CLC agreed the bill was "ill-conceived, introduced in a panic with no real consideration for the real cause of breakdowns in industrial relations."

In opposition, Richard A. Mahoney, a management research expert, and lawyer John H. Bourne contended it was fair legislation aimed at making unions responsible for their actions.



ROBERT FISHER . . . joins pool staff.

LIS PEDERSEN . . . to be volunteer.

Swim staff re-shuffle saves $3,000 annually

In a staff re-arrangement that will save the Civic Centre swimming pool $3,000 a year, the appointment of Robert Fisher of Ocean Falls to the pool personnel was announced today by Civic Centre manager Jacob Vandenbrink.

Mr. Fisher, 20, and onetime holder of several Canadian swimming records, replaces Lis Pedersen, former assistant swim supervisor and Norman Scherk, janitor and maintenance man.

He will divide his time between being an assistant to pool swimming supervisor Ronald Gilchrist and doing janitorial and maintenance work at the pool.

To help effect the financial saving at the pool, Mr. Gilchrist will also assist on the janitorial and maintenance end of the pool operation.

Miss Pedersen has agreed to serve at the swimming pool on a volunteer basis and will instruct synchronized swimming classes.

A brother to Mrs. Gilchrist, the former Lenore Fisher and onetime Canadian champion and Olympics and British Empire games competitor, Mr. Fisher swam in his first Canadian championships at 15. He has held numerous Canadian records over the past few years, most of which have since been surpassed.

Last year Mr. Fisher was a major factor in helping the Ocean Falls swim team sweep the British Columbia swimming championships.

Mr. Gilchrist said that he and Mr. Fisher plan to hold local indoor swimming meets as soon as they can possibly arrange them.

He said that it is also planned to bring up an Ocean Falls swimming team for a combined exhibition of swimming and a competitive meet.

The pool supervisor said that already has has seven local aquatic hopefuls lined up to provide competition against outsiders in future years.

Gunfighter mentally ill

WILLIAMS LAKE, B.C. (CP)—A 32-year-old man who fought a gun battle last Sunday with RCMP in this Cariboo district community has been certified mentally ill and committed to a mental hospital.

Magistrate C. H. Poston made the committal Tuesday after two doctors testified about the man's condition. RCMP said he comes from the Prince George district north of here.

He was arrested after firing a rifle at cars on a nearby highway and then battling with police in the railway yards here. He was the only one injured, suffering a slight head wound during the battle.

Jaycees seeking totem pole

Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce is looking for a six-foot totem.

The totem could be the local organizations contribution to an International Art Centre, recently established by the Junior Chamber International at Nathanya, Israel, and dedicated by the Queen Mother of Belgium a short time ago.

The Art Centre currently has on display a French-Canadian wood carving, and the Prince Rupert organization doesn't want to be outdone.

Because of space restrictions, a full-scale totem would be impractical, but an authentic model, about six-feet tall would fill the bill.

Anyone knowing where such a totem might be obtained is asked to get in touch with Prince Rupert Junior Chamber International Relations Committee chairman Wilfred Valpy at 2064.

Driver escapes auto plunge

A Prince George tobacco salesman, William Savage, managed to escape from his car uninjured when his vehicle left the road on Highway 16 and went into the Skeena River.

The accident occurred about two miles east of Tyee or 25 miles northeast of Prince Rupert near the Northern British Columbia Power Company towers and the car was recovered by Shell Sunset Service.

Mr. Savage was enroute to Prince Rupert.

Federal franchise promised Indians

OTTAWA (CP)—Plans to create a new ministry of forests to help spur national development, and extension of the federal franchise to Indians highlight the government's legislative program planned disclosed today at the new session of parliament.

The program, announced in the speech from the Throne, also signalled further steps in northern development with an increase in responsibility for the territorial councils and new gas and oil regulations to encourage ownership of these far-north resources.

Federal participation in the Trans-Canada Highway program, lagging in some provinces, will be extended beyond the present cut-off date of next December 31.

OTTAWA (CP) —Appointment to the Senate of Mrs. Olive L. Irvine of Holland, Man., the Upper Chamber's sixth woman, and Frederick Murray Blois of Gore, N.S., former Conservative leader in the Nova Scotia legislature, was announced today by Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

For old age pensioners and recipients of veteran's allowances living outside Canada, the government plans to ease the present restriction which, in the case of pensioners, requires them to live in Canada six months of the year to collect allowances.

There were few surprises in the government-written Throne speech. Prime Minister Diefenbaker's proposed bill of right will be introduced again. Last session he promised there would be a special Senate-Commons committee this session to study it.

West German air force buys jets

BONN (Reuters)—The West German Bundestag (lower house) budget committee approved Wednesday a plan to equip the West German Air Force with 630 Lockheed F-104 Starfighters and 200 Italian Fiat G-91 fighter-bombers. The defence committee plan approved by the budget panel provides for 364 more Starfighters than was originally planned, one-third of which are to be built jointly by Canada, The Netherlands, Belgium and West Germany.

The parliamentary budget committee complained about the high cost of maintaining the east Nazi war prisoners, Rudolf Hess, Albert Speer and Baldur Von Shirach in Spandau jail. It asked the city government to persuade the United States, Britain, France and Russia—which supply the Spandau guard troops—to transfer the three prisoners elsewhere.

Prince Rupert has now gone **ONE YEAR** without a fatal traffic accident.

Liquor Act for Eskimos upheld

OTTAWA (CP)—The Northwest Territories council, meeting in committee, has upheld approval in principle of a bill that would spell out Eskimo liquor rights. Second reading was withheld pending clarification of some points by the territorial administration.

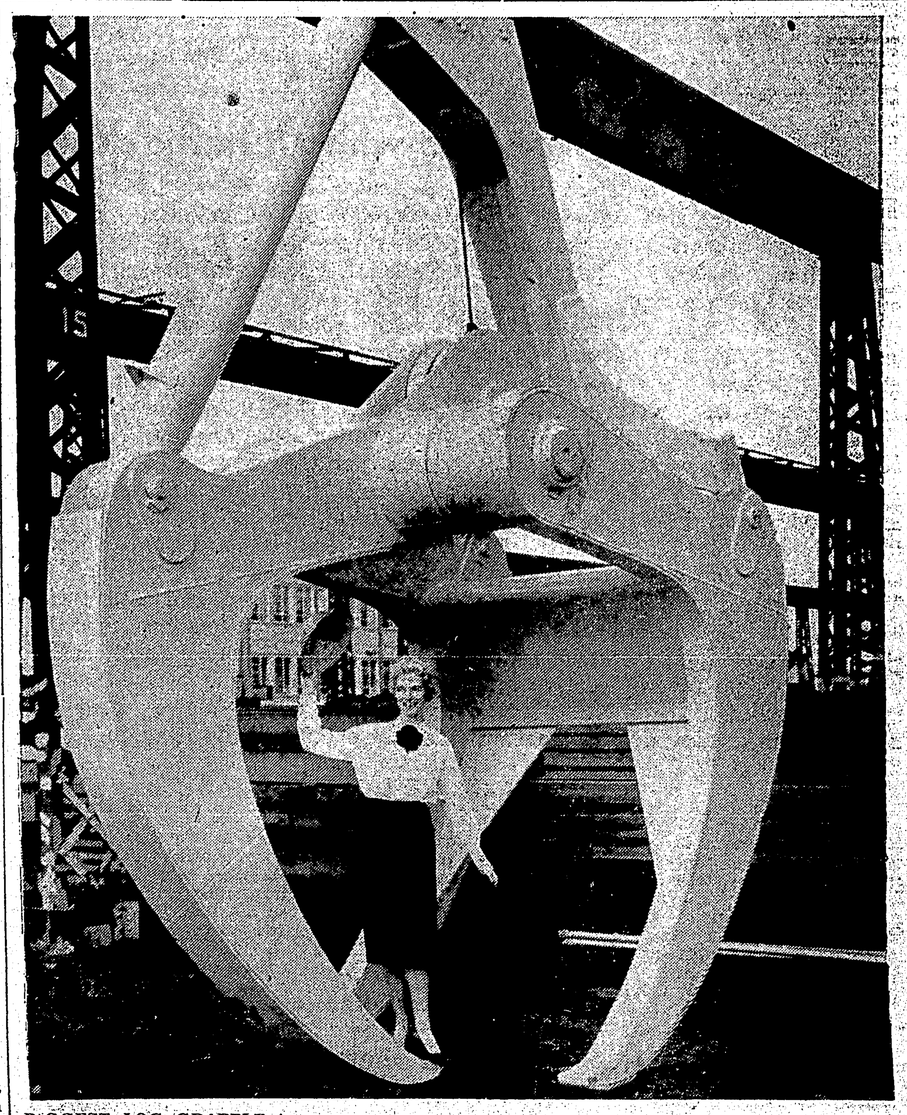
However, the committee Wednesday approved a number of amendments to the territories liquor ordinance embodied in the bill. And the administration was expected to supply the requested clarification shortly.

One effect of the bill would be to lift a regulation that Eskimos in the Territories may drink liquor only on licensed premises. The amended statute would accord them the same privileges held by whites.

Legal authorities have said Eskimos actually have been enjoying those privileges since a court ruling some time ago that they could not be denied to the natives. A proclamation issued last November freed Indians from similar restrictions.

The bill would authorize several types of liquor licences including a special licence for companies with projects at locations remote from a liquor store.

In other debate, Robert Porritt, representative of Mackenzie South, accused the northern affairs department of neglecting and discriminating against the town of Hay River on Great Slave Lake.



BIGGEST LOG GRAPPLE in the world dwarfs secretary Mary Stien of Vancouver as she stands between the giant jaws that will grasp 6,000 board feet of timber at a lift. It is one of several pieces of equipment assembled in Vancouver for display during the Truck Loggers' Convention. —CP photo.

Gaglardi followed legal advice

VANCOUVER (CP) — Affidavits filed in Supreme Court here state that British Columbia Highways Minister P. A. Gaglardi followed advice from the attorney-general's department when he paid out money to a contractor contrary to a court order.

The affidavits, sworn by Neil McDiarmid, a solicitor for the attorney - general, and Alan Rhodes, highways department comptroller, were filed in connection with an application to jail the highways minister for contempt of court.

In dispute is the highways department's payment of $75,696 to Union Contractors Ltd. for work on a Trans-Canada Highway project near Revelstoke, B.C.

Mr. Justice T. G. Norris of the Supreme Court ordered that the money should go to a trust company to satisfy Union's creditors. The application for Mr. Gaglardi's committal is being made by Vancouver lawyer K. E. Meredith on behalf of the creditors.

Mr. McDiarmid said in his affidavit he advised Rhodes that Mr. Gaglardi was not bound to any action by Mr. Justice Norris' order.

Nature on rampage with blizzards, quakes, storms

By The Canadian Press

Nature went on the rampage Wednesday, with blizzards in the Netherlands, earthquakes in Japan and Peru and a continuing winter storm in Ontario.

In the Netherlands, a dike burst during a blizzard forcing the evacuation of all 15,000 citizens of an Amsterdam suburb.

Every available navy and civilian vessel raced into the flooded Tuindorp Costzaan district and snatched men, women and children from the top floors of their almost-submerged homes.

The area is reclaimed land lying several feet below a canal leading to the North Sea. Officials said at noon today the breach in the dike was 33 yards wide and still growing.

Supplies and other aid were rushed today to Arequipa, victim of Peru's second severe earthquake in less than a month.

At least 63 persons were reported killed and 200 injured in the south Peruvian city. Communications with this capital were broken and officials said the toll might be much higher.

Five planeloads of medical supplies were loaded. President Manuel Prado and Premier Pedro Beltran planned to accompany one of the planes.

Many of Arequipa's 80,000 residents slept in the streets following the last of three tremors Wednesday that levelled houses and stores and knocked over telephone poles.

About 60 per cent of the city and its suburbs was reported destroyed or badly damaged.

A heavy earthquake shook Japan Wednesday night but there were no reports of damage or casualties.

Office buildings in Tokyo swayed violently and wooden buildings shuddered from the jolt of the quake, which was centred at Edosaki, a small town 30 miles northeast of this capital.

The Tokyo meteorological agency said the tremors began at 7:26 p.m. local time and were recorded on instruments for 15 minutes.

Thousands of Tokyo residents fled into the streets from their homes in panic.

Storm-battered Southern Ontario, still trying to break out of a layer of ice, faced another destructive threat of freezing rain today.

Already the victim of two such storms, the province was warned to expect its next freezing downpour tonight and Friday.

Hydro crews were working meanwhile to restore power to thousands of homes cut off in Tuesday night's storm.

A third storm—the first was Dec. 28—could have a disastrous effect on power and communication lines, already strained to the breaking point.

The Tuesday night storm toppled trees and hydro lines. Telephone communications and power were disrupted in many communities and nightmarish road conditions confronted motorists.

Customs collections show increase in 1959

The total of duty, taxes, and other levies collected in Prince Rupert for the year 1959 exceedes the 1958 figure by $58,687, statistics compiled by the Department of Customs revealed.

The department realized a revenue of $416,756.07 during 1959 with the month of October contributing the greatest amount, $51,073, an increase of $4,303 over the same month in 1958. October 1958 was the largest collector of revenues for that year also.

Following closely behind October, June revenues amounted to $50,468.

The largest increase in 1959 as compared with 1958 is the month of April which increased approximately 62.5 per cent.

April '58 brought in a revenue of $17,315 while 1959 saw a total April income of $45,055.

The greatest monthly loss was recorded in September, as 1958 compiled $40,259 compared to September this year with a total of $27,068.

Other collections for 1959 are as follows: January $26,061; February $44,850; March $30,308; May $26,401; July $29,681; August $40,970; November $22,165; December $19,040.

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Hospital patient days increased by birth rate

Abundance of babies last year caused a slightly busier year at Prince Rupert General Hospital than 1958, but only in the maternity ward, hospital administrator Edward H. Knight reported today.

Mr. Knight said that a total of 550 babies had been born in the hospital in 1959 compared to 507 the previous year.

For that reason newborn patients days were up last year at 3,034 days compared to 2,871 newborn patient days in 1958.

Occupancy rate for adults and children last year totalled 30,749, a drop of 1,814 patients days from the 32,563 in 1958.

There were 3,662 adults and children admitted to the hospital in 1959 compared to 3,731 the previous year.

Part of the drop in the occupancy rate was caused by a shortage of nurses and temporary closure of a portion of the third floor in mid-summer. The closure did not affect the entry of emergency and urgent cases but delayed admission of some non-urgent cases.

The hospital, with its 100 beds, is now fully staffed with 41 nurses.

FULL-SCALE COUNCIL CALLED BY COAST-INTERIOR TRIBES

CHILLIWACK (CP)—British Columbia's Coast and Interior Indians plan to hold their first-ever full-scale conference here February 5, Henry Castillou, legal advisor for Interior tribes, said Wednesday.

Mr. Castillou said the Coast Indians will be asked to ratify contents of a brief drawn up and approved by Interior Indians and now in the hands of the parliamentary and Senate committees on Indians affairs.

The case for the Indians will be presented in Ottawa in March. Among the spokesmen will be George Manuel of Kamloops.

The parliamentary brief asks the federal government for increased aid in housing and health and requests a separate act to cover B.C. Indians.

The February 5 meeting will be a traditional Indian affair. Chairman will be Oscar D. Peters of Hope and vice-chairman, Chief Genevieve Mussell of Chilliwack, a former resident of Prince Rupert.

Fatality-free driving year now recorded

Prince Rupert drivers can look back with pride on their driving achievements after having completed one full year without a fatal traffic accident.

It was exactly one year ago today when George Thomas Kustas of 930 Third Avenue West was in collision with a delivery truck and later in hospital died as a result of the accident.

Perhaps it was more luck than driving skill that Rupert has avoided any serious mishaps, but with the slippery conditions lately it is a much more careful Prince Rupert motorist who makes a journey, and for that he is to be congratulated.

However, Prince Rupert motorists, we have it on record that you can drive fatality-free for one year and whether it was luck or merit, let's put forth an effort to make it two years.

WEATHER—

Colder tonight. Winds southwest 15 occasionally westerly 25 over open waters. Low tonight and high Friday at Prince Rupert 32 and 40.

TIDES—

Friday, Jan. 15, 1960 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	02:28	19.0 feet
	14:12	21.4 feet
Low	08:14	7.7 feet
	20:42	2.9 feet