B.C. ROUNDUP

Apology given Beecham for newsman's action

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Province today apologized to Sir Thomas Beecham for remarks made to him Monday night by entertainment editor Les Wedman.

Mr. Wedman travelled on the same train as Sir Thomas and Lady Beecham from Seattle to Vancouver. He and the famed British musician had words over an interview Mr. Wedman believed had been arranged and which was not granted.

It concluded with Mr. Wedman telling Sir Thomas to "go to hell." Sir Thomas told Mr. Wedman he could "go there too."

The Province's story, signed by publisher F. S. Auger, says:

"It has been brought to my attention that a reporter for this newspaper who sought to interview Sir Thomas Beecham upon his arrival in Vancouver was offensively rude to this gentleman when his efforts to gain an interview were unsuccessful.

"I would like Sir Thomas to know that we do not condone such conduct on the part of our employees and, inasmuch as the instance has been given some publicity, not in this newspaper, we wish to publicly apologize to him for this display of bad manners."

Back to prison

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—A 32-year-old man who has spent more than 10 years in various prisons pleaded guilty here Tuesday to nine counts of forgery and a charge of false pretences.

Kenneth Raymond Fahrer was sentenced to a total of three years on all counts to run concurrently with a three-year term imposed recently at Quesnel for breaking and entering.

Reserve extended

VICTORIA (CP)—The provincial cabinet Monday passed an order-in-council to extend a 1954 reserve on the shores of Upper Arrow Lake and the Columbia river.

The order, which reserved land below the 1,400-foot level, also approved a new reserve covering all the watershed of the Duncan river, at the north end of Kootenay lake.

The moves were taken as first tentative steps in preparation for the projected hydro-power development of the Columbia river.

Budget approved

SALMON ARM (CP) — School board has approved a record budget of $828,343 for 1960. Largest item is $510,624 for teachers' salaries, up $70,481 from last year.

Annual overhaul

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Canadian Pacific's ferry Princess of Vancouver will be withdrawn from service for annual overhaul March 7 and all 5:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. sailing from Vancouver, along with the 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. sailings from Nanaimo will be cancelled until the Vancouver resumes service with the 8:30 p.m. sailing March 11.

Plans win praise

LANGLEY (CP) — A retarded children's school designed by local poultry farmer Bill Barkhausen, may be used by the provincial education department as a model for other schools. Plans won high praise from Victoria and the school will be built here if voters approved a money by-law now being prepared.

Record budget

NANAIMO (CP)—A record civic budget will be brought down within a month, finance committee chairman Ald. Halg Burns told council. It will exceed $2,000,000.

Belt saves life

VANCOUVER (CP)—Mrs. Florence Colquhoun, 74, told an inquest Tuesday that safety belt saved her life. She was a passenger in a car driven by Joseph Paull, 84, who died in the accident. The driver's side of the car had no safety belt.

Report refused

VANCOUVER (CP) — Deputy Chief Gordon Ambrose said Tuesday a man who claimed that a Vancouver jukebox distributor is operating in "American gangster style" has refused to make a report to city police. John Nagel told city council last month he had been threatened with violence if he did not sign a contract for a jukebox.

May take action

VICTORIA (CP)—Saanich school board may take legal action against the person responsible for distributing circulars urging ratepayers to vote against a $810,000 bylaw which was defeated at the polls Saturday. It is an offence under the Elections Act to circulate literature on voting day or 24 hours prior to it.

Fan fined $250

VICTORIA (CP)—Jack Jung was fined $250 Tuesday after he pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a gaming house. Charles Lore, who was also charged with operating a gaming house, pleaded not guilty.

RICHARD BURTON, a Welshman with an international sense of humor and experienced acting gifts returned to Hollywood after a three-year absense to star in Warner Bros.' "The Bramble Bush" with Angie Dickinson, Barbara Rush and Jack Carson. Burton and Miss Dickinson are shown in scene from the film in which the Welshman plays the part of an American.

MOVIE COLUMN

Famed Mexican comic in new Columbia epic

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — The matador was resplendent in his brocaded costume—athletic-looking, a handsome figure except for two features:

1. An outrageous mustache dropped over the corners of his mouth.

2. His pants hung perilously on his hips.

As any Latin-American could tell you, these are the trade marks of the great Mexican comic Cantinflas, and they are being employed for the first time by a Hollywood studio. He has made only one non-Mexican film, "Around the World in 80 Days," produced by the late Mike Todd.

The new film is an all-star Columbia epic called "Pepe." Cantinflas was being directed by George Sidney in a bullfight fantasy against a plain backdrop. Later cartoon figures will be drawn in.

HARD TO GET STORIES

Asked why he had taken so long to tie with Hollywood, Cantinflas replied:

"Stories. It is very hard for me to get the right stories. That is why I make only one picture a year in Mexico. What I do is limited, and I have a whole crew of writers working all the time. I had a deal to make a picture for RKO a long time ago—maybe 15 years. But they assigned the wrong writer to the story."

Cantinflas has long controlled his own films and is one of the richest men in the hemisphere.

Besides one film of his own a year, Cantinflas said he helps supervise eight or nine others for his Posa Films. He still does a half-dozen bullfights annually. A Cantinflas bullfight is a rare exhibit of comedy and daring.

"I'm still scared to death when I do the bull fight," he said. "Bull fighting is the most dangerous profession in the world. You can never tell what the bull is going to do."

Names in the News

BRUSSELS — **Vladimir Nabokov's** controversial novel **"Lolita"** has been banned from Belgium. The book is on a list of 125 publications banned by a royal decree Tuesday night. The decree is based on a 1936 law empowering the government to bar "obscene foreign publications" from Belgium.

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NAIROBI, Kenya—**Peter Harold Richard Poole,** the first European in Kenya convicted by an all-white jury for the murder of an African, Tuesday lodged an appeal against the death sentence with the East African court of appeal. He was convicted last December of shooting an African houseboy.

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EDMONTON — "The federal government should get off its fanny and do something about the coal industry," **Highways Minister Gordon Taylor** told the legislature Tuesday. He said all the Canadian coal industry wants is an opportunity to compete with coal shipped in from the United States.

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LONDON—**Lord Maugham,** 43-year-old nephew of novelist **Somerset Maugham,** was injured in Tuesday's quake at Agadir, Morocco. Lord Maugham, who writes under the name **Robin Maugham,** was reported in hospital in Casablanca. His injuries were not serious.

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OTTAWA—**The Canadian Labor Congress** today called on the federal government to bar racial or other discrimination in the sale or rental of any property built with National Housing Act assistance. A brief from the CLC's human rights committee was submitted to **Works Minister Walker,** who administers the housing act.

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TORONTO—**Mrs. Dagmar Le Hinch,** Toronto musician, dancer and dramatist, died here Tuesday. Mrs. Hinch won the Ontario Drama Festival award as the best actress in 1947, playing the role of Nellie Fell in "The Torch Bearers" when she was nearly blind.

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HILLSIDE, N.J. — The thief who stole a talking Mynah bird from **Arthur Brittman's** pet shop Tuesday probably regrets it by now.

The bird can only say:

"Hello. You are a very bad boy."

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REGINA — **John Thiessen** (CCF—Shelbrook) was cheered from the Opposition benches Tuesday when he told the legislature his younger brother would be running in the expected spring election—as a Liberal. "He is smarter than you," said **J. W. Gardiner** (L—Melville.)

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WASHINGTON — Communist China's growing economic strength may set off "an important power shift" in Asia and the Far East in about 10 years, **James W. Riddleberger,** director of the international co-operation administration, told the House of Representatives foreign affairs committee Tuesday.

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HONOLULU — The Chinese Communists are operating submarines in the Pacific, the U.S. Navy's top authority on hunting the undersea craft said Tuesday. **Vice-Admiral John Thach** told a press conference there are more than 100 Communist submarines in the Pacific, of which 20 are Chinese and the balance Russian.

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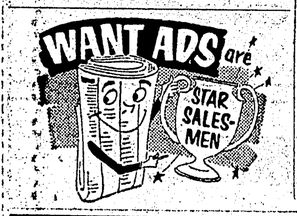

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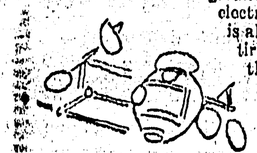

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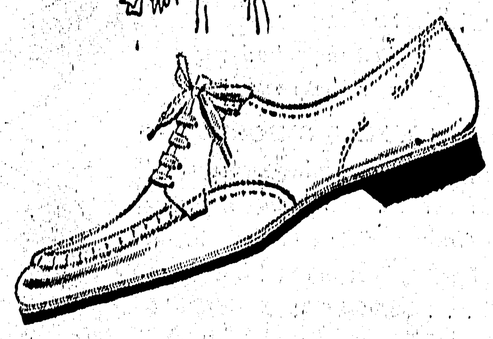

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