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HIT OF THE SHOW — Three-year-old Tona Blain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emile Blain, of 715 Fifth Avenue West receives a helping hand from six-year-old Henry Montesano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Montesano, of 210 Sixth Avenue East Wednesday night on stage of the Annunciation auditorium, during a Jubilee Children's Fashion show staged by the Catholic Women's League. See story, other pictures on Page 4. —Staff photo by Ken Specht.

Premier says work will start on new rail line by June 30

Asserts Rail Act by-passes hearing

VANCOUVER (CP)—Premier Bennett said today he is fully confident that construction of the Pacific Northern Railway, north of Prince George, will be started before the end of June.

The premier, just back from a trip to London, New York and Montreal, said at Vancouver airport this morningj, that thouusands of dollars already have been spent on surveys and other work.

The premier said postponement of a scheduled Public Utilities Commission hearing of the PNR's application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity in no way affects his belief that work will start on the railway before the end of June.

He did not indicate what sort of work this would be.

When asked if the $250,000,000 railway, with its 700-mile line from the Pacific Great Eastern Railway at Prince George to the B.C.-Yukon border, could be started without the hearing, the premier said:

"Construction will be carried out before the end of June under the provisions of the Railway Act. A copy of this Act and its terms are available to anyone who wishes it."

When pressed by newspapermen on whether the Act allows construction without a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the premier replied:

"It's all in the Act. It was passed before we came to power."

"I have never talked about the railway going to Alaska," Mr. Bennett said, when questioned about a preliminary report of the Alaska International Railway and Highway Commission which indicated the commission could see no possibility of a railroad to Alaska beginning to pay for itself in the next 20 years.

No date was announced yesterday for new hearings by the PUC. They will not be held before the end of June, which was the deadline the company had set for starting construction on its proposed railway line to the Yukon.

Since at least three weeks must elapse before the hearings can go on, they cannot be held this month.

However, government officials have said that they believe the railway company has satisfied its commitments up to the present and might not have to fulfill the letter of agreements signed between the government and the interests of Swedish financier Axel Wenner-Gren three years ago.

Those agreements called for a start on construction of the rail line by the end of this month.

Alaska group says railway not feasible

VANCOUVER (CP)—A United States government commission is reported to have said a railway connecting Alaska with the rest of the U.S. cannot possibly pay for itself within the next 20 years.

The Alaska International Rail and Highway Commission, formed two years ago under executive director Carl L. Junge, of Washington, D.C., issued a preliminary report this week.

Main points in its findings were outlined today in a letter to The Sun by Claire O. Banks, manager of the Greater Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, which received a copy of the report.

Mr. Banks said there would be great interest by Alaskans in a railway from British Columbia to the Alaskan border, but the preliminary report indicated the commission "can see no possibility of a railroad to Alaska beginning to pay for itself within the next 20 years."

Mr. Banks' remarks to the newspaper were made in relation to possibilities of extending the proposed Pacific Northern Railway, which would run north from Prince George, through the Yukon to the Alaskan border.

Mr. Banks' letter said: "Our present transportation lines to and from the south 48 states are suffering because of no haulback from Alaska to other major markets."

"Transport charges are extremely high," he added, "and thus tend to prevent further development in this area."

Meanwhile in Victoria CCF leader Robert Strachan said Thursday a socialist government in B.C. would see federal aid from the Canadian and United States government in building a northern railway to Alaska.

The opposition leader said such a railway would link with the Pacific Great Eastern Railway or the Canadian National Railways line in north-central B.C., "whichever route proved to be the most feasible and economical."

WEIGHTED DOWN with 150,000 pounds of halibut is the Silver Bounty shown above at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's Fairview floats. The 72-foot vessel had just returned from the Bering Sea after unloading 29,000 pounds at Sand Point, Alaska. Total poundage of 179,000 pounds set a new Pacific coast record. —Staff photo by Ken Specht.

U.S. Seventh fleet keeps vigil to meet Communist show of force

MANILA (AP)—The giant U.S. Seventh Fleet kept an unflagging vigil today, ready to meet any Chinese Communist show of force as President Eisenhower steamed north toward the Nationalist Chinese island fortress of Formosa.

Vice-Admiral Charles D. Griffin, commander of the fleet guarding Eisenhower, told reporters the Chinese Reds "might well do something" in an attempt to further mar the president's Asian tour, already blighted by cancellation of his visit to Japan.

Griffin conceded there was no evidence so far of any unusual preparations for Communist mischief-making. But he added:

"We are ready and we would contemplate that the Chinese Communists might well do something. It is for this reason we have our fleet deployed this way."

Eisenhower relaxed aboard the heavy cruiser St. Paul, flagship of the fleet after his warm reception in the Philippines. He looked weary and grim as he boarded the cruiser in Manila Bay late Thursday night. It was no secret that he was unhappy that he was not going to Japan.

Court quashes appeal by AG

An appeal by the Attorney General against the Order of Magistrate A. C. L. Adams made at Cassiar on March 9 dismissing a charge against Donato Demitri, shift boss of Cassiar Asbestos Corporation, for failing to ensure safety measures for a person working on a stockpile, was dismissed by Judge W. A. Schultz in County Court Tuesday.

The charge followed the February 14 death of Mario Giacobbo, one of two employees working without safety equipment on a stock pile in the dry rock storage building of the company, when a slide occurred which buried the victim.

Provision of the "Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act" requires a person working on any stockpile when the material may move by gravity to wear a life belt and line.

The appeal involved the interpretation of provisions of the Act and the responsibility of the accused as shift boss under the Act.

J. T. Harvey was counsel for the Attorney General and J. A. Bourne of Vancouver, counsel for the respondent.

Prince Rupert has now gone 520 days without a fatal traffic accident.

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Many attend A. E. Dickens funeral rites

A large crowd of relatives and friends gathered at Ferguson Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon to pay their final respects to longtime city resident Albert Edward Dickens who died June 12, at the age of 83.

The Very Rev. G. T. Pattison, Dean of Caledonia officiated at the service for the former Canadian National Railways worker. During the service the hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me" were sung.

A veteran of the First World War, Mr. Dickens was accorded Canadian Legion rites at the graveside in the Canadian Legion plot at Fairview cemetery.

J. R. McCorkindale, president of Canadian Legion Branch 27 conducted the veteran association's rites and Bugler W. D. Smith played "The Last Post." G. N. Lemire handled the raising and lowering of the flag.

Active pallbearers were S. L. Veitch, William H. Murray, W. H. Brett, Otto Olson, Alec McKinnon and C. F. Buckley.

Honorary pallbearers were Herbert Morgan, Victor Lewis, S. E. Alexander, Gunnard Anderson, George J. Dawes and William Barton.

Kitwanga man dies at sea

RCMP today reported that Jacob Iverson of Kitwanga, died early this morning aboard the halibut fishing vessel, Gony, off the west coast of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The body is being brought into town by another halibut boat, and police said that he died of natural causes.

Iverson is survived by a stepson, E. L. Lindseth, 245 Sixth Avenue East.

One boat lands 17,000 pounds

One vessel, the Z Bros. landed 17,000 pounds of halibut in Prince Rupert today and sold its catch on the exchange while the Strafen has hailed its intention of landing Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's plant with 5,000 pounds of halibut.

The Z Bros had 10,000 medium which sold at 14 cents; 1,000 chix at 9, and 6,000 large at 15 cents to Atlin Fisheries Ltd.

Chinese Red barrage to "see off Eisenhower"

TOKYO (AP) — Communist China announced today it will shell the Nationalist-held offshore island of Quemoy today and Sunday to mark President Eisenhower's visit to Formosa.

On June 17 and 19, Peking radio warned, "a demonstration of arms against the United States — shelling to 'welcome and see off' Eisenhower — will be conducted at the Quemoy front."

A New China news agency broadcast heard here declared: "This decision of ours is solely to make a demonstration against United States imperialism.... For your safety, advance notice is hereby given."

The Communists have been shelling Quemoy sporadically on odd-numbered days of the month for 20 months in accordance with a self-proclaimed partial cease-fire.

Presumably the broadcast meant the barrages would be heavier than the 10 to 60 or 70 shells usually fired by the Red guns a few miles away on the Communist-held mainland.

The Communist shelling was not expected to cause undue alarm on Formosa, since the wording of the broadcast indicated the barrage would not be the prelude to an invasion attempt on Quemoy.

Mishap follows Safety Week

The Safety flag came down Monday at the Columbia Cellulose Company Limited's Watson Island mill, when an operator in the woodroom suffered an injury causing him to be off work.

W. R. Collier, safety coordinator said today that a man suffered a foot injury when struck by a rolling log.

The accident happened 2½ days after the end of the company's Safety Week and brought to an end the company's record of 40 days without a lost-time injury.

Mrs. Spafford dies aged 62

Mrs. Mildren Nellie Spafford, 62, of 610 Sixth Avenue West, died yesterday morning in Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Born in Uxbridge Ontario, Mrs. Spafford came to Prince Rupert in 1951. She was predeceased by her husband, Bruce Henry Spafford, in 1957.

Mrs. Spafford is survived by two sons, Gordon Frederick in Montreal and Bruce in Ontario; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Ashton of Winnipeg and Valerie of Prince Rupert; two sisters, Mrs. Ada Nowell in Vancouver and Mrs. Almed Finlay in Winnipeg; and one brother, Frederick Tweeney of Windsor, Ontario.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. from Ferguson Funeral Home, with Rev. D. R. Chassels of the St. Peter's Anglican church officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview.

No census of Chinese being taken

Justice Minister Fulton said in Ottawa today that RCMP officers are questioning Chinese Canadians in an attempt to "expose those taking part in an illegal entry racket," a Canadian Press report stated this afternoon.

But he denied in the Commons that those questioned are being required to fill out questionnaire forms, and he said no census is being taken on Canadians of Chinese origin.

He was replying to questions by Frank Howard (CCF Skeena), J. W. Pickersgill (Liberal Bonavista-Twillingate) and Paul Hellyer (Liberal from Toronto Trinity) stemming from Vancouver reports of RCMP investigations in Vancouver and Prince Rupert.

Earlier in Vancouver, Foon Sien, past president of the Chinese Benevolent Association said the federal immigration department had launched a campaign to obtain information on all Chinese and "are checking on every man, woman and child."

He said the move came to light when two RCMP officers began taking a census of about 200 Chinese in Prince Rupert.

RCMP here denied they were taking a census.

30-day term given man for fraud

Steve Stankovits of no fixed address was sentenced to 30 days in jail with no option of a fine by Deputy Magistrate R. A. McLean in police court this morning on a charge of obtaining by false pretences funds from the Prince Rupert Branch of The Department of Social Welfare.

Stankovits had pleaded guilty to the charge yesterday and was remanded for sentence until today.

Yesterday afternoon, Earl Matthew Kantela of the Parkside Motel was fined $100 and costs or in default of payment was sentenced to 10 days in jail and had his license suspended for 00 days after pleading guilty to a charge of impaired driving.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Judge cuts sentences because pair Indians

QUESNEL (CP)—Mr. Justice J. O. Wilson today handed down sentences on two Indians charged with murder and found guilty on reduced charges of manslaughter in separate assize court cases here.

Jules Adams, 64, charged in the beating death of Harry Miller 58, on the Lytton Indian Reserve was sentenced to six years.

Mr. Justice Wilson told him: "Because you are an old man, because you are an Indian, and because I am convinced you committed this crime while drunk, I am sentencing you to less than half the sentence I normally give."

Sentenced to 10 years was Gene Jack, 28, convicted of manslaughter in the January 23 beating death of Margaret Dennis, 30, with whom he had been living near here.

In passing sentence Mr. Justice Wilson commented: "You are lucky you are not going to be hanged. And if you were a white man you would be jailed for the rest of your life."

Dear John letter

VANCOUVER (CP) — The B.C. Federation of Labor today will distribute several thousand post cards at a rally of unemployed. They are addressed to Prime Minister Diefenbaker and read:

"Dear John:

"How I hate to write but I have not worked for the past . . . months. There is little likelihood of me finding a job for a considerable time.

"Remember, John, you said 'When I am in power no one will suffer from unemployment.'

"I request you keep your promise or resign. Your early reply would be appreciated."

Busy bees

VICTORIA (CP)—Some 2,000 bees Thursday escaped from a hive used as an educational exhibit in the legislature building, scattering civil servants who were returning from lunch.

Museum officials said there was an over-crowding problem in the hive and steps designed to forestall a "walk-out" had "miscarried."

Attorney - General Bonner walked unscathed through the swarming bees and indicated that the seriousness of the situation did not impress him.

Two rescued

KAMLOOPS (CP) — Police and firemen rescued two persons from the face of a 400-foot cliff Thursday night in a two-hour operation at Bridal Veil Falls at the head of Peterson creek two miles from here.

Walter Loud, 8, Charlie Morten 18, and Jackie McGillvary, 12, were climbing the cliff when a rock tumbled down and struck young Loud. He suffered a dizzy spell, cuts and bruises and couldn't go on.

Unusual library

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia's most unusual library will open soon at Charlie Lake, six miles north of Fort St. John.

There is not a printed page in it. The official title is the Library of Sub-Surface Geology and it will be operated by the department of mines and petroleum resources.

Lining the shelves will be up to 30,000 boxes containing samples of rock drilled from half B.C.'s 600 oil and gas wells—some of them from almost three miles below the surface.

WEATHER

Cloudy with a few showers tonight. Cloudy Saturday. Continuing cool. Winds westerly 15, frequently. Low tonight and high tomorrow 45 and 55.

TIDES

Saturday, June 18, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	09:25	16.5 feet
	21:44	19.3 feet
Low	03:10	6.5 feet
	15:10	7.5 feet