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WISHING YOU AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

—Cartoon by Grassick of The Telegram.

CCF, Liberals call for inquiry into highway contract award

Thornton case provokes outcry

VANCOUVER (CP) — Two British Columbia political leaders have asked for an investigation of the provincial highways department.

Liberal leader Ray Parrault asked for a royal commission investigation and CCF leader Robert Strachan called for a special committee of the legislature to investigate.

Both want to know if highway contracts are being awarded irresponsibly.

"Events of the past few months seem to point up the need for an independent highways department investigation," Mr. Perrault said. "It could be in the form of a royal commission."

He was commenting on a disclosure Wednesday by an American contractor that his construction firm, which existed only on paper, won a $757,000 B.C. road project.

"I level no accusations, but I am sure it would be to the advantage of the department to have an investigation and clear the air," Mr. Perrault said.

Mr. Strachan said he would make his plea for an inquiry at the next session of the legislature.

Highways Minister Gaglardi said later Mr. Perrault had better know what he is talking about in asking for the inquiry.

"If he can believe everything he reads in the newspapers, he had better go back to public relations and leave politics alone," he said.

He said he would comment further when Mr. Thornton's contempt case had been disposed of by the courts.

Weather halts aircraft

Canadian Pacific Airlines' flights scheduled into Terrace Wednesday and yesterday were cancelled due to flight conditions existing across the entire north country, CPA agent B. I. Anderson said today.

Terrace, Smithers and Sandspit CPA flights were not operational due to weather conditions, he said.

Many passengers have taken alternative means of transportation, Mr. Anderson also reported.

It was announced at noon today that today's flights into Terrace were also cancelled due to weather conditions and plans are being made to operate into Smithers with connections to Terrace and Prince Rupert via the Canadian National Railways.

"Airlines across the country and into Seattle are experiencing the same weather hazards," Mr. Anderson said.

No newspaper for four days

The Daily News will not publish Monday or Tuesday, as along with other businesses, banks, government offices and stores, the staff observes the Christmas and Boxing Day holidays.

The paper will resume publication Wednesday, as usual.

Postmaster J. T. Kelly said this morning that there will be no wicket service December 26. Wickets, except those for money orders will open December 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and letter carrier service will be provided the same day.

He said that mails will be received and delivered as usual except where services have been cancelled. There will be no delivery to the Queen Charlotte Islands, December 25, and no receipt or delivery to or from Port Simpson, Stewart, Alice Arm and Kincolith, December 30 and 31.

Elk's House Bingo

Latest numbers drawn in the Elk's House Bingo in aid of The March of Dimes are: B-10, I-30 and N-34.

Numbers were drawn by Mrs. C. R. Postuk of 1602 Second Avenue West.

All numbers now are: I-19, N-44, G-54; B-2, B-13, B-1, B-4, B-3, B-12, B-11, B-9; I-17, I-23, I-22, I-20, I-24; N-31, N-41, N-33, N-35, N-40, N-38, N-39; G-46, G-55, G-60, G-50, G-51; O-71, O-70, O-75, O-72, O-62, O-74, O-67, O-65 and O-61.

OTTAWA (CP) — A personal meeting between Premier Bennett of British Columbia and Finance Minister Fleming is being proposed to clear away Columbia River "misunderstandings," informants said Thursday.

THE QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS BROADCAST will be relayed over radio station CFPR at midday Sunday. She will be followed by Prime Minister Diefenbaker. Both broadcasts will be heard again between 10:10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sunday night.

READY FOR RUPERT VISIT

Air defence mixup due to new sled showing on radar screen says Santa

Special to The Daily News

NORTH POLE (Exclusive Canadian National Telegraphs Service) — Santa Claus, with nine assorted reindeer along for company (including Rudolph) and two extra sleighs was scheduled to reach Prince Rupert early on the morning of December 25.

Santa, his chubby cheeks glowing red from the Arctic air, was in a good mood today. 'Ho! ho! ho-ing!" around his snow-surrounded home here.

"Oh, we've had a laugh up here for the last couple of days," Santa chuckled. "We had the United States and Canadian air defence commands really buffaloed."

He said that what the new ballistic early warning system showed last October, was his new jet-sled, that he was trying out.

"Naturally, anything aerial shows on the defence system and I guess it threw them into a mild uproar," Santa said. However, if the U.S. and Canada will stop trying to blame each other and use a little of the Christmas spirit, there wouldn't be so many arguments."

He said he would be using his jet-sled to visit Prince Rupert this year. Last Christmas, he said that his reindeer were good enough, but this year "the extra loads of toys and presents made it necessary to speed up operations." Dancer, Prancer, Dasher, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder and Blitzen (and Rudolph) will all be along, though, "as they wouldn't want to miss the trip and are a wonderful help to me."

Santa was very definite about one thing. He won't be arriving at any boys' or girls' homes until they are asleep.

"Children who try to stay awake and see me will be out of luck if they're not careful," Santa said. "I only visit homes where everyone is asleep. The best thing the girls and boys can do is to be good and go to bed the moment their Dads and Mothers say so."

He said that many children had stayed awake and tried to catch him, but it was impossible.

He said he had his list of good children up to date and he had noted that Michael and his sisters had moved to Vernon and that Randy and Patty's family had gone to Burnaby.

However, he said, "I'll be around to see Craig and Ricky, Darlene and Linda, Doug and Carol, Larry, Ken and Jeff, Susan and Nancy, Jan, Wayne and Joy and Brian and Trudy."

Those were just a few of the names Santa picked out from memory. He said he estimates that he'll be calling on approximately 3,700 families in Prince Rupert and will unload something like [illegible] tons of presents.

"Now you know why I need a jet-sled and an extra sleighs," he laughed.

Santa called a halt to more conversation.

"I've got lots of work ahead of me between now Christmas Eve. So I'll get back on the job. See you Christmas Day, but you won't see me.

"Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

Prince Rupert has now gone 708 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Season's Greetings
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Terrace power supply piped from Kemano

Special to The Daily News

TERRACE — After 15 years of night-and-day operation, the exhaust stacks of B.C. Hydro's five-unit, 42,000-horsepower diesel electric generating plant are quiet here today.

Terrace is now receiving its electric power supply from Kitimat via a newly-completed 42-mile, 60,000 volt transmission line, and is the first B.C. Hydro service area to utilize energy from Alcan's giant underground plant at Kemano.

At Victoria, Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, chairman of B.C. Hydro said that weekend tests of the new transmission line were completed successfully and that the line and associated substations have been placed in regular service.

A $1,500,000 job, the Kitimat-Terrace line was started in mid-April of this year. Three firms, Lakelse Construction Company Limited of Terrace, Bidewater Contracting Company of Nanaimo, and Cathermore Trethewey of Vancouver were employed in clearing the right-of-way; line construction proper was carried out by B.C. Hydro's own construction force. Built to 138,000-volt standards, but operating initially at 60,000 volts, the project was on schedule throughout.

Dr. Keenleyside said that the link with Alcan's power supply was undertaken because it was economically preferable to installation of further diesel generating capacity at Terrace. Since B.C. Hydro took over a limited distribution system at Terrace in 1945, energy demand has grown a phenomenal 200 times, from an annual 60,000 kilowatt hours in 1946 to more than 12,000,000 kilowatt hours in 1960. In the same period the number of customers has grown from 60 to nearly 1,600.

Yule dinner for lonely December 25

There will be a Christmas dinner for any single man or woman, who through circumstances are alone in the city this Yuletide, it was reported today from a benevolent source.

A warm welcome will be extended and a complete Christmas dinner will be served from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Grand Cafe on Sunday, December 25.

Last year 140 persons were able to enjoy Christmas fare away from home.

RESIDENTS TO G[illegible] GIFT FROM LAUNDRY [illegible] PRESENT

An old friend is going to make [illegible] round Prince Rupert in sound if not by sight.

Hugo Kraupner, president of [illegible] and Laundry Ltd., said today he had received [illegible] present that he in turn, would present to the [illegible] Rupert.

For years, the Pioneer Laundry [illegible] noontime, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. during the [illegible] Pioneer Laundry closed down the factory [illegible] silent, too.

Mr. Kraupner said that [illegible] bought the old Pioneer Laundry, took the [illegible] shed until it gleamed and presented to [illegible] Christmas present.

The whistle will be installed [illegible] Laundry and Cleaners plant, and starting [illegible] will again blow its signals at the old familiar [illegible].

Mr. Kraupner said that [illegible] missed the whistle when it went into [illegible]. One of the reasons for his sentimental [illegible] said, was that he worked for 7½ years at Pioneer [illegible] he first came to Prince Rupert and before [illegible] own laundry.

World News Briefs

HAVANA (AP) — The [illegible] purge of Cuba's judiciary apparently is [illegible] decisions raising the Castro government's [illegible] confiscated lands. A cabinet decree Wednesday [illegible] days a law preventing the removal of judges [illegible] President Osvaldo Dorticos authority to fire [illegible] judicial officers.

EDWARDS AIR BASE, Calif. (AP) — The [illegible]-15 rocket plane starts full scale assaults on space [illegible] February and should hit 2,500 miles and hour on its first [illegible], says the civilian space agency in a progress report issued Thursday. The present world speed record is 2,196 miles an hour, set earlier this year by an X-15. Eventually the sleek [illegible] expected to go 4,000 miles an hour and reach an altitude [illegible] 60 miles.

BRUSSELS (AP) — Millions of Belgians today faced the prospect of a grim Christmas as the [illegible] authority strike continued to spread. Gas and electric [illegible] throughout the country were called out. Socialist unions in Liege ordered cafes, restaurants, movie houses and theatres to go on strike in the big eastern industrial centre. Holiday mail deliveries nearly everywhere were at a standstill.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Public health scheme not needed-Martin

VANCOUVER (CP) — Health Minister Martin said Wednesday British Columbia will co-operate with a proposed royal commission on health needs but that as far as this province is concerned it is not required.

He was commenting on federal government plans to launch a royal commission into Canada's national health needs early next year. Plans were announced in the House of Commons by Prime Minister Diefenbaker. Mr. Martin said B.C. has the best health services and the best hospital insurance scheme in North America and is proceeding as rapidly as the economy will allow.

Meeting arranged

VANCOUVER (CP) — Premier Bennett of British Columbia Thursday night accepted an invitation from Finance Minister Fleming to a personal meeting to discuss financing of the Columbia River hydro - electric development. "I shall be prepared to meet him at an agreed time in an agreed place, early in the new year," the premier said.

Gas, oil sales set

VICTORIA (CP) — The provincial government will hold another big petroleum and natural gas right sale early in the New Year, Gold commissioner K. B. [illegible] said today requests for bid [illegible] auction will be received [illegible] January 31. Companies [illegible] invited to suggest areas [illegible] are willing to develop [illegible] a lease, an exploration or drilling permit.

Carol singing

VANCOUVER (CP) — Defeated Vancouver mayoralty candidate Percy [illegible] will attempt to revive a centuries-old tradition [illegible] Eve. He will be at his old [illegible] vantage spot on Victory Square leading carols for anyone who wants to join in.

WEATHER

Cloudy and little change in temperature. Saturday. Southerly winds 20 decreasing to 15. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 40 and 48.

TIDES

Saturday, Dec. 24, 1960 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	06:00	20.3 feet
	18:18	18.7 feet
Low	12:18	7.7 feet