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Report shows feasibility of Alaska ferry proposal

PARADE MARSHAL John Laurie, MBE, bows his head as Bugler W. J. Rance, 75, blows "The Last Post" at the Remembrance Day service November 11. The call commenced the two minutes silence in memory of those who lost their lives in two world wars and the Korean campaign.—(Staff photo by John Pain).

$240,000,000 plan welcomed by Bonner

VANCOUVER (CP)—Attorney-General Robert Bonner Friday night welcomed proposals of a United States research group for a $240,000,000 British-Columbia-Alaska highway development program, but urged a sober understanding of the financial problems involved.

Mr. Bonner said the report of the Battelle Memorial Institute to the Alaska international rail and highway commission will be "tremendously useful as an economic study."

But, he added, the cost involved, while small in terms of U.S. highway expenditure, will "loom very large indeed in a B.C. budget."

The report, presented to the commission Friday in Seattle, drew a glowing picture of the potential of the Pacific Northwest area of North America, a region of power, mineral petroleum and tourist industry potential as yet barely touched.

It recommended paving of more than 1,000 miles of the Alaska Highway through northeastern B.C. and the Yukon, construction of a 500-mile new road from central B.C. to the Yukon and feeder routes to the Alaska Panhandle.

ROADS PREFERRED

It proposed the road developments in preference to construction of a railway from central B.C. to Alaska. Such a railway line will cost more than $400,000,000 and will require an annual operating subsidy of about $34,000,000, the report said.

Mr. Bonner said Friday night the Battelle proposals will receive careful consideration by the B.C. government.

The Public Utilities Commission will make recommendations to the U.S. Congress on means of improving communications between Alaska and the rest of the U.S. Congress is expected to refer the matter to a committee which will conduct negotiations with Canada.

BIG PROGRAM OUTLINED

The Battelle report recommended:

Upgrading and asphalt surfacing of the Alaska Highway from Charlie Lake, 1,000 miles through northern B.C. and the Yukon to the Alaska border. Southern terminus of the highway is Dawson Creek, B.C. 50 miles south of Charlie Lake and 350 miles northwest of Edmonton.

Construction of a 500-mile asphalt - surfaced highway from Hazelton, 185 miles east of Prince Rupert, north to join the Alaska Highway at Jakes Corner, Y.T.

Construction of two highways through the coast mountains linking the Alaska Panhandle with north-south routes through B.C. to the rest of Alaska. One would link Juneau with the Hazelton-Jakes Corner route, the other would run from the mouth of the Stikine River to the Stewart-Cassiar highway, now under construction.

Relocating and hard surfacing of the 150-mile Haines Cutoff linking Haines, Alaska, with the Alaska Highway at Haines Junction, Y.T., through the northwest corner of B.C.

The Columbus, Ohio, research organization also recommended establishment of frequent ferry service along the inside passage connecting existing road terminals at Prince Rupert, B.C., and Haines. Rugged terrain renders road construction along the coast impossible.

THE SMALL CROWD which attended the Remembrance Day service at the Prince Rupert war memorial in front of the Court House is evident. Cold winds and rain gusted across the lawns as veterans, serving members of the forces and cadets and city organiaztions gathered to pay tribute to those who lost their lives in the cause of freedom.—(Saff photo by John Pain).

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Cold weather thins crowd at war memorial service

Rain and cold winds marred slightly the 42nd commemoration of Armistice Day in Prince Rupert last Friday and reduced the number of residents attending Remembrance Day services at the Cenotaph.

The service opened punctually at 10:50 a.m. with the singing of "O Canada," followed by the hymn "O God, Our Help In Ages Past." On the 11 o'clock signal of the St. Andrew's Cathedral bells Bugler W. J. Rance sounded "The Last Post" as the start of the traditional two minutes silence. At the end of the silence he sounded "Reveille."

Prayers were led by Protstant padre D. R. Chassels, and Roman Catholic padre Father James Tracey. During the laying of the wreaths which followed, Piper Roderick Bruce played a lament.

Wreaths were laid by the following: Mrs. E. T. Applewhaite representing the bereaved mothers of Canada; the Dominion government, provincial government, City of Prince Rupert, Canadian Legion Branch 27, provincial command, Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion, Royal Canadian Navy, HMCS Chatham, RCN Reserve, Canadian Army, D Company, Irish Fusiliers of Canada, (Vancouver Regiment) Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Capt. Cook Corps, Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, Canadian Army Cadets, Royal Canadian Air Force Cadets, No. 559 Squadron, Navy League of Canada, Air Cadet sponsoring committee, Imperial Order Daughters of Empire, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Order of the Royal Purple, Loyal Order of the Moose, Women of the Moose, Ladies Orange Benevolent Association, Independent Order of Oddfellows, Prince Rupert District Boy Scouts Association, Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, Columbia Cellulose Company, Ltd., Prince Rupert Rotary Club, Local 708, International Brotherhood of Pulp Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union; and several personal wreaths were laid.

At the conclusion of the wreath-laying the parade, under parade marshal John Laurie, moved along McBride Street into Third Avenue West to the saluting base in front of the post office steps where Col. S. D. Johnston, MC and bar (Ret.), took the salute.

The cenotaph guard, under the command of Staff Sgt. T. P. Daley, was composed of Cpl. Wallace Swanson, D Company, Irish Fusiliers of Canada (Vancouver Regiment), RCMP Constable P. L. P. MacDonald, Cadet Rickey Derry, Prince Rupert Air Cadet Squadron No. 559, and Petty Officer William Doggett, RCN.

Following the parade units disbanded at the Canadian Legion grounds on First Avenue West, while the cadet units broke off at the Civic Centre for refreshments.

John Milton dies at 84

Well-known north coast lighthousekeeper, John Milton, 84, died in Victoria November 7. Before his retirement to Victoria in 1943, Mr. Milton was for many years the keeper of the Barrett Rock light.

His wife predeceased him in 1957.

Born in Petworth, Sussex, England, Mr. Milton came to this province in 1908. During the Boer War he served in the Royal Hampshire Volunteer Regiment; and with the First Canadian Pioneer Battalion in the First World War. He was a member of Brittania Branch of the Canadian Legion and also the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans League.

He is survived by two sons, John of Bella Coola, and Clue of Victoria; one daughter, Mrs. O. J. (Margaret) Williams of Victoria; and 13 grandchildren including Mrs. Leonard (Betty) Hadland of Prince Rupert; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held November 10 with interment in Royal Oak Burial Park.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Production studio work to start in Vancouver

WEST VANCOUVER (CP) — Work will start next week on construction of a $650,000 motion picture and television studio above the Upper Levels Highway in West Vancouver. The studio is to be leased to United States and European film and television companies.

Bridge mishap

PENTICTON (CP) — Brian Denton, 16, was reported in serious condition Friday night after the car in which he was riding plunged over the embankment at the south end of the Naramata bridge, 10 miles north of here. Two other youths in the car escaped with minor injuries.

Gets commendation

VANCOUVER (CP) — Constable Jack Marshall, whose memory of a car he saw on his beat led to arrest of Joseph Corbett Jr., escaped U.S. murderer, in Vancouver last month, has received a special commendation from city police commission. The officer remembered having seen Corbett's car in front of a motel.

Four hurt in crash

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Four people were sent to hospital Thursday night when a bus and car collided thirty miles south of here on the Quesnel highway. A Greyhound bus struck the rear of a car driven by Neal McPherson of North Surrey when the car slipped in front of the bus as it wuas trying to pass. The car was knocked down a 25-foot embankment.

Hunter found

PRINCE GEORGE (CP)—Hunter Alfred Schinkel, 32, was found by two United States Air Force airmen Thursday night after wandering for 24 hours through dense bush about 25 miles west of here.

New charge used

VANCOUVER (CP)—Eight women who were arrested Friday morning in what police called the biggest call girl investigation in Vancouver's history were to appear in court today on conspiracy charges. Morality squad officers said it is the first time conspiracy charges have been used in prosecution of persons believed to be operating a call girl ring. Usually such suspects have been charged with vagrancy or with operating a bawdy house.

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Minor fire calls only on weekend

Firemen were called to the rear of MacKenzie Furniture Ltd. of 308 Third Avenue West at 6:45 p.m. November 10 where a box had caught on fire. The blaze was quickly extinguished and there was no damage.

At 12:52 p.m. today firemen were called to 317 Ninth Avenue West, the home of Kirt Pabsdurf, where an oil burner had flooded. It was extinguished with dry chemicals and damage was minor.

CHRISTMAS TB SEALS DISPATCHED

Christmas TB Seal letters have been mailed out to every home in Prince Rupert by the Prince Rupert Christmas Seal Committee, sponsored by hte Order of the Royal Purple, under the chairmanship of Miss Adeline Milewski. "Although deaths from tuberculosis have dropped, the number of new cases of TB discovered last year was greater than the previous year," said Miss Milewski. The sum raised by Christmas Seals last year was $273,000 throughout B.C., and it is hoped to better that figure this year.

Ferry vote undecided

JUNEAU (CP)—The fate of a $23,000,000 ferry and road bond issue lay today in the hands of the absentee voters.

After the weekend the referendum led by only 629 votes, with 23,629 voters expressing approval and 23,000 against. There are still about 4,000 absentee ballots to be counted next Saturday as well as a scattering of votes from 47 outlying precincts.

World News Briefs

LAON, France (AP)—A letter written by Pope Alexander III in 1178 was found being used as covering for an ancient register in the mayor's office. The document granted certain privileges to the Cistercian Abbey of Vaucler, which was destroyed in 1790.

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PARIS (AP)—The taxi drivers' union, complaining about city traffic, says a study shows that horse-drawn vehicles can get around Paris faster than taxicabs during rush hours.

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STUTTGART (AP)—All U.S. soldiers stationed in West Germany will have to take German language lessons starting January 1. The U.S. Army hopes the program will strengthen German-American relations.

WREATH BEARERS lay their tributes on the stone steps of the cenotaph during the Remembrance Day service Friday last. J. R. McCorkindale, president of Branch 27, Canadian Legion, lays the Legion wreath. Approaching is Mayor P. J. Lester to lay the city wreath. Piper Roderick Bruce played a lament as the wreaths were laid. Cenotaph guards are Air cadet Rickey Derry and Petty Officer William Doggett, RCN.—(Staff photo by John Pain).

Inquiry set into death of fisherman

Coroner George E. Dawes will conduct an inquiry into the death of John Seppala, 65, of Port Edward whose body was found Saturday inside the sunken hull of a 29-foot troller, the Suzanne, east of the Prince Rupert Fisherman's Co-operative Association plant at Fairview.

The vessel was raised by Armour Salvage Ltd. about midday Saturday last when the discovery was made by salvage crews.

The Suzanne was reported to RCMP as having sunk in 15 feet about 400 to 500 yards east of the cannery, by Alfred Benson, watchman. Police had already been looking for Seppala in connection with the sunken vessel when his body was found.

The Suzanne is owned by Nelson Bros. Fisheries Ltd., of Port Edward, and was operated by Seppala for them.

Ice causes crash on Seventh East

Icy road conditions were blamed for an accident on Seventh Avenue East this morning which caused more than $400 damage.

A car driven by Peter Yerema of 220 Seventh Avenue East was in collision with a vehicle driven by Robert Carl Tkachuk of the Cavenaile Apartments, at 8:20 a.m. today.

Police said the damage was approximately $400 to Yerema's car and about $25 to Tkachuk's car.

Driver fined after crash

Damage was estimated at more than $125 when a car driven by Gilbert John Gaudry of 1152 Seventh Avenue East was in collision with a vehicle driven by Jack Louis Guillet of Vancouver at 7:45 p.m. November 11 near the intersection of Second Avenue and Second Street. Guillet was charged with failing to yield the right of way. He pleaded guilty in police court Saturday and was fined $10 and $3 costs.

Bermuda woman dies in city

Annie Elizabeth Arnett, 79, of First Avenue West who was a native of Bermuda, died Friday evening in Prince Rupert General Hospital.

Born in Bermuda, Mrs. Arnett came to Prince Rupert in 1958. She is a widow.

Mrs. Arnett is survived by a grandson, J. Stuart Shelley of Port Edward; and two granddaughters, Mrs. Keith (Rosamond) Bentley of Toronto and Mrs. David (Marcia) Wells of Bermuda.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. today at Ferguson Funeral Home with Rev. Dean G. T. Pattison conducting service. Interment was at Fairview.

Prince Rupert has now gone 669 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Pair on breakin charges guilty

Clive Russel Wyatt of the New Royal Hotel, pleaded guilty in police court today to breaking into Shell Oil Co. of Canada Ltd. warehouse in the 11 block Waterfront Street; and Bytown Diesel Sales Ltd., British American Oil Co. Ltd., and Standard Oil Co. of B.C. Ltd., all of Cow Bay, during the early morning hours of November 10. He also admitted to breaking into Tony's Drive-In October 17.

Wyatt's accomplice, Andrew William Morrison was raised from juvenile court to police court November 10 and today pleaded guilty to the four charges laid November 10.

Police said the losses were minor.

Army leader here on inspection trip

Commissioner W. Wycliffe Booth, leader of the Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda, will be visiting Prince Rupert tomorrow on a tour of inspection.

He is accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Renee Booth.

They will be speaking at the Citadel Tuesday, November 15 at 8 p.m. All who are interested in meeting them are invited to attend.

WEATHER

Gale warning. Overcast with continuous rain tonight, becoming showery Tuesday morning. Little change in temperature. Southeast gales 40 tonight, shifting to westerly 25 Tuesday morning. Low tonight and high Tuesday, 40 and 45.

TIDES

Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	10:43	10.0 feet
	23:12	18.7 feet
Low	04:25	7.0 feet
	17:06	5.0 feet