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La Forte committed for trial in death of two-year-old girl

Witness tells of cries, screams, thumps in house

Louis La Forte, 30, of 866 Fraser was committed for trial at a date and place to be set on a charge of murder of Tina Marcella McKay aged two years, of the same address on September 18, 1960, at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite last night at 11:30 p.m.

At the continuation of the hearing Monday afternoon Gordon Sinclair Bitton of 865 Fraser—La Forte's next-door neighbor — told the court of hearing thumps, screams and a child crying about 1 p.m. on the day the child died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital.

The defence is being handled by Harry Rankin of Vancouver.

Mr. Bitton told the court that he had lived for six months next door to the apartment in which La Forte lived with Mrs. Margaret McKay, and Darlene and Tina McKay, her two young daughters. He told the court that on the morning of September 18, La Forte had two visitors but he did not hear what went on. He knew one of the men, Henry John Hadin, but not John L'Hirondelle. Mr. Bitton said that about 1 p.m. after they had left, "I heard a child start to cry. Then something bumping on the floor, then screams and another thump, more screams and another thump and crying. Then I heard a voice 'Pick it up, goddam you'. It was a male voice."

"I made a note of it because I have always been suspicious of something happening there," he went on.

Mr. Bitton stated he had seen Tina McKay about three days or so previously and she had been alright. He identified the child from a photograph produced as an exhibit.

TOOK TAXI TO HOSPITAL

Oscar Hovededo of Prince Rupert, a taxidriver, told the court that a man with a child cradled in his arms approached him on the stand at Third Avenue and Seventh street and asked for a doctor. He identified the man as La Forte.

Asked by Crown prosecutor A. Bruce Brown if he had noticed anything about the child, Hovededo replied:

"I noticed a bruise on the face of the child. I didn't notice anything else as I drove him fast to the hospital because he (La Forte) told me the child was dying."

George M. Gold, x-ray technician at the Prince Rupert General Hospital told the court of meeting La Forte with the child in his arms as he came through the front entrance of the hospital. He directed him twice to the children's ward and thought he might have been drinking. He then called Dr. L. M. Greene who was present in the hospital at the time.

Gold said that the child "appeared battered" and was unconscious and "breathing jerkily." He said that when Dr. Greene was attending to the child he noticed the little girl was badly bruised about the shoulders and upper part of the chest.

Next called to the witness stand was head nurse in the children's ward Mrs. H. M. Cap who told the court of meeting La Forte and taking the child from him and placing her in a cot.

The child, she said, was bruised about the head and face.

"I asked him what happened but all he said was 'My baby, my baby' and that he didn't know. Dr. Greene then took the child."

La Forte (Mrs. Cap stated she couldn't identify La Forte as the man in court) had told her that he had given a man some money in beer parlor to go and baby-sit, but he didn't know who the man was nor his name.

"He then told me that the mother was a patient in the hospital," Mrs. Cap continued.

"The man (La Forte) was very worried, upset and apprehensive. He was quite rational and smelt of alcohol. Dr. Greene was very annoyed at the condition of the child and said he didn't think La Forte should ever be allowed near children. He told La Forte strenuously to get away from the child." I phoned the police when Dr. Greene told me, as soon as he saw the child."

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See — LA FORTE HEARING

MRS. A. G. CLIBBETT, of 244 Fifth Avenue West, is shown receiving a Golden Jubilee plaque for being the B.C. Northern Exhibition's "Home-Maker of the Year." Making the presentation is exhibition chairman William F. Stone. Mrs. Clibbett won four first prizes and two seconds in the flower show, two firsts and a second in homecooking and a first prize in the arts and crafts show to top all other competitors.—(Staff photo by Dick Ayres).

W. D. STOTHERT, engineering manager of Columbia Cellulose Co., Watson Island, was guest-speaker Friday night at the dinner of the third annual principals' conference held Friday and Saturday in Prince Rupert. He spoke on the problems faced by management in future planning and with some reference to recruitment of personnel. Left to right: Mr. Stothert, E. R. McKeown, Port Edward, Philip Kittley, teacher recruitment, and W. H. Gurney, Terrace-Kitimat superintendent of schools.

Water bylaw most urgent city problem

Mayor P. J. Lester, speaking at Monday night's council meeting, said that the most serious problem facing Prince Rupert at this time is the replacement of the old water supply system.

He stressed the hazardous position in which the city lies with regard to future expansion, domestic supply, the industrial growth of the city and the constant threat the old system is to the safety of citizens and their property.

The Mayor advocated immediate arrangements be made to submit the necessary bylaw at the December 8 elections.

H proposed two clear-cut questions: Do the owner-electors want a new water supply system; If so what type of supply system do they favor?

A special committee will be formed to publicize the need for the passage of the bylaw. The motion was carried.

Car looted

Leslie Lennox, a travelling salesman from Edmonton, reported to RCMP this morning that his car, which was parked in front of the Prince Rupert Hotel, was broken into during the night. Missing were a suit of clothes and a briefcase containing business papers.

RCMP are investigating.

Prince Rupert has now gone 649 days without a fatal traffic accident.

$45,000 MORE

District teachers ask 10 per cent pay boost

City and district school teachers are asking an overall average salary increase of 10 per cent for 1961, it was disclosed today in a joint press release from District 52 school board and the Prince Rupert Teachers association.

The increase, if implemented would mean an increase to School District 52 of approximately $45,000.

The information was contained in a release devised by the agreement committee of the teachers association and the salary committee of the board of school trustees, after a negotiations meeting. It contained no comments or reaction from either group.

The recommendations of the teachers, if accepted by the school board, would boost the cost of teachers salaries to $514,937 compared to this year's salary expenses of $469,937.

Negotiations on the proposals will continue this week in an effort to reach agreement before the concilation deadline of October 31.

According to the revised Public Schools Act, if no agreement is reached by October 31, the 1961 salary negotiations must be placed in the hands of conciliators.

In the event of an unsuccessful conciliation by November 15, arbitration becomes necessary and the award of an arbitration board is binding on both parties.

Last year the teachers sought a 13½ per cent salary increase and on November 14, 1959, an arbitration board awarded them a 4.4 per cent pay boost for 1960.

On October 31, 1958, the school board and teachers reached an agreement by negotiation a few hours before the newly-imposed deadline for a salary increase of 8 per cent, for 1959.

On February 14 of that same year, under the old Public Schools Act, after negotiations which began November 27, 1957, the teachers won a salary increase of 8½ per cent for 1958. Their original demands were for a salary boost of from 15 to 28 per cent.

Earlier this month, at its annual convention, the British Columbia School Trustees association approved a resolution to "hold the line" on teachers salaries for next year.

Algoma extension approved

Three major projects to be carried out under the federal-provincial - government winter works program were approved by the Parks Commission at a meeting last night.

The commission plans to extend the present soccer field at Algoma Park by an area 400 feet by 50 feet to allow extra playing space for softball leagues and other team sports.

The project, introduced by Commission Chairman H. S. Harrison, and estimated to cost $5.500, would eliminate the necessity of playing at the smaller Gyro Park.

Also proposed was a tenting and campsite for tourists atop Acropolis Hill on the north side of the city reservoir. Parks commissioner Carl Andren will be in charge of the scheme.

The commission approved expenditure of $800 to give a "face-lifting" to the site of the cairn commemorating Franklin D. Roosevelt, on Roosevelt Park Hill. The area around the cairn will be seeded, shrubs and flowers planted and proper drainage installed.

The Parks Commission will also study a Prince Rupert Tennis club proposal to have Gyro Park turned into a modern tennis court.

A delegation from the tennis club, headed by Rowland Smith and Jack Lem., asked that the softball park be turned into "twin courts" under the winter works program.

An estimate by City Works Superintendent C. J. Gustafson set the cost of the project at $13,000 but the tennis club delegation said that this figure was $5,000 too high.

It was pointed out to the delegation that hard-topping for the area would have to be done in late June or July and therefore couldn't come under the winter works program. As a result the city would have to pay the entire cost. The delegation was told that if the city built the court it would have complete control over the court even though the Tennis club donated $500 toward the project.

The commission agreed that it wanted to get softball away from Gyro Park because of the heavy traffic at the corner of Sixth Avenue and McBride Street.

Firemen get four calls

City firemen have been called out four times since Saturday morning with two of the calls proving to be false alarms.

At 11 a.m. Saturday firemen extinguished a smoldering wall board on Armour Salvage Company Limited tug boat. The fire was started by a welding torch and damage was negligible. There was a false alarm Sunday at 10:51 a.m. and another one at 1:23 a.m. today.

At 9:12 this morning the fire truck was called to an area behind Roosevelt Park but it was found that city workmen were burning brush.

Prowler in church

RCMP reported today that a cupboard in the Church of the Annunciation was broken into during the night, but nothing was taken: RCMP believe that the prowler was in search of Communion wine.

"LOYALTIES DIVIDED"

Scott says principals should leave federation

Principals should not be members of the Teachers Federation, Mr. W. J. Scott, Prince Rupert School District 52 board of trustees chairman, told a meeting of district school principals last week.

He went on to say that principals should be wholly involved in the running of their schools and not have "their loyalties divided" by association with a union, and not to the school board.

He also told principals from Kitimat, Terrace and Prince Rupert that he looked upon the running of a school as a business project. He went on:

"Production (of graduates) has gone down. Schools are big business. They have the biggest budget. most employees, largest transportation system; and the aim must be to improve."

He quoted figures to show that there has been a decline in the end result in spite of an improvement in the ratio of teacher-children.

The meeting was held over two days in the King Edward school and was attended by 18 principals, Terrace-Kitimat schools superintendent W. H. Gurney, Philip Kittley, teacher recruitment, J. M. Phillipson, Prince Rupert schools superintendent, Mr. Scott and W. D. Stothert engineering manager of Columbia Cellulose, who was guest speaker at a dinner at Club 27 Friday night.

Speaking at the dinner he said: "We cannot afford to be lax in any field today. I cannot buy the idea that education is going downhill. The sphere is ever-widening." He then outlined some of the problems faced by planners and the staff of Columbia Cellulose Company. He criticized a Colonist newspaper editorial referring to additional leisure and the suggestion that the workers could not adequately use the extra time. He was critical of the writing ability of modern students, pointing out that it was no good an engineer designing something and then not being able to explain it.

"There is a growing awareness today", he concluded, "that money received for goods must be divided fairly."

Earlier in the day J. M. Phillipson, Prince Rupert superintendent of schools, spoke to principals at King Edward school. He stressed the need for staff harmony and the ways and means this can be built up. "There is no good teamwork if there is disharmony". It is in your best interests to try and hold your staff", he said.

He mentioned student progress and standard, school property care, office and records administration of schools and the latter need to cut down "waste paper work," patterns of responsibility and control of supplies and equipment.

The conference was addressed by W. H. Gurney on Saturday last on leadership stressing the general qualities needed. He said: "We should strive for perfection of our job rather than higher approval. We cannot work to a set of rules. But we do need nerves of steel and the hide of a rhino."

"Each year, due to staff change overs, the principal has to rebuild his staff morale from scratch." Speaking on public relations, Mr. Gurney said "the better the public are informed, the better. Make them your partners."

The conference concluded with a tour through the Columbia Cellulose plant at Watson Island.

Planning study stresses need to leave waterfront expansion

The council had a progress report Monday night on the city's planning study by D. Naumann, A.M.T.P.I.C. of Associated Engineering Services Ltd. of Vancouver. He reported that collecting of information regarding regional and local economy is under way

This survey is being carried out jointly with the market research department of the B.C. Research Council. Interviews were had with the city's bankers, managers of key industries; the chief of development for the CNR and with officials of the department of fisheries.

A questionnaire regarding employment, business prospects, and space needs was distributed to over 400 business and industrial firms in Prince Rupert. So far a response of 25 per cent of completed questionaires was received. This is probably due to the many events during the summer and to the holiday season.

However, a more complete response is urgently needed to provide sufficient information. The second mailing of questionaires will go out from the city hall this week. In this work valuable assistance and advice were given by Mr. E. T. Applewhite, secretary of the Industrial development committee.

For the purpose of a uniform reference an atlas of section maps, air photographs, and contour maps, all on the same scale, is being prepared for the city area.

Mapping of land use and land ownership was carried out from records of the city's assessor.

Land use planning was begun with field inspections and preliminary overall survey of future land use. The following major needs for detailed planning were identified:

The downtown study regarding space for retail business and for the expanding automobile business; physical planning for the land adjacent to the waterfront for auxiliary use and improved road access; special layout planning in the central part of the waterfront which represents the key location for possible tourist accommodation.

Existing and future residential areas were outlined so that locations for commercial and industrial uses could be designated. At the request of the industrial development committee a detailed report on land for industries was prepared.

The conclusions of this report pointed out that the development and use of land for industries was concentrated at the waterfront. Since space on the waterfront is scarce and will be needed for special industries and for expansion of transgrowing need for alternative sites for idustries.

Locations for such sites are designated in the report in the Fairview area, in the block between 8th and 11th Avenue East, at the east end of the city, and for long term development at the south side of Hays Creek valley. The area at Fairview and into the upper Morse Creek valley would be accessible by rail-

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World News Briefs

LOS ANGELES (CP)—The jury trying Dr. Bernard Finch, 43, and his mistress, Carole Tregoff, 23, for the murder of his wife, Barbara, continued deliberations Monday without reaching a verdict.

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LONDON (Reuters)—The board of trade Monday painted a gloomy picture of British exports, with a slump in car sales highlighting a general decline in trade between the first and third quarters of this year. Four-fifths of the trade drop was in exports to North America. Exports to the United States in the third quarter were down 27 per cent against the same quarter last year. Those to Canada were down by 10 per cent.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Secrecy investigators of the House of Representatives moved Monday to determine whether the U.S. government is suppressing opinion polls reported showing a decline in U.S. prestige abroad. A subcommittee aide said the group is asking the U.S. information agency whether results of any prestige polls are available and if so why they haven't been made public.

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PARIS (Reuters)—Charles de Gaulle early today emerged from the biggest test of his two-year-old presidency with prospects of still more challenges over his Algerian policies. In a crucial debate extending past midnight, the National Assembly gave 207 votes—70 short of the necessary absolute majority—to a censure motion ostensibly aimed against his proposal for an independent nuclear striking force. There are 551 seats in the assembly.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Fort Fraser man drove Grand Trunk railway

HEDLEY (CP)—Funeral services were held here for William Inglis, 76, who once took over and operated a train on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway when it was building its line between Prince George and Prince Rupert.

Mr. Inglis freighted goods over the Cariboo road in the early part of the century. He had opened a business at Fort Fraser and had ordered an engine for a proposed laundry. When the engine did not arrive he went to the next station and found a train abandoned by its crew.

He drove the train into Fort Fraser. He continued to carry freight, and passengers on the line until the railway company got word of his venture and stopped it.

Sub hunt still on

VICTORIA (CP)—Two sub-hunter destroyers and three frigates of Pacific command were still at sea somewhere off the west coast Monday night engaged in a sweep for an unidentified submarine. The navy has said nothing about the operation since last Thursday when it announced simply that units of the command had put to sea seeking an unidentified contact. It would not give the location of the search nor the names of the ships involved.

Plea for religion

VICTORIA (CP)—A plea for religious teaching in British Columbia schools was made Monday to the department of education by Dr. E. R. McLean of Toronto, chairman of the council on religious education in schools of the Canadian Council of Churches.

WEATHER

The gale warning for the area has ended. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers today and Wednesday. Little change in temperature. Winds southerly 15. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 45 and 53.

TIDES

Wednesday, Oct. 26, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	05:47	18.1 feet
	17:40	10.4 feet
Low	11:33	6.7 feet