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Electrical storm starts 161 new Kamloops fires

251 blazes raging in tinder-dry B.C.

KAMLOOPS (CP)—Smoke and flame leaped up among parched timber and brush over a 20,000,000-acre area Thursday as a 200-mile-wide electrical storm moved over the Kamloops forest district.

The forestry service said 161 new fires were reported as a result of the storm and spotting planes were reporting new outbreaks hourly.

The storm came as firefighters hoped for a break in the weather to ease the critical situation in the district after weeks of sunshine. It brought the number of fires burning in the district to more than 200.

A total of 900 men, many recruited by RCMP off the streets here were fighting fires throughout the Kamloops district. They were backed Thursday by more than a dozen water-bombing and observation planes, three of them loaned by the Alberta government.

WORST OUTBREAK

Worst of the outbreaks was a 3,000-acre fire near Apius Creek which was being fought by 90 men and 10 bulldozers.

More than $6,000 worth of fire hose was to be flown here from Vancouver following a call for all available equipment. Officials said more hose might be sent from other centres.

The violent electrical storm brought no rain to the Kamloops district but moist air gave some relief to the coastal area.

Ten fires were reported in the huge Vancouver district, most serious being a three-day blaze near Harrison Lake, 90 miles east of Vancouver, which covered 900 acres. Firefighters hurriedly set up new breaks after the flames jumped fire guards.

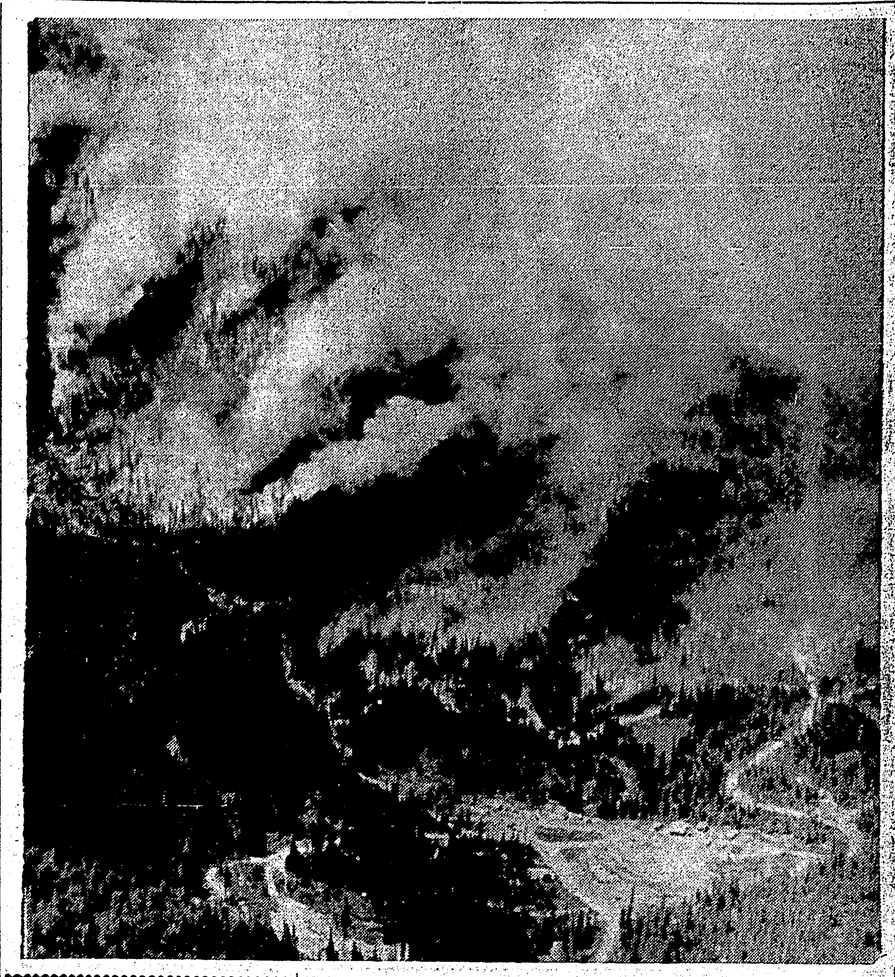
800-ACRE FIRE MASTERED

Six new blazes were reported in the Prince George district, bringing the total number to 16. An 800-acre fire near the historic Cariboo gold town of Barkerville was reported under control Thursday.

In the Nelson district 32 fires were burning Thursday night and were being fought by 350 men. A 3,000-acre outbreak near Fernie was reported under control after being fought by 100 men and 50 men were gaining the upper hand at a new outbreak south of Revelstoke.

The forest service announced that nine Nelson district areas would be closed for recreational purposes from midnight Thursday night.

A total of 251 fires were recorded in the whole province and long-range forecasts indicated no change in sight in the present hot dry conditions over most of the province. An estimated $250,000 has been spent on forest firefighting in B.C. so far this year.



PORTABLE SAWMILL, foreground, lies in the path of a mountain forest fire burning out of control in the Sulphur Creek Valley, 10 miles northwest of Fernie, B.C. At time when picture was taken Monday, fire was burning over a 3,00-acre area but since then big blaze has been brought under control. —CP photo.

Underground missile successful

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A Polaris was fired successfully from an underground tube early today in the missile's final tuneup for key launchings from a nuclear submarine.

The United States Navy announced the missile achieved all objectives in scooting more than 1,000 miles down the Atlantic missile range. A major goal was to check the performance of the Polaris' sensitive inertial guidance system.

The success, the 16th in 23 Polaris firings this year, followed two failures for the stubby rocket last week.

Within a few days the giant atomic submarine George Washington is scheduled to fire one of the missiles for the first time wholly submerged about 30 miles off Cape Canaveral. The critical shot will signal the beginning of a navy drive to make the Polaris operational by October.

Funeral held for victim of car mishap

Funeral service for Mrs. Walter Vera Rose Herman, who died in a traffic mishap Wednesday, was held from Ferguson Funeral Home this morning.

Mrs. Herman's father, Paul Dempsey of Coquitlam, B.C., was among the relatives and friends who attended the service.

Rev. Dr. R. W. K. Elliot officiated and hymns sung were "The Lord Is My Shepherd" and "When He Cometh." Organist was Mrs. G. F. Nicholls.

Mrs. Herman's remains will be forwarded to Stewart for interment.

Prince Rupert has now gone 548 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Fishing areas closed

Closures effective 6 p.m. yesterday until 6 p.m. Sunday, July 17, were announced yesterday by Fisheries Supervisor R. C. Edwards in the following fishing areas:

Salmon purse seine Area No. 5 and Principe Channel salmon gillnet Area; salmon purse seine Area No. 6; salmon Purse seine Area No. 7; salmon purse senie Area No. 8; Namu-Bella Coola salmon gillnet Area and Dean Channel salmon gillnet Area; salmon purse seine Area Nos. 9 and 10; Rivers Inlet salmon gillnet area and Smith Inlet salmon gillnet area.

Crowds cheer UN force from Ghana on arrival

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (AP)—Ghana today delivered the first token detachment for the international military force ordered by the United Nations Security Council to the Congo to help restore order.

Maj.-Gen. Henry Alexander, British commander of Ghana's army, and a small detachment of his troops set up headquarters in a downtown hotel to roars of approval from hundreds of Congolese gathered outside.

"All we are trying to do is to get everybody to put down their arms and not to do anything foolish or anything silly," a Ghanian spokesman said.

Alexander, after a talk with UN Undersecretary Ralph Bunche, held a staff meeting in the hotel lobby.

The commander of the UN force, Swedish Maj.-Gen. Carl Carlsson von Horn, leaves Jerusalem by pane today for the Congo.

Tunisia dispatched an advance party of six police officers Wednesday night. The North African nation said it would send 500 soldiers.

Bunche said Wednesday he expected perhaps 2,400 troops by early next week, from Ghana, Tunisia, Morocco, Guinea and Mali.

U.S. Air Force planes were expected to start landing at Leopoldville Airport in a few hours with the first part of 300 tons of flour President Eisenhower ordered sent to the hunger-threatened new African nation.

Arrival of the first tiny UN detachment seemed to create a new and more relaxed atmosphere. Some stores reopend.

Belgian troops still were in control of the city and had fanned out over a large part of the country Belgium gave independence only two weeks ago.

Russia warns of aid to Congo

MOSCOW (AP) — Nikita Khrushchev declared today the United Nations resolution on the Congo may not be enough. He said the Soviet Union is ready to act "to halt the aggression" there "if those states which are carrying on direct aggression against the Congo do not stop their criminal measures."

This was disclosed in a message from the Soviet premier to the Congo's President Joseph Kasavubu and Premier Patrice Lumumba. The Soviet news agency Tass quoted the Congo leaders as cabling Khrushchev Thursday: "We will be compelled to ask for intervention by the Soviet Union if the Western camp does not desist from aggression. . . ."

In his message Khrushchev spoke of the UN resolution arranging for a UN force to go to the Congo. He said:

"The Security Council did a useful thing in adopting a resolution calling for a withdrawal of the Belgian troops from the Congo. If the aggression continues in spite of this decision, the Soviet government declares that the necessity would arise for both the United Nations and those peace-loving states which sympathize with the Congo to take more effective measures."

One boat lands 60,000 pounds

The Sunnfjord sold its 60,000-pound halibut catch on the Prince Rupert exchange today, as follows: 42,000 pounds of medium at 15 cents per pound; 15,000 pounds of large at 18.2 cents per pound; and 3,000 chix at 10 cents per pound.

The catch sold to Pacific Fisheries, Ltd.

Reds claim proof on violation

LONDON (AP) — Moscow radio claimed yesterday that the Soviet government has proof to show that the American reconnaissance plane shot down July 1 invaded Soviet air space.

The English-language broadcast, beamed to North America, claimed that the RB-47 plane was equipped with guns and ammunition and was carrying "intelligence apparatus."

Why was this necessary, Moscow asked, if the plane was on an innocent mission to study electro-magnetic phenomena in the Arctic as the U.S. government claimed?

"Washington does not answer these questions, of course, but the two surviving airmen have," the broadcast said.

Soviet Premier Khrushchev, at his press conference on the plane incident, said the two captured Americans had admitted they were on an espionage mission. Wednesday, the Soviet government said it would place the issue before the United Nations.

MAY HAVE SALVAGED PART

The broadcast seemed to indicate that the Russians had salvaged part of the RB-47 wreckage although it did not say so. The plane was shot down in the Barents Sea.

The broadcast scoffed at the U.S. statement in a note to the Soviet government Tuesday that the RB-47 was never closer than 30 miles to the Russian coast.

"After saying a few days ago that the plane had disappeared 300 miles from Soviet shores, (the U.S. government) now claims the bomber was shot down 30 miles off the Soviet coast.

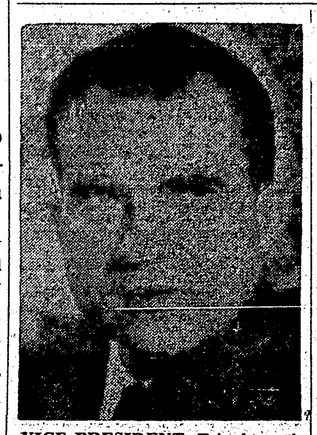
"A reduction of 10 times is apparently intended to make the story sound more plausible. But it only shows that Washington has no idea where the plane was actually shot down.

"We do, however, and we have proof to show that the RB-47 invaded Soviet air space."

Terrace man dies in city

Funeral services for Edward Gleason, 52, who was found dead in his home at 2181 Seventh Avenue East yesterday morning, will be conducted in Terrace at a later date.

Mr. Gleason was born in Gaugesund, Norway and was recently employed in Terrace and Prince Rupert as a logger. Remains were forwarded to Terrace yesterday.



VICE-PRESIDENT Richard Nixon, probable Republican nominee regards Senator John F. Kennedy as a "highly formidable opponet" for the presidency, a spokesman said in washington today. Herbert G. Klein, the vice - president's press secretary, told reporters Nixon is confident he can defeat the Massachusetts Democrat in the November United States election, although he expects "a close race."

17 Communists

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Communist party announced today 17 candidates have been named to contest the next provincial election. The number could reach 21.

West route for railway favored

VANCOUVER (CP)—Attorney-General Bonner of British Columbia said Wednesday he is encouraged that two of a three-man royal commission favored the western route of the proposed northern railway in Alberta.

He said in an interview he thinks the case for the western route is clearer now than before.

B.C. advocated the western route of the railway that will run to the south shore of Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories. The 437-mile route would start from Grimshaw, Alta.

Mr. Bonner said the route would "foster economic development both in northern Alberta and B.C. and give Alberta a direct connection to the Pacific seaboard through the B.C. government-owned Pacific Great Eastern railway."

The PGE runs from Fort St. John in northern B.C. to Vancouver.

Feelings mixed as Johnson named Kennedy running mate

LOS ANGELES (CP)—To the surprise and dismay of some northern liberals, presidential nominee John F. Kennedy picked Senator Lyndon Johnson, a powerful southern conservative, as his running mate in the November general election.

There were rumblings and a few cries of "double-cross," but the Demorcatic national convention—without a formal vote—accepted Johnson, the man who fought Kennedy for the party's presidential nomination and lost.

"We have resolved our differences," the wealthy Texas rancher remarked Thursday night as he was led to the convention rostrum, to receive the acclaim of the delegates as the party's vice-presidential candidate.

APPEASMENT BID

The decision, frowned upon by party leaders in such states as Michigan, Minnesota and California, had all the appearance of a bid by Kennedy to appease dissident southern Democrats who backed Johnson almost right down the line for the presidency and lost.

Southern Democrats were angered by the strong civil rights plank adopted by the convention and they felt that Kennedy, a northern liberal and a Roman Catholic, would be committed to enforcing its promises of lifting restrictions against the rights of the Negro in the South.

This situation, the southerners felt, would cost Kennedy a lot of votes in the November balloting.

Initially, Johnson was reported to be reluctant to accept the No. 2 post because he already has tremendous power in the government as majority leader in the Senate. But he finally agreed.

COULD PACIFICATE LIBERALS

Kennedy formally accepts the Democratic presidential nomination tonight. He could placate the liberals bemoaning his endorsement of Johnson as his running mate with a liberal acceptance speech and the choice of one of this dissenting group to succeed Paul M. Butler as the party's national chairman.

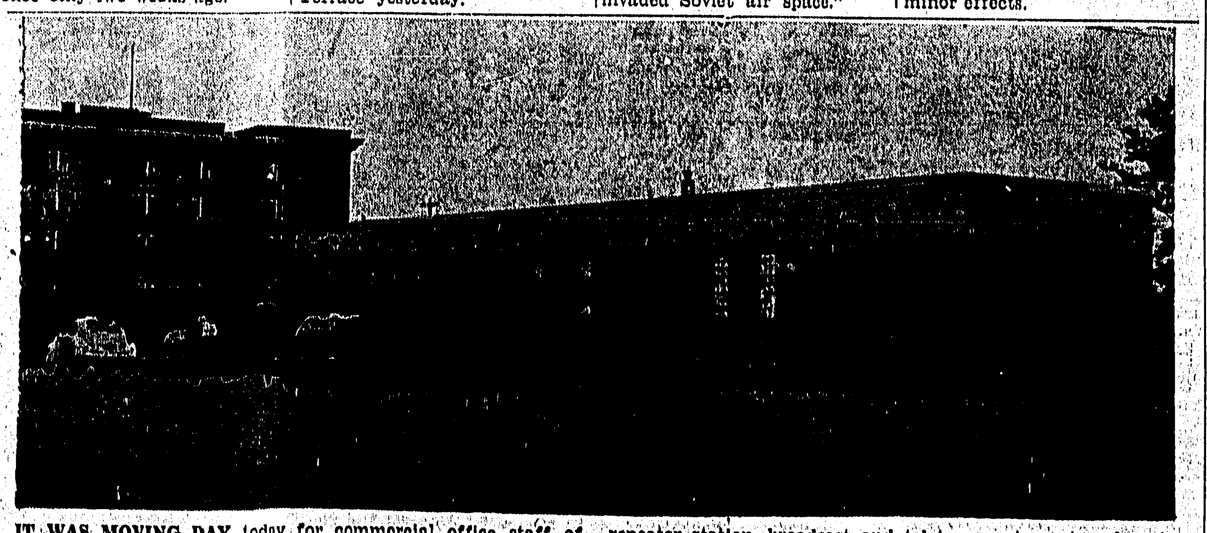
Senator Henry M. Jackson of Washington was tabbed as a leading candidate for Butler's job.

Vagrants given 30 days in jail

Four men were each sentenced to 30 days in jail today when they pleaded guilty in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite to charges of vagrancy.

Trial of Paul Young, alias Paul Beaver, was scheduled to continue this afternoon. Young pleaded not guilty this morning to a charge of robbery with violence.

The charge was laid July 1, following a complaint from George Ernest Fisher of the Dominion Rooms, that Young had beaten and robbed him of approximately $5 and other minor effects.



IT WAS MOVING DAY today for commercial office staff of Canadian National Railways as they moved into the new $75,000 Canadian National Telegraphs communication building at 612, Second Avenue West, shown above. Building into which CNT manager Dennis J. Light and his staff of eight moved, will not only house commercial telegraph aspect of CNT but also the repeater station, broadcast and teletype equipment and maintenance department which is now located at present repeater station on Wantage Road. While CNT staff moved today, repeater station crews and equipment will be moved later. Work on building started in mid-February. —Staff photo by Ken Specht.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Province's oldest city marks 100th birthday

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP)—British Columbia's oldest city celebrates her 100th birthday Saturday.

New Westminster's centenary will be marked by the reading of two proclamations issued a century apart.

The first, issued in 1860 by Governor James Douglas, made the Royal City the first municipality incorporated on British soil west of the Great Lakes.

The second, issued this week by the provincial cabinet, asks New Westminster citizens to "humbly render thanks to Almighty God for the generous gifts of nature and for the blessing of peace and prosperity with which this city has been so richly endowed."

Highway mishap

TRAIL (CP)—A truck driver, blasting frantically on the horn, weaved his runaway vehicle clear of traffic in a wild, 90-mile-an-hour ride down a steep hill.

Driver Bill Blastock suffered bruises and shock and swamper Carl Hoffman received a cracked vertebra Wednesday. Both Edmonton men, they were taken to Trail Hospital.

Wage talks crumble

PENTICTON (CP)—Wage talks between B.C. Interior Forest Relations and the southern region of the International Woodworkers of America (CLC) have broken down, it was learned here today.

Spokesmen for both sides were not immediately available for comment. The talks have been held here before Jack Sherlock of Kelowna, government-appointed conciliation officer.

Movie censor lighter

VICTORIA (CP) — The cabinet has approved changes in movie censorship regulations which will increase the number of films available for adult audiences.

Attorney-General Bonner said Wednesday night the changes were made as the result of the revival of "an old school of movie-making."

Leave granted

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia's Workmen's Compensation Board has been granted leave by the B.C. Court of Appeal to appeal the claims of two silicosis victims to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The appeals, to be heard in Ottawa this October, will determine whether the Workmen's Compensation Act bars appeals from the board's findings to the courts.

Medical aid being flown to Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — The United States is flying medical supplies and clothing here today for survivors of the fire in the Guatemala city mental asylum which took more than 200 lives Thursday.

Many of the 1,400 patients, some classified as criminally insane, escaped during rescue operations, making it difficult to fix the exact death toll. About 60 survivors were burned.

Authorities said a short circuit probably sparked the asylum's fire, which caused the heaviest death tool ever experienced by Guatemala in a disaster other than an earthquake.

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WEATHER

Cloudy with showers Saturday. Not much change in temperature. Southeast winds 20 tomorrow. Low tonight and high Saturday 53 and 60.

TIDES

Saturday, July 16, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	07:33	16.2 feet
	20:00	18.6 feet
Low	01:20	6.8 feet
	13:31	7.5 feet