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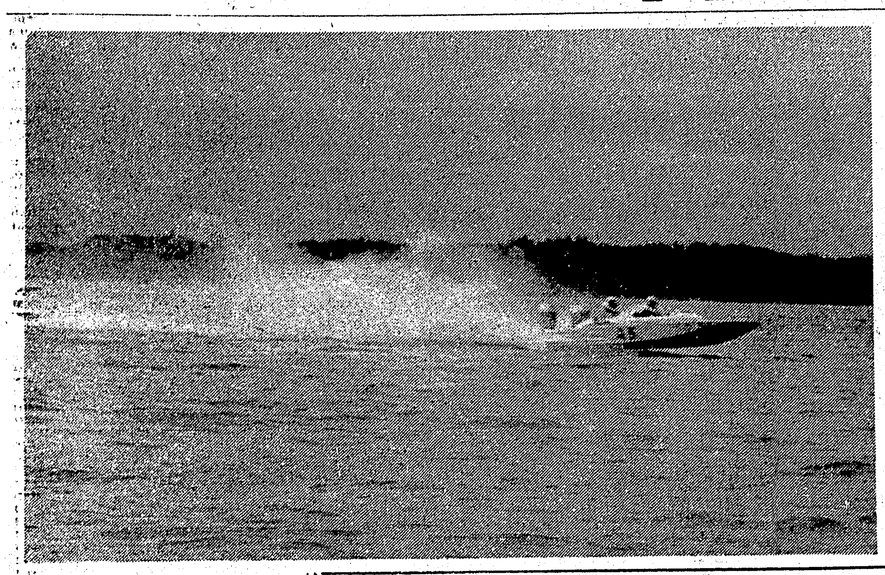
Powers sentenced to 10 years as Moscow spy trial concludes



KETCHIKAN-SEATTLE racer throws up a cloud of spray as it arrives in Prince Rupert at the completion of the first day's leg. Winner was Oral Freeman and 14-year-old son, Chuck, in an 18-foot catamaran, who was also class 'a' winner. —Staff photo by Gladys Baldwin.

No death penalty asked by Russians

By STANLEY JOHNSON

Francis Gary Powers, 31, U-2 air spy pilot, was sentenced to ten years in jail by the military section of the Soviet Supreme Court this morning, following his plea of guilty to charges of espionage for the United States. The court modified the sentence by stating that only three years of this term need be spent in prison.

MOSCOW (CP)—The Soviet Union today sentenced Francis Gary Powers to prison and then permitted him to see his tearful wife behind the scenes at the courtroom where he was tried for his U-2 spy flight.

The rest of the sentence is covered by "deprivation of liberty." That may mean assignment to a special colony with other prisoners, or possibly expulsion.

It is conceivable that Powers may be sent out of the Soviet Union when his prison term is finished. There was nothing official on this, but the feeling among some diplomats here is that the Soviet Union at this stage has no special desire to keep Powers after the excitement about him subsides.

A great burst of applause swept the crowded courtroom, the Soviet Trade Union building's vast Hall of Columns. It lasted two minutes.

Powers' wife, Barbara, 24, attired in navy blue, had fidgeted and twisted her gloves as the reading of the verdict went on for 30 minutes. Occasionally she sponged her forehead with a handkerchief dipped in a glass of water.

Both the wife and mother quickly regained their composure and stood up holding hands.

Later Barbara and her husband, whom she had seen only at a distance since she came to Moscow Sunday, were reunited in a little room adjoining the court.

His mother, father, and a sister also were permitted to see him for an hour.

MAXIMUM ASKED

The prosecution asked the maximum prison sentence of 15 years for U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers.

Winding up his summation of the case against the 31-year-old American flyer, Soviet prosecutor Roman Rudenko said he did not demand death—the supreme penalty prescribed by Soviet law for the espionage charge to which Powers pleaded guilty.

"I have every reason to ask the court to impose the supreme penalty," Rudenko said, "but taking into account the repentance expressed by prisoner Powers, I ask only that he be sentenced to 15 years "detention."

The capacity audience in the Hall of Columns in the Soviet Trade Union Building broke into stormy applause at Rudenko's concluding words.

NO APPEAL OPEN

Since Powers was tried by the military section of the Soviet Supreme Court, there is no appeal open to him. But the Supreme Soviet—the Soviet Parliament—or its governing presidium can review the case if it desires or if the president of the Supreme Court recommends. There has been some speculation that after sentencing, Powers would be freed from jail and expelled from the Soviet Union.

Rudenko in his summation also referred to the Soviet charges that Turkey where Powers' unit was based, Pakistan where his flight originated and Norway his destination conspired in the U-2 flight over the Soviet Union.

He said the three countries are "accomplices who facilitated the commission of the crime by making means available, and removing obstacles." All three countries have denied any knowledge of U.S. flights from their territory over the Soviet Union.

Rudenko made much of the Soviet contention that Powers' plane might have been armed with a nuclear bomb.

"Since the U.S.A. constantly keeps in the air squadrons of bombers on duty with atomic and hydrogen bombs, the appearance over Soviet territory of even a single reconnaissance plane can always portend an air attack."

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE is clearly visible in this shot of the fire gutted home of Harry Menzies, 552 Eighth Avenue East. The fire occurred about 12:20 a.m. Thursday morning gutting the house and destroying a car and a garage. The fire is said to have started through a tin of gas being ignited by a nearby stove. —Staff photo by Gary Oakes.

Dep.-minister slated tourist meet speaker

The need for further camp and picnic sites was stressed Thursday night at a meeting of the Prince Rupert Tourist Bureau. Plans were also laid for the forthcoming Boards of Trade convention in Prince Rupert during Jubilee week.

Attending the meeting was Mr. S. Rough of Kitimat, chairman of the tourist committee of the Associated Board of Trade of Central B.C., who outlined a program for a special meeting on tourism being held September 8 in Prince Rupert, in conjunction with the Associated Boards of Trade convention being held that week in this city.

Guest speaker at a dinner on September 8 in the Broadway Cafe will be Deputy Minister of Recreation and Conservation, Dr. D. B. Turner, who will be introduced by Mr. W. G. Scuby, chairman of the local tourist bureau.

Efforts will be made to have as publicity consultants Mr. A. Downs, Northwest Digest and Mr. J. R. Ayres, Daily News.

Other consultants on tourist subjects will be Mr. C. Walker, game warden, Prince Rupert; Inspector Gill, game department; Mr. L. Cox, game warden, Smithers; Mr. G. Moore, hotel manager; Mrs. Morrison, tourist information centre, Prince George and Mrs. J. Bolton, tourist bureau, Prince Rupert.

Mrs. J. Laurie consented to act as secretary of the September 8 meeting.

Major problems facing tourist traffic development will be the priority of the meeting.

Thieves fail to get goods

Two separate break-ins netted thieves nothing more than a bit of work Wednesday night.

Thieves broke into Philpott, Evitt and Co. Ltd. of 918 Second Avenue West, by smashing a window in the back of the building, while entrance was gained to the Terminal bus depot at 301 Second Street when a window in the back was jimmied.

At Philpott's, the dial and handle of the safe was knocked off, but it was not opened.

Employees found a battered nail punch beside the safe.

The janitor at the bus depot found the stock room door open, and the locks on the cigarette cupboard smashed, but there was apparently no merchandise missing. A crowbar was found nearby.

RCMP are still investigating.

Car stolen near theatre

RCMP have not yet recovered a vehicle stolen from First Street between Second and Third Avenues, last night.

The vehicle, a 1955 sedan, B.C. Licence No. 410-000, owned by Arthur Murray of 1812 Atlin avenue was parked on First street while Mr. Murray attended the late show at the Totem theatre.

When he returned at approximately 11:30 p.m. the car was gone.

Police said the car was open and the keys were left in the ignition.

RCMP are still investigating.

Correction

Due to a transposition of paragraphs in the story of the accident involving Russell Dudoward it appeared the car driver, Raymond Louis Nagy, 241 Seventh West, had driven through a stop sign. This was not correct. The accident was caused by the boy racing through a stop sign.

Prince Rupert has now gone 583 days without a fatal traffic accident.

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CNIB blitz-drive set for Monday at 6 p.m.

Some 80 city canvassers Monday beginning at 6 p.m. will start a door-to-door canvass in the Canadian National Institute of the Blind blitz-drive for $2,000.

Chairman Mrs. Kenneth Hardy on behalf of the sponsoring Women of the Moose Chapter No. 211 today asked that city residents give generously to help almost 2,500 persons in British Columbia who are registered as blind with the CNIB.

The organization's program is designed to rehabilitate, as far as possible, each individual to enable him to lead a useful and happy life, in spite of blindness, Mrs. Hardy explained.

It was pointed out that through its social service, home teaching library service, employment, field service, residences and recreation the CNIB is helping hundreds find their rightful places in their homes, employment and in their communities.

Mrs. Hardy reminded all city residents that they can help in this great work through financial support when the canvassers call on Monday night.

High Arrow best project says Minister

VANCOUVER (CP)—Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston said Thursday night at Revelstoke the High Arrow dam is the best project to start hydro development of the Columbia River "whether we like it or not and every way we look at it."

Williston said B.C. is committed by one of the basic principles of the international joint commission's report to submit High Arrow public hearings.

Canada can expect $6 back for every dollar it spends on the $66,000,000 project.

The public hearing is expected to be held soon although there is widespread opposition at Revelstoke over High Arrow.

New talks soon on disarmament

By DAVID ROWNTREE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (CP)—External Affairs Minister Green returned to Ottawa Thursday night "pretty hopeful" that a new round of disarmament talks will begin soon.

Led by Green, the Canadian delegation pushed through a number of changes in a resolution adopted unanimously by the 82-member United Nations disarmament commission.

The resolution stresses the urgency of "the earliest possible continuation of international negotiations" to stop the arms race and asks the UN General Assembly at its meeting beginning next month to give the matter "earnest consideration."

The commission concluded a three-day debate on the reasons for the collapse of the 10-power disarmament negotiations at Geneva. The Soviet bloc walked out of that meeting June 27.

Green's objective, as he explained it to reporters Thursday night, was to "focus on the nuclear powers as a whole mankind's desire for disarmament."

The disarmament commission clearly did this, Green said.

Throughout, the minister urged "the strongest possible emphasis for action."

At one time he had indicated irritation that other delegations were not treating the matter with sufficient seriousness but "everybody was pleased with the way it ended."

Girl injured in car crash

A young nurse's aide from Miller Bay Indian Hospital was sent to Prince Rupert general hospital early this morning when the car she was driving was involved in an accident five miles from Galloway Rapids Bridge on Highway 16.

Mae Wesley was released from hospital after being admitted around 3 a.m., unconscious.

Others in the car were Stanley and Nelson Morven, Francis Stewart and May Wilson.

No other details of the accident are known.

Polio cases

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia's total of polio cases for the year rose to 107 Thursday when two new cases were reported. Provincial health authorities here said a 32-year-old North Vancouver woman and a 48-year-old Terrace man were both stricken by mild paralysis.

World Briefs

LONDON (Reuters) — Russia today launched its second cosmic space ship, the Soviet news agency Tass announced. The space ship carried two dogs and other animals, Tass said.

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LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (Reuters)—Premier Patrice Lumumba at a press conference today accused UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold of deliberately exaggerating Thursday's manhandling by Congolese of Canadian soldiers here to "influence world opinion" against the Congo government.

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ACCRA, Ghana (Reuters) — Ghana airways has ordered four Russian Ilyushin turbo-prop airliners for use on its African, European and Intercontinental services.

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MOSCOW (CP)—Izvestia devoted column after column of news and pictures to the Powers trial here in its Thursday evening edition but the story was almost all on the inside pages. The biggest story in the organ of the Soviet government was a lavishly illustrated announcement that the borders of Moscow are being extended to include an area double its present size.

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COLOMB BECHAR, Sahara (Reuters) — The bodies of four French soldiers who died of thirst in the blazing heat of the Sahara Desert have been found by search parties from the French missle centre of Hamadir, according to reports reaching here Thursday. Three others of a party of seven soldiers who left the base Sunday to hunt gazelles were rescued in the last stages of exhaustion Monday and flown here by helicopter for treatment.

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PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP) — Two strange red lights that flashed across the sky at about 2:30 a.m. Thursday were reported by at least three Peterborough residents watching for the United States balloon satelite, Echo I. The lights travelled from east to west at a very high speed, they said.

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PORTLAND, Ore. (CP) — Rioting broke out Thursday night in a county jail at Rocky Butte. It was brought under control quickly after one prisoner was shot, police said. Fifteen prisoners took part in the rioting. Police said they captured one guard and held him captive briefly before authorities quelled the disturbance.

Wildcat strike stops sailings

LONDON (Reuters) — Leaders of Britain's wildcat seamen's strike showed no signs of surrender Thursday after suffering a setback when the liner Queen Elizabeth sailed from Southampton for New York.

The 25,000-ton Canadian Pacific line's Empress of Britain and the 21,947-ton Cunard liner Carinthia, both bound for Montreal, were prevented from sailing from Liverpool. The Empress of Britain's sailing time was moved from today to Monday while the Carinthia's passengers will be flown across the Atlantic.

B.C. ROUNDUP

Terrace boy drowned in Lakelse tragedy

TERRACE—Terence Melville Smith, 14, of Terrace, was drowned Thursday when he fell from the bows of a pleasure launch on Lakelse Lake, 13 miles south of here.

He was wtih a companion when the craft was apparently hit by a wave spilling both boys into the water.

George Benoit, hearing calls for help, went to the scene and rescued the second youth who was unidentified. He failed to find any tracs of the Smith boy.

Terence Smith is the son of Fred A. Smith of Terrace.

Dual purposes

VERNON (CP) — Vernon alderman J. U. Holt says search and rescue groups in the North Okanagan centre are working at dual purposes. Holt, who heads a Vernon fish and game club rescue unit, said he was not informed of a tragedy that claimed two lives last week until 12 hours after police had been informed. Holt said he has not been getting the co-operation of the RCMP.

Meeting erupts

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Vancouver police commission meeting erupted into a "battle of the sexes" Thursday over Chief Constable George Archer's plan to have civilian women employees take over at the public safety building complaint counter. City Hall Employees Association business manager Max Pierrotti branded the chief's proposal "discriminatory against males."

Woman injured

BURNS LAKE (CP)—Mrs. Bill Lopaschuk of Prince George suffered a fractured skull, eye injuries, shock and severe abrasions Thursday when her car collided with a deer near Burns Lake. The deer apparently leaped in front of the windshield. The woman's three children, also in the car, were not injured.

RCMP raids

NELSON (CP) — RCMP have raided two chinese residences here in a search for documents believed to substantiate activities of a nation-wide smuggling ring.

The raid is one of a series being conducted by the RCMP in its investigation of illegal entry of Chinese into Canada.

No details of the raid were given other than the seizure of papers which are now being translated.

Boy drowns

KAMLOOPS (CP)—A 10-year-old North Kamloops boy was swept to his death Thursday afternoon in the fast flowing waters of the North Thompson River. Name of the boy has not been released. Police said the boy was cycling with a friend and stopped to have a swim in the river. The friend swam out into the river and returned safely. The younger boy decided to do the same but was swept into the river and drowned.

Search held up

VANCOUVER (CP) — Adverse weather conditions forced a further postponement of a scheduled aerial search of Mount Waddington for the bodies of four climbers killed July 31. The party, including two women, disappeared when an avalanche covered their camp at the 8,200-foot level of the 13,000-foot peak 150 miles north of here. The search party is scheduled to try Friday.

Two slates complete

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Social Credit and Progressive Conservative parties have both completed nomination of candidates for the September 12 provincial general election. Frank Butala was named in Fernie Wednesday night by Social Credit and David Moon, a 38-year-old resort operator from Bowen Island, was chosen as Progressive Conservative candidate for Mackenzie.

Signal pot caused alarm

No damage occurred last night when firemen were called to Sixth Avenue and Fulton Streets to extinguish a small blaze caused by a burning signal pot.

Construction is being done on Sixth Avenue and workmen had put a flaming signal pot in the intersection to warn motorists.

A fireman said that children apparently knocked the pot over and the flames caught on to a construction sign.

PNR work scheduled next week

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Al Hatherly, project engineer for Industrial Engineering and Development Limited, said Wednesday that grading work on the right-of-way for the Pacific Northern Railway may start next week.

Industrial Engineering and Development Limited is the firm handling the railway's survey.

Meanwhile, workmen at the controversial railway construction site are taking advantage of a drizzling rain to burn slash and trees.

WEATHER

Variable cloudiness with widely scattered showers today and Saturday. Little change in temperature. Winds light occasionally reaching westerly 15 in exposed areas. Low tonight and high Saturday 50 and 60.

TIDES

Saturday, August 20, 1960
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	12:43	18.2 feet
Low	06:25	4.1 feet
	18:30	7.0 feet