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National rail strike threat as negotiations broken

Kennedy calls council together fourth time

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy calls in the National Security Council again today to weigh a more active role for the United States in Laos. This is the fourth session for the strategy group within 10 days.

Meanwhile, the United States cancelled the airlift of 6,000 troops to Europe for a planned NATO exercise.

Kennedy cut short his week-end rest in the Virginia country-side Sunday to review the Laotian crisis with government officials.

TOP MEN PRESENT

Kennedy conferred with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of Defence Robert McNamara, other state and defence department officials and McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to Kennedy on national security affairs.

Senator J. W. Fulbright, democrat of Arkansas and chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee Sunday firmly opposed sending American troops into Laos. Fulbright acknowledged the United States faced a serious loss of prestige if Laos fell to the Pathet Lao Communist rebels.

"But I don't think the terrain and conditions are right for sending in our troops. We must seek another solution and we are."

Fulbright said he would favor further U.S. military action in South Viet Nam, Thailand or Burma if those nations requested it.

Vancouver calls for strike plan

OTTAWA (CP) — Railway union negotiations in Montreal aimed at averting a nationwide railway strike set for May 16 have collapsed, it was learned today.

The government is understood to have been informed today that the last-ditch talks in Montreal failed to break an impasse in the multi-million dollar wage dispute between the railways and the 111,000 membrs of the non-operating employees union.

The abrupt end of the negotiations once again confronts the federal government with a fast-moving crisis that could erupt into a trans-continental tie-up on May 16 unless solved.

The railways are understood to have offered a compromise settlement that would not have provided a full retroactive pay boost for 1960.

The 15 non-operating rail unions are seeking a 14-cent boost to be paid in steps; two cents retroactive to January 1, 1960; five cents retroactive to September 1, 1960; and a four cent payment effective today.

The railways rejected this wage demand, which had been recommended by a conciliation board headed by Mr. Justice J. V. H. Milvain of Calgary. They contended their employees are already adequately paid in comparison with similar workers in outside industry.

The wage increase, the railways say, would add $34,000,000 a year to labor costs.

Top secret talks took place in Montreal most of last week in a renewed bid to solve the long-standing contract dispute. However, after a number of meetings, the disputants failed to find a compromise formula for settling the wage scrap.

VANCOUVER TO VOTE

A special meeting of all British Columbian railway union employees of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways has been called in Vancouver to lay plans for a national railway strike.

Harold Davies, chairman of the British Columbia strike committee for non-operating employees, said today that plans are underway that could result in all classes of rail employees joining forces in a combined effort to obtain wage demands.

Davies accused the federal government of "dragging its feet' and said that if it fails to act now "it will result in a nationwide strike."

Davies added that the 10,000 railway employees will not accept "a quarter cent less" than the 14 cents hourly increase recommended by the conciliation board.

PROUD PROPRIETOR John Steele, one time principal of Roosevelt Park school, points out exhibits in his recently opened wax museum in Victoria. Mr. Steele is standing extreme right of the picture next to Mr. Stalin, onetime Premier of Russia. Next is President Franklin D. Roosevelt of America, then Charles de Gaulle, reigning prime minister of France, and on the left is the celebrated and controversial Field Marshal Viscount Bernard Montgomery. — Ryan Bros. Photo

Cease fire proposed in Laos

By JOHN GRIFFIN

VIENTIANE (AP) — The pro-Communist Pathet Lao rebels proposed a cease-fire meeting in no man's land north of Vientiane but they showed no sign of slackening their drive against the American-backed Laotian government.

A government officer carrying a white flag was to try to contact the Pathet Lao today near Ban Namon, about 35 miles north of this administrative capital. A similar mission Saturday was ignored by the rebels.

This time Prince Souvanna Phouma, the exiled neutralist leader whom the Communist bloc and some Asian countries still recognize as premier of Laos, said he would agree to a military meeting in Ban Namon before Wednesday. Capt. Kong Le, commander of one faction of the rebels, followed up with a broadcast promise of safe conduct to Ban Namon.

Ex-Roosevelt principal opens private museum

Special to The Daily News

VICTORIA — A two-year-old dream came true Friday for John Steele, former principal at Prince Rupert's Roosevelt Park Elementary School.

Together with his partner, William Enman, Mr. Steele greeted guests at the entrance to the Royal London Wax Museum, and conducted them through the lavish displays.

The museum, first of its kind in the west, houses almost 60 figures of the famous and infamous, from the times of Julius Caesar to the present time.

During the summer of 1959 John Steele spent a holiday in England, where he was born. He met an old friend, Keith Gems, managing director of Josephine Tussaud's wax figure factory.

From that meeting and an inspection of the factory Steele formed the idea of building his own wax museum in Western Canada.

In June, 1960, he gambled on his dream and resigned as a teacher. He came to Victoria seeking capital to help prepare the museum.

William Enman, a Calgary lumberman retired to Victoria about the same time as Steele arrived. They met, the partnership was formed and the museum became a reality.

The figures include the world's famous dictators—Khrushchev, Stalin, Hitler, Nasser—the Royal Family, historical figures such as Cleopatra, Queen Elizabeth I, Captain Cook, Captain Vancouver, King Henry VIII, Davie Crockett and Sir James Douglas.

Lavish sets have been constructed for the figures, ranging from the top of Mount Everest for a tableau of Sir Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa, Tenzing, to a rose garden for the giants of literature—Kipling, Burns, Mark Twain, Voltaire, Shaw and Hans Christian Anderson.

The realism of the figures is fantastic. Skin tones, texture, hair, even to the stubble on the chins of the male figures, are all exact and uncannily realistic.

Costumes were supplied by the London, England, firm of B. J. Simmons and are as rich as the settings. Where possible genuine furnishings are used.

In the tableau of Disraeli and Queen Victoria the walls are covered with the Royal Stewart dress tartan as the Queen's sitting room was covered.

The figure of George III wears an authentic waistcoat made during his reign. Hillary and Tenzing are completely costumed down to the crampons on their feet.

Plans are to expand the museum in the future with more figures but for the present John Steele is content.

And very proud.

New grade next year in schools

There will be no Grade 13 for Prince Rupert students this year owing to staff of insufficient standard, marginal numbers in the class and the fact that the high cost has not been budgetted for, the school board has announced.

The suggestion to start a Grade 13 — equivalent of first year university — has been before the board for some time.

The proposal will be tabled, the board said, until next year for definite action at that time. This will permit the inclusion of the additional costs to be included into the budget, the standards of the teaching staff raised to the necessary level and to ensure the requisite number of pupils to make the venture worthwhile.

The minimum required by the department of education is 10, and the district has 14 eligible for this grade, but drop-outs would reduce this number during the year, the board said.

Firemen busy over weekend

Firemen had a busy time answering fire calls during the weekend.

About 5:09 p.m. Friday, firemen had to extinguish a grass fire which was burning near Fifth Avenue East and Immanuel Street. It was believed to have been started by children.

Saturday, three calls were received at the Fire department. At 6 a.m. a call was received to the effect that a shack owned by Daniel Lippett on the drydock road had caught on fire. Firemen arrived on the scene quickly but the roof was badly burned.

At 2 p.m. firemen were called to quell a grass fire at 1232 Seventh Avenue East the home of Frederick Falkner.

Fire relief fund climbs to $767

Another $82 in donations was received at The Daily News over the weekend and this morning to increase the Hampton Apartments Fire Relief Fund from $685 last Friday to $767.

Making the most recent contributions were Anonymous $5; Canadian Legion Branch 27 $25; Women's Auxiliary to the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union $50; Anonymous $2.

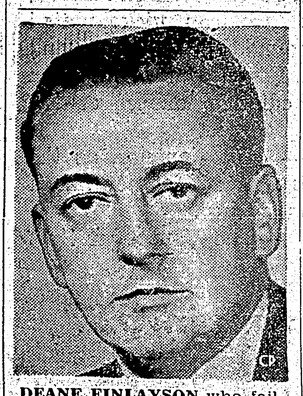
Donated earlier and included in total was $30 from the Municipal Chapter of the IODE.

Cheques may be sent or money brought in to The Daily News. Cheques should be made out to the Hampton Apartments Fire Relief Fund.

Car damaged

Damage amounted to about $250 in an accident about 2 p.m. Friday one mile west of Skeena Crossing on Highway 16.

RCMP said that a car driven by Raymond Porter Wilkins of Kitimat was in collision with another vehicle driven by Charles Fox of Kitimat.



DEANE FINLAYSON who failed three times in efforts to win election to the provincial legislature and once in a federal election campaign, handed in his resignation at a regular meeting of the party's provincial executive.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the Alcoholism Foundation of B.C., Edward D. McRae, B.S.W., graduate of the Yale School of Alcohol Studies, Yale University, will present "Alcoholism —A Survey of Its Significance" at the opening session of the one-day Institute on Alcoholism to be held in Prince Rupert May 3, at the Civic Centre. The Institute is being held to stimulate the community towards a positive approach in attacking one of B.C.'s most costly health and social problems. The program is open to the public.

City strike results Mon.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Company-union talks are under way here in an effort to avert strikes at several B.C. branches of McLennan, McFeely and Prior Limited.

Members of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (CLC) employed at branches in Port Alberni, Chilliwack and Abbotsford have already voted for strike action.

Results of strike votes at Prince George and Prince Rupert branches will be announced today.

The union also represents employees at Vernon, Penticton and a lone union member, Mrs. Effie Bowen, at the hardware company's Courtenay store.

Fish landed

One vessel landed halibut in Prince Rupert today.

Dollina II landed 3,253 pounds of halibut and sold directly to Atlin Fisheries.

Prince Rupert has now gone 835 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Car raided

A car owned by Kenneth Smith of Penticton was broken into late Saturday night or early Sunday morning while it was parked near the Savoy Hotel.

Police said that a window in the vehicle was broken and a case of beer was believed stolen.

B.C. ROUNDUP

No passengers injured as train derailed north of Squamish

VANCOUVER (CP)—The lead unit of a Pacific Great Eastern train, carrying 50 passengers, was derailed Sunday when its wheels hit a boulder, 40 miles north of here.

The car jumped the tracks but remained upright. No one was hurt.

The passengers were loaded aboard the rear car and returned to Squamish at the head of nearby Howe Sound. They proceeded north again when the track was cleared.

Legion closed

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Prince George branch of the Canadian Legion was ordered closed Saturday by provincial headquarters because of failure to file its annual accounts. Officials said the accounts have now been forwarded and it is hoped the branch will be allowed to reopen Monday.

May Day parade

VANCOUVER (CP) — The city's traditional May Day parade went off without a hitch Sunday with an estimated 300 participating. Among the numerous placards and banners were many supporting Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. Police said the marchers were orderly.

Satisfactory

NEW WESTMINSTER (CP) —Michael Bowyer, 15, was reported in satisfactory condition in hospital with second-degree burns suffered while burning a stump at his suburban Surrey home. A can of gasoline he was about to pour on the stump exploded.

Ski resort

VERNON (CP) — The Silver Star ski resort near here has closed for the season—one week short of an anticipated six-month skiing period. Steady rain the last three days has left the mountain in dangerous condition.

FIRST OPEN AIR MARKET to open in Prince Rupert for many years went into operation Friday with the produce of Digby Island Greenhouses on display. Project is operated by John Hekkert and John Konst. Market sold early vegetables, radishes and bedding plants Friday and Saturday. Talking with customer is Mr. Hekkert while salesman Ralph Welck chooses plants. — Staff photo by Dick Ayres

Greater use of elevator Chamber topic

The greater use of the Canadian government elevator in view of the increased grain trade with the Orient will be one of the many topics slated to be dealt with Monday night when the Chamber of Commerce holds its regular dinner meeting in La Gondola Cafe at 6:30.

Also to be discussed are the seasonal or quarterly licencing of trucks, the "eyesores" on Highway 16 between the city limits and Galloway Rapids bridge, Canadian Pacific Airlines schedules when the Prince Rupert airport on Digby Island becomes operational and the future of the Seal Cove seaplane base.

Brawler with 14 convictions gets 7 days on fifteenth

"This is becoming a bit of a habit," said Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite Saturday in police court when sentencing a man who had 14 previous convictions to seven days jail.

RCMP told the court the previous offences were all of a similar nature to that which the man, John F. Reid of Prince Rupert, pleaded guilty. He had been charged with creating a disturbance by fighting on April 20.

A second man, John Maier also of Prince Rupert, was fined $15 and costs when he pleaded guilty to the same charge arising out of the same incident. RCMP stated Maier had two previous convictions and Magistrate Applewhaite said the fine would be $15 "as this was only a third offence."

Store entered

Macey's Confectionery at 519 Third Avenue West was broken into during the weekend for the third time within a month.

RCMP said today that the confectionery store was broken into late Friday night or early Saturday morning.

There were $2.50 worth of pennies missing but it is not known if anything else was taken.

Cars collide

Charges are pending against David Larsen of Dodge Cove following an accident about 1:15 a.m. today in the 500 block Eleventh Avenue East.

RCMP said that a car driven by Larsen was in collision with the rear of another vehicle driven by Giovanni Pucci of Prince Rupert. Damage amounted to about $150.

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WEATHER

Showers Tuesday with little change in temperature. Winds northeast gusty 20 shifting to west 15. Low tonight and high tomorrow 47 and 55.

TIDES

Tuesday, May 2, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	02:02	22.1 feet
	14:47	10.0 feet
Low	08:33	1.6 feet
	20:38	5.6 feet

Grain ship on second trip

On her second run to Prince Rupert, the MV Captain Carras docked Sunday morning at the Canadian government grain elevators.

She will load 12,000 long tons of barley for Communist China and is expected to sail again either May 4 or 5.

Three other vessels are expected to call for grain shipments this month but details of them are not, as yet, finalized.