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OPENING PARTY . . . Members of the opening party who helped officially launch Prince Rupert Basketball Association's second annual All Native Tournament last night are: left to right: E. T. Appiewhaite, secretary of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce who welcomed teams on behalf of the chamber; Mayor P. J. Lester, who welcomed teams on behalf of the city and declared the tournament officially open; and R. H. S. Sampson, Indian Superintendent who proposed a moment's silence in respect of the intimely death last week of F. E. Anfield, Indian Commissioner for B.C. — Nishio-Van Meer Photo

Coastwide strike ballot threat issued by UFAWU over halibut

Base price refused by fish companies

VANCOUVER (CP) — The United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union (Ind.) said today serious consideration is being given to conducting a coastwide strike ballot among United States and British Columbia fishermen.

"If a two-third majority of all halibut fishermen in Canada and the United States vote for strike the struggle for a minimum price (for halibut) will be in full swing," the union said in a statment.

The statement said fishing companies in Vancouver will have nothing to do with a program of minimum prices for halibut drafted at a fishermen's conference at Prince Rupert February 6 to 12.

The employees offered the bidding system "where fishermen had no voice and were taken for a ride year after year on a downward scale of prices," said UFAWU officials.

The Prince Rupert proposal calls for united action by all unions in B.C., Alaska and Washington. It requests landed prices for halibut of 27 cents a pound at Seattle, 25 cents at Vancouver, 24 cents at Prince Rupert, 23 cents at Ketchikan and a range of 20 to 22 cents in more distant Alaskan ports.

Fishermen operating out of plants and camps along the B.C. coast would get between 22 and 23 cents a pound, depending on the proximity to Prince Rupert or Vancouver.

The union statement said in 1958 halibut prices in B.C. averaged 20.67 cents a pound and in 1960 they had dropped to 16.4 cents.

"At the same time the consumers have been paying more and more for halibut steaks and fillets."

STUDENT ARRESTED — One student (far left) was arrested when some 200 of his fellows at Templeton Junior High School in Vancouver demonstrated against longer school hours proposed by the British Columbia government. The government says it will lengthen the school day in secondary schools 30 minutes to six hours and the present school year of between 187 and 193 days by an amount to be determined. — CP Photo

Peterson report shows Rupert pays 70 per cent school costs

VICTORIA (CP)—Education Minister Leslie Peterson revealed in the legislature Wednesday that government is paying a little over 30 per cent of Prince Rupert costs only, and not 50 per cent as was previously thought.

The provincial share of school operating costs was less than half in 30 of the 98 school districts in British Columbia during 1960, a return filed in the legislature by Education Minister Peterson revealed.

The provincial government undertakes to pay half the school operating costs on a basis of the province-wide average, the municipalities raising the other half under a standard mill-rate formula, which will be changed during the current legislative session.

Mr. Peterson's return, in reply to a question from Alan Macfarlane (L - Oak Bay) shows that taxpayers in the more heavily populated areas picked up more than half their school operating costs while others paid half or less than half of their costs.

In certain instances — where there apparently are mitigating circumstances — the province did not share in the costs at all. These included the mining community of Kitimat, Lillooett, Quatsino and Butedale.

In Vancouver, the province shared just over 37 per cent of the operational costs, in Greater Victoria just under 37 per cent. The large Burnaby district got 44 per cent paid by the province.

Alberni and Powell River had just over 26 per cent paid by the province, Prince Rupert slightly more than 30 per cent.

Trail was the only interior point where the board paid more than half its operating costs, the provincial share being slightly below 40 per cent.

Tanker towed to fish port

CORCUBION, Spain (AP) — The German high seas tug Atlantik beached the Canadian tanker Fortune in Langosteira Bay, three miles from this fishing port, to keep her from sinking early today.

The Andros Fortune collided with the Liberian tanker Point Lazo early Monday about 50 miles northwest of here. The Canadian ship was severely damaged in her after section and the engine room was flooded.

The decision to beach the tanker was reached after a dawn examination of the stricken vessel by Spanish dockyard technicians. She was settling rapidly by the stern.

U-turn, no lights cost man $20

Making a U-turn in the middle of a block and driving without headlights cost Harry Laverne Garland of 425 Sixth Avenue West $20 when he pleaded guilty to both charges today in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

RCMP said the charges were laid after Garland made a U-turn in the 700 block Second Avenue West about 7:05 p.m. February 16. He was checked by police and his car headlights were not on.

He was fined $10 on each charge.

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Thompson withdraws news bid

LONDON (CP) — The Daily Mirror group has won control of rival Odhams Press and emerges as the largest newspaper and magazine publishing combine in the world.

The Mirror's directors announced Wednesday night that a majority of Odhams shareholders had accepted its takeover bid worth about £35,000,000 ($98,000,000).

The Mirror group publishes the Daily Mirror and the Sunday Pictorial plus a string of magazines. Odhams includes the Daily Herald and a Sunday paper, The People.

But the biggest prize Odhams had to offer was a group of magazines, many of them—particularly in the women's field—in competition with the Mirror's publications.

Cecil Harmsworth King, chairman of the Mirror, has made no secret of the fact that Odhams' magazines are what he is mainly interested in. He has indicated he would be prepared to sell the Herald and The People to ease fears that they would be sacrificed to the Mirror. Both the Herald and the Mirror support the Labor party.

Parking brawl ends in court

A charge of common assault brought a three-month suspended sentence to Fredrick Hill of Cow Bay when he pleaded guilty in police court this morning before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite.

RCMP said Hill was charged as a result of an altercation with his next-door neighbor, David Watt, over a road allowance which adjoined their properties.

Queen greeted at Tehran

TEHRAN (AP)—The Queen arrived here today for the first visit a British sovereign has ever paid to Iran.

Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi and Empress Farah greeted the Queen and Prince Philip as their four-engined Britannia landed at Mehrabad Airport from New Delhi.

The royal couple had just ended a six-week visit to India, Pakistan and Nepal. Indian officials saw them off from New Delhi airport.

Matsqui crash damage $500

A fine of $25 was handed out to Brian John Goody of Prince Rupert when he pleaded guilty today in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite to a waived charge of driving without due care and attention.

Police said that Goody was charged in Matsqui after an accident November 26, 1960 at the intersection of the Trans-Canada Highway and Ross Road. Damage amounted to $500.

The charge carries an automatic suspension of driving privileges for as long as the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles feels is necessary and Magistrate Applewhaite said that he would send Goody's licence to the superintendent with the recommendation that "it be returned forthwith."

Go slow policy recommended on Columbia power scheme

VICTORIA (CP)—A slow, cautious approach to ratification by Canada of the international treaty on the Columbia River power development program has been recommended by the British Columbia Energy Board.

In a report to the B.C. government, tabled in the legislature Wednesday, the board said available information in matters on which cost of delivered power and exact building schedules can be based is inadequate and Canada would be wise to wait.

It added that ratification should not take place until there can be assurance the production schedule called for in the treaty will not create a vast power surplus.

The board, appointed by the provincial government earlier this year to study all aspects of both the Peace and Columbia River developments, made the observations in a preliminary report.

It also stated:

That it is examining possibilities for sale of power to Alberta;

That preliminary studies on possible power export indicate there is no likelihood of any substantial demand for B.C. power in the Pacific Northwest United States before 1970;

That there have been recent reductions in the rate of increase in power requirements in B.C. and the northwestern United States;

44 slain in Congo

LEOPOLDVILLE (AP) Congolese soldiers killed 44 civilians in bitter street fighting at Lulabourg, the capital of Kasie province, the United Nations reported today.

The troops ran wild after three of their comrades had been killed and three wounded by a mob of supporters of slain premier Patrice Lumumba.

The violence boiled over in the aftermath of last week's capture of Luluabourg by Lumumbist troops from Stanleyville. These troops pulled out two days ago and left the town in a ferment.

Luluabourg, 400 miles east of Leopoldville, was the scene of tribal clashes in the days just after The Congo gained independence from Belgium last summer.

The United Nations reported that after the battle Wednesday some 1,000 civilians sought UN protection.

In Leopoldville, the United Nations ordered its soldiers today never to surrender their arms and to open fire on anyone who tries to make them.

The order followed a number of incidents in which Congolese soldiers arrested and disarmed UN troops.

Algerians accept de Gaulle offer of peace talks to end long war

RABAT (AP)—The Algerian rebels today accepted President de Gaulle's bid for peace talks to end the long and costly Alegrian war. Direct negotiations appeared to be imminent.

The rebels insisted on their goal in the 6½-year war: independence from France. They softened it somewhat by saying that Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria are planning to join in a loose federation retaining friendly ties with Paris.

The rebel announcement came in a joint communique issued after talks here between the Algerian nationalist leaders and their two neighbors and supporters, Tunisia and Morocco. Rebel premier Ferhat Abbas conferred with King Hassan II of Morocco and President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia until just before dawn.

Bourguiba had come directly from Paris bearing a new offer for talks from de Gaulle.

French Information Minister Louis Terrenoire disclosed in Paris that de Gaulle told Bourguiba France is no longer insisting that the rebels lay down their arms before negotiations take place.

The two sides see the negotiations differently. The rebels want to talk only about independence. De Gaulle, Terrenoire said, wants to discuss "the conditions for self-determination."

By this he meant the de Gaulle plan for letting Algeria decide its own political future through free elections.

Minor fined

A fine of $10 was imposed on Thomas Hiltz, 19, of 1256 Park Avenue when he pleaded guilty this morning in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite to a charge of possession of liquor while under the age of 21.

RCMP said that the charge was laid following an incident about 2 a.m. February 26 when Hiltz was found to have had a bottle of wine in his possession.

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — About 40 persons died and several thousand were injured in vast crowds that for two days mourned the death of King Mohammed V. Officials said several mourners committed suicide.

Native tourney history repeated as Kitkatla trims Kitimaat 69-57

Last year's final game of the Prince Rupert Basketball Association's All Native Tournament almost repeated itself this morning at the Civic Centre during the second day of the 1961 tournament.

Kitkatla Excelsior Club trimmed Kitimaat Athletic Club 69-57 before about 400 wildly cheering fans this morning.

The same two teams met in the final game last year and Kitkatla became 1960 senior division champions by virtue of a 61-57 win over Kitimaat.

This morning, Kitkatla poured in 34 points in the first half and held Kitimaat to only 16. A one point they led 27-6.

In the second half Kitimaat came back strongly to outscore Kitkatla 41-35 but they couldn't overcome the first half deficit.

Elmer Ridley and Fred Gamble paced the victors with 28 and 23 points respectively while Crosby Smith and Garry Grant led Kitimaat with 20 points each.

Kitkatla's Don Brown and Kitimaat's Doug Stewart both fouled out in the second half.

The other senior game played this morning saw Bella Bella come from behind to edge Greenville 57-50. In the intermediate game Manson's Tom Toms downed New Royal Hotel 39-27.

Bella Bella was losing 33-25 at half-time but rallied in the second half to outscore Greenville 32-17 and insure the win.

Steve Carpenter and Andy Doors were big guns for Bella Bella with 20 points each while Terry Stevens of Greenville was high scorer of the game with a 25-point effort.

In the intermediate game, Manson's came back from a 7-2 deficit in the first quarter to outscore New Royals 16-8 in the second quarter and hold an 18-15 margin at half-time. They led 39-21 at the start of the fourth.

Jerry Jeffrey netted 20 points for the Tom Toms while Benny Stewart topped Royal's scoreboard with 11 points. Basketball continues tonight at the Civic Centre.

Prince Rupert has now gone 776 days without a fatal traffic accident.

World News Briefs

LONDON (AP) — Lady Churchill, 75, was reported resting "quite comfortably" today in the London hospital which she entered Tuesday night. She was visited Wednesday night by her 86-year-old husband, Sir Winston, who brought her two woolen bed jackets. He spent half an hour at his wife's bedside, then was driven home.

NAIROBI (Reuters) — Kenya was threatened today with a possible mass walkout by newly-elected African legislators in protest against a British refusal to free Jomo Kenyatta.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy is hopeful that the new round of negotiations among the United States, Russia and Britain to open at Geneva March 21 will produce an agreement on a permanent three-power ban on nuclear tests.

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor John Wayne was hit and injured by a car Wednesday night as he crossed Madison Avenue in the rain. Doctors at Roosevelt Hospital said the 48-year-old actor suffered injuries of the left leg and deep cuts on the head and face in the accident near 61st Street. They listed his condition as fair.

B.C. ROUNDUP

New Haig-Brown book suitable school text

VICTORIA (CP) — A new book by B.C. author Roderick Haig-Brown may become a standard textbook in B.C.'s schools, Education Minister Peterson said today.

Mr. Peterson, speaking at the opening session of the 13th annual B.C. resources conference, said The Living Land would be a good geography text for schools.

Charge remanded

FORT NELSON (CP) — Romeo Delmar Testawipch, 16, has been charged with murder in the fatal shooting of a five-year-old girl Saturday in nearby Old Fort Nelson. He was remanded without plea for preliminary hearing.

Investor scare over

VANCOUVER (CP) — Investors today got over their scare about the possibility of the provincial government taking over the B.C. Electric Company. Stock of the B.C. Power Corporation, parent of the BCE, dropped $1 Tuesday after Premier Bennett said the day before that it could become necessary to take over the utility company.

Cars collide

A car driven by Marcia Mah of Prince Rupert was in collision with another vehicle driven by John Lotz of 1125 Ambrose Avenue near the intersection of Ninth Avenue and McBride Street about 8:45 a.m. yesterday. Damage was unestimated.

WEATHER

Clouding over tomorrow. Milder. Winds light. Low tonight and high tomorrow 28 and 45.

TIDES

Friday, March 3, 1961 (Pacific Standard Time)

High	02:03	20.2 feet
	14:06	20.7 feet
Low	08:05	4.9 feet
	20:22	3.8 feet