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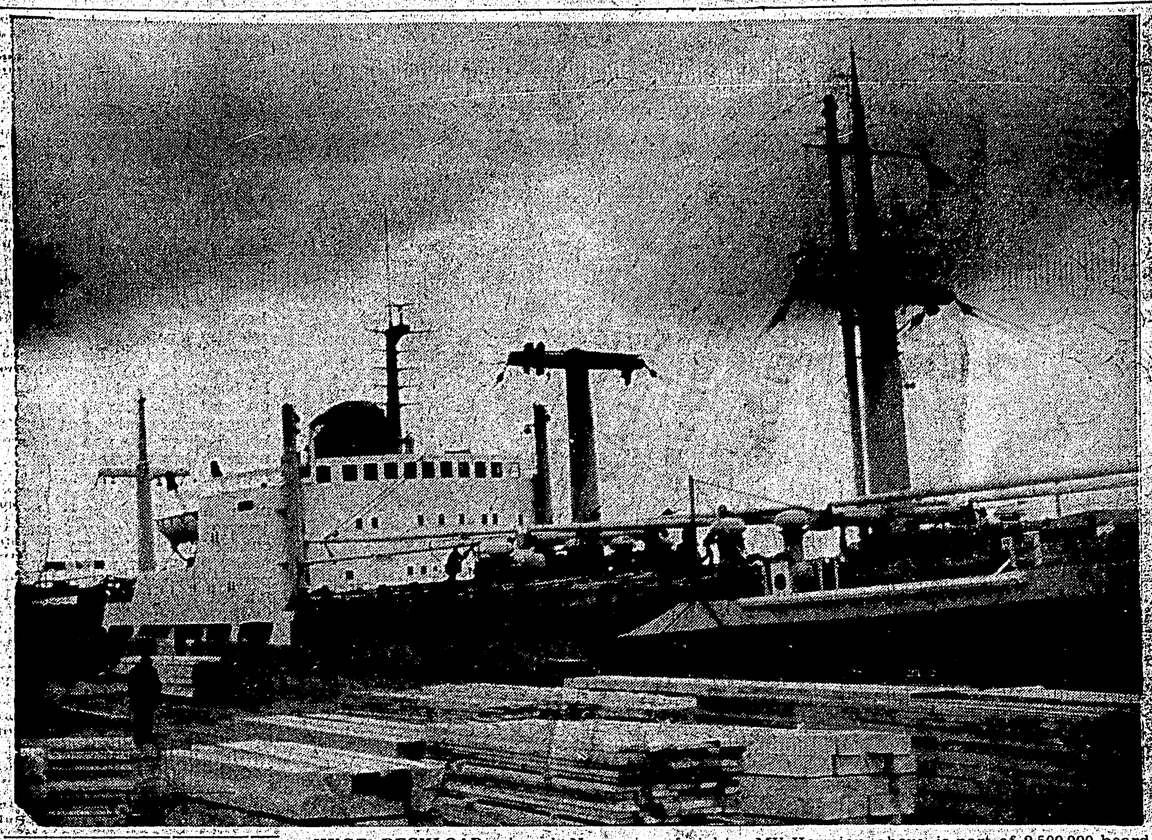

HUGE DECKLOAD aboard Norwegian freighter MV Hermion, above, is part of 2,500,000 board feet of lumber shipped last week from Prince Rupert Sawmills Ltd. dock. Hermion took first of year's orders for lumber to Japan. Another vessel is expected early next month to take second shipment. — Photo by Nishio-Van Meer Studio

# Bank governor accuses minister of blackmailing

## Coyne says Fleming concealing evidence

OTTAWA (CP)—James E. Coyne, angrily demanding a parliamentary hearing in his battle with the government, has accused Finance Minister Fleming of "blackmailing tactics" and concealment of evidence in the case.

The Bank of Canada governor levied those charges—and others — in a hotly - worded open letter to Finance Minister Fleming.

Breaking silence for the first time in a week, Mr. Coyne made the letter public Monday during the opening stages of Commons debate on the government's bill to have Parliament fire him from his $50,000-a-year job.

The letter, also distributed by the central bank's agencies in eight cities across Canada, came out at about the time Mr. Fleming was flatly rejecting an opposition request that the issue be referred to the Commons banking committee.

Mr. Coyne, in his most bitterly - phrased statement to date, also:

● Suggested the government tried to terrorize him into resigning last month.

● Charged Mr. Fleming with "smear tactics."

● Accused the minister of hiding "behind the shelter of your parliamentary immunity" to bring serious charges against the governor.

● Suggested that government plans for a snap election may have been behind its attempt to oust him.

● Said the government had undermined the independence of Bank of Canada directors and left them "under suspicion of acting as political puppets."

● Accused the government of having "degraded" the standards of public life in Canada.

**CHARGE NOT EXPLAINED**

The 50-year-old governor did not elaborate on his "blackmailing" charge.

In his public statement June 13 rejecting the government's May 30 request for his resignation, Mr. Coyne said he had been told by Mr. Fleming that one reason for the request involved an increase in his pension 16 months ago, to $25,000 from $12,000, by the central bank's board of directors.

In the Commons Monday Mr. Fleming denied having said the date of Mr. Coyne's resignation related to the cabinet decision on the pension.

Mr. Coyne's accusation that Mr. Fleming had concealed evidence was an outright attack on the minister's statement June 14 that he hadn't learned of the pension increase until this spring.

**TOLD OF PENSION**

He said J. T. Bryden of Toronto — a bank director who resigned this spring — told Mr. Fleming about a possible change in the pension provisions six months before the directors made the change February 15, 1960.

"You have a letter from Mr. Bryden to prove it, which you persist in concealing," Mr. Coyne said.

He added that Deputy Finance Minister Kenneth Taylor was told by Mr. Bryden about the move a week before the directors' action was taken.

## Store manager F. J. Hicks dies suddenly

Well-known city businessman and sports fan and supporter Francis J. Hicks, died suddenly just before noon today. He was 46.

Manager of Gordon & Anderson Ltd., Mr. Hicks had been a resident of this city for more than 20 years.

He was an ardent sports fan and supporter, travelling and providing transportation for the G & A baseball team, and also taking an active interest in junior baseball. He was a long-time member of Tsimpsean Lodge No. 58, AF & AM.

Mr. Hicks was stricken shortly after he went to work at the store this morning, and was rushed to hospital. He died about 11:25 a.m.

He is survived by his wife Joan at home at 1150 Ambrose Avenue; one brother Milton Hicks in Edmonton and a sister Mrs. Edward (Lillian) Smith in Powell River.

Further details will be available tomorrow.

## Regulation will ease city parking

The controversial taxi bylaw again came before city council Monday night as a committee of the whole to consider proposed amendments which would end the congestion on Third Avenue.

The Traffic Regulation Bylaw has now been amended to read: "No taxi, whether or not it is being operated as a taxi or for hire, shall park anywhere on Third Avenue West between McBride Street and Seventh Street between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. (midnight) for more than 60 seconds, and it shall be the responsibility of the owner as well as the driver or any person in possession of any taxi to comply with the provisions of this subsection."

The amendment was introduced by Alderman T. Norton Youngs following the failure of a previous amendment which would have made all taxi operations on Third Avenue West dependent on the approval of the council only.

Alderman Norton Youngs also said the council should instruct the RCMP city police detachment to see that the bylaw was enforced. He said: "The police can see whether or not the bylaw is being broken as they drive on their rounds. They can tag offenders as they go."

Alderman Norman Bellis brought up the matter of stand jumping, which he said was prevalent. Mayor P. J. Lester said that this was not a part of the present discussion but could be considered later.

The new amendment was seconded by Alderman Donald A. Ritchie.

MAXINE NELSON
Miss Nelson Brothers

## Host of gifts awaits winner of beauty test

A wealth of gifts awaits the winner of the Miss Prince Rupert competition being staged by Elks Lodge 342 in connection with the Dominion Day celebrations Saturday, Robert Jensen, chairman of the beauty queen contest said today.

Six girls are entered in the Miss Prince Rupert contest, the winner of which will represent the city at the Pacific National Exhibition in August in Vancouver.

They are Beverley Erickson, Miss Co-op Centre; Leona Colussi, Miss Italo-Canadian Club; Maxine Nelson, Miss Nelson Brothers; Marie Barr, Miss Kinsmen Club; Helen Moore, Miss Rotary Club; Barbara Cross, Miss Elks.

Mr. Jensen said that besides going to Vancouver to compete in the Miss PNE beauty contest, the winner of the Miss Prince Rupert title will also receive a wide range of gifts from city merchants.

These include: a diamond set watch from Cook's Jewelers; a rhinestone necklace and earring set from Bulger's Jewelers; a trophy to be retained by the winner from Manson's Jewelers; a peignoir set and slip and panties from Annette's; an angora cardigan from Star's Style Centre; a carry-all travelling case from The Universal; a four-piece cotton co-ordinate from Fraser and Payne; wool and mohair cardigan from the Drygoods and Novelty Shop; an evening handbag from Parker's Ladies Wear; a personal make-up kit from Langford Pharmacy and a cosmetic kit from Ormes.

## Boat accident kills two boys

GREENVILLE — Two Greenville youths drowned yesterday afternoon while riding in a small outboard-powered boat on the Nass River near this coastal village about 75 miles north of Prince Rupert.

Dead are Arthur McKay, 19, and brother Guy McKay, 17.

RCMP at Prince Rupert said that the body of Arthur McKay has been recovered but a search is still continuing for the other body.

Next-of-kin and the coroner have been notified and an inquiry may be held.

## City fire department opens drive against loss of life, property

Prince Rupert's Fire Department will be conducting an extensive and continuous fire prevention campaign starting this week, Fire Chief E. W. Becker announced today. Chief Becker said that in line with city council policy, the fire prevention plan would be a long range, never-ending effort.

He stated that the fire department would be inspecting dwelling houses by invitation only and that any recommendations made by the fire inspector are carried out at the discretion of the householder and are not enforceable by law.

"There is no cost involved," the chief said, "and it is to everyone's advantage to have his or her home inspected for fire safety."

According to national figures, about 95 per cent of all dwelling house fires are caused by carelessness.

Any inflammable substances should be removed from the home or placed in proper containers. The chief stated that each person should know the emergency number of the fire department (10); location of the nearest alarm box; and how to get out of the house as quickly as possible in case fire strikes.

A handy home fire safety check list is available at the fire hall for people who wish to check the safety of their homes. A list of safety hints for baby sitters and parents in case of fire is also provided.

The safety check list pointed out that pre-planned escape would save about 85 per cent of lives lost in home fires each year and that 32 per cent of all children who die by fire were found to be unattended at the time of the fire.

Smoking in bed causes 21 per cent of home fires and 11 per cent of home fire deaths.

Defective stoves and heaters cause 14 per cent of home fires and 30 per cent of home fire deaths while defective wiring and appliances cause 13 per cent of home fires and four per cent of home fire deaths.

The sheet of safety hints stresses that people should telephone the fire department immediately and not assume that someone else has.

Chief Becker said that one thing which hinders firemen attempting to fight a fire is the huge audience which inevitably gathers.

"If there are many cars blocking the traffic it is almost impossible to bring in another fire truck. The law requires that cars be kept at least 500 feet from a fire and also 500 feet from a fire truck."

The fire department will be asking all service clubs, churches and schools to help in promoting the campaign.

"Although fire losses have lessened during the past three years, they are still too high," the chief said.

**CORRECTION**

It was omitted from the story of the North Central B.C. Municipal Association banquet story yesterday that hosts for the affair were also Atlin Fisheries Ltd., the Prince Rupert Co-operative Fishermen's Association, B.C. Packers Ltd., and the Bank of Montreal hosted the cocktail party beforehand.

## Shoplifter sentenced to 9 months

A sentence of nine months in jail was handed out to Leonard Sparks of the New Floats when he appeared in police court Tuesday before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on a charge of theft under $50 (shop-lifting).

Sparks had pleaded guilty to the charge June 21 and was remanded until Tuesday for sentencing.

RCMP said that Sparks had stolen seven cartons of cigarettes from Co-op Centre on Third West in the morning of June 20.

Sparks asked for leniency from the court when he was being sentenced. Magistrate Applewhaite imposed the nine months' sentence and said he felt that was being "most lenient".

B.C. ROUNDUP

## Dictator's aide said hiding in Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Province says in a copyright story that Juan Abbes Garcia, former top aide of assassinated Dominican Republic dictator Rafael Trujillo, is hiding in a Vancouver hotel from anti-Trujillo gunmen.

The newspaper says Garcia is waiting for a message from a secretary to tell him whether it is safe for him to go to Tokyo as newly - appointed advisor to the Dominican Embassy there.

### Strike delayed

MATSQUI (CP) — A scheduled strike by 25 Matsqui - Sumas truck operators has been postponed. Negotiations have been re-opened and union officials said Monday local 31 of the General Truck Drivers' and Helpers' Union has demanded adoption of a minority conciliation report recommended a 30-cent-an-hour pay increase.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Members of the Fishermen's Union Monday decided to accept a final contract offer by the British Columbia Fisheries Association.

## Murder suspect to be returned

VANCOUVER (CP)— An RCMP party has left here to pick up murder suspect Thomas Clifford Brown, 19, of Klemtu, at Las Vegas.

Brown gave himself up to State police in the American gambling town yesterday after making contact with police through an hotel clerk.

He is wanted in connection with the murder of Edwin John Douglas of Port Edward, June 7. Brown waived extradition rights when he was booked on a charge of being a homicide fugitive.

## Fog alarm off indefinitely

The Holland Rock fog alarm will be out of operation until further notice, Capt. E. O. Ormsby, district marine agent for the Department of Transport warned today.

## 81 fire victims aided by Hampton relief fund

The Hampton Apartments Fire Relief Fund of $1,302.23 today was apportioned to the 81 persons affected in as equitable manner as possible, with the largest group who received the least aid getting $280.23 and in credit two individual persons receiving $1 each.

J. R. Ayres, managing editor of The Daily News and executor of the fund said that the fund could not be divided 81 ways and be parcelled out as some families had already received hundreds of dollars worth of aid while others had received very little.

The fund was started after the 81 persons, made up of 13 households, with 35 adults and 46 children, were left homeless April 20 when fire destroyed the Hampton Apartments and the building adjacent.

More than 60 individuals and organizations, firms, and businesses contributed to the fund, started by The Daily News to assist the fire victims.

However, before the fund closed the various households and individuals received a total of $2,430 in cash, Red Cross aid, clothing and allowances, food vouchers, room rent and social assistance from the Department of Welfare. In addition they received boxes of free clothing and furniture provided through the Salvation Army and Friendship House.

Assisting Mr. Ayres in apportioning the fund was William Wright, district supervisor of Social Welfare; Capt. Earl McInnes, officer commanding the Prince Rupert Salvation Army Corps and Rev. Dr. R. W. K. Elliott, executive director of Friendship House.

To ensure that everyone made homeless by the fire received a fair share of the fire relief fund, the amount of aid already received was added to the Hampton Apartments Fire Relief Fund to make a total of $3,832.23. This sum was divided by 81, to give a total of $47.31 per person.

However, two families had already received more aid per capita than the fund allowed, so the sum of $2.42 per person was deducted from each household to cover the deficit of the two families who had received too much.

The names of the households, the number in each household, the amount they received in aid immediately after the fire, the amount of credit they are to receive from city stores from the Hampton Apartments Fire Relief Fund, are as follows:

Wilfred Brown and eight other persons: received $134.51, entitled to $425.78, to receive $260.66 in household furnishings.

Sonny Boynon and six other persons: received $25, entitled to $331.17, will receive $280.23 in credit for furniture; Queenie Cecil and four others: received $236.02, entitled to $236.55, deficit $2.37.

Maude Wesley and three others: received $115, entitled to $180.24, will receive $35.25 credit in furniture.

William Innes and two others: received $86.34, entitled to $141.03; will receive $48.33 in food credit.

Ray Doolan and six others: received $286.05; entitled to $331.17; will receive $77.58 in food credits.

Robert Jackson and two others: received $326.10 (including funeral expenses for daughter who died in fire); entitled to $141.03; deficit $187.17.

David McKay and seven others: received $185, entitled to $378.48, will receive $174.12 in furniture credit.

Pat Parnell and five others: received $160; entitled to $283.86; will receive $109.34 in furniture credit.

Frank Racey and five others: received $105; entitled to $283.86; will receive $104.34 in furniture credit.

William Spalding and nine others: received $400.47; entitled to $473.10; will receive $48.43 in food credits.

Harold Fowler, single: received $15; entitled to $47.31; will receive $20.89 in clothing credit.

Edgar Turner and three others: received $141.31; entitled to $189.24; will receive $38.25 in food credit.

Henry Watts and five others: received $178.68; entitled to $283.86; will receive $90.60 in furniture credit.

Wilfred Wesley, single: received $44; entitled to $47.31; will receive $1 cash.

George Collins Sr., single: received $44; entitled to $47.31; will receive $1 cash.

## Active Hospital WA worker Mrs. E. V. Whiting, 67, dies

Mrs. Mona Whiting, a resident of Prince Rupert for nearly 20 years and an active member of the Prince Rupert General Hospital Women's Auxiliary, died yesterday afternoon in hospital after a lengthy illness. She was 67.

Wife of E. Victor Whiting, secretary of the International Pacific Halibut Commission, Mrs. Whiting was born in Kamloops and married her husband in Westwold, near Kamloops in 1915.

During her 20 years in the city, where she came with her husband in 1941, Mrs. Whiting was a member of the Queen Mary Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and also belonged to the Prince Rupert Women's Co-ordinating Council.

She was chairman of the Hospital Auxiliary's telephone committee at the time of her death.

She is survived by her husband at 1638 Atlin Avenue; two brothers Rupert M. Duck in Kamloops and Col. Archer J. Duck in North Kamloops; one sister Mrs. I. F. (Doris) Crossley, Kelowna; one son, Robert Trevlyn Whiting at Kitimat; and six daughters, Mrs. W. J. (Joan) Paterson, North Vancouver; Mrs. T. J. (Mollie) Fleming, North Kamloops; Mrs. Evelyn V. Ogg, San Bruno, Calif., Mrs. A. R. (Joyce) Chamberlain, Victoria, Mrs. R. K. (Diane) Elkins, Terrace and Mrs. R. E. (Anne) McGowan of Prince Rupert; 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from Ferguson Funeral Home at 2:30 p.m. Thursday with The Very Rev. G. T. Pattison, Dean of Caledonia, officiating. Interment will be in Fairview cemetery.

PENTICTON (CP) — Some 45 pilots from as far away as Salt Lake City attended the Penticton Jaycees' Fly-In this weekend. Other points represented were Yakima, Wash., Salem, Ore., Medicine Hat, Alta., Vancouver and Victoria.

Prince Rupert has now gone 801 days without a fatal traffic accident.


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**WEATHER**

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**TIDES**

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| High | 00:38 | 22.8 feet |
| | 13:30 | 20.0 feet |
| Low | 07:18 | 0.8 feet |
| | 19:21 | 6.0 feet |