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Legislation forbids union dues to be paid to political parties

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VICTORIA (CP) — British Columbia's Social Credit government introduced legislation Tuesday night forbidding trade unions to turn over any part of membership dues to a political party.

The penalty for doing so will be loss of rights to salary check-off dues.

The opposition labelled the move a curtailment of civil liberty." The government said it is a move to protect the democratic right of the individual to support the political party of his choice.

Labor legislation was forecast three weeks ago but it came in a form with fewer teeth than had been expected.

As late as Tuesday afternoon, CCF member Rae Eddie of New Westminster said in the House that he interpreted the labor minister's remarks in forecasting the legislation as meaning right-to-work laws should be introduced.

Closed shop privileges stay

The bill will make no change in closed-shop privileges, nor does it make any change in the checkoff of dues, except where political donation of dues is involved.

Some observers expected removal of the dues checkoff privilege, which was withdrawn from the B.C. Government Employees Association late last year because of its affiliation with the B.C. Federation of Labor, which actively supported the CCF in the September general election in the province.

The new legislation received first reading Tuesday night. Immediate reaction indicated that when it comes up for second reading, possibly within 10 days, the House will see a knock-down fight similar to that between the CCF opposition and the government two years ago over the Trade Unions Act, which placed restrictions on information picketing and sympathy strikes.

The CCF claims the latest bill is a direct move against the forthcoming political alliance of labor with the CCF in the New Party.

Under the bill, political donations may be made through voluntary contributions from union members — but these must be collected from the individual by the union and cannot be collected through a salary check-off.

Union member may recover dues

The union is required to file a statutory declaration with the employer assuring that it is and will continue to comply fully with the regulation.

If the union should turn over any of the membership dues to a political party, the act provides a means for the individual union member to recover that portion of his dues from the union.

It sets out, however, that a paid union official is free to run as a political candidate while in the employ of the union.

The amendments, introduced by Labor Minister Leslie Peterson, also contain several changes in the Labor Relations Act aimed at bringing closer harmony in labor-management relations in the province.

Among other things, they include a requirement which will force trade unions to make available to their members by June 1 each year a copy of audited financial statements. They won't have to mail a copy to each member, but must produce one to a member on request.

LABOR MINISTER PETERSON . . . new legislation

Success of double shot into space doubtful

WASHINGTON (AP) — The doubleheader satellite shoot Tuesday night was only partially successful and the orbiting devices are not living up to expectations, a spokesman for Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory said today.

The pair of space travellers achieved orbit, the spokesman said, but the path apparently is slightly more than 100 miles above the earth instead of the target height of 500 miles.

He added that there are some indications the two units may not have separated as they were intended to do.

The laboratory, an affiliate of Johns Hopkins University, is in charge of the tracking of the space messengers.

The new satellites — or one satellite if they are still joined together — are the navy's 250-pound Transit III-B navigation device and a 54-pound hitch-hiker called "Lofti," intended to study space communications.

The doubleheader went up from Cape Canaveral, Fla., propelled by a Thor-Able-Star rocket.

Prior to the two-at-a-time launching the United States had put up three satellites in five days and built up a string of six straight space successes since the first of the year.

Man buried under slide while feeding chickens

MISSION, B.C. (CP)—Rescuers worked all night Tuesday, searching through a massive mudslide for a missing, 32-year-old chicken farmer.

Wolfgang Fischer disappeared earlier in the day as he fed his birds. The slide, 250 feet long, and 12 feet deep, rolled down a hill and buried Fischer, the rambling coop and hundreds of screeching chickens.

His farm is about 30 miles east of Vancouver.

Volunteer rescue workers were hampered during the night by a shifting mass of mud, gravel and broken trees.

Mrs. Fischer, crying, said: "There was no chance for Wolfgang to get out in time."

With her three young children, Mrs. Fischer was in the family's nearby house as the slide oozed down.

Using bulldozers, shovels and their bare hands, workers tried frantically to locate the missing man. They could not have heard any sound from him above the cries of the trapped chickens.

Some rescuers at the site gave up hope that Fischer would be found alive. Others thought the breaking timbers may have made an air pocket.

The slide came as British Columbia lower mainland was drenched with record rainfall. A total of 11.63 inches has fallen on Vancouver this month, beating the February record of 10.51 set in 1918.

The Fischers came to Canada from Hamburg, Germany, seven years ago.

One to appeal to province on assessment

A Court of Revision, which recently sat to hear the appeals of persons who felt their property assessment was too high, reviewed 33 cases, it was announced today.

City Assessor H. M. Alderdice said that 41 people had originally appealed their assessment but eight withdrew it after the assessment had been explained.

The court, composed of Victor Whiting, chairman, Joseph Scott and S. D. Johnston, dismissed 23 appeals and lowered 10 assessments. Three assessments were lowered due to fire damage while the other seven were lowered for various rasons.

Arvids Vinovskis of 516 Fifth Avenue East, whose appeal was dismissed by the court, has appealed to the Provincial Court of Revision in Victoria.

Mr. Vinovskis was assessed $3,500 for two lots he owns in the 400 block Fourth Avenue East. The lots have a partially completed duplex on them and he is not satisfied with the assessment.

Car damaged by hit, run

A hit-and-run vehicle caused an estimated $50 damage to a car owned by Daniel Lippett of 935 Sixth Avenue East Monday night.

RCMP said that Lippett's car was parked in the Canadian Legion parking lot between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. when the left-front fender had been struck by a vehicle which failed to remain at the scene of the accident.

Indian Act passes senate

OTTAWA (CP) — The Senate gave third and final reading Tuesday night to a bill amending the Indian Act to remove the government's power to enfranchise Indians against their will.

The bill was itroduced to end fears expressed by Indians that their treaty rights could be taken away from them through compulsory enfranchisement.

Already approved by the Commons, the bill now waits only the formality of royal assent before becoming law.

Gas siphoned

A tank of gasoline was reported siphoned from a truck owned by Leroy Younghusband of 1525 Eleventh Avenue East late Monday night or early Tuesday morning while it was parked in front of his home.

RCMP said that several thefts of gasoline have been reported recently.

STRIKERS TO ANSWER PLEA

NEW YORK (AP)—Flight engineers whose strike has entangled the United States in its worst airline tieup were due to announce their decision today on whether they will bow to a return-to-work plea from President Kennedy. The Flight Engineers International Association began polling its 3,500 members Tuesday night after Kennedy set up a three-member commission and asked the engineers to end their walkout while it studied the dispute.

Firemen were called to Seal Cove school about 11:45 a.m. yesterday but it proved to be a false alarm.

U.S. want Katanga in

UNITED NAITONS (AP) — The United States is reported urging Belgium to press defiant President Moise Tshombe to bring Katanga province into a federation of Congo states that would co-operate with the UN Congo force.

Informed sources said the U.S. also is pressing Belgium to keep her nationals from going to Katanga as mercenary soldiers for the army in Katanga province, which Tshombe proclaimed an independent state last summer soon after The Congo gained its independence from the Belgians.

Tshombe Tuesday ordered all able-bodied persons in Katanga mobilized to oppose any effort to put into effect in his province the new Security Council resolution authorizing the UN to use force, if necessary to prevent civil war. Tshombe's Belgian-officered army continued an offensive against rebel Baluba tribesmen.

Chant report mentions Pt. Edward

The Port Edward School was mentioned in the recently published Chant Commission report as being a good example of the integration of Indian children into a white school.

The commissioners paid a personal visit to the school during their investigation and said "We were impressed by the standard of the school, the enthusiasm of the teaching staff, and the general success with which Indians have been integrated into this public school."

The commissioners were also told that a number of Indian parents took part in Parent-Teacher Association activities of the school.

WEATHER

Scattered showers tomorrow morning with little change in temperature. Winds will become southeast 30 tonight and shift to southwest 25 tomorrow morning. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 33 and 48.

TIDES

Thursday, Feb. 23, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	07:42	17.7 feet
	21:30	15.4 feet
Low	01:21	0.6 feet
	14:40	7.1 feet

New pogrom in Congo claims 15

LEOPOLDVILLE, The Congo (Reuters) — Fifteen Congolese politicians detained in Stanleyville were executed Monday, qualified informants said here today.

The report came 24 hours after United Nations authorities here warned the Antoine Gizenga government in Stanleyville against such executions.

UN headquarters here had no immediate confirmation of the reports. Stanleyville, capital of Oriental province, is controlled by followers of murdered Congolese premier Patrice Lumumba.

Among the 15 persons reported executed was Alphonse Songolo, a former senator who was imprisoned in October.

Lumumba was ousted from power a few weeks earlier by Congolese strongman Maj.-Gen. Joseph Mobutu.

Lt.-Gen. Sean McKeown, Irish commander of UN forces in The Congo, returned here by air today from a peace-making mission in Equator province. He conferred there with Mobutu about a UN Security Council resolution Tuesday giving the United Nations authority to use force as a last resort to prevent civil war in The Congo.

A UN spokesman said McKeown's meeting with Mobutu took place in "a cordial atmosphere." He said McKeown had suggested setting up a neutral zone on the borders of Equator and Oriental provinces.

PM's mother buried today

SASKATOON (CP) — Mrs. Florence Diefenbaker, mother of Prime Minister Diefenbaker, was buried today in Woodlawn Cemetery.

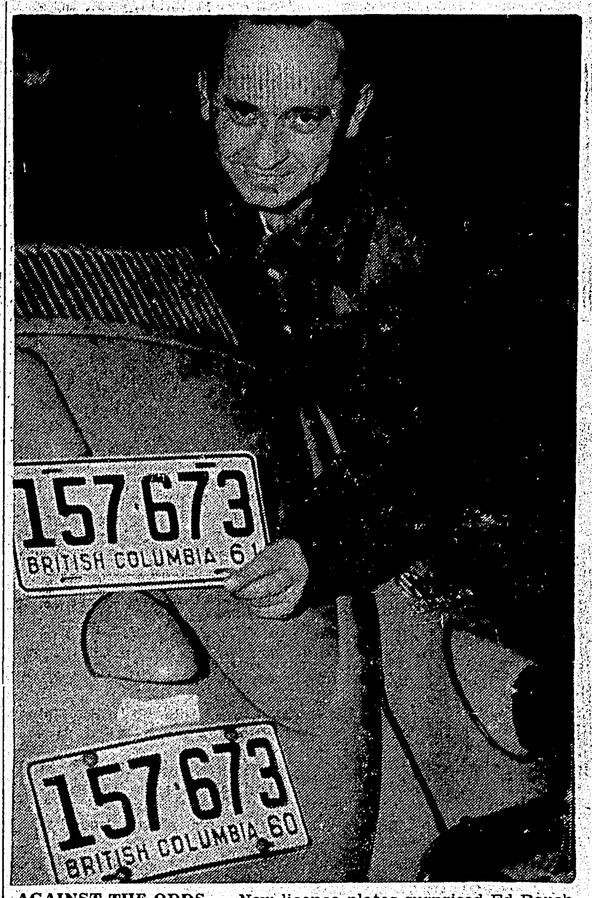
The funeral service for Mrs. Diefenbaker, 88, who died Monday night, was held at 3 p.m. (MST) in First Baptist Church. Mrs. Diefenbaker died in hospital where she had been for several years.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker arrived in Saskatoon by air from Ottawa Tuesday night. He was met by relatives, Mayor Sid Buckwold of Saskatoon and Progressive Conservative party officials.

The prime minister was scheduled to fly back to Ottawa after the funeral.

The funeral service was to be conducted by Rev. A. E. Elliott.

The family requested no flowers.



AGAINST THE ODDS — New licence plates surprised Ed Bauch, 36, of Vancouver when they arrived from the British Columbia licence bureau. By rare coincidence the new plates carry the same number as the 1960 plates still on his car. — CP Photo

B.C. ROUNDUP

Crash victims recover in Powell River hospital

VANCOUVER (CP) — Three persons injured in a plane crash on Lasquetti Island are recovering satisfactorily in Powell River hospital. Pilot Robert Vickers, provincial social welfare official, Sydney Abna and Mrs. Mary Mebs, welfare nurse, were all injured when the plane crashed on take-off Monday.

Taxi driver beaten up

A city taxi driver was taken to Prince Rupert General hospital about midnight Monday when he was attacked and beaten by a man in the Cow Bay area.

Noede Jesus dos Reis of 228 Eighth Avenue East was released from hospital yesterday after being treated for a lacerated ear.

Reis, a 99 cab driver, told RCMP that he was attacked by the man shortly after dropping off three women near the ramp to the Cow Bay floats. He stated he was knocked down and kicked.

Police indicated that they may soon be laying charges.

Heart disease

VICTORIA (CP) — More than twice as many British Columbians died from heart disease in 1960 than succumbed to cancer, the Public Health Services report shows. It shows the heart disease rate for the year was 350 in 100,000 population while cancer with 148.6.

Indians commissioned

VICTORIA (CP) — The federal government has commissioned three native Indians here to carve a 37-foot totem pole as a goodwill gift to Mexico. Chief Mungo Martin, Henry Hunt and his son, Tony, are working on the project which is expected to be completed in May.

Canada facing facts

PENTICTON (CP) — Canada is at last beginning to realize the true situation in world economics, Bruce Hutchinson, editor of the Victoria Times told Penticton Canadian Club Tuesday night. He said for many years Canada thought "the world owed us a living."

Profits up

VANCOUVER (CP) — Inland Natural Gas Company had a profit of $700,742 at the end of 1960, company president J. A. McMahon said Monday. "Industrial sales continued to show a marked increase over previous periods," said Mr. McMahon. "Normal growth was experienced in residential and commercial sales."

Dead Chinese cashed $2,100 cheque before taking life

Self-inflicted death by strangulation caused by hanging was the verdict brought in by a seven-man jury at City Hall last night at a coroner's inquest into the death of Jang Gong, 54, who was found dead in his room at the Fraser House February 13.

The jury, under Coroner George E. Dawes, was told by Hoy Ming Wong, manager of the Fraser House, that he discovered Gong hanging from a steam pipe in his room about 2:20 p.m. February 13. He testified that he immediately called the RCMP who notified the coroner and Dr. R. B. Smith.

Wong told the jury that Gong had lived in the Fraser House for about three years.

A note, written in Chinese on an envelope and found at the scene, was translated by juror Jack Lem as stating: "Jung Gong, 13, I hang and kill myself."

Wo Quai Chang of 721 Fifth Avenue West, a long-time friend and business associate of Gong, testified that Gong had to go to a doctor in Vancouver every year, about "sore hands and feet."

Another witness, Ted Mah of 944 Second Avenue West, proprietor of the Melrose Cafe, stated that he had cashed a $2,100 cheque for Gong February 10. When Mah attempted to cash the cheque at the Royal Bank of Canada February 13 he was told that there were insufficient funds and the cheque was returned to him. No trace of the money was found in Gong's room.

Coroner Dawes, in his summing up, stated that the evidence did not show any signs of foul play. He said there were no marks or bruises on the body except where the rope had been.

The jury, which deliberated only a few minutes before issuing its verdict, was composed of Douglas Guyatt, foreman, Alfred Basso, Brendan Fitzgerald, Edward Cloutier, Hugh Ferguson, Albert Irvine and Jack Lem.

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Mayor to reply to complaints

Mayor P. J. Lester today drew attention to the city's complaint box. He said that any complaints should be dropped in the box and those with names and addresses will be personally replied to by him.

The box is situated on the counter in the collector's office.

Prince Rupert has now gone 768 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Freak storm causes havoc in Lower Mainland, Island

VANCOUVER (CP) — The tranquility of a mild, sunny day was upset Monday by a vicious one-hour wind storm that lashed through southern British Columbia.

With gusts of up to 74 miles an hour, the wind ripped up trees and power poles, smashed windows and disrupted communications.

One man was believed dead beneath a mud slide at Mission, 30 miles east of here, and five persons were injured in Vancouver by flying glass in automobile accidents. Pedestrians were knocked to the ground by the wind.

B.C. Electric officials said late Tuesday night they couldn't begin to estimate when complete service would be restored in Lower Mainland areas.

The storm came out of a blue sky in mid-afternoon and was over within an hour. The weatherman said it was caused by a secondary cold front in the west.

TEMPERATURE DROPS

The 74-mile-an-hour winds were exceeded only once in recent history. In 1957, there were brief gusts of 80 miles an hour.

During Tuesday's violence the temperature dropped 10 degrees and rain, mixed with hail, fell on the city.

Heavy rains early in the day caused washouts and slides on the CPR tracks in the Fraser Canyon and Valley.

The worst washout was 60 feet long at Doroche, 42 miles east of here.

Two slides blocked the tracks at Saddle Rock, 150 miles east in the Fraser Canyon—scene of a major washout last month.

False pretenses case remanded

Andrew Willard Pinchbeck of Williams Lake was remanded without plea until tomorrow when he appeared in police court this morning before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses.

RCMP said that the charge was laid in connection with an incident last October when $45 was obtained from Jack Lem by means of a worthless cheque.

Police said that Pinchbeck was arrested in Kamloops last week.

World News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A $1,000,000,000 program of emergency help for the long-time unemployed — President Kennedy's No. 1 legislative project — apparently was set today for prompt approval by the House of Representatives ways and means committee.

TAIPEI (AP) — The Nationalist Chinese justice ministry's Tatao news agency claimed today that hungry mobs killed more than 20 Chinese Communist workers last week in Sian, capital of northwest China's Shensi province. Tatao, which claims underground contacts on the mainland, said the mobs also destroyed a commune mess hall.

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Fifty-five armed guerrillas were killed in a clash with security forces in the Pameungpeuk district in West Java, reports reaching here said today. The casualties occurred in a battle Sunday with some 200 guerrillas.

ALGIERS (AP) — The French army announced it had intercepted and smashed a large, well-armed rebel band that penetrated Algeria from Morocco. The French said a total of 138 rebels were put out of action — 96 of them killed. Agence France-Presse said eight French soldiers were killed.