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Modern $75,000 health unit opened by deputy minister

Associations to share building

Tribute was paid yesterday afternoon to the various governments and organizations which helped finance the construction of the ultra - modern new Skeena Health Unit building which was opened officially when deputy minister of health G. F. Amyot cut the ribbon across the door of the $75,000 structure on the corner of Fifth Street and Fraser Street.

Speaking to a group of invited guests and interested citizens standing in the unfinished parking area of the new health unit, Dr. Amyot said that it was fitting that the health unit director, the public health nurses, the sanitary inspector, and the people of Prince Rupert had earned the modern building such as the one being opened.

Dr. Amyot pointed out that if the figures of one disease, diphtheria, had not been controlled in 1925, it would have cost more money to fight it than the entire cost of all preventive health services in British Columbia today, plus the other services of the Department of Health.

W. H. Murray, MLA . . . attends opening

As it was, he said, preventive health services, as carried out by health units throughout the province, had reduced diphtheria to the point where last year there was not one case of diphtheria and therefore no deaths.

Dr. Wilfred Sinclair, medical director of the Skeena Health Unit and chairman for the opening ceremonies, lauded the committee set up four years ago to plan and help bring about the new health unit building.

Mayor P. J. Lester said that the citizens of Prince Rupert owed a great debt to the staff of the Skeena Health Unit and the personnel of the Skeena Union Board of Health.

However, he said, there was another group, the people of Prince Rupert, "which is entitled to the best accommodation for preventive health services possible."

"The Skeena Health Unit will serve as a base of service for the city and district," the mayor said.

Prince Rupert MLA William H. Murray congratulated architects Birmingham and Wood, contractors Eby and Sons Ltd., and the sub-trades and said that completion of the Skeena Health Unit on a new site paved the way for a second phase of construction, the erection of a new federal building on the site of the old Skeena Health Unit.

Alderman Gordon E. Carlson, chairman of the Skeena Union Board of Health, thanked the various groups who had contributed to the financing of the new Skeena Health building and paid tribute to the taxpayers of the city and district who footed the major portion of the cost.

Others making contributions were the federal government, the provincial government, the Tuberculosis Society of British Columbia, the Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian Cancer Society, the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross and the Kinsmen Poliomyelitis and Rehabilitation Fund of B.C.

On behalf of the B.C. TB Society, which is sponsored in Prince Rupert by Lodge No. 8 of the Order of the Royal Purple, Mrs. James Flaton, Honored Royal Lady of the OORP, presented Dr. Sinclair with a cheque for $6,672 towards the cost of building the new Skeena Health Unit.

Mrs. Will Murdock, president of the Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian Cancer Society which donated seven per cent of the cost to the construction of the building, said that the cancer society and its patients would reap far more benefits from the new building than the value of its contribution.

G. P. Lyons, on behalf of Dr. L. M. Greene, president of the Prince Rupert Red Cross Society said that the new building would provide superior facilities in the way of services, loan cupboards and as a meeting place.

Preventive health services had made tremendous strides in the past few years, Mr. Lyons said.

Also represented at the opening were the Kinettes who with the Kinsmen Club helped bring about the Kinsmen Polio and Rehabilitation Fund contribution towards the health unit.

Mayor P. J. Lester . . . receives award

Speaking briefly to the gathering were William H. Birmingham of Vancouver architects Birmingham and Wood and R. L. Eby, Prince Rupert contractors who built the new health unit.

Following the ribbon - cutting ceremony the new building was opened for public inspection and a reception. The Kinettes served refreshments to the visitors.

In the well-lighted, well laid-out building the public toured the comfortable waiting room, the large meeting room for the TB Society, Red Cross, Polio Fund, Cancer Society, Union Board of Health, the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, Association for Retarded Children, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the St. John Ambulance Association and Children's Hospital groups, the clinic room, treatment room, the medical director's office, the Public Health Nursing supervisor's office, rooms for four public health nurses, sanitary inspector's office, the library and offices.

For the opening the building featured displays designed to show some of the services available to the public through the Skeena Health Unit.

On one room there was a display of public world health achievements as told in stamps; in a second room there were immunization displays by Grade 7A of Booth Memorial Junior High School, sanitation services, nutrition, featuring white rats on good and bad diets, school medical services, well-baby clinics, pre-natal care, preventive dentistry and projectograph.

In the third room there were displays by the St. John Ambulance association and the Association for Retarded Children.

A fourth room featured a dis-

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See MODERN $75,000

Major airlines stage merger

WASHINGTON (AP) The largest United States airline merger goes into effect today with the absorption of Capital Airlines by United Air Lines.

The merger with fifth-ranking Capital moves United from second into undisputed first place in the industry, well ahead of American Airlines. It reduces the list of domestic trunk airlines from 12 to 11.

The result is an organization of 30,000 employees, serving 117 cities on 18,000 miles of routes.

Never a profitable airline—in 33 years it paid only one cash dividend and two five per cent stock dividends — Capital was forced into merger to avoid foreclosure on the fleet of Viscount airplanes purchased in England from Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd.

Vickers halted its suit to collect $34,000,000 debt in view of the merger agreement provisions.

The merger will not be effective legally until the close of business today.

Paris rocked by explosion

PARIS (Reuters) — A violent explosion rocked a Paris suburb early today and police said first reports indicated about 10 persons were killed and many others were injured.

An area of about three-eighths of a mile subsided in the suburb of Clamart, but it was not known whether the collapse followed or touched off the explosion.

Many persons were reported buried in their crumbled homes.

Fifteen houses, a factory and a three-storey apartment building were reported to have collapsed.

Several of the houses slid into a hole 60 feet deep. Nothing but rubble was left of the apartment building and at least 15 persons were reported buried in it.

Fish, power now practical

VANCOUVER (CP) — Brish Columbia can have both fish and power from its fast-flowing river systems, the Engineering Institute of Canada was told today.

Papers presented at the institute's annual meeting indicated that the baffling problem of building power dams and at the same time allowing salmon to get to their spawning grounds, has at last reached a stage of solution.

The papers indicated, too, that with proper measures the salmon yield can be substantially increased. At the same time, continued and increased research was urged.

Val Gwyther, Vancouver consulting engineer, stated:

"The present policy of retardation of power development in a watershed is in the past, and these watersheds now are open to development of both fish and power."

VANCOUVER (CP) — Forests Minister Ray Williston Wednesday described the Columbia project as "right on schedule." Addressing a meeting of the engineering institute of Canada, he stated that despite reports of delays on engineering work "we haven't lost 15 minutes and are actually slightly ahead of schedule."

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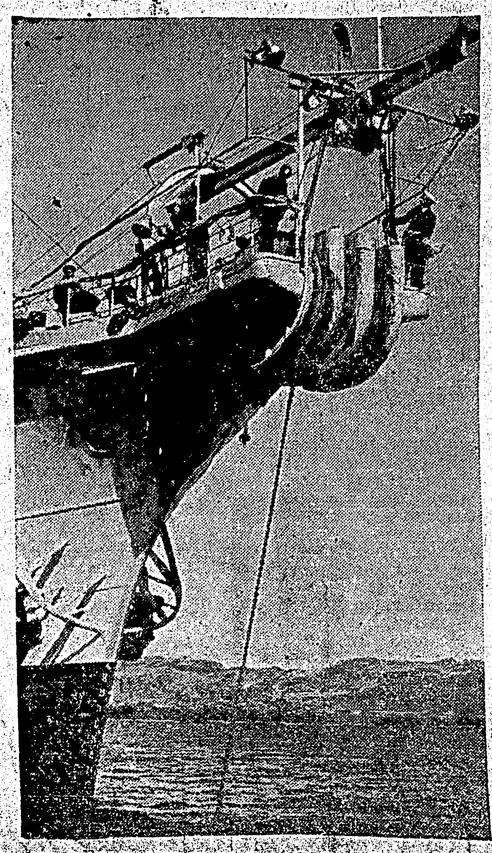

START OF ROUND-THE-WORLD CABLE — The shore end of a new transatlantic cable is hoisted aboard HM Telegraph ship Monarch near Oban, Scotland, for splicing to cable in Monarch's tanks. The cable will be laid across the Atlantic as the first stage of a Commonwealth round-the-world cable link. The new cable, christened "Cantat" (Canadian Transatlantic Telephone), will run from Oban to Hampden, Newfoundland, and will allow for the first time 60 speech channels to be used simultaneously between Britain and Canada. Later these channels will be increased to 80 by the use of special equipment, and each of these circuits is capable of being split into 48 telegraph circuits.

FATALITY FREE TRAFFIC YEAR EARNS CITY SAFETY AWARD

The citizens of Prince Rupert were honored a second time yesterday afternoon when Mayor P. J. Lester was presented with a plaque marking another year without a fatal traffic accident.

The presentation of the Canadian Highways Safety Council award was made by Dr. G. F. Amyot, deputy minister of health for British Columbia, at the opening ceremonies for the new Skeena Health Unit building.

The award was the result of Prince Rupert being fatality free so far as traffic was concerned in 1960.

The first award the city received for having a traffic fatality-free year was in 1958.

The city has now gone 866 days without a traffic fatality within the city limits.

In making the presentation, Dr. Amyot told Mayor Lester that it was "a privilege to give this award to mark a milestone in your traffic-fatality-free record."

However, Dr. Amyot said, "there is still more to be done toward complete traffic safety."

Beer, cash breakin theft lands three men in court

Three men appeared in police court before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite this morning on charges of breaking, entering and theft.

John Shirey of South Hazelton, Ralph Pierre of Hazelton and Gilbert Fenton of no fixed address all pleaded guilty to the charge and were remanded until June 6 for sentencing.

RCMP said that the charges were laid as a result of a break-in of a room occupied by Stanley Wale in the Westholme Rooms early yesterday morning. About $30 in cash and a case of beer was taken. Entrance to the rooms was gained through the window.

The trio was arrested last night.

Five new fires in PR district

Five new fires have been reported in the Prince Rupert district during the past week, says District Forester J. R. Johnston. One of the new fires has been extinguished. The new outbreaks bring the total this season to 43.

Dry weather has been forecast for the district and extreme caution should be taken with all camp fires, cigarette butts and anything else liable to cause a forest fire.

Tried breakin, landed in court

Reil Desloges, of no fixed address was convicted in police court this morning before Magistrate E. T. Applewhaite on a charge of attempted breaking and entering.

Desloges, who pleaded not guilty to the charge May 29, was remanded until June 9 for sentencing.

Police said that the charge was laid following an incident about 10:30 p.m. May 27 when a window in Rupert Motors was broken.

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Power struggle expected following dictator's death

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)—Strongman Rafael Leonidas Trujillo's political heirs appeared today still to be in control of the Dominican Republic after the assassination of the dictator. But a power struggle generally was expected.

The 69 - year - old dictator's hand - picked government proclaimed "the continuity" of his policies and declared nine days of mourning for the generalissimo who ruled the eastern half of the island of Hispaniola with a tyrannical hand for 31 years.

Lt.-Gen. Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Jr., the dictator's playboy elder son and some believe his father's choice to succeed him, hurried from Paris by special plane.

A dispatch from Ciudad Trujillo said high government officials were among the crowd that greeted the plane Wednesday night. With him were his younger brother, Rhadames, and the Dominican ambassador to France, Portirio Rubirosa.

MADE ANNOUNCEMENT

A communique announcing the assassination was signed by President Joaquin Balageur, whom Trujillo installed as a figurehead president last August when the dictator's brother Hector resigned.

The communique extolled the generalissimo and said he had been the victim of a "treacherous attack" Tuesday night, more than 19 hourse before the assassination was announced. But it gave no details of the killing and no clue to the identity of the assassins.

A Dominican newspaper man reported by telephone from Ciudad Trujillo — the capital city the dictator renamed in his own honor — that Trujillo was ambushed by gunmen as he rode along an oceanfront highway outside the capital. Another car forced his to halt. Several shots were fired from a "handgun." He was believed to have died instantly. His chauffeur was wounded.

Trujillo was armed but "probably had no time to defend himself." A crack shot, the dictator once boasted, "the man who takes a potshot at me had better be sure of his aim. Otherwise he will be a dead man."

SEVEN MADE ATTACK

Other sources said seven persons in an automobile made the attack, that two of the assailants were caught or killed and the other five were presumed to have got away.

NBC correspondent John Hlavacek reported from Ciudad Trujillo that the leader of the band was army Gen. Juan Tomas Diaz, who was believed to have had a personal grudge against Trujillo.

Dominican exiles in Mexico City said Diaz was a career soldier whose sister and her husband fled to Brazil last year. But Diaz continued as army commander of the country's central zone, at least until last January.

Communications were broken with Ciudad Trujillo most of Wednesday but were restored Wednesday night.

Fire relief fund comes to end Sunday midnight

This will be the last week for the Hampton Apartments Fire Relief Fund, Daily News managing editor J. R. Ayres, executor of the fund, said today.

He said that the fund, which currently stands at $1,382.25, will be cut off as of Sunday midnight, June 4. There have been no donations since May 24.

The fund was started to assist the 80 victims of the April 20 fire which destroyed the Hampton Apartments and an adjacent house. The 17 families lost all their possessions except the clothes they wore.

Persons wishing to donate to the fund before it closes may do so by sending a cheque to or leaving it at The Daily News business office.

De Gaulle, Kennedy agree on West Berlin's future

PARIS (AP)—President Kennedy and President de Gaulle began their second day of talks on world issues today and agreed that the West must stand firm in Berlin but still divided on France's demand for an equal voice with Britain and the United States in the direction of allied policy.

Kennedy arrived at the Elysee Palace shortly after 10 a.m. for the first of two extended conversations today with the French president. De Gaulle was on the steps of the palace, waiting to greet this American guest.

Delivering his toast to Kennedy at a state dinner Wednesday night, the French president said if France is to help carry out allied policy, it must have the fullest possible voice in making that policy.

"Our common enterprise, peace with liberty, requires from both of us a reciprocal recognition as complete as possible in the conception of policy as well as in its execution."

MUST CONSULT

Kennedy, speaking earlier to a group of members of the French Parliament, had said that "the way to have consultations is to consult." Diplomats considered that his answer to de Gaulle's bid for a greater role for France in allied policy-making. Kennedy in effect was saying that all the machinery necessary for consultation already is in existence.

After two hours and 35 minutes of talks Wednesday, the two presidents announced "general agreement" to stand firm against Soviet threats to West Berlin. French officials indicated they were confident Kennedy would take a firm, noncompromise line on this issue in his meeting with Soviet Premier Khrushchev in Vienna this weekend.

Kennedy reinforced this impression with a statement Wednesday night that "American forces will remain in Europe as long as they are required, ready to meet any threat with whatever response is needed."

He did not amplify what he meant by response to any Communist threat, but his words implied that the United States would use nuclear weapons if it felt compelled to do so.

Kennedy also said that both France and the United States know that "neither ally would ever ignore the alliance" to go off on its own course.

MADE THREATS

Khrushchev has threatened to sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany this year, giving control of supply routes to the allied garrisons in West Berlin to the German Communist regime which the Western powers do not recognize as a valid government.

Britain Wednesday joined Kennedy and de Gaulle in their determined Berlin stand. The foreign office reiterated that Britain "cannot and will not acquiesce in any unilateral Soviet action purporting to change the status of Berlin."

B.C. ROUNDUP

"Explosive quarter" says engineering head

VANCOUVER (CP)—We are experiencing the most explosive quarter century in technological history, Dr. George M. Dick, president of the Engineering Institute of Canada, said Wednesday night in an address to the institute's annual meeting.

To meet the challenge of the coming years, Dr. Dick said Canadian engineers will have to tackle objects much more ambitious than those of the past. "The engineering possibilities which are likely to become realities are so revolutionary that it is almost impossible to appreciate them."

Case rejected

VANCOUVER (CP) — A British Columbia Supreme Court judge Wednesday rejected a contention that the new Canadian Bill of Rights overrules the Indian Act by guaranteeing equality to all Canadians.

Restrictions

PENTICTON (CP) — A resolution suggesting restriction on imports of New Zealand beef was resoundingly defeated at the annual convention of the B.C. Beef Cattle Growers Association.

Hazard high

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — The hazard in the Prince George forest district was high in some areas and rising in others Wednesday but B.C. forest service officials were not anticipating trouble within the next few days. The 14 fires in the district were under control.

Mosquito bombing

KAMLOOPS (CP) — More than 10,000 mosquito bombs have been placed in flooded areas in the Kamloops district this month. As soon as the North Thompson River drops to the 14-foot level at Barriere a plane will be used to spray trapped water in flooded areas.

C of C meeting set for Monday

Reports from the fisheries, highways and Alaska marine highways committees are expected to be given Monday when the Chamber of Commerce holds its regular meeting at La Gondola Cafe.

Secretary E. T. Applewhaite said the June 5 meeting will be the chamber's last before the summer recess.

Meeting time is 6:30 p.m.

Prince Rupert has now gone 866 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Eight land fish hauls

Eight vessels landed halibut in Prince Rupert today.

Roselene with 44,840 pounds; Benabo with 10,736; Siesta with 4,944 and Marlene Ann with 4,256 all made direct sales to Atlin.

Three Atlin packers, Hillside with 12,500 pounds; Pauline V with 3,066 and Pacific Surf with 17,058, also landed.

Convenant landed at the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative Association's plant at Fairview with 30,000 pounds.

WEATHER

Cloudy with scattered showers. Southerly winds 15 reaching southeast 25 at times. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 50 and 60.

TIDES

Friday, June 2, 1961. (Pacific Standard Time)

High	08:08	22.2 feet
	16:11	10.7 feet
Low	00:48	1.3 feet
	21:59	6.0 feet