Prince Rupert Daily News

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY
VICTORIA, B. C.
DEC 31/60

Published at Canada's Most Strategic Pacific Port — And Key to the Great Northwest

VOL. LI No. 24 | Telephone 6767 | PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1961 | Night Calls—Business 6768, Editorial 6769 | PRICE TEN CENTS

Grain elevator to be used to maximum—China deal

To take advantage of facilities here

The City of Prince Rupert has been assured that the Canadian government elevator here will be used to its "maximum capacity" following the sale of $60,000,000 worth of wheat and barley to Red China, according to W. J. McLeod, secretary of the Board of Grain Commissioners.

Mr. McLeod was replying to a query from Mayor P. J. Lester. Mayor Lester also wired Agriculture Minister Hamilton in Ottawa.

Congratulations on your success in arranging a large sale of wheat and barley to China. May I draw your attention to the fact that Prince Rupert is 500 miles closer to China than any other Canadian port and therefore shipping these orders through our Canadian government elevator would be to your distinct advantage." This was addressed to the minister of agriculture, Alvin Hamilton.

A second telegram was also sent to the Board of Grain Commissioners in Winnipeg making similar points.

Minister Hamilton stated yesterday that some 28,000,000 bushels of wheat and 12,133,000 of barley are involved.

Canada has followed up its wheat sale to Russia with a huge cash consignment of grain to Red China. A third deal with Czechoslovakia is imminent.

Agriculture Minister Hamilton informed the commons Thursday that the sale to China has been made at west coast market prices and comprises 28,000,000 bushels of wheat and 12,133,000 bushels of barley.

It results from several weeks of hard bargaining with a two-man buying team from Communist China, which is threatened with famine due to crippling crop failures. Negotiations were secret but Mr. Hamilton told reporters the Chinese didn't seek a gift.

The overall deal for 40,133,000 bushels of grain was made with the Peking government's state trading agency in Hong Kong and is Canada's biggest single commercial sale with any country since the second world war.

It probably will rank Red China as Canada's third biggest wheat customer of the crop-year that ends July 31. The United Kingdom is expected to be the leading purchaser with 100,000,000 bushels followed by Japan with 47,000,000.

The sale is not expected to have any significant effect on Canada's existing wheat stockpile of 768,700,000 bushels for export and carry-over as at December 1.

Last week Canada sold 7,300,000 bushels of wheat to Russia.

"We are not finished with the business with new countries yet," Mr. Hamilton said. "We're looking literally every place for sales."

He indicated there are prospects for another sale to Red China next fall — the existing deal will jam west coast grain facilities until August, requiring 100 shiploads — and added that Canada "still is in the market" for sales to Russia.

In his announcement to the house, Mr. Hamilton placed a value of $60,000,000 on the Canadian sale.

National action need to solve jobless state

VICTORIA (CP) — Unemployment can only be solved through national action. Trade and Industry Minister Robert Bonner Thursday said in the B.C. legislature.

Bonner, who is also the provincial attorney - general, said B.C. as early as 1957 told a federal-provincial fiscal conference that the economic outlook was deteriorating and urged federal-provincial co-operation to bring effective action under a national program to halt the trend.

"The advice was not heeded, he said.

EASE MONEY SUPPLY

The minister, speaking in the Throne Speech debate, said that changes in federal monetary policies are needed to ease the money supply in Canada.

There should be a relaxation in the national tight - money policy, encouragement of foreign risk capital for investment in Canadian industries rather than securities and a more aggressive federal policy encouraging exports.

The federal government's national policy to remove special incentives for foreign investment by applying a 15-yer-cent withholding tax to all forms of investment is basically sound, but, said Bonner, the premise upon which the policy is advanced is not.

In trade, the minister said, Canada's chances to increase exports must not be jeopardized through unwise trade restrictions on this country's part.

Macmillan visit planned April

LONDON (CP) — Prime Minister Macmillan is virtually certain to visit Ottawa briefly after his talks with President Kennedy in Washington in April.

The prime minister will fly to Washington from Jamaica April 3. The duration of his North American visit has not been announced but it is not likely to be more than a week. It is generally expected here that the British budget will be brought down April 11, thus circumscribing the time table.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said in the Canadian Commons Thursday he hopes Macmillan will go to Ottawa after the Washington visit. Acceptance of a Canadian invitation is regarded here as all but automatic.

Army truck hit by private car

RCMP have charged Perry Mork of 108 Seventh Avenue East with failing to remain at the scene of an accident following an incident about 7:30 p.m. last night when an army truck parked at the Armouries, was struck by a vehicle which failed to stop.

Police said that Mork was arrested, but is out on $100 bail and will appear in police court tomorrow morning.

Damage amounted to about $150, police said.

CNT to open exchange

Prince Rupert will join a 48-nation automatic dial Telex communication system Monday morning at 11 a.m. when Mayor P. J. Lester sends and receives the first messages. The new system has been installed at the Canadian National Telegraph building on Second Avenue West. It is the 41st similar exchange in Canada and one of eight in the province. Ten firms in the city have the system installed. A further nine connections are available.

Brawler jailed

Fighting on Third Avenue about midnight yesterday brought Dennis Herbert Dixon of 104 Hays Cove Circle three months in jail today, when he appeared in police court before Stipendiary Magistrate H. F. Robbins.

Nelson Simeon of 336 Ninth Avenue West was fined $50 for the same charge. RCMP said that Dixon has a lengthy criminal record.

Gas stolen

Police said that today several incidents of gasoline thefts from private parked cars and gas storage barrels located in various construction projects around town have been reported.

They advised that city residents keep close check on gas storage barrels and private cars during the night and report to police any suspicious persons or actions in their neighborhood.

CITY SWIM CLUB MEET

Ten Canadian records may topple February 13

Ten Canadian swimming records in the ten-and-under age group and in the under-twelve groups may fall when city swimmers meet at the Civic Centre pool at a swimming meet organized by the new recently - formed Prince Rupert Amateur Swimming Club February 13 and 14.

Winners of the major events on these two nights are slated to travel to Portland, Ore., where they will compete against swimmers from throughout the United States at one of the largest swimming carnivals held on the west coast.

The meet is being run by the Multnomah Athletic Club February 18 and 19.

LOCAL SWIM MEET

Approximately 120 competitors are expected to take part in the city meeting on Tuesday when, in addition to the record attempts, five city service clubs will compete in a relay event. They are, so far, the Gyros, Rotarians, Kinsmen, Elks and Jaycees.

As well there will be synchronized swimming, novelty races, water basketball and clowning; and races for all age groups.

RECORD SWIMS

In the ten and under age group attempts will be made on the Canadian record over 25 yards butterfly, 50 yards butterfly, 25 and 50 yards backstroke, 25 and 50 yards freestyle, 100 yards freestyle and the 25 and 50 yards dolphin.

In the 11 and 12 age group the events will be 50 and 100 yards freestyle, 25 and 50 yards butterfly, 200 yards freestyle, 50 and 100 yards backstroke, 100 breast stroke, 50 yards dolphin and a 200 yard individual medley.

YOUNG SWIMMERS Gordon Eby, Eric Janes and Vito Dunford (left to right) practise starts in readiness for the forthcoming swimming meet to be held at the Civic Centre pool. If they are successful in their races — and they'll attempt to break 10 Canadian age group records — they will go with Ron Gilchrist, pool director to Portland, Ore., to compete gainst the top swimmers on the west coast. — Staff photo by John Pain

ORMES
DRUGS LTD.
DIAL
2151

WINNING RINK . . . A happy Griessel rink is shown here after winning the Prince Rupert Credit Union Trophy in the Booth Memorial Junior High School Curling Club, Wednesday night. The junior quartet whipped Larry Gordon's rink 16-5 in a sudden-death contest. They had beaten Jack McLean's rink in the semi-finals of A section while Gordon's rink defeated Bill Fudger's rink in the semi-finals of B section. The club hopes to start a new competition tomorrow. From left to right: Vern Movald, lead; Pat Field, second, Iain Cullen, third; and Gary Griessel, skip. — Staff photo by Gary Oakes

Gaglardi accused in house of "making millionaires"

VICTORIA (CP) — Something is terribly wrong in the Department of Highways, Alex Macdonald (CCF-Vancouver East) said Thursday in the legislature.

"The department of highways should be taken out of politics and put into the hands of a highways commission," he said. "It should be taken out of the smoke-filled rooms."

Speaking in the Throne Speech debate, Mr. Macdonald said there is evidence in a recent court case that contractors carrying out work for the B.C. Highways Department paid excessively high interest rates on borrowed money.

He said Rosencrantz Company in Washington state had loaned Union Contractors $47,000 in 1960 at the rate of $3,750 a month or 90 per cent a year.

Highways Minister Gaglardi, he said, "doesn't play around with millionaires — he makes them."

He referred to a $750,000 contract he said was made to a United States company, Union Contractors—without assets and without highway experience. Details of this case had come out during a recent court case in which Mr. Gaglardi was fined $1,000 for contempt of court for paying money to Union when the court had ordered it paid in trust until a creditor was satisfied.

"We are not getting the best highways for our tax dollar." Mr. Macdonald said.

Haines road, alcoholism C of C topics

Correspondence on the feasibility of keeping the Haines Cutoff open on a year-round basis is expected to highlight the first meeting this year of the Chamber of Commerce at 6:30 p.m. Monday, in La Gondola Cafe.

The chamber last month wrote the federal government asking that the Haines Cutoff be maintained and kept open all year so that nothing would stand in the way of the operation of the proposed marine highway between Prince Rupert and Haines, Alaska when the multi-million dollar Alaska ferry system goes into operation.

Also to be discussed is a motion from last month's meeting which asked the Alcoholism Foundation of British Columbia to establish a counsellor in Prince Rupert to help alleviate the alcoholism problem here. The motion was referred to the executive for study.

B.C. ROUNDUP

$900 block of silver stolen from legislature

VICTORIA (CP) — Enterprising thieves made off with a 70-pound block of silver worth $900 from a display in the corridors of the legislative buildings here Thursday.

Police said three men entered the buildings and one kept a commissionaire assigned to the corridor busy while the other two removed the silver from a department of mines display.

Flood warning

HANEY (CP) — Maple Ridge Reeve Peter Jenewein said Thursday he plans to warn persons who wish to construct homes on flood-prone areas they do so at their own risk. He made the comment after talks with the water rights branch and B.C. Electric officials. The reeve said BCE had "no legal obligation" to control spillways.

Foresters forgotten?

VICTORIA (CP)— Dudley Little (SC-Skeena) complained Thursday night that old-time Foresters are becoming forgotten men in the British Columbia forestry department and are having to take orders from young university men.

Conspiring sentence

VANCOUVER (CP) — Richard Boyle Thursday was sentenced to 2½ years for conspiring to deal in forged cheques and possession of stolen typewriters. Four other men were acquitted for lack of evidence.

Witnesses conflict on whether bus stopped

EDMONTON (CP) — Five Lamont high school students said Thursday the windows were frosted over and they didn't know what hit them when a CNR freight train chopped the bus in two at a level crossing about 8:55 a.m. November 29.

Only one of the students said the bus stopped before driving on to the tracks.

They testified during the second day of an inquest into the deaths of 17 of their fellow passengers.

Of the six other eye-witnesses who testified Thursday, two said the bus did not stop, three said it did and one, also a high school student, said he did not know if it stopped.

John Winnick, the only one of the 41 students aboard the bus who was not injured, said: "I don't know whether the driver stopped."

Robert Tompkins, Donald Dziaba and Peter Lipkewich said they could not remember if the bus stopped.

Audrey Stefronovich was the only passenger who said the bus stopped before the crossing.

William Henkel, crown counsel, asked how she knew.

"I had my head in my hands and my elbows on my knees and I went forward," she said.

Prince Rupert has now gone 749 days without a fatal traffic accident.

World News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Kennedy announced in a roundabout way Thursday that Gen. Lauris Norstad, who called on him, is being retained as supreme commander of NATO forces. The president sent a note to his press secretary, Pierre Salinger, saying: "I am delighted that Gen. Norstad has returned to NATO. His consultations here in Washington have been most valuable."

EDINBURGH (AP) — Three lighthouse keepers raised their glasses Thursday and toasted the health of their lighthouse — in tea. The lighthouse is on Bell Rock, off the east coast of Scotland. It started work 150 years ago and since then not a single North Sea mariner has died on the rock. The lighthouse was designed by Robert Stevenson, engineer grandfather of writer Robert Louis Stevenson.

SANTIAGO, Chile, (AP) — Calbuco volcano erupted Thursday causing more than 200 families to lose their homes in a flood of lava sliding down the side of the mountain. The volcano, about 1,200 miles south of this city-capital, was one of 11 which erupted during last May's devastating earthquakes.

NUERNBURG (AP) — A former German police captain was held here today on charges of helping murder 1,200 Russian Jewish children and invalids during the war. Helmut Saur, now employed as an office clerk in Fuerth, Bavaria, was arrested earlier this week.

WASHINGTON (CP) — The man President John Kennedy is considering for a repeat performance as ambassador to Canada is a tall, slender troubleshooter whose ability to get things done often has led his colleagues to conclude: "Let's leave it to Livvy." They refer to Livingston T. Merchant, 57-year-old career diplomat and veteran civil servant.

Rebel leader gives up bid

RECIFE (Reuters) — Rebel Portuguese Captain Henrique Galvao gave up hope today of sailing the captured cruise liner Santa Maria out to sea again.

Galvao and his band of opponents to the regime of Portuguese Premier Antonio Salazar were still aboard the Santa Maria, anchored just inside the breakwater of this Brazilian harbor.

But, Galvao told reporters: "It would be foolish to sail this unarmed vessel out against the naval units now concentrated against us."

"We are few," he said. "We cannot possibly continue our voyage. The ship cannot be moved out of here."

WEATHER

A gale warning comes into effect for the north area tonight. There will be continuous rain tonight but cloudy and showery tomorrow. Winds will be southeast 40 tonight decreasing to 20 tomorrow. Low tonight and high tomorrow 38 and 45.

TIDES

Saturday, Feb. 4, 1961
(Pacific Standard Time)

High	03:36	10.0 feet
	15:34	10.7 feet
Low	09:36	0.4 feet
	21:50	4.4 feet