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Canada, U.S. sign Columbia treaty for 60 years of power development

CUBAN ENVOY ENTERTAINS — Americo Cruz, newly-appointed Cuban ambassador in Ottawa, threw a cocktail party in Ottawa last Friday. His guests included members of the diplomatic corps, minister of works David Walker and other Canadian government officials. Seen here chatting are, left to right: Soviet ambassador Amasasp Aroutunian, Mrs. Cruz, Mrs. Aroutunian and the Cuban ambassador. — CP Wirephoto

PM states joint agreement "intelligent partnership"

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WASHINGTON (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker and President Eisenhower, in a history-making ceremony, today signed the multi-million-dollar Columbia River treaty, described by Diefenbaker as one of the "great joint achievements of the 20th century."

The 60-year pact, under which British Columbia will get one half the additional power produced in the United States from three big dams to be built in B.C., is "more than a blueprint for technical and economic development," Diefenbaker said.

"It is a symbol of intelligent partnership."

Speaking in the White House cabinet room in the presence of the four other signatories and a group of Democratic and Republican senators, the Canadian prime minister praised Eisenhower as a crusader of peace.

Noting that Eisenhower is to step out of office in a few days, he expressed on behalf of Canadians thanks "for all that he has done in time of war and of peace to reinforce and enhance the strength of this close and treasured partnership."

SEEN AS EXAMPLE

"May this treaty which we launch today," said Diefenbaker, "be an example to the world of what nations can do by joint endeavor to contribute to the economic welfare of mankind."

Canadian Justice Minister Davie Fulton and Ambassador Arnold Heeney followed Diefenbaker in affixing their signatures to the first major treaty between the two countries in years.

Signing for the United States along with Eisenhower were State Secretary Christian Herter and Undersecretary of the Interior Elmer Bennett. Fulton and Bennett headed the negotiating teams which spent months at hard bargaining.

U.S. DRAINAGE BIGGER

The river, which flows into the Pacific between Washington and Oregon, has a drainage area of 219,500 square miles in the northwestern U.S. and 39,500 square miles in British Columbia.

The project envisages greater flood control, electric power and conservation than possible if each nation acted separately.

The initial boost in low-cost power for the United States was figured at 2,252,000 horsepower, comparable to the Grand Coulee Dam's output. Canada would get 1,022,700 horsepower.

These initial gains would be brought about by Canada's building within nine years, at her own expense, three storage dams at Mica, High Arrow and Duncan Lakes.

The United States would pay Canada 50 per cent of the resulting savings in flood damage and supply Canada with 50 per cent of the electricity generated. Canada would allow a 42-mile backup in her territory of water stored by the U.S. Libby Dam to be built in Montana.

The treaty, requiring 10 years' notice before termination by either party, now will be submitted to the Canadian Parliament and the U.S. Senate for ratification.

The Canadian federal and British Columbia governments are at loggerheads on how Canadian costs are to be financed.

B.C. WANTS GRANT

British Columbia wants a federal grant to cover part of the estimated $458,000,000 costs of building the three dams and transmission lines. Since the project is self-liquidating, the federal government has offered to put up half the costs through a loan to be repaid as returns are earned through the sale of power.

This financing problem has to be settled before construction begins. Of the three storage dams to be built in British Columbia, the costliest will be $247,200,000 for one near Mica Creek on the Columbia's main stem. The second at High Arrow Lakes will be about $71,800,000 and the third on the Kootenay, near Duncan Lake, will cost some $25,600,000.

Total power transmission costs for British Columbia resulting from the three dams will be about $114,000,000. This includes facilities for receiving United States power generated from Canadian-stored water.

ESTIMATED SHARE

By 1970, the estimated Canadian share of the downstream benefits will be about 1,310,000 kilowatts from the three dams, providing a possible maximum 6,658,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, more than sufficient for a good-sized city.

But it is not likely that British Columbia would use all the power made available. Some may be sold back to the United States. The treaty says this can be done through an exchange of notes between the two countries.

The British Columbia Power Commission will operate the treaty for Canada. The United States will designate a similar body on the American side.

In addition, there will be a four-man permanent engineering board, two from Canada and two from the United States, to make periodic inspections of construction and report to the two central governments on operations.

All told, the three dams would hold total storage of 15,500,000 acre feet of water which not only would provide power but also control floods. For this flood control, Canada is to get a total U.S. payment of $64,400,000, to be paid in segments as each storage dam goes into operation.

P.M. MAKES STATEMENT

Diefenbaker, in a statement after the signing ceremony, said the treaty provides the United States deliver the Canadian share of the power free of charge at a point on the Canada - U.S. border near Oliver, B.C.

The U.S. also will provide stand-by transmission facilities at a cost of $1.50 a year for each kilowatt of Canadian capacity.

"These stand-by facilities will make it unnecessary for British Columbia to incur substantial costs that would otherwise be necessary to build an additional line to ensure the regular delivery of the power to Vancouver.

"As a result of all these factors, it is estimated that the Canadian share of power can be delivered at load centres in the lower mainland and interior at less than four mills per kilowatt hour."

Fulton said six mills would be cheap power.

Most of the spending in connection with the new facilities will be on the Canadian side. But Diefenbaker said the Americans have already spent some $2,000,000,000 at 1957 prices on plants and developments on the Columbia on the American side.

Eventually generating plants might spring up on the Canadian side.

PRODUCE MORE POWER

"While the nature and timing of Canadian power plans cannot be definite at this stage, I am advised," said Diefenbaker, "that it seems reasonable to estimate that the Columbia River development will ultimately produce 20,200,000,000 kilowatt hours of power each year in Canada over and above the 6,856,000,000 kilowatt hours that is our initial share of downstream benefits."

Along with the three storage dams in Canada, there likely will be a fourth one on the Montana - British Columbia border. This is Montana's Libby Dam.

The treaty gives the United States a five-year option to begin construction on this project which previously was blocked by Canadian opposition on the grounds that it was not economic. Americans have already indicated they will quickly exercise the option.

TWO MEMBERS of the militia on continuous call-out with the regular force S/Sgt. Phil Daley, Prince Rupert (left) and Sgt. Guy Heer of Prince George look over the new NATO pattern helmet being issued to the Army. Both are in Vancouver for a one week refresher course in military subjects.

Southern storm damage may exceed $1,000,000

VANCOUVER (CP) — Flood damage mounted today as highway and railway repair crews used precious time to clear roads and tracks of rubble following a crippling weekend deluge.

Work crews gained another day as two Pacific storms threatening the lower mainland of B.C. moved northward. Another storm, however, is expected Wednesday.

Highway Minister P. A. Gaglardi Monday night increased his damage estimates of numerous rockslides and washouts on the Trans - Canada Highway.

He said damage now will run at least $1,000,000, adding that he expects the Trans - Canada Highway to be re-opened Wednesday.

TWO-WEEK DELAY SEEN

A Canadian National Railways spokesman said temporary repairs will cost $350,000 and service will not be resumed on the main line for two weeks.

Canadian Pacific Railway officials would not venture a prediction on when trains will be running again over normal routes.

Both companies moved quickly to airlift passengers east and provide daily fast freight service.

PGE LINES USED

The CNR will run freight trains from Red Pass Junction, near Jasper, Alta., to Prince George in north - central B.C., and down to Vancouver using Pacific Great Eastern Railway tracks, expected to be clear of slides today.

The CPR is running a daily fast freight on Great Northern tracks in northwest Washington state to Everett Junction, up to Spokane and then to the border town of Grand Forks, B.C.

CNR passenger traffic now is flown to Edmonton on regular Trans-Canada Air Lines flights. CPR passengers are airlifted to and from Calgary.

Highways Minister Gaglardi, said it will be at least six weeks before the Trans-Canada Highway is rebuilt through the Fraser Canyon. He said the washout between Yale and Spuzzum was the largest ever and took out more than 500,000 cubic feet of earth, the highway and the CPR tracks.

Archbishop resigns

LONDON (Reuters) — Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury and spiritual head of the Church of England, announced here today he will be retiring May 31. He is 73.

Dr. Fisher has headed the Anglican Church since 1945.

A simultaneous statement from the office of Prime Minister Macmillan said the Queen will confer a lifetime peerage on Dr. Fisher on his retirement.

Informed sources said the successor to the archbishop in the £7,500 $21,000 a year post will be named within a few weeks.

The decision of the Queen to grant Dr. Fisher a life peerage means he will be able to continue to take a prominent part in national life by speaking in the House of Lords, of which he has been a member by virtue of his clerical office.

Strike vote organized by IWA in north B.C.

PRINCE GEORGE (CP) — Jacob Holst, president of Local 1,424 of the International Woodworkers of America (CLC), said Monday machinery is being set up to conduct a strike vote among IWA members working in the Northern Interior of British Columbia.

The union seeks implementation of a majority report of a conciliation board which recommended last year that the union get an eight-cent hourly increase spaced over one year. Present basic rate is $1.69 hourly in the area which includes operators in Prince George and Prince Rupert regions.

Mr. Holst said discussions were held in Vancouver last week with members of the provincial labor department who now were setting up the machinery for a government - supervised strike vote.

Meanwhile, in Vancouver the city IWA local reported it is seeking a wage increase of 20 cents hourly this year. Syd Thompson, president of local 1217, said the membership voted Sunday to recommend this wage demand to the union's wages and contract conference on coast negotiations this spring.

In the Interior, the IWA already has signed a two-year contract granting a 10-cent hourly increase in three stages. It will bring the basic rate to $1.79 by next September.

Skeena fishers to meet Jan. 25

The Skeena Salmon Management Committee will be holding meetings in Prince Rupert January 25, 2 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

Matters to be discussed will include a review of the 1960 Skeena salmon season and the relative scientific investigations, 1961 regulations and other pertinent matter.

A further meeting will be held in Vancouver February 2 in Salon "M", Vancouver hotel.

Local 154 elects new officer slate

New officers of Local 154, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers, recently elected are: president, G. K. Buchanan; vice-president, Lief Erlison; financial secretary, D. R. Creed; treasurer, J. H. Mitchell; recording secretary, Miss J. D. Paul; reporter, H. Bergen; local chairman, A. E. Wood; education chairman, W. Page.

All officers will serve for a period of one year.

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B.C. ROUNDUP

Low pay loses workers to U.S. social welfare

VICTORIA (CP) — Frank Heaton, welfare administrator for the nearby municipality of Saanich, said Monday that higher pay for provincial government workers would help solve British Columbia's welfare ills.

Mr. Heaton said a shortage of staff has turned welfare work into a straight relief operation without the necessary casework being done. He said the problem could be resolved by making sure social workers stay in B.C. instead of leaving to work in the United States where they can make a third as much money as they can make in B.C.

History at Hope

HOPE (CP) — If weather and washouts don't wreck his plans, Lieutenant - Governor Pearkes will make history in a small way Friday. He'll be the first lieutenant-governor to visit here since Confederation. Lieutenant-Governor Pearkes will open a new Canadian Legion building.

Bernstein to conduct

VANCOUVER (CP) — Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra will provide a preview for Vancouver's International Festival this summer. The Festival Society announced Monday night that Mr. Bernstein and the 110-piece orchestra will play at Exhibition Gardens April 22. The Festival proper opens July 10 with the International Film Festival.

City refuses TUTS

VANCOUVER (CP) — The city's budget committee voted against Theatre Under the Stars' request for a minimum 1961 civic grant of $35,000. The action may bring down the final curtain on the 21-year-old outdoor show, which has been plagued with financial losses in the last two years.

Sales value doubles

VANCOUVER (CP) — Gross value of natural gas sales to the producers in northeastern B.C. for the first 11 months of 1960 was almost double that of the same period in 1959. The department of mines and petroleum resources showed producer sales at $6,425,048 compared with $3,491,175 for the comparable period a year ago.

Eight city winter works projects fail to halt increase in area unemployment

Winter works projects are now in operation throughout the city amounting to $1,024,147 and providing work for 136 persons, states R. W. Long, city administrator.

These eight projects include the sewer program, Fairview cemetery, parks, sidewalks, culverts and drains, street lighting, waterworks and roads.

In December unemployed persons in the Unemployment Insurance office area jumped from 1,798 in November to 2,810 in December. This jump, says C. A. R. Pitt, manager of the Prince Rupert office of the UIC, was due to layoffs over the Christmas season at Columbia Cellulose Co. plant.

It is expected, this figure will drop now the plant has resumed operations.

The Prince Rupert Sawmill Ltd., manager, H. W. Roberts, stated today that no date has been fixed for resumption of operations, but it was expected to have a firm date within the next two weeks. The firm closed down shortly before Christmas.

BENEFIT PAYMENTS UP

Benefit payments in December rose from $80,664 in November to $142,527 last month. Of this amount some $62,527 was paid to persons reporting personally, and the balance to those reporting by mail.

Rubbish fire

Firemen were called out to 213 Fourth Avenue East about 11:10 p.m. yesterday. It was a rubbish fire.

World News Briefs

NEW YORK (AP) — Deep-sea divers battled against time and icy seas today to reach the broken hulk of a Texas Tower radar island sunk in the Atlantic 70 miles southeast of New York City. Hope faded for finding any trapped survivors. All 28 men aboard the big station are dead or missing. One body has been recovered and another sighted but lost.

ELIZABETHVILLE (AP) — Swedish UN troops fought off hundreds of rebel Baluba tribesmen who made three attacks on a train the Swedes were escorting in central Katanga province. A UN spokesman said the Swedes inflicted "heavy casualties" on the Balubas but no Swedes were hurt.

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro's firing squads executed three more Cubans early today as the premier's military tribunals stepped up punishment of opponents of the revolutionary regime. The executions raised the un-official total since Castro came to power to 580.

TORONTO (CP) — Gold bullion holders, American or otherwise, were calm Monday in their first trading reaction to the ban on Americans holding gold abroad. The calm extended into gold mining stocks, which showed little discernible awareness of the American action.

LONDON (CP) — Britons were warned today they must be ready to make sacrifices now in an effort to maintain their country's economic health. "We intend to be ready to make sacrifices at home that we judge necessary to keep inflation under control and to keep confidence strong in our currency abroad", said Selwyn Lloyd, chancellor of the exchequer.

Prince Rupert has now gone 732 days without a fatal traffic accident.

Halibut meet set for city

The annual meeting of the International Pacific Halibut Commission will be held in Prince Rupert February 7 until February 9.

The commission is composed of Andrew W. Anderson, chairman, Mattias Madssen and William A. Bates for the United States; Dr. William M. Sprules, vice-president, and Richard Nelson of Vancouver and Harold Helland of Prince Rupert for Canada.

Tuesday's meeting will be one for fishermen, vessel owners, dealers and other interested parties. On Thursday will be a joint meeting with the conference board of fishermen and vessel owners representatives and dealers representatives.

All the meetings will be held at the Civic Centre.

WEATHER

Intermittent rain tonight and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Winds shifting to west 20 this evening and backing to southeast 30 overnight and Wednesday. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 38 and 45.

TIDES

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High	02:36	22.2 feet
	14:22	24.1 feet
Low	08:20	4.9 feet
	20:52	0.3 feet