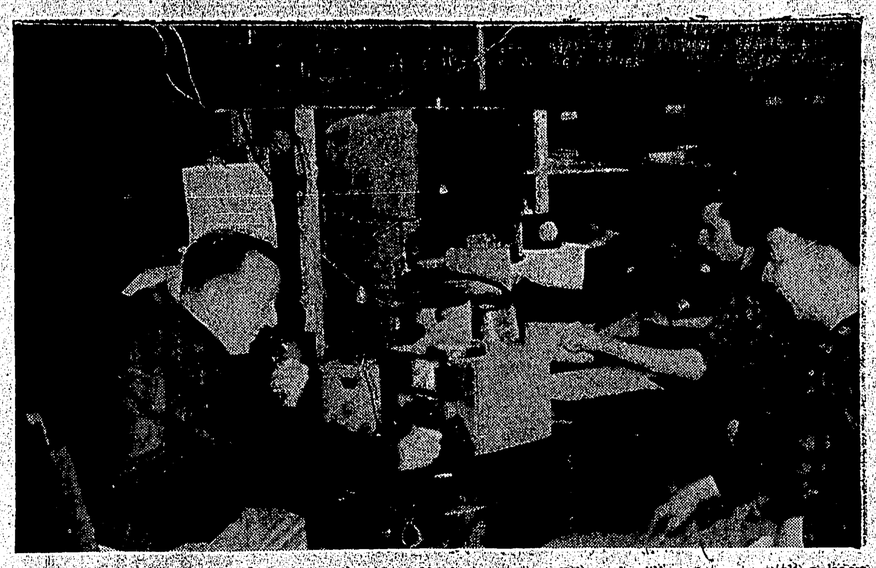

RADIO HAMS IN ACTION speak with New York from Port Edward. All amateurs with a keen interest in radio they were taking part in a continent-wide contest between hams. From left to right they are: Graham Oliver, Ken Hargrove and Einer Carlsen. They were in contact with W6LM-Portable 6 at the time. The contest to contact the greatest number of other hams throughout North America provoked keen interest in Port Edward. — Photo by Gladys Blyth

HAM RADIO FIELD DAY

Port Edward club joins continent-wide exercise

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A round-the-clock vigilance was held Saturday at the Port Edward naval radio station when the Prince Rupert Amateur Shortwave Radio club joined in a continent-wide field day.

Seven fully qualified hams, using two 30 watt transmitters (one set as a spare) and two receivers and working under simulated conditions, contacted almost 100 clubs throughout Canada and the United States during the 24 hours.

The field day, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, is held every year as a contest to see how many stations each club is able to contact during the allotted 24 hours. They must operate from a portable power plant independent of any commercial power or equipment, from any point and under any conditions.

Although ham radio is world wide in scope, the field day is confined to the North American continent.

There are approximately 220,000 qualified hams on the continent, each with his own call number. Members from each area are banded together in clubs under a special call number. The Prince Rupert club call letters are VE7AQY - Portable 7. Members of the club with their individual call letters are Graham Oliver, VE7UM; Ken Hargrove, VE7AQY; Einar Carlsen, VE7BAQ; Dr. G. W. J. Fiddes, VE7XP; Ed Lay, VE7BCZ; G. W. May, VE7WY; and Harry Shuttleworth, VE7BGB. There are also a number of learners in the club.

To qualify as a full - fledged ham radio operator requires a year and a half of studying theory, operation and regulations of radio. After passing written, practical and oral exams adherents receive an advanced amateur certificate of proficiency in radio. Minimum operational privileges are granted members with only six to eight months training.

The Prince Rupert club which was formed only last year came second in the field day contest held at that time in the tent at Montreal Circle. Even before they were an organized group they proved their potential in an emergency when a slide occurred at Wantage Road in Prince Rupert in 1957, wiping out all commercial communications with the rest of the province.

Basically, ham radio is a hobby. Many members build their own sets. Morse code is used as well as voice transmission, interchanging the systems as radio conditions warrant or for variety. Members are privileged to talk to other hams in all parts of the world. Explained one member: "It's as if you were talking to someone next door."

Results of the field day contest will not be known for several weeks.

PORT EDWARD NEWS

Village census shows population exactly 1,000 as calls completed

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Census taker Mrs. Fred Grimble reports that there were exactly 1000 residents in Port Edward when she finished her survey which extended from, and not including, the Columbia Cellulose Company to the huts along the railway tracks near Canal Dock. Two thirds of those registered were Indian people.

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Four-year-old Wendy Le Grand was invited by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 342 to present flowers to the winning contestant in the Miss Prince Rupert beauty queen contest July 1. Wendy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Le Grand at the Port Edward naval radio station.

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Miss Maxine Nelson, 17, is being sponsored and outfitted by Nelson Brothers' Fisheries for the July 1 beauty queen contest as Miss Prince Rupert. The final judging of contestants will be done at the Evan Kemp show in the Civic Centre Saturday night. If Maxine wins she will represent Prince Rupert at the Miss PNE competition to be held in connection with the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver during August. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson.

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Mrs. T. Mio left June 20 for Toronto where she will visit her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mio of that city.

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Lanny Nishi, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Nishi, is one of the successful high school applicants to attend the summer school of music July 3 to 21 at University of British Columbia. He will travel with other winners from the Prince Rupert area. Fees for the three week course have been provided by the school board Canadian Pacific Airlines will provide transportation costs. Lanny plays the trumpet and has been active in the Booth Memorial High school band.

Party lead acceptance said just formality

REGINA (CP) — Premier T. C. Douglas of Saskatchewan lets the rest of the nation know today if he hopes to lead the New Party federally.

To some observers, his announcement is merely a formality.

They believe Mr. Douglas, premier of Saskatchewan since the CCF came to power in 1944, has had his mind made up since early this year, but has only been awaiting party approval to seek the leadership.

Approval for this move came in May from the provincial CCF council which rules the party between annual conventions, and 10 days ago from his constituency party at Weyburn in southeastern Saskatchewan.

WILL BE OPPOSED

However, Premier Douglas will have to fight for the leadership.

Both the provincial and Weyburn constituency decision gave equal support to Mr. Douglas, 57, and his chief rival for the position, CCF leader Hazen Argue, 40.

For 16 years Mr. Argue has been a member of Parliament for Assiniboia, the southeastern Saskatchewan riding that takes in Mr. Douglas' Weyburn provincial constituency.

Mr. Argue already has been nominated for the next federal election for Assiniboia, which means that if Mr. Douglas runs for election he will have to do it in another area, probably the city of Regina.

WINS ELECTIONS

Mr. Douglas hasn't been defeated in an election since 1935 when he was elected to the House of Commons for Weyburn. He ran and won again in 1940, then was elected provincial CCF leader in 1941 and became premier when the CCF won the 1944 provincial election.

Party approval for Mr. Douglas' decision to go back to federal politics has been reluctant.

The CCF members fear that without Mr. Douglas the party may go downhill in Saskatchewan. Mr. Douglas, however, has said several times there are men capable of succeeding him.

First choice appears to be Woodrow Lloyd, elected in 1944 and education minister from that time until last year when he succeeded Clarence M. Fines as provincial treasurer. The quiet-spoken Mr. Lloyd is 47.

Other men mentioned as possible leaders are Attorney - General Robert A. Walker, 45, and Mineral Resources Minister R. H. Brocklebank, 64.

Spares 'vicious' dog

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A city judge ruled Tuesday that a trained watch dog is a victim of his environment and shouldn't be destroyed for biting a postman. The owner was fined $100. Postman Robert Kroter was bitten at a used car lot operated by Sheldon Solomon, who was charged with harboring a vicious dog. Under a city ordinance the dog could be destroyed. Kroter took rabies shots.

Goldplated axe not to be used

OTTAWA (CP) — Having needled the government about a gold-plated syringe, Liberal Paul Martin today set out to carve Justice Minister Fulton up over a double-bladed axe.

Will it be gold-plated too, he asked in the Commons today. If so, should the government not practice some economics in view of the long string of budget deficits?

Mr. Martin read a transport department release which said Mr. Fulton, wearing a 10-gallon hat, will swing a double-bladed axe July 5 to cut a ribbon opening the Williams Lake, B.C. airport.

The ribbon would be held by two young ladies, stampede queens, Mr. Martin recalled the gold-plated syringe plunged by Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton into a Peace River cow recently to mark victory in a long campaign against bovine tuberculosis.

There will be no gold-plating on the axe, said Mr. Fulton, adding: "My thoughts will be directed in a certain direction when I swing that axe and cut the ribbon."

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Fish talks date extended

OTTAWA (CP) — The Senate banking and commerce committee today approved an amendment to the Combines Investigation Act enabling British Columbia canners and fishermen to negotiate minimum prices for the fish catch up to December 31, 1962.

The amendment has been in force since 1959 and has been extended for one-year periods each year since then to avoid a possible strike by trade unions engaged in the B.C. fishing industry. Today's action provides for another one-year extension.

Price negotiations between processors and fishermen was was investigated in 1959 by the director of investigation, Combines Investigation Act, in connection with suspected price-fixing.

Since then injunctions have held up any hearings on the charges and the companies refused to negotiate prices. The unions then threatened to strike unless a minimum rate was established.

The federal government followed with the amendment which exempts the negotiations from the combines act until the charges have been heard.

J. J. Quinlan, deputy director of the combines department, said that, without the amendment, there was a danger of the loss of the salmon catch in B.C.

Study called for by association

PRINCE RUPERT (CP) — The North Central B.C. Municipalities Association suggests the provincial government establish additional chronic facilities and undertake a study of the need for hospitals.

The association last weekend said chronic patients placed an extreme burden on hospital space.

A resolution outlining its stand will be sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities annual meeting at Vernon in September.

The UBCM will also be asked to support a Prince Rupert resolution to amend the Fuel Tax Act to exempt municipalities.

The association also suggests that areas which have approved a plebiscite on Sunday sports should be exempt under the Municipal Act from the provisions of the Lord's Day Act.

Delegates said the great distances teams have to travel provide a special hardship when they are playing on weekends. The present situation was "undesirable and untenable."

Go-cart addict ordered treatment

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Kenneth Owen Cole, 40, welder, will spend the next 22 weekends in jail and undergo psychiatric treatment — to rid himself of a compulsion for go-carts.

Judge Marvin Sherwin passed the sentence Tuesday when Cole pleaded guilty to stealing $4,000 worth of go-cart equipment in four burglaries.

Sherwin compared Cole's compulsion for racing the little motorized carts to alcoholism or narcotics addiction.

Sales machines pose problem

OTTAWA (CP) — Legal sources Tuesday said a Supreme Court of Canada ruling that automatic coin - operated laundries must close their doors on Sundays, brings into question the operation of other vending machines.

The Court Monday ruled in an 8 to 1 decision that Sunday operation of such laundries is illegal under the Lord's Day Act.

Lawyers here said the judgment could affect other types of coin - operated vending machines dispensing such things as cigarets, soft drinks and ice.

However, the judgment refers only to automatic laundries. Individual cases would have to be taken to the courts to challenge the legality of other automatic devices.

The test case was taken to court by Lewis B. Gordon of Sarnia, Ont., operator of an automatic laundry.

SENATOR TESTIFIES — Senator Henry Courtemanche poses in front of Montreal's Jean-Talon Hospital as he arrives to testify before a Quebec government board of inquiry that amounts he received from the hospital were "kickbacks" on government grants, and not for legal services. A former hospital administrator was responsible for the charges. — CP Wirephoto

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